

# City CONNECTION

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A Weekly Publication for City of Phoenix Employees

Meet this week's featured employee, Aviation Department Environmental Quality Specialist Lisa Farinas. View her Doing What Matters video at [www.phoenix.gov/phxtv/phxtv-media/video/2989](http://www.phoenix.gov/phxtv/phxtv-media/video/2989).

## City staff works 24/7 after powerful monsoon storm

Monday's storm was powerful, knocking down trees, leaving thousands without power, and soaking some parts of the city. City staff began work immediately, working around the clock to restore services to residents and keep them safe. City Manager Ed Zuercher sent this thank you message to employees on Tuesday:

<http://insidephx/Documents/CM%20Message%202015%200901.pdf>

See what residents had to say about the city's response on PHXTV:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9CEPyBeAGHM&feature=youtu.be>



## America's Friendliest Airport® is offering the following travel tips for Labor Day

Phoenix Sky Harbor International Airport is offering the following travel tips for Labor Day:

- Give yourself extra time. Arrive at the Airport **two hours** before your flight departs, especially if you are parking in economy areas or checking bags.
- Book and prepay for your parking in advance through *Prepaid Discount Parking*. Visit <http://skyharbor.com/prepaidparking> to access our easy, online reservation system where you can select discounted parking in Terminal 2, 3 or 4 garages.
- Take advantage of Early Bag Check, a handy service that allows travelers flying American/US Airways, Southwest or United to check their bags before arriving at the terminals. Avoid the ticket counter lines and use Early Bag Check at East Economy Parking, the 44<sup>th</sup> Street PHX Sky Train® Station or at the Rental Car Center. The service is free, though airline bag fees apply.
- Remember to familiarize yourself with TSA regulations of what you can bring in your carry-on bag by visiting <http://www.tsa.gov/>.

For more tips and information, visit <http://skyharbor.com>

## Trip Reduction Survey is here

It's that time of year again... for the Trip Reduction Survey!

Every year, the city assesses employees' commute patterns to help reduce drive alone trips as part of the Trip Reduction Program. The Trip Reduction Survey does just that – it tracks the city's efforts and progress to reduce air pollution. The survey also is used by the county to develop an annual plan that implements and documents various strategies to reduce single occupant vehicle trips.

The survey only takes a few minutes of your time. Participation is easy and confidential, and the questions about your commute are pretty basic.

Take the survey now! Visit: <https://apps-secure.phoenix.gov/TRPSurvey>. You will be entered in a weekly



drawing for prizes once you've completed the survey. The survey will be available during the whole month of September, but employees who complete the survey early will have more chances of winning.

Here are the prizes for the first week of September for four lucky winners:

- \$25 gift card to Crazy Jim's
- Three "Buy one, get one free" gift certificates from Chipotle
- 4 tickets to a performance of Snow Queen from the Center Dance Ensemble
- 2-night weekend stay at the Marriott Scottsdale Suites in Old Town Scottsdale

### September is grants Month

Government Relations is celebrating grants by designating the month of September as Grants Month, and you have a chance to win a \$100 prize in the Grants Matter Challenge! All employees are asked to look out for grant funding opportunities that the city should pursue. Government Relations has made the process easy, by revising Administrative Regulation (A.R.) 1.81 which focuses on grants and explains the steps in how to pursue them.

**Grants**  
**@Phoenix.Gov**

Submissions will be accepted September 1-30, 2015 and should be sent to [grants@phoenix.gov](mailto:grants@phoenix.gov) or call 602-262-1833. To review contest rules and criteria, the new A.R., identify your grant liaison, and learn about additional events highlighting grants this month, visit <http://inside/depts/gr/sitepages/grantcoord.aspx>.

### We want your photos for Around PHX

We're looking for new photos for Around PHX featured on the Inside Phoenix homepage. It's a way to share fun, engaging photos of employees and their families out in the community.

Photos submitted for consideration for Around PHX need to be:

- Appropriate and in good taste
- Of employees and their families working or playing around Phoenix (for example, at a city park, preserve, facility or event)
- Of department staff or teams out and about in the community providing customer service (graffiti cleanups, power washer training, etc.)
- High quality resolution – blurry images will not be used
- Wide shots are best, so they can be cropped down to size
- A description of who is in the picture, their department and where the photo was taken.

If you have photos that meet the criteria, please submit them to the [cconnect@phoenix.gov](mailto:cconnect@phoenix.gov) mailbox and copy your department's Public Information Officer. Please be aware that not all photos will be published. The Communications Office retains editorial discretion over photos used.

For a list of Public Information Officers visit: [www.phoenix.gov/pio/media-resources/pio-contacts](http://www.phoenix.gov/pio/media-resources/pio-contacts)

### PEOPLE

Leave donations are currently being accepted for **Marco Fiore** in the Water Services Department. Submit leave donations through eCHRIS.

### MARK YOUR CALENDAR

**Sunday, September 21** - Do you know an *amazing* woman? Someone who uses their precious time, talent and energy to enrich the lives of other women? The Phoenix Women's Commission wants to hear from you and is accepting nominations for the first-ever, Women Empowering Women Award. The deadline is September 21. To apply, visit <https://www.phoenix.gov/eodsite/Documents/Women%20Empowering%20Women%20Award%20Application.pdf>

**Wednesday, September 9** - The Phoenix Green Team presents "**Cyber Security, Social Engineering and Surviving a Data Breach**" from noon to 1 p.m. at the Calvin C. Goode Building, 10 East Conference Room. Guest speaker, Randell Smith, Jr., Chief Information Security Officer for the Information

Technology Services Department will share current information on the latest cyber security threats; how hackers use social engineering techniques to gain access to personal identifying information (PII); and the actions required following a data breach. Attendees also will learn how to create a 15 character "easy to remember," hack-resistant passphrase. Bring your lunch and earn TRIPLE diversity training credits under the city's Equal Opportunity Plan. Your attendance will count toward your departmental goals.

**Thursday, September 10 – Creative Solutions for Healthy Nutrition** will be held from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at the Calvin Goode Building, 10 East Conference Room. We have many reasons why we think we can't eat healthy: too expensive, tastes bad, take too long to prepare. Join Health Coach, Vicky, for this workshop and learn how to eat healthy.

**Friday, September 11** - All city of Phoenix employees are encouraged to attend the **9/11 Memorial Ceremony** at 9:30 a.m. in the City Hall Atrium, 200 W. Washington Street. As parking is limited, please consider riding the Metro Light Rail to City Hall.

Phoenix City Councilman Michael Nowakowski, Chair of the Public Safety and Veterans Subcommittee, will speak as well as Fire Chief Kara Kalkbrenner and Police Chief Joe Yahner. Rabbi Robert Kravitz will give the invocation and Father Carl Carlozzi will give the benediction. The Phoenix Fire and Police Honor Guards will post the colors and conduct a bell ceremony.

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