

City CONNECTION

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A Weekly Publication for City of Phoenix Employees

Meet this week's featured employee, **Marc Castaneda, heavy equipment mechanic with Public Works**. View his "On the Job" video at <https://www.phoenix.gov/phxtv/phxtv-media/video/1790>

Employees invited to 'Paint Phoenix Purple' kickoff

Mayor Greg Stanton and City Council are launching the second annual "Paint Phoenix Purple" awareness campaign at 8 a.m. Oct. 2 at the City Hall atrium to increase community awareness about the need to end domestic violence.

Employees can get domestic-violence information and resources from 8 to 11 a.m. in the atrium from various agencies and can purchase/order purple golf shirts with the "Paint Phoenix Purple" logo. The shirts are \$25 and can be worn throughout the month of October.



City departments are helping to raise awareness about the need to end domestic violence by installing purple lights on Tovrea Castle at Carraro Heights; turning the lights purple at the top of City Hall; making the lighting crystals purple on Third Street between Washington and Monroe streets at the Phoenix Convention Center; installing purple lights on trees along Washington Street downtown; installing "Paint Phoenix Purple" posters on city garbage trucks; and placing 'Paint Phoenix Purple' magnets on city vehicles.

City employees and residents are encouraged to show support for the campaign with their own displays of purple, such as installing a purple light bulb on a porch, wearing purple on Fridays, tying a purple ribbon on their car antennas, etc.

Displaying purple throughout the community sends a strong message that there is no place for domestic violence in our homes, neighborhoods, schools or workplaces.

For more information, call 602-534-5463 or send an email to tamyra.spendley@phoenix.gov.

City projects win 10 Arizona Forward Environmental Awards

City officials proudly accepted four first-place Crescordias and six Awards of Merit at the 34th annual Arizona Forward Environmental Excellence Awards ceremony Saturday. The competition, which received nearly 100 entries, is Arizona's oldest and most prestigious awards competition focusing exclusively on sustainability.

The following projects received Crescordia awards:

- Faye Gray Recreation Center (Parks and Recreation) – The center's environmental features include passive solar design, local construction materials, catchment areas for rainwater runoff and roof overhangs for shade.
- Complete Streets Ordinances (Street Transportation) – The City Council-approved policy encourages people to walk, bike or use mass transit whenever possible. Complete Streets principles are integrated into all community planning.

- Transit 2000: The Phoenix Transit Plan (Public Transit) – The plan has moved Phoenix from the 34th largest transit system in the nation to 28th and has paved the way for an influx of sustainable public and private transit-oriented development.
- Ground Cover Public Art Project (Phoenix Office of Arts and Culture) – The project involved hundreds of craftspeople and artists who donated their time and talent to produce 300 individual handmade blankets that were assembled into a monumental art installation. The individual blankets later were distributed to the homeless.

The following projects received runner-up Awards of Merit:

- Innovations in Aquifer Storage and Recovery Well Technologies (Water Services)
- Greening Lower Grand Avenue (Street Transportation/ Neighborhood Services)
- Energize Phoenix (Public Works)
- Apache Wash Trailhead (Parks and Recreation)
- Hope Gardens at Matthew Henson Hope VI Public Art Project (Phoenix Office of Arts and Culture)
- Desert Spring, Sonoran Boulevard Public Art Project (Phoenix Office of Arts and Culture)

Nationwide rep available for one-on-one meetings on Wednesdays

A representative from Nationwide Retirement Solutions is available on site at the Personnel Building for one-on-one meetings from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. every Wednesday.

The Nationwide representative is usually located in conference room 503 on the fifth floor of the Personnel Building. On Oct. 1 and Oct. 8, the representative will be located on the building's second floor.



The main purpose for the service enhancement is to provide additional assistance to employees considering retirement in the near future, particularly in light of changes related to labor negotiations and pension reform.

The representative also can provide other assistance related to the city's 457/401(a) plans, including helping you determine if you're contributing enough to your plan account to meet your goal. The representative also can review your account, provide information about the city's plans, explain retirement-planning tools on Nationwide's phoenixdcp.com website and more.

Employees can schedule appointments with Nationwide representatives by visiting phoenixdcp.MyRetirementAppt.com or calling Nationwide's Phoenix Office at 602-266-2733.

NEWS BRIEFS

The Phoenix Office of Arts and Culture, in collaboration with Arizona Humanities and the Phoenix Convention Center, will celebrate Arts and Humanities Month with a series of performances and talks at City Hall and other city locations in October. The celebration kickoff will be from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Friday, Oct. 3, at the City Hall atrium. More than 25 Phoenix arts and culture organizations will set up tables to provide information, giveaways, and discounts to encourage attendance at events throughout the month. Next week's City Connection will have more details. For more information, visit phoenix.gov/arts.

Save the Date. "Cloudy with a Chance of Malware," a brown bag in recognition of National Cybersecurity Awareness Month, will be from noon to 1 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 22, at the Calvin C. Goode Building, 10 East conference room. Bring your lunch and get answers to common questions about social media, hackers and cybercriminals, and personal information security breaches. The free brown bag is presented by Information and Technology Services' Information Security and Privacy Office.

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