

The logo for PHX CONNECT features a stylized star on the left composed of four overlapping triangles in purple, blue, and yellow. To the right, the word "PHX" is in a dark red, serif font, and "CONNECT" is in a large, bold, blue, sans-serif font.

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New Gear is Here!



Get ready for Paint Phoenix Purple, the city's domestic violence awareness campaign in October, by purchasing new apparel with the campaign's new logo! All proceeds will go to the Arizona Coalition to End Sexual & Domestic Violence (ACESDV) in support of the campaign. Sale ends Wednesday, Sept. 4, [so order today!](#)

Meet the Poets

- ◆ Wednesday, Sept. 4
- ◆ 7 - 8 p.m.
- ◆ Burton Barr Central Library

Sam Sax (pictured) describes himself as a queer, Jewish, writer & educator.



Erika L. Sánchez's debut poetry collection, *Lessons on Expulsion*, was a finalist for the PEN America Open Book Award.

Come meet both of them as they read and interact with the audience.

This program is provided in partnership with the University of Arizona Center Poetry Center.

9/11 Ceremony



Save the Date

Members of the public and city of Phoenix employees are invited to attend the 18th annual September 11 Memorial Ceremony:

- ◆ Wednesday, Sept. 11
- ◆ 9 a.m.
- ◆ Phoenix City Hall Atrium

The event is in memory of the lives lost during the terrorist attacks on our nation on Sept. 11, 2001. The ceremony will include the posting of an American flag that flew over Ground Zero during the rescue and recovery operation at the World Trade Center and a performance by a student choir from the Arizona School for the Arts.

On Sept. 11, 2001, four commercial airliners bound for the west coast were hijacked by terrorist extremists. In the worst terrorist attack in U.S. history, a total of 2,977 people were killed in New York City, Washington, D.C. and near Shanksville, Pennsylvania.

On the 18th anniversary of the atrocity, city of Phoenix employees will honor and remember those lost. Members of the public, city management, elected officials and members of the Phoenix Fire and Police Departments will pay their respects to the victims and survivors of 9/11 at this very solemn annual event.

Volunteers Needed for CPU Adjunct Faculty Program

The City of Phoenix University (CPU) Adjunct Faculty Program is seeking volunteers to join their team of employees who are passionate about teaching others. This program is open to all, so consider these questions:



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- ◆ Are you looking for ways to grow your high performers?
- ◆ Do you see the leaders of tomorrow in your team?
- ◆ Can your department benefit by having more staff with effective presentation and facilitation skills?

If you said yes, then the Faculty Program may be the avenue you've been looking for. Through this one-year development program, members will develop the skills necessary to articulate a clear and compelling message with a clear call to action while keeping their audience engaged.

There are opportunities to teach classes focused on people skills or technology skills. In the technology skills track, learn to facilitate classes about Microsoft Excel. There is a large demand for these classes, as the power of this program is frequently not realized. The people skills track will provide opportunities to help peers develop the skills to relate better, resolve conflict, provide better service, etc. Follow this [link](#) and click on the Adjunct Faculty tab to learn more and to apply. **The deadline is Sept. 2.**

Job of the Week

Featured Job: Gardener Apprentice, \$15.18 - \$19.25/hour, Parks and Recreation.

Apprentices will work under the direction of an experienced gardener or foreman and learn to perform routine work in grounds maintenance, basic tree and shrub planting, pruning, turf maintenance, irrigation management, and general maintenance of landscapes and facilities located throughout the city of Phoenix. Each task is performed under close supervision, the degree of which varies as the apprentice acquires proficiency. After successfully completing a two-year apprentice program, the incumbent will promote to a gardener and serve a 12-month probationary period. To help prepare for the apprenticeship, city of Phoenix and LIUNA will be offering an open house at Encanto Park Special Operations. Interested candidates are encouraged to attend.

- ◆ Saturday, Aug. 24
- ◆ 9 - 11 a.m.
- ◆ 1802 W. Encanto Blvd.

Applicants must be at least 18 years old and have a high school diploma or GED. Apply by Sept. 3.

[Check out the latest job openings here.](#) [Check out the entire job database here.](#)

Stay Young with Us

The Human Services Department provides programming and services for older adults at 15 senior centers. Each center provides a wealth of opportunities for activity, education and personal development. Some of what participants can expect to enjoy include: recreation and social activities, nutrition programs, educational opportunities, and social services such as emergency utility and rental assistance and eviction prevention/move-in assistance. Centers also provide case management services for areas such as employment, budgeting, social and life-skills development. Moreover, each center provides information on senior programs and resources. PHXTV recently checked it out. [Watch here.](#)



Hot Weather Outreach



As the summer temperatures keep rising, it's important to stay hydrated, especially if you spend time outside - like many of our public transit passengers. This month, staff from the Public Transit Department and our contractors handed out water, distributed heat relief network information, and provided bus travel tips to riders waiting at various transit centers and bus stops.

Staff also took ice chests onto multiple local bus routes and handed out approximately 1,500 water bottles donated by the city's bus service contractors. Thank you to all who assisted in helping our riders stay hydrated!



FILM SCREENING:
WEDNESDAY
AUGUST 21



Ruthie and Connie are in many ways typical Jewish New Yorkers. They married men in the 1950s, became mothers, and eventually divorced. But when Ruthie and Connie fell in love, these "ordinary" housewives became plainspoken activists and international icons of equality.

"Two of the funniest and most outrageous queer activists you'll ever see. Whether they are in City Hall, on the shores of West Palm Beach, or dancing on the Coney Island boardwalk, they move, enlighten, and inspire." - Dennis Harvey, Variety Magazine

Audience Award Winner for Outstanding Documentary at L.A. Outfest, and Winner of Best Documentary at the Seattle International Film Festival.

	When:	Wednesday, August 21	SPONSORED BY:
	Showtime:	6:30 pm	
	Where:	Burton Barr Central Library 221 N Central Ave	
	Run time:	65 minutes	
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ALL ARE WELCOME. BRING A FRIEND. MEET A NEW FRIEND. HAVE FUN. LEARN SOMETHING. DOORS TO LECTURE ROOM OPEN 30 MINUTES PRIOR TO FILM SCREENING.			

INNOVATE INSPIRE TRANSFORM



The Phoenix TLG Conference committee is seeking ideas from all City departments.

- Showcase an innovative project
- Developed within last 5 years
- 6 months of implementation

No idea is too big or too small.

Submissions and questions to:
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Submissions due
September 3, 2019



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#CityHallSelfie 2019

City Hall Selfie Day was a huge success last week as several departments showed we are much more than “geeky government” workers. Check out some of the highlights. Find more by searching #CityHallSelfiePHX on Twitter.

