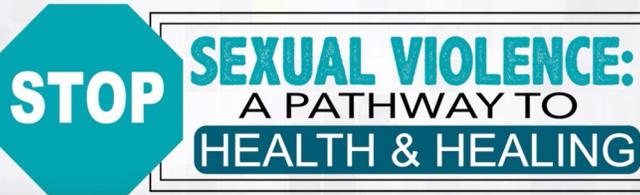


PHX CONNECT

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PHXTV SPECIAL SERIES



April is Sexual Assault Awareness Month and the City of Phoenix Human Services Department, in partnership with the Arizona Coalition to End Sexual and Domestic Violence (ACESDV), are taking a lead role in addressing this important topic. Tune in to **PHXTV's special series "Sexual Violence: A Pathway to Health & Healing."** You'll hear from a sexual assault survivor, learn about City services that are available to help, and much more. [Watch here.](#)

COOL CALLERS VOLUNTEERS



Want to help out during the summer heat? The City of Phoenix VolunteerPHX and HeatReadyPHX programs are gearing up for another hot summer with **Cool Callers**. All staff, friends, and family members are invited to join our efforts. Cool Callers volunteers call community members who opt into the program regularly during the summer, with a focus on days with excessive heat warnings. Volunteers will ask a few short questions to make sure residents are safe and their homes are cool.

Citywide Employee Communications **SURVEY** April 11 – 25, 2022

Use link on insidePHX or scan QR code

The banner features a smartphone icon with three stars, three yellow stars, and a QR code.

The City of Phoenix is conducting an **all-employee communications survey** through April 25. With more than 14,000 City employees, we recognize your work environment, schedule, and a host of additional factors may impact your ability to stay current on employee news. From employee emails to flyers on bulletin boards to text messages, we need your feedback on the best way to keep you informed. Your thoughts and feedback will lay the foundation for the future of employee updates.



The Office of Sustainability's proposed **Electric Vehicle (EV) Roadmap** is out, and we want to hear what you think! Please take and share this **survey** about EVs, charging stations, and EV infrastructure to help us plan for the future. The survey takes less than 10 minutes and is open to anyone who lives, works, or plays in Phoenix.

Join the **Conversation**



NO-COST HEALTH PROGRAM

The City of Phoenix is partnering with Virta, a type 2 diabetes reversal treatment program, to bring **eligible employees and their adult dependents** a unique opportunity to take control and possibly reverse the effects of the disease.

The program is being offered at no cost to individuals with type 2 diabetes, who are currently enrolled in a health plan through BCBSAZ or Banner | Aetna, including those covered under COBRA. Employees who fall into this category will receive information in the mail with an invitation to apply, but you can also learn more about [Virta's reversal treatment program](#).

About the Program

Virta is a one-year extended pilot program, but participants will receive the first treatment results after 10 weeks.

Unlike other programs that focus on medication, Virta's diabetes reversal treatment puts an emphasis on the safe elimination of prescriptions through a medically supervised nutrition therapy.

How does Virta work?

Virta's reversal treatment and weight loss program is backed by clinical research. It can help you lower your blood sugar, reduce your need for diabetes medications (including insulin), and lose weight. This is done by making small, but meaningful, changes to your diet.

What you get with Virta:

- ◆ Unlimited testing strips, lancets, and swabs
- ◆ Blood glucose meter
- ◆ Connected scale
- ◆ 1:1 expert health coaching and medical supervision
- ◆ Mobile app with easy-to-use tracking tools and tips

If you meet the above criteria and are interested in the Virta treatment program, visit the [Virta Health website](#) or you can send your additional questions to HR Benefits at benefits.questions@phoenix.gov.

POPULAR COURSE RETURNS

The registration feature for training courses in eCHRIS is currently unavailable as the City transitions to the new Learning Management System – PHXYou. If you are interested in attending Build Competency to Lead on Tuesday, May 10, please register by emailing marcus.johnston@phoenix.gov. The virtual event will take place from 12–4 p.m. You'll receive an email confirmation with additional details and course information. You can use this [WebEx link](#) to access the virtual training session on May 10. Registration for the additional training dates listed below will be available in PHXYou when it launches April 29.

- ◆ Tuesday, May 24
- ◆ Tuesday, June 7
- ◆ Tuesday, June 21



FILM DISCUSSION: APRIL 21 AT 12:00PM



The Salt Mines focuses on three homeless Latina trans women living in a parking lot of old garbage trucks on Manhattan's West Side. Susana Aikin and Carlos Aparicio document the daily life and hardships faced by these women living on the margins of society. Join us for the next LGBTQ film and panel discussion. Three diversity credits earned with attendance. **Details:**

- ◆ April 21 at 12 p.m.
- ◆ [Webex](#)

Participants are encouraged to watch the [film](#) prior to film discussion.

FEATURED JOB OF THE WEEK

Water Services Hiring Event — May 13 at Desert West Community Center

The Water Services Department is holding this event to attract candidates for multiple vacancies in the four levels of Utility Technician job family listed below. Everyone from trainee level to those with senior level experience are invited to attend. If you know anyone who is interested in a Water industry career with the City, please refer them to apply. This nine-minute [video](#) shows work typically performed by Utility Technicians in the field.

- ◆ Utility Technician Trainees (\$18.87-\$22.09 hourly)
- ◆ Utility Technician (\$20.28-\$25.08 hourly)
- ◆ Utility Specialty Technician (\$21.09-\$26.13 hourly)
- ◆ Senior Utility Technician (\$22.09-\$29.50 hourly)

See **job ID 44823** for more information about the different jobs and qualifications. The deadline to submit an application for this event is May 2.

For more information about these positions, visit the [City's employment website](#) online or log into eCHRIS. [Check out the latest job openings.](#)



DID YOU KNOW?

The City is now recruiting many jobs on a [position basis](#). Don't assume that you will be considered for a new job opening just because you have previously applied! Be sure to check the job openings each week or sign up for [job notifications](#) or [Weekly Job Openings Mailing List](#) to make sure you don't miss your chance!

VALLEY METRO SERVICE



Good news! Valley Metro service changes, including for the MARY circulator, go into effect Monday, April 25. The [Phoenix MARY Circulator](#) - a free neighborhood mini-bus - will have a route extension along 59th Avenue via Fillmore Street and Roosevelt Street.

The extension makes it possible for area community members such as Casa Pedro Ruiz senior residents to access Desert Sky Mall, health centers, the Maryvale Community Center and many other places. Additional details are available [here](#).

457B ENROLLMENT FAIR



Nationwide®

Are you aware of the benefits your City of Phoenix Deferred Compensation Plans have to offer? Come join us for the City of Phoenix Mini 457b Plan Enrollment Fair. Nationwide representatives will be there to help you get enrolled. **Details:**

- ◆ **Dates:** April 21 | May 13 and 23
- ◆ **Time:** 9 a.m.-1 p.m.
- ◆ **Where:** Phoenix City Hall

Employees already enrolled in the 457 plan can stop by if they wish to update their beneficiaries, re-start or increase their contributions or schedule an appointment to have their accounts reviewed.