



PHX CONNECT

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Update: Health Service

A reminder that the city of Phoenix wants to provide quality, affordable and easily-accessible healthcare to its employees. To help achieve that goal, the city is partnering with Banner Health to provide the city's first employee health clinic. It will be located at 1st and Washington Streets.



The original opening date has been delayed while the contract for the clinic continues to be finalized. Employees will receive information about the clinic in the mail before its opening date and updates via e-mail. Department HR staff will be working with the city Wellness Committee and labor partners to help share clinic updates with employees as well. If you have any questions about this new service for employees, [email the benefits team](#).

Check back here for updates as they happen.

Starting Monday

Overdue
All Fines Forgiven
Phoenix Public Library

Phoenix Public Library's All Fines Forgiven policy takes effect on Monday, Nov. 18. All overdue fines will be forgiven and customers will no longer be charged for late materials. For policy details and FAQs please [visit the library's web page](#).

Your Gratitude



We Want to Hear From You

Keep them coming! Last week, we began asking for your thoughts on gratitude. Several emails were received, and we would love to get more!

As the holidays quickly approach, many begin reflecting on the past year; and start to think about how they can say thanks to those around them. We'd like to hear from our city employees about what they are grateful for when it comes to working for the 5th largest city in the country. We want ideas like:

- ◆ A specific co-worker or group that you appreciate?
- ◆ An aspect of your public service that is meaningful to you
- ◆ Interactions with residents that you want to let others know about ...

Please share your thoughts in 2-3 sentences by emailing PHXConnect@Phoenix.gov. You can remain anonymous if you indicate that in your email.

We will share some of your thoughts in the PHXConnect Newsletter on Nov. 27.

Coming Soon: Public Meetings

This week, the Phoenix City Council asked that public meetings be held to get input from residents about the future of the city's trash and recycling services. For ten years, solid waste fees for residents has remained unchanged.

Several options were presented to the City Council, and now those options will be shown to the public. During these public meetings, the public will get to ask questions and offer their suggestions.

Details on those meetings will be coming soon.

Thank You

This year's Paint Phoenix Purple campaign was a big success. The sharing of information, advice and assistance reached many people. Thanks to all city employees who contributed in a variety of ways, including showing off their Purple Pride! [Check out this video that recaps all that happened.](#)



Transgender Awareness Week

To help raise the visibility of transgender people, the Phoenix LGBTQ Employee Alliance has assembled a display in the City Hall Atrium to celebrate Transgender Awareness Week. The display includes information on transgender rights, issues the transgender community faces and a memorial display to honor the American lives lost in 2019 due to transphobia and anti-transgender violence.

The exhibit will be available for viewing inside Phoenix City Hall from Nov. 13 – 22. [Learn more on the Alliance website.](#)



Zero Waste Training



Are you curious about where your trash and recycling go after you throw it in your containers? Are you looking for ways to save money and declutter your home? During this one-hour class, you will get an in-depth look at the journey your recyclables and trash take to their final destination.

The virtual tour will provide a closer look at how intricate the recycling sorting process is and why it is so important to recycle the right things. You'll also learn about how focusing on zero waste living can help you stay organized and save you money. Only 30 seats are available, don't miss out!

Details:

- ◆ Thursday, Nov. 20
- ◆ 1 - 2 p.m.
- ◆ Calvin C. Goode Building, Estrella Training Rm.
- ◆ Sign up via eCHRIS with course code: PWZEWA

Walk to Honor Others

This year's city of Phoenix Pearl Harbor Day Walk will take place on Saturday, Dec. 7— rain or shine! The one-mile police-escorted walk will start at Phoenix City Hall and make its way to Wesley Bolin Plaza to the anchor of the USS Arizona.



You are invited to walk with the group and volunteer to help coordinate the event. It's a kid-friendly event with food trucks at both City Hall and the State Capital along with military vehicles on display outside City Hall. To register and to sign up to volunteer, [email the event coordinator.](#)

Congrats to PCC

Big kudos to the Phoenix Convention Center (PCC) for being named as one of 20 Centers of Excellence by Exhibitor Magazine. PCC received this honor for trade shows and corporate events.



Out of more than 100 venues, PCC ranked among the highest qualified facilities in each of five categories including: Facility & Functionality, Location & Accommodations, Service & Execution, Upgrades & Expansions and Awards & Industry Participation. [As the article explains](#), PCC achieved this in part because of its walking distance to restaurants and entertainment, proximity to Sky Harbor International Airport, access to public and alternative transportation, available hotel rooms nearby and much more.

Brown Bag Lunch

The city of Phoenix Employees for Christ group invites everyone for an inspiring message from Missionary Fred Perry with Passages Community Church. Fred and his wife Karen ministered overseas for over 45 years in nine different countries, including Turkey, Lebanon, India, Iran, England, Singapore, Belgium and Egypt. **Details:**



- ◆ "Into All the World"
- ◆ Tuesday, Nov. 19
- ◆ Noon - 1 p.m.
- ◆ Calvin C. Goode Building, Coronado Room
- ◆ Earn diversity credits for attending

Join the **Conversation**



Job of the Week

Featured Listing: Accountant I, \$20.74 - \$31.50/hr. Current vacancy in Parks & Recreation.

"Performs entry-level, professional accounting work with minimal supervision in a variety of fiscal settings such as payroll, procurement, general ledger accounting, accounts payable, accounts receivable, sales tax accounting and departmental accounting activities. The work may include the editing of payroll data along with pay check calculations, review of source documents used in accounting, the maintenance of ledgers, registers or other records, initial entry or control accounts, and the preparation of financial, statistical, and narrative reports for operational, capital and grant related activities. Requires paraprofessional experience or a bachelor's degree in accounting or finance. Apply by Dec. 2."

Each Monday, the city posts jobs available for current employees to consider.

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

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

NaNoWriMo

NaNoWriMo is short for **National Novel Writing Month**. Aspiring authors from all around the world pledge to write 50,000 words in one month. Join the local Phoenix writing community for one of Phoenix Public Library's "Write Ins" to connect, share ideas and network with other authors. Just bring your laptop or notebook. Details can be found on [the Phoenix Public Library](#) web page.

Tax Season Volunteers Needed

Volunteers are needed for the upcoming tax season for the Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) Program. No prior tax experience is required and free training is provided. [Watch and learn how easy and rewarding it is to be a volunteer.](#)

