

# City CONNECTION

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A Weekly Publication for City of Phoenix Employees

Meet this week's featured employee, IT Project Manager Geri Padilla. View her Doing What Matters video at [www.phoenix.gov/phxtv/phxtv-media/video/2907](http://www.phoenix.gov/phxtv/phxtv-media/video/2907).

## City of Phoenix appoints new Deputy City Managers

Phoenix City Manager Ed Zuercher has appointed two city executives, Karen Peters and Mario Paniagua, as deputy city managers.

"I am pleased that Mario and Karen emerged as our next city management leaders after a national recruitment," said Zuercher. "They represent a diversity of experience and achievement that will significantly complement Phoenix's top management team with the leadership required to run a great organization."

Peters has been serving as Senior Executive Assistant to the City Manager. She previously served as Government Relations Director, Chief of Staff to Mayor Greg Stanton and practiced as an attorney for 18 years before joining the city of Phoenix in 2005. She received her Juris Doctor from the Georgetown University Law Center and a Bachelor of Science in Political Science from Arizona State University.



Paniagua has served the city of Phoenix for 17 years. Most recently, he served as the Budget and Research Department Director and formerly chaired the Innovation and Efficiency Task Force. Previously, Paniagua spent five years at City Clerk and has worked in the City Council Office and the Human Resources and Aviation departments throughout his municipal career. Before joining the city, he was in the U.S. Air Force for seven years. Paniagua has a Bachelor of Science in Global Business from Arizona State University.

Peters will be assigned to support and coordinate major city functions in the areas of environment and sustainability. Paniagua will lead departments in the transportation and infrastructure fields.

## City of Phoenix continues summer heat relief efforts

The city of Phoenix Human Services Department Summer Respite Program is asking employees and the public to donate unopened water bottles, sunscreen, new underwear, white socks, white T-shirts, insect repellent and prepackaged snack items to be collected at the city's family services centers. The items will be distributed to the homeless by experienced homeless outreach teams.

Residents can bring their tax-deductible donations to any of the city's three family services centers from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday:

- Travis L. Williams, 4732 S. Central Ave. (602-534-4732)
- John F. Long, 3454 N. 51st Ave. (602-262-6510)
- Sunnyslope, 914 W. Hatcher Road (602-495-5229)

The city also participates in the Heat Relief Network, a Valleywide program to ensure the safety of homeless people, seniors, disabled and other residents in need during the hot summer months.

Each summer the city of Phoenix works as part of the Heat Relief Network in cooperation with other government agencies, corporations, nonprofit and faith-based organizations to bring heat relief to individuals, families, seniors and the disabled who are homeless and at high risk as temperatures begin to reach more than 100 degrees.

The city's Human Services Department is educating seniors at its 15 senior centers about the dangers of heat exposure, how to recognize heat stroke, heat exhaustion and heat cramps.

Information about the Heat Relief Network and Summer Respite program, as well as a list of tips on how to stay safe and hydrated during the summer heat, is available at [phoenix.gov/humanservices/programs/homeless](http://phoenix.gov/humanservices/programs/homeless). For more information, call 602-256-4302.



### Phoenix Water employees save drowning dog

What started as an average Monday, quickly turned into an unforgettable day for employees at one of the city's wastewater treatment plants.

On June 29, plant employees witnessed a stray dog drowning in the plant's Non-Potable Water basin. Staff coaxed the dog to an area where a rescue could be attempted. The dog was fatigued and started to slip beneath the water. After an hour-long rescue effort involving poles and straps, crews finally lifted the dog from the water channel.

Employees named the 1-year-old Pitbull-Terrier mix "Chanel" short for "Channel." After regaining some of her strength, Chanel was brought to the Maricopa County West Valley Animal Care Center to await adoption. A week after she was saved, Chanel and some of the crew were featured on 3TV, CBS5 and CNN Headline News. On July 9, Chanel was adopted by a loving family.



Thanks to the quick thinking and fast acting efforts of several Water Services employees, Chanel has a second chance at life and a new family.

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### PEOPLE

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