The city of Phoenix was recently honored with a Distinguished Budget Presentation Award by the Government Finance Officers Association (GFOA) for its current annual budget. This is the 28th consecutive award for the city, which is bestowed through a peer-review process.

GFOA gives the Distinguished Budget Presentation Award to government organizations that most effectively present their budget information according to nationally-recognized guidelines. This ensures that the budget documents produced can serve as a policy guide, a financial plan, an operations overview, and a communications tool, and are clear to understand and encourage budget transparency.

The city of Phoenix Budget and Research Department directs the preparation and administration of the city’s annual Operating Budget, which for all funds, including General, Enterprise and Special Revenue Funds such as grants, and all debt service and pay-as-you-go capital costs, is approximately $4.42 billion.

GFOA established the Distinguished Budget Presentation Awards program in 1984 to encourage state and local governments to prepare budget documents of the very highest quality that reflect both the guidelines established by the National Advisory Council on State and Local Budgeting and the GFOA’s best practices on budgeting.
Keep Phoenix Beautiful is celebrating the 10th anniversary of its Earth Day event by bringing it back to where it all began...downtown Phoenix.

This FREE event will be held on Monday, April 22nd, from 10:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Cesar Chavez Plaza. There will be green exhibitors, as well as the Green Living AZ Magazine Simple Solutions Summit, earth-friendly food trucks, music and more!

The city will also be featured in an education hub, as Public Works, Water Services, the Office of Sustainability, Library Services, Neighborhood Services, Parks and Recreation and Streets each plan to have a table and provide educational information to event attendees.

The event is striving to be zero waste with recycling and composting containers throughout the event!

For more information, please visit Earth Day Phoenix or call (602) 262-4820.

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The Let’s Talk Teal campaign is offering a self-defense class as part of Sexual Assault Awareness Month. Learn to be more self-aware to protect yourself and get tips on how to fight off an attacker with a Kubotan and everyday objects.

The class is taught by former Army Specialist and Police Officer Jui Chiu, who is trained in three types of martial arts.

- April 18 from 1:30-3:30 p.m.
- Adams Street Training Center
- Register on eCHRIS using HSDBB

Put on your walking shoes and gather your coworkers for a two-mile walk on Health and Fitness Day, Thursday, May 9. The wellness programs for the city (Fit4Phoenix) and county (Wellness Works) invite all employees to a group walk. The city and county have challenged each other to see who will have the most employees attend this walk, which has become an annual event. Last year the city won but the county is charging up their employees to beat the city this year. So far they are ahead in registrations by about 300 individuals!

City walkers will receive a new blue t-shirt compliments of the Fit4Phoenix Employee Wellness Benefit Program.

**Details**

- Thursday, May 9
- 205 W. Jefferson St.
- Opening remarks at 7 a.m.
- Walking begins promptly at 7:15 a.m.

Step 1. Register at [https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/P65VTHP](https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/P65VTHP)

Registration ends Monday May 6th at 5:00pm.

Step 2. Send an email to be.healthy@phoenix.gov with your t-shirt size.
Pueblo Grande Event

The Pueblo Grande Museum is hosting a Drop-In Discovery for our walk-in guests on Sunday. Here are the details:

**Drop-In Discovery on Stone Tools**

**When:** Sunday, April 21, 1 to 3 p.m.

**Where:** Pueblo Grande Museum

**Cost:** included with General Admission

Join the skills group Study of Ancient Lifeways and Technologies (S.A.L.T.) for an informal educational presentation on prehistoric technologies. S.A.L.T. will be demonstrating the making of stone axe heads, stone and shell jewelry and fiber processing.

