

City CONNECTION

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A Weekly Publication for City of Phoenix Employees

This week's Doing What Matters features the Paint Phoenix Purple Campaign that launched this month in observance of National Domestic Violence Awareness Month. View the video at

<https://www.phoenix.gov/phxtv/phxtv-media/video/3122>.

Be part of Women Empowering Women

The Phoenix Women's Commission proudly announces its 10th Annual Women's Economic Forum, "Women Empowering Women". The forum provides an opportunity for women of all ages to learn about personal and professional growth and career development.

This free annual event serves to train, empower, and heighten awareness of issues facing women in the workforce. The event will include workshops on personal and economic growth, job negotiation skills, money management, career leadership and non-traditional career roles. In addition, for the first time, the Phoenix Women's Commission will present a **Women Empowering Women Award**, recognizing remarkable women who have made a significant difference in the Phoenix community.

The forum will be held on Wednesday, October 28, 2015 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Gateway Community College in the Copper Room. The event is free but seating is limited and is reserved by registration. To register for the event visit www.eventbrite.com/e/womens-economic-forum-women-empowering-women-2015-registration-18890872107.

The Phoenix Women's Commission provides advocacy, leadership and support on issues facing women of all ages to enhance their quality of life. The commission promotes the participation of women in civic and public affairs and advises the mayor and city council on women's issues.

Protect your information for National Cyber Security Awareness Month

Each day, the web touches all of our lives in one way or another. Along with the ability to connect instantly with others across the world, comes the threat of cyberattacks. That is why the president has designated October as National Cyber Security Awareness Month.

In support of National Cyber Security Awareness Month, the city will be hosting a Lunch & Learn meeting with the Phoenix FBI Cyber Squad on Thursday, October 28, 2015, in the Calvin Goode Building, 10th Floor, Conference Room 10E, from 12 – 1 p.m. This meeting is open to city staff and the public.

Everyone has a role to play in cybersecurity, whether it's protecting their families from identity theft, protecting their workplaces from cyberattacks, or protecting their communities from cyber predators. The Information Technology Department recommends the following tips to increase employees understanding of basic cybersecurity practices to stay safe online:

- Set strong passwords and don't share them with anyone;
- Keep your operating system, browser, and other critical software optimized by installing updates;
- Maintain an open dialogue with your family, friends, and community about Internet safety;
- Limit the amount of personal information you post online and use privacy settings to avoid sharing information widely;
- Be cautious about what you receive or read online—if it sounds too good to be true, it probably is.
- Most importantly – think before you click!

For more information about National Cyber Security Awareness Month 2015, visit www.dhs.gov/national-cyber-security-awareness-month-2015.

Seeking volunteers for the biggest game in town

In January, downtown Phoenix will take center stage as college football fans flock to Arizona for the College Football Playoff National Championship. While the game will be held in Glendale, the Championship Campus will be held in downtown Phoenix. The Arizona Organizing Committee (AOC) is hosting a variety of community events throughout Arizona and is actively seeking more than 2,000 enthusiastic individuals to volunteer and help make this experience one for the record books.

Opportunities include support at signature events taking place downtown like *Playoff Playlist Live!*, *Playoff Fan Central*, and *Taste of the Championship*.

The AOC is also looking for drivers and ambassadors to greet guests at hotels, airports and other locations. For more information visit <http://azchampgame.org/volunteering/opportunities/> or follow on social media @azchampgame.



VITA Volunteers

The city's Earned Income Tax Credit (EITC) Campaign is seeking individuals who will become Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) Volunteers. VITA volunteers help low-income working individuals and families by preparing their taxes and claiming the federal Earned Income Tax Credit.

Volunteers are needed for the upcoming season. The Internal Revenue Service (IRS), in partnership with the city of Phoenix, will be conducting free training sessions from November to January at locations around the city.

Last year, volunteers helped prepare thousands of returns resulting in millions of dollars to Phoenix residents. One hour of your time may be worth more than \$1,800 to a working family.

For more information, call 602-534-0543, email to eitc@phoenix.gov or visit <https://www.phoenix.gov/humanservices/programs/tax-prep>.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

Wednesday, October 14 - Behind the scenes tour of Pueblo Grande Museum from 2 - 2:30 p.m. This is an opportunity to learn about the artifacts that are not on display to the public and see how museums care for their collections. This is a first come, first serve tour, free with paid museum admission.

Thursday, October 22 - Phoenix Food Day celebration, Cesar Chavez Plaza, 251 W. Washington St., 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Education on healthy eating and nutrition, samples, gardening tips. Food Day Café features Devour Phoenix local restaurants, cooking academies, and nonprofit kitchens, a Kids Healthy Food Zone area with games and activities, workshops, and live music. Join in the "FitPHX Apple Crunch," at noon and help set a record for the most participants in an apple-crunching event in downtown Phoenix. For more information visit www.phoenix.gov/sustainability/foodday.

PEOPLE

Earlier this month, Parks and Recreation Aquatics Supervisor **Becky Hulett** was named to the Association of Aquatics Professionals (AOAP) Board of Directors Team. Her term will begin upon the conclusion of the AOAP Conference and Exposition in March 2016.

Annette Vigil, Regional Manager with Phoenix Public Library, is retiring on October 16, after 21 years with the City.

Leave donations are currently being accepted for; **Lamar Claytor**, **Mark Klinger** and **Pablo Vega** in the Public Works Department; **Kenneth Black** in Planning & Development Department. Submit leave donations through eCHRIS.

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