

# PHX CONNECT

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## Get Spooked!



Calling all ghost chasers and paranormal enthusiasts for an experience that may just take your breath away!

The Orpheum Ghost Tours are back by popular demand from Oct. 25 – 31. You can go behind-the-scenes at the Orpheum Theatre to explore the historic theater's storied past and hear historic accounts of spirits that frequent the halls of downtown Phoenix's oldest operating theater.

All proceeds from the Ghost Tours go to the Friends of the Orpheum Theatre, a non-profit organization that supports upkeep of the historic theater. [Get your tickets before they sell out.](#)

## Did You Know?

... that Habitat for Humanity Central Arizona and the city of Phoenix have partnered to construct 30 homes in South Phoenix?



[PHX TV was there as one of the homes was being built.](#)

## Your Help Needed



## Help Drive a Census Van

In Phoenix, Census funding equates to approximately \$866 million a year for programs in almost every department citywide! New for the 2020 Census, people will be able to respond to the census online, by phone or by mail.

To ensure the highest-possible participation, the city has been proactive in developing strategies to help combat the possibility of a digital divide. This means helping people who either do not have access to the internet or do not trust sharing information while online.

The city has partnered with the private sector in creating mobile Census units. A total of six mobile units will be deployed throughout the city to large and small scale events taking place normally on weekends and/or evenings.

The city is looking for employees to volunteer and help operate the vans and answer questions from the public. Volunteers will undergo a training to prepare them with an overview of Census operations, timeline and reporting process. If interested in this volunteer opportunity, please [contact Leila Gamiz](#) or by phone at 262-4078.

## CSFD is Still Going - Hands & Hearts Faire was a HUGE Success



This year's Hands & Hearts Faire to support the Community Service Fund Drive (CSFD) was a huge success. The weather was again warm, but everyone was having a great time. This year's CSFD campaign runs through Oct. 31 and there's a couple of ways you can still participate:

- ◆ Several departments continue to offer food and prizes. Look in your email and on posters in the City Hall lobby for information on these last-minute opportunities
- ◆ Employees can still make pledges via eCHRIS for their 2020 donations. **Reminder: All employees who make a pledge will be entered into a giveaway for a \$500 American Airlines gift card.** Good luck.

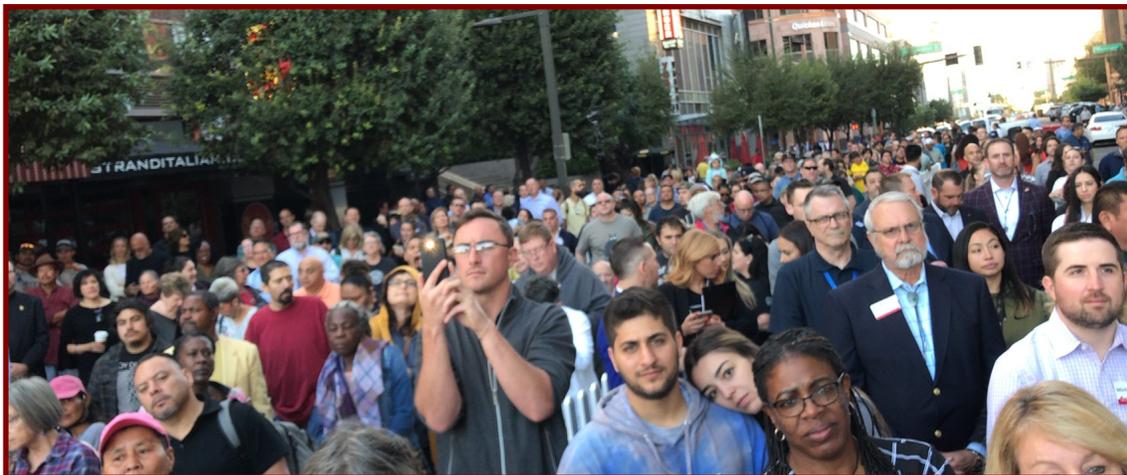
Also, look in next week's PHXConnect newsletter for a list of all the winners from this year's Hands & Hearts Faire. See who won all those cool prizes!

Later in the year, you will also get an update about the final results from this year's campaign.

On behalf of the CSFD committee, a big thank you for your continued support and contributions.



## Fry's Now Open in Downtown Phoenix



This morning, hundreds showed up for the ribbon cutting and grand opening of the Fry's Food Store in downtown Phoenix. This is a great resource for the residents and workers in the downtown area. Now, city employees have another option for lunch or snacks (or even grocery shopping). The store is located at 1st St. and Jefferson.

