

Annual Financial Expo Goes Virtual

The annual City of Phoenix Financial Expo is coming to you virtually this year. The Benefits Office, in partnership with Nationwide, will host the event on Thursday, Sept. 24, 9 a.m. - 3 p.m.

Just like a live in-person event, participants can attend workshops and hear from experts about valuable retirement information. The Expo lineup includes:

- On demand webinars covering topics like the advantages of being in the city's Deferred Compensation Plans, myths about retirement, approaching retirement, and Health Saving Account
- Local Nationwide representatives in a private virtual room to review your accounts and answer your questions
- Live general Q & A sessions with representatives from Benefits, COPERS and Health Equity

Be on the lookout for additional details from the Benefits Office and Nationwide in the coming weeks, including links to attend the virtual events.

We look forward to seeing you virtually at the 2020 Financial Expo!

COVID-19 Updates



Latest City Manager Podcasts:

Aug 21: City Manager Ed Zuercher talks to Equal Opportunity Director Don Logan [in this recent podcast](#) about the vital role his department plays as a resource for city departments and our community.

COVID-19 Exception for Vacation Sell-Back Program

With fall around the corner, now is a good time to be thinking about how to use your unused leave hours, especially if you will lose them if not used by Dec. 31. This year only, because of COVID-19, donated leave time will count toward November [vacation sell-back requirements](#).

Changes to Employee Testing Options

While recent headlines say COVID-19 cases in Arizona are trending downward, testing is still vital in helping public health experts understand community spread. City of Phoenix employees have access to several free testing options. Details on all of these options can be found [on the Employee Health Update webpage](#). **NOTE:** *Starting Monday, Aug. 31, tests at the Washington Activity Center will only be administered on Tuesdays and Thursdays (unless demand increases). This is the only city-sponsored site that offers free testing for employees and their household members.*

Financial Help for City Employees:

The city of Phoenix is committed to helping its employees in many situations, including financial hardship as a result of the COVID-19 virus. If you would like to see if you qualify for financial assistance through the city of Phoenix's [COVID-19 Hope Fund, start here](#).

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MLK Awards Nominations Due

If you know someone, including youth, who has made an impact on the quality of life of Phoenix residents, we urge you to nominate them for an award.



The Living the Dream Award recognizes individuals who embody the ideas of Dr. King through their continued personal commitment to human relations and social justice.

The Lifetime Achievement Award recognizes exceptional individuals who have made Phoenix a better place to live through a lifelong dedication to promoting social and economic justice, defending civil rights, and enhancing the dignity of all people. Nominations must emulate the lifelong dedication of Calvin C. Goode.

The deadline to submit a [nomination form](#) online is 5 p.m. Friday, Sept. 25.

For more information, visit Phoenix.gov/EOD or call 534-1279.

FitPHX Yoga Program

Stay [#FitPHX](#) especially during this pandemic! FitPHX is a citywide health initiative to improve health and wellness in the region.

Being active while keeping safe, socially distancing, wearing masks and washing hands are a must.

FitPHX goes virtual with Summer 2020 programs all for FREE. [Watch this story](#) and see how you can take advantage of some pretty cool fitness classes including morning Yoga.



COPERS Board Wants You!

Eligible employees are invited to apply for **three** employee positions on the City of Phoenix Employees' Retirement System (COPERS) Board. The positions, with terms of Jan. 1, 2021 through Dec. 31, 2023, will be filled during the **Nov. 30, 2020 election**. Eligible candidates for the office of employee board member must have at least 10 calendar years of credited service. The usual rounding procedures, sick leave credit conversion and purchases or transfers of service from other plans, **do not** apply for the purposes of meeting the 10-calendar year requirement.

Any active COPERS member wishing to be a candidate for the board election must complete an application available through the Retirement Office. If you're interested in receiving an application or in learning more about the COPERS board responsibilities and procedures, [contact Trista Eaden](#) or call 256-4323. Applications must be received by 5 p.m., Friday, Sept. 4, in the Retirement Office, 200 W. Washington St., 10th Floor, Phoenix, AZ 85003.

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Job of the Week

Court Security Officers

\$16.84 - \$24.53/hour

This position responsibilities include patrolling and observing the activities of persons in and around the building and screening entrants for prohibited weapons. This includes providing customer service and building relationships with customers; answering routine inquiries and directing customers to appropriate areas; assessing and solving problem situations while exercising tact and judgment in bringing about their resolution; visually patrolling the building and grounds to observe unusual behavior; preventing unauthorized access to restricted areas; monitoring the access control and CCTV systems; remaining at a fixed post to observe activities; completing log entries and incident reports; and ensuring that all customers and staff have vacated buildings and performing a security check of all doors and windows at closing. **Requirements:** Within 90 days of hire, must successfully complete a 40-hour Court Security Officer training course and be certified in accordance with standards set by the Arizona Administrative Office of the Courts.

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

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

DID YOU KNOW?

eCHRIS is the city of Phoenix Human Resource Information System. It is home to all of our employee data from start to finish. Understanding how to navigate the system is integral to working with the city. Enter [here](#) for more information on how to navigate the system.

Join the **Conversation**



9/11 Ceremony Reminder



The city of Phoenix will hold the 19th annual September 11 Memorial Event to honor the lives lost during the terrorist attacks on our nation. In past years, the event has been open to the public and city employees to attend in person. **However, due to the COVID-19 pandemic, this year's event will be available to watch on a livestream. The link will be provided in a future PHXConnect issue.**

The ceremony, which will be held on Friday, Sept. 11 at 9 a.m., will include the posting of an American flag that flew over Ground Zero during the rescue and recovery operation at the World Trade Center.

Future of Light Rail



The virtual public meeting for the light rail Northwest Extension Phase II [is now live](#). You can view the materials and participate until Sept. 4.

This self-guided meeting will feature the project's final design (including renderings!) as well as info about what to expect during construction. Two live call-in sessions will be hosted where you can ask the project team your questions directly. Join us!