Runoff Election May 21

The City of Phoenix is holding a Runoff Election on May 21, 2019, to fill a vacancy for Council members in Districts 5 and 8. District 5 registered voters will elect a council member for a term expiring on April 19, 2021. District 8 registered voters will elect a council member for a term expiring on April 17, 2023. Voting is open only to city of Phoenix registered voters residing in Districts 5 and 8. Here are important dates to know:

- **April 24 – May 17:** In-person early voting is available 8 a.m. - 5 p.m. on the 15th floor of Phoenix City Hall.
- **April 24:** Ballots for Voters on the Permanent Early Voting List will be mailed.
- **May 10:** Last day to request an early ballot by mail.
- **May 18, 20 & 21:** In-person voting at voting centers. ID is required.

Voting devices that allow voters with disabilities to vote independently will be available at early voting and voting center locations.

For more information, to request a ballot by mail and to track early ballot status, use Phoenix.gov/Elections, call 602-261-VOTE (8683) or use the 7-1-1 Relay System.

COP Employees for Christ Lunch

The City of Phoenix Employees for Christ April Luncheon is April 18.

Join us for an hour of inspired word, food, and fellowship! “Justified by Faith” by fellow Co-Chair, Gabriel Nuñez.

**DETAILS:**

**When:** Thursday, April 18, Noon to 1pm.

**Where:** Calvin Goode Bldg., 10 East.

RSVP your attendance by 5 p.m. on April 17 to COPEFC@phoenix.gov.

Watch PHXTV on YouTube

Watch city of Phoenix programming online or by live-streaming PHXTV on YouTube.
AQUATICS 2019 - LIFEGUARD & SWIM LESSON INSTRUCTOR: Interviews at Cortez Pool on APRIL 26th. Do you know anyone who is looking for a summer job? Aquatics is still looking for lifeguards and swim lesson instructors to work this summer! Lifeguards will earn $11.92 per hour and swim lesson instructors will earn $12.51. Interviews will take place at 3434 W Dunlap from 4 to 7:00 p.m. Successful candidates must be lifeguard certified or successfully complete the lifeguard class which is offered from May 13th to 20th. Apply by April 26 or walk in and apply onsite. For more information go to: https://www.phoenix.gov/parks/pools/lifeguard.

Each Monday, the city posts jobs available for current employees to consider. Here’s the link for the most recent job opportunities.

Leave Donations

The following employees are accepting leave donations. If you’d like to help, use eCHRIS to make your donation:

- Jenna Cano, Caseworker II, Human Services Department
- Kristen Giesler, Police Officer, Police Department
- Jessica Krieman, Police Officer, Police Department
- Mercy Santeyan, Police Records Clerk, Police Department
- Adam Sierra, Police Officer, Police Department
- Vernon Combs, Heavy Equipment Mechanic, Public Works Department
- Angelique J. Macias, Administrative Aide, Fire Department

College Depot Scholarships

Are you or one of your teenagers planning for college and need a scholarship? College Depot at Phoenix Public Library is offering students with a great variety of scholarships, and the deadlines are fast approaching. Be sure to visit College Depot (2nd Floor of Burton Barr Central Library) or visit College Depot’s website for free, personalized college access and planning services. Here are a listing of some of them:

The Arizona Community Foundation is offering a number of scholarships with deadlines ranging from now until May 15! Be sure to check out each of these for eligibility requirements. Highlights include:

- Don & Sybil Harrington Scholarship: Due 5/15
  Award amount: $2,500 - $5,000. Apply here
- Gemini Foster Care Scholarship: Due by 5/15
  Award amount: $2,000. Apply here
- Phoenix Pride Scholarship: Due by 5/15
  Award amount: Up to $5,000. Apply here
- The Verma & Ed Pastor Scholarship Fund: Due by 5/15
  Award amount: $2,500 (Community Colleges), $5,000 (Universities). Apply here

Other upcoming scholarship opportunities include:

- Knoji Brand Values Scholarship: Due 4/19
  Award Amount: $1,000. Apply here
- ¡Lánzate!/Take Off! Higher Education Travel Award Program: Due 4/30
  Award Amount: 1-4 roundtrip e-pass(es) for the student to use when traveling to/from the college/university via Southwest Airlines Apply here.