## Playground for Hackers

Online video games are popular with kids. But did you know most have some type of social component built in, such as direct messaging or chat? To lure kids and take advantage of their trust, cyber thieves use these tricks:



- ◆ Pop-up ads or chat links offering free coins, avatars, skins and upgrades can take a player to a website that requires them to download an executable file, which infects the computer with malware designed to steal data.
- ◆ Fake login schemes use pop-ups within the game to tell the player they must provide their username and password to continue. The pop-up may claim the site is “under maintenance” as a social engineering ploy to steal a player’s account and lock them out.
- ◆ Hackers send spam and fake ads to millions of players, asking them to visit websites for free stuff. The botnet is designed to run a fraudulent ad scheme, which relies on more views and clicks to make the hackers money.

## Día de los Muertos



The **Day of the Dead** is a holiday celebrated throughout Mexico, in particular the Central and South regions, and by people of Mexican heritage elsewhere. The multi-day holiday involves family and friends gathering to pray for and remember friends and family members who have passed, and helping support their spiritual journey. The Phoenix Hispanic Network is showcasing a *megafrenda* that will display artwork by local artists, pictures of loved ones, electronic candles, flowers and food, in the City Hall Atrium from Oct. 28 - Nov. 4.

## Join Us: Phoenix Food Day



**Reminder:** You are invited to Phoenix Food Day and Junior League of Phoenix Healthfest! The free event offers education about healthy eating and nutrition; free medical and dental exams; and other free vaccinations and screenings.

In addition, attendees will enjoy live music, games, cooking and gardening demonstrations, and prizes for the whole family. **Details:**

- ◆ Saturday, Oct. 26
- ◆ 9 a.m. - 2 p.m.
- ◆ Cartwright Community Garden
- ◆ [Check out more details about the event](#)

## Green Bag Lunch

Interested in learning simple, but innovative ideas that global cities are using to become more sustainable? You’re invited to an hour of sharing ideas and strategies and a discussion, when four sustainable professionals from Europe discuss successful programs in their cities that promote sustainability and a circular economy.

Find out what a repair café is, the benefits of neighborhood sharing and the impacts of plastic waste and more. This event is co-hosted by the Public Works Department and the Green Team.

**Details:**

- ◆ Friday, Oct. 25
- ◆ 9:30 - 10:30 a.m.
- ◆ Phoenix City Hall, 20-E
- ◆ Earn triple diversity points for your attendance



## New Bike Lane Options

As city employees commute from all over the Valley to get to work, it's important to know about



possible changes in the downtown area. The Street Transportation Department is seeking public input to identify an east-west bicycle lane option in downtown Phoenix to connect to existing and future bicycle infrastructure.

Hear details on several options between 7th and 1st Avenues including Portland, Roosevelt, McKinley and Fillmore Streets. Some of the options may require changes to or the removal of traffic lanes or on-street parking. **Details:**

- ◆ Monday, Oct. 28
- ◆ 7 - 8:30 p.m.
- ◆ Burton Barr Central Library

More details are available on the [Street's bike lanes web page](#). For questions or to submit comments outside of the meeting, [email the bike team](#).

## Help Work in the City Garden

The weather is cooling down and it's time to spruce up the city of Phoenix demonstration garden and put in some seeds for the fall! The Green Garden Group is looking for NEW volunteers to work on the garden!



### Details:

- ◆ Wednesday, Oct. 23 and Tuesday, Oct. 29
- ◆ Behind Calvin C. Goode Building
- ◆ 4 - 6 p.m.

As always, come for as long as you are able. Small tools and gloves will be available to use. Extra packets of lettuce seeds will be available for volunteers to take home ... along with plenty of basil! Questions? Call Elizabeth Zima at 6-3447.

## Job of the Week

**Featured Listing: Operations & Maintenance Technician Trainee, \$16.39 - \$21.20/hour.**

*Trainees go through a 12-month program to learn environmental stewardship, regulatory compliance and generalized theory associated with the operations and maintenance of the city's water and wastewater treatment plants and remote facilities. Training occurs in on-the-job and classroom settings. Upon successful completion of the 12-month training program, trainees promote to the position of Operations and Maintenance Technician. Trainees must obtain and maintain Self-Contained Breathing Apparatus (SCBA) certification as a condition of employment. An Arizona Department of Environmental Quality grade 1-operator certification in the appropriate discipline by the end of the 12-month trainee period is required. Apply by Oct. 28.*

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.](#)

## Leave Donations

The following employees are accepting leave donations. If you'd like to help, use eChris:

- ◆ Rosalinda Webb, senior engineering tech., Water Services
- ◆ Nicholas Sotelo, street maintenance worker II, Street Transportation
- ◆ Michele Clarke, police communications operator, Police

## CALLING ALL CHILI COOKS!

The 24th Annual Chili Challenge is looking for you!

If you think you have an award-winning chili recipe, then we want you to join the challenge for a good cause!

Submit your chili entry to [juanita.hawley@phoenix.gov](mailto:juanita.hawley@phoenix.gov) by Nov. 1.

The Annual Chili Challenge is on Thursday, Nