

# City CONNECTION

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A Weekly Publication for City of Phoenix Employees

This week's featured employee is **College Depot Director Judy Reno**, who discusses "ReEngage Phoenix: with City Manager Ed Zuercher. View her "Doing What Matters" video at <https://www.phoenix.gov/phxtv/phxtv-media/video/2505>

## Celebrate 'Everyone Matters Day' on April 2

Have you heard of Everyone Matters Day? The city is taking part in this global effort to encourage people to judge others less while accepting ourselves for who we are.

The second annual Everyone Matters Day is on Tuesday, April 2. The first took place last April in 10 major cities and included such celebrities as Paul McCartney, Nicole Kidman, Hugh Jackman, the Dalai Lama and others.

With interest in the observance ramping up, Phoenix has been called upon to be part of this year's effort. Mayor Greg Stanton has issued a proclamation, and City Council members and other

notable figures will take part by taking their "I AM" selfies and posting them to social media.

To find out how you can take part, visit [everyonematters.com](http://everyonematters.com).



*The Human Relations Commission has endorsed "Everyone Matters Day."*

## Discover the GRID Bike Share during April Green Bag

April is Valley Bike Month. In observance of the month, the Phoenix Green team presents, "The GRID Bike Share Program" from noon to 1 p.m. Wednesday, April 8, at the Calvin C. Goode Building, 10 East Conference Room.

Guest speakers Michelle Breslau and Lisa Parks with Grid Bikes will show you how to use the Grid Bike Share system. Learn how to create an account, rent a bike and tap into special features. Discover the technology behind the program, including integrated wireless communications and how you can track usage-time, mileage, carbon offset, calories burned and gas savings. A GRID bike also will be on display. Using this bike share system gives you a new transportation option that is fun, environmentally friendly and convenient for making short trips around the city.

During Valley Bike Month, family fun rides, bike expos and safety events will be held throughout the Valley. A highlight for city employees is Phoenix/Maricopa County Bike To Work Day from 7 to 9 a.m. April 23. The ride will depart from Park Central Mall and end at City Hall. For more information, visit [valleymetro.org](http://valleymetro.org).

## Panel discussion celebrates 30 years of arts and culture in Phoenix

The Phoenix Arts and Culture Commission will mark its 30th anniversary Friday, April 17, with a panel discussion about the growth of culture in Phoenix featuring key figures in the history of the Commission and Office of Arts and Culture.

"Phoenix Arts and Culture @ 30: A Conversation," which will be held from 7-8:30 p.m. at the Phoenix Arts Museum, 1625 N Central Ave., will include Mayor Greg Stanton, former Mayor Terry Goddard, the city's public art director Ed Lebow and other leaders of the arts and culture community.

The City ordinance creating the Phoenix Arts Commission (later renamed the Phoenix Arts and Culture Commission) was unanimously accepted by Mayor Goddard and City Council on April 16, 1985. The ordinance called for the commission to "protect, enhance, serve and advocate excellence in the arts for the people of Phoenix."

Since 1985, Phoenix has experienced an exciting proliferation of arts and culture activity, supported in part through three major bond initiatives, dating back to 1989.

For more information, visit [phoenix.gov/arts](http://phoenix.gov/arts).

## **NEWS BRIEFS**

**The city is in the process of preparing its 2015-16 budget, which requires no cuts in services or increases in taxes and fees.** Residents are invited to attend community hearings to discuss the proposed budget before final decisions are made. Beginning Wednesday, April 1, and continuing through Wednesday, April 15, the City Council and staff from the City Manager's Office and the Budget and Research Department will conduct 12 budget hearings at various times and locations throughout the community. Employees may attend the hearings on their own time. Keep in mind that employees cannot wear city uniforms to the meetings. Council members and city staff will answer questions and talk about specific district issues. Visit [phoenix.gov/budget](http://phoenix.gov/budget) to view details of the proposed budget.

**There are seats available for a number of training classes in April.** Among the classes with openings are: Understanding Your Pension, Healthcare Consumerism, Managing and Improving Credit, Yoga, Training Skills for Non-Trainers, Career Decisions: Making Your Next Move, Conflict Solutions for Successful Outcomes, Healthy Cooking, Fitness Friday – Toning, Countdown to Retirement, and the Seamless Service Philosophy. Register through eCHRIS.

## **PEOPLE**

Leave donations are being accepted for **Frank Baca** with Planning & Development. Submit donated leave slips through eCHRIS.

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