

# PHX CONNECT

The Weekly Connection Newsletter for City of Phoenix Employees • December 1, 2021

## FINAL REMINDER



Friday is the deadline to nominate someone or a group of city employees for the 2021 City Manager's Employee Excellence Awards. Employees are encouraged to nominate colleagues who have made exceptional contributions to the city and public during 2021.

City leadership will recognize our 2021 winning teams and individuals at an awards celebration to applaud their accomplishments. Winners will also receive award plaques and eight hours of performance recognition leave time. Additional information and links to the online nomination forms can be found on the [Employee Excellence Awards webpage](#).

## STUDENT LOAN SURVEY

There is still time to participate in the [Student Loan Assistant Survey](#). The city of Phoenix, in conjunction with some of our labor partners, recently launched the **anonymous survey** to assist with the **potential development of a student loan assistance pilot program**. The survey has been extended to Dec. 10, and ALL employees are encouraged to participate, even those without a student loan.

Please contact your HR Liaison with any questions. Thank you in advance for your participation.

## COVID-19 VACCINE EVENTS

This Friday starts the second round of a special COVID pop-up event for city employees. If you recently received the



first dose of the COVID-19 vaccine at one of three job site locations, you are now eligible to receive the second dose/booster. **ANY CITY EMPLOYEE MAY ATTEND. Appointments are encouraged, but walk-ins may be available depending on availability.** Here's where the pop-up events will be, all noon - 5 p.m.:

- ◆ **Friday, Dec. 3:** Union Hills Service Center
- ◆ **Friday, Dec. 10:** Okemah Service Center
- ◆ **Friday, Dec. 17:** Glenrosa Service Center

**Schedule an appointment today.**

The city has also partnered with **Healthwaves** to host a vaccine site for **employees 18 years and older** near Sky Harbor Airport at 1615 W. University Dr., Tempe, Suite 137. **Appointments can be scheduled by calling 480-968-1886.**

## COVID-19 TESTING

Rapid COVID-19 tests are now available at the Assembly Rooms on the first floor of Phoenix City Hall, on Wednesdays from 8 a.m. - 5 p.m. Employees must schedule appointments for themselves and household family members by calling 602-534-0693 to receive a rapid test, which typically produces results in 15 minutes while you wait. **No walk-ups accepted.**

**Employees with symptoms can schedule an appointment online for the city of Phoenix Employee Healthcare Clinic, at 1 N. Central Ave.**

## COPERS BOARD ELECTION



Beginning on Monday, Dec. 6, the City of Phoenix Employees' Retirement System (COPERS) Board will hold an election to fill one employee representative vacancy due to a retirement. The position, which will have an interim term beginning on Jan. 1, 2022 through Dec. 31, 2023, will be filled during the Dec. 2021 election. Three candidates, listed in alphabetical order, met the eligibility requirements to run: **Angelica Gameros, Ron Ramirez and David Urbinato.**

Please look for an e-mail which will contain candidate profiles and voting instructions. Voting will close on Thursday, Dec. 16, at 5 p.m.

If you have questions regarding the election process, [please e-mail Trista Eaden.](#)

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## CITY'S FIRST FLAG

Learn about the history of the first official flag of the city of Phoenix. The flag was adopted by city ordinance 100 years ago and will be on display at Phoenix City Hall until the end of the year.



[See the story by PHXTV](#)

## FEATURED JOBS OF THE WEEK

### Library Technician \$15.55 - \$16.24/hourly

This position performs clerical work which follows well established procedures. These tasks can be readily learned by training on the job. The ideal candidate would be an individual who can communicate effectively with customers in person, through email, or by telephone to answer technical and routine questions with tact and courtesy and have the ability to work independently in an efficient manner. This position involves varied tasks completing the final preparation of new materials, such as labeling, initiating the RFID anti-theft technology, and triggering customer holds, before items are distributed to the 17 library locations. Some positions perform arithmetic or similar checks of the work of other employees for accuracy and assists in training of new employees. Ability to provide excellent customer service, flexibility, positive attitude and bi-lingual in Spanish is highly desirable.

**Requirements:** Any combination of education and experience which provides the knowledge, skills, and abilities required to perform the work.

For more information about this position, visit the [city's employment website](#) online or log into eCHRIS. [Check out the latest job openings.](#)

## DID YOU KNOW?

The city of Phoenix is committed to providing a work environment in which all individuals are treated with respect and dignity and where individuals are provided equal access to programs, facilities and employment consistent with their gender identity regardless of their gender expression.

Also, the city has a Gender Transition Liaison. This individual serves as a central coordinator of gender identity and expression matters citywide, working in partnership with HR and department staff. This individual also provides guidance for customer service issues related to gender identity and expression.

## SISTER CITIES EVENTS

You are invited to join the Phoenix Sister Cities Ramat Gan Committee as they will celebrate the holidays with **“Levity, Libation and Latkes.”** Enjoy a Mediterranean “spread,” music of the season, and latkes – of course! Bid on fine art in a silent auction. The event will take place at a private home in Phoenix. **Details:**

- ◆ Saturday, Dec. 4
- ◆ 5 - 8:30 p.m.
- ◆ Location emailed after registration
- ◆ \$30/person or \$50/couple
- ◆ [Register and get tickets](#)



Phoenix Sister Cities is kicking off its 50th anniversary in 2022 with a live remote performance by the Coro Infantil de Hermosillo. The Phoenix Children’s Chorus will be making a special guest appearance and will present *Villancicos: Holiday Songs of the Old World*.



Joined by guest soloist Dr. Miriam Schildkret, members of the Chorus will perform a collection of villancicos (commonly known as “Spanish Christmas carols”), composed in the late 1800’s in Spain.

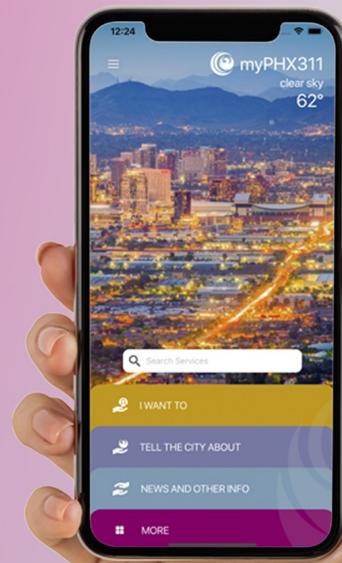
**Details:**

- ◆ Sunday, Dec. 12
- ◆ 4 - 6 p.m.
- ◆ Arizona Biltmore Gold Room
- ◆ Tickets \$15/person, 12 and under are free
- ◆ [Buy tickets here](#)



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