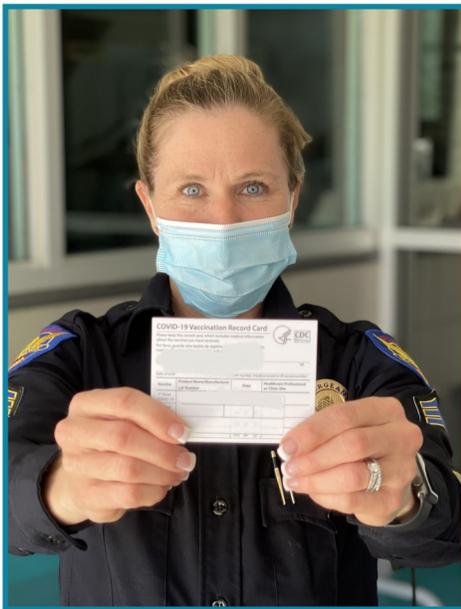


Getting the COVID-19 Vaccine

Details on the opportunities for city employees to get the COVID-19 vaccine are explained to the right of this article. But many city employees have already received their vaccine. Here's just one testimony of why they chose to get vaccinated:



"I got the vaccine to do my part in getting through this pandemic - to protect myself, my family, friends, colleagues and the Community I protect and serve."

**-Sgt. Ann Justus
Police Department**



COVID-19 News

COVID-19 Vaccine: The COVID-19 vaccine is one of the best ways that we can promote a healthy and safe community. The city is following the [Maricopa County Vaccine Prioritization](#) plan. Employees currently eligible to receive the COVID-19 vaccine at Maricopa County sites, including the city of Phoenix distribution site, are the **Phase 1a** and **Priority Phase 1b** populations only. These include:

- ◆ Healthcare/Emergency Medical Services Staff
- ◆ Law Enforcement/Protective Services Staff
- ◆ K-12 School Staff/Childcare Staff
- ◆ Age 75+ (Note: State-operated sites are allowing people age 65+ to make appointments)



Vaccine Incentive: All city employees are now eligible to receive a **Vaccine Safety Award of \$75** when they submit a completed vaccine card showing the dates of all required doses for the type of vaccine received. COVID-19 vaccines received at a city of Phoenix distribution site or any other location are eligible for the award. All employees who have already received the vaccine, as well as those who receive it through calendar year 2021, are eligible for the award. [More information about this can be found in this week's podcast](#) where City Manager Ed Zuercher talks to three employees who share why they decided to get the vaccine.

COVID-19 Testing Opportunities: City of Phoenix employees have access to resources like **priority testing**:

- ◆ **City of Phoenix Employee Healthcare Clinic:** COVID-19 live -virus testing for employees, regardless of health plan, is available weekdays 7 a.m. - 5:40 p.m., **by appointment only**. The clinic is located at 1 N. Central Ave. [Employees can schedule an appointment](#) and select "COVID Virus Testing – City of Phoenix." This is a walk-in test site only.
- ◆ **Washington Activity Center (WAC) Test Site:** The Washington Activity Center is open to employees and members of their households. Schedule an appointment by calling 602-534-0693. Testing is available weekdays from 7 a.m. - 3:50 p.m. This is a walk-in test site only.

COVID-19 Vaccine Myth Busters

In order to keep you informed with accurate information about the COVID-19 vaccine, here's some help from Dr. Heather M. Ross, PhD, DNP, professor at ASU and special advisor to Mayor Gallego's office:

MYTH: *If I have allergies, the COVID-19 vaccine can hurt me.*

FACT: Most people with allergies can get the COVID vaccine safely with no serious problems. But if you have a history of anaphylaxis or another life-threatening reaction to vaccines or injectables, talk to your doctor or nurse before getting the COVID vaccine.

MYTH: *The COVID-19 vaccine is injecting COVID into my body.*

FACT: The COVID vaccines work by using a tiny part of one protein on the outside of the virus, but it can't turn into the whole virus — just like a hubcap can't turn into the whole Ferrari

New Health Portal

City employees are about to have access to their new health and wellness portal. Sharecare goes live on Friday, Feb. 12. Employees can:

- ◆ Register for Sharecare
- ◆ Complete a health assessment (called the RealAge Test) for your incentive
- ◆ Start a new health and well-being experience

You only need to complete the health assessment for the 2021 wellness incentive if you have not already done so.

Please visit the [Benefits website](#) to get started. Stay tuned for more health and wellness information in upcoming PHXConnect newsletters.

Good Samaritan

Meet Matt Davis, an environmental specialist for the Public Works Department, who recently found himself in a unique situation after witnessing a car crash. Find out how his training in the United States Army was put into high gear.

Read the [full story in the PHXNewsroom](#).



Retirement Webinars



Nationwide

The city's benefits office hopes you will attend a pair of webinars about planning for your retirement:

Budgeting 101: Budgeting is an empowering and liberating skill. Whether your financial goals are to save for retirement, save for a new home, or reduce your debt, know where you are going and how you are going to get there. This webinar will help you get started, get organized, and map your way to achieving your financial goals. **Details:**

- ◆ Thursday, Feb. 18
- ◆ Noon - 12:30 p.m.

Built to Last: Learn more about your city of Phoenix 457, 401(a), and Post Employment Health Plan (PEHP). This webinar will discuss the advantages of each plan, how they are managed and how they can impact your finances when you retire. **Details:**

- ◆ Tuesday, Feb. 23
- ◆ Noon - 1 p.m.

Register at phoenixdcp.com, and an email will be sent with a link to the virtual webinar.

Thank You to all City of Phoenix Employees!

Forbes has named the city of Phoenix among America's top 500 best large employers.

[Read about it here.](#)

We are the only city to make the list.

Thanks for making the city a great place to work.



Job of the Week

Library Technical Assistants

\$15.98 - \$23.33/hour

This position is responsible for entering large amounts of data into a variety of computer databases in an efficient and accurate manner. Responsibilities include library materials ordering, receiving, copy cataloging, adding items and performing database maintenance in the Library's ILS; providing backup support for standing and direct orders; keeping statistics of daily production; demonstrating initiative, good judgment, and the ability to work without direct supervision while prioritizing work and processing large volumes of material; providing training as needed, communicating with publishers, library vendors, and library staff using positive customer service skills to solve problems.

Requirements: Two years of technical library experience or two years of college level course work in Liberal Arts, Library Science or a related field. An equivalent combination of education and experience may be considered.

[Check out the latest job openings here.](#)

[Check out the entire job database here.](#)

Did You Know?

In response to recent developments surrounding the COVID-19 pandemic, several city of Phoenix health insurance companies are making temporary accommodations to address the needs of members during this outbreak. For more information on changes or updates on health insurance company accommodations click [here](#).

Runoff Election Information

The city of Phoenix is holding a runoff election on March 9 for Council Members in Districts 3 and 7. Voting is open to registered voters residing in Districts 3 and 7 to elect Council Members.

Important Dates to know:

- ♦ **Feb. 10 – March 5:** In-person early voting is available 8 a.m. - 5 p.m. on the 15th floor of Phoenix City Hall.
- ♦ **Feb. 10:** Ballots for voters on the Permanent Early Voting List will be mailed.
- ♦ **Feb. 26:** Last day to request an early ballot by mail.
- ♦ **March 6, 8 and 9:** Voting Centers will be open for in-person voting.

Identification is required at all in-person voting locations. Devices that allow voters with disabilities to cast ballots independently will be available at early voting and voting center locations.

For more information, visit the city's elections webpage, [Phoenix.gov/Elections](https://phoenix.gov/Elections), call the City Clerk Department at 602-261-VOTE (8683), follow [@PHXClerk on Twitter](#) or use the 7-1-1 Relay System.

Join the **Conversation**



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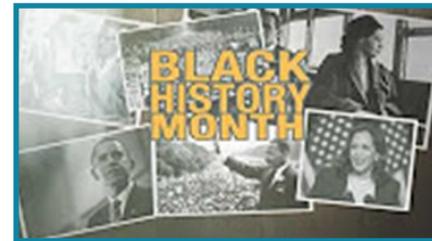
Black History Month Programming on PHXTV

PHXTV is recognizing the achievements of African Americans during Black History Month by airing Black History vignettes created by Ambrose Video. The interesting stories feature contributions by notable African Americans such as Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., Rosa Parks, Althea Gibson, Matthew Henson and others.

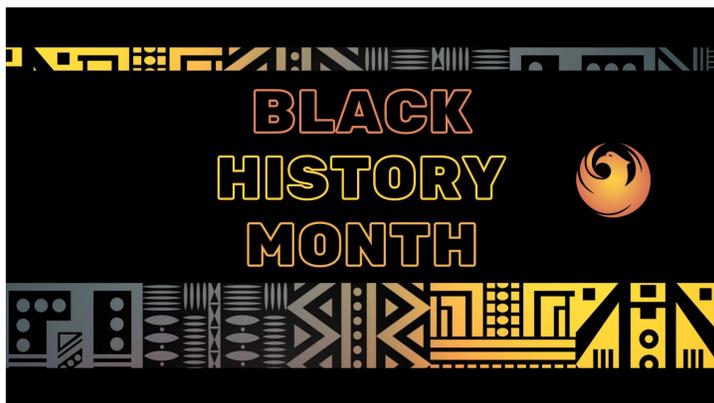
Programming also features success stories about contributions from lesser-known African Americans such as Jerry Lawson who literally changed the game of the video gaming industry when he led a team that developed the video game cartridge in Silicon Valley.

PHXTV's Black History Month programming was coordinated by PHXTV Classroom Producer Davronja Dossie who states that it is very important to acknowledge the achievements of African Americans and other cultures. Dossie also said that the city will air future programming to highlight achievements within the Jewish, Native American and Chinese cultures later this year.

Watch the vignettes and other programming on Cox Ch. 11 or anytime on demand on [the city's YouTube channel](#).



Virtual Story Maps Tour



Everyone is invited to explore the contributions of our African American communities and learn how to create their own story map in an upcoming virtual event. Completed in 2004, the African American Historic Property Survey documented many important places to Phoenix and its African American heritage.

Join us and explore the properties and stories of the places and the people who made a mark on our Phoenix communities, shaping the city we see today through the Historic Preservation Office's African American Heritage story map. There will also be a quick tutorial on using ArcGIS story maps to build you own! **Details:**

- ◆ Thursday, Feb. 25 at 11 a.m.
- ◆ Earn triple diversity training credits
- ◆ [Register for virtual event](#)

The Future of Phoenix

Do your teenagers want to be involved in making the city carbon neutral? Encourage them to join us and give feedback on the Climate Action Plan Framework! **Details:**

- ◆ Saturday, Feb. 20, 1 - 2:30 p.m.
- ◆ Via [Zoom](#)

Phoenix Union High School Sustainability Officers and the city of Phoenix will be hosting an interactive workshop focused on climate action planning.

Make sure their voices get heard so they can help shape the future community! [Check out this webpage](#) about the Climate Action Plan.

AIDS Walk Arizona

Join the city of Phoenix Fast Track team for a virtual celebration for AIDS Walk Arizona! The AIDS Walk Arizona & Fun Run is the largest gathering in Arizona to support people living with HIV, and all proceeds from the event will benefit local community partner agencies.

Employee participation in the AIDS Walk is an eligible activity for city department's EO Plans and credit will be given towards your department's goals. **Details:**

- ◆ Saturday, Feb. 20 at noon
- ◆ Sign up today: [2021 AIDS Walk Arizona & 5k](#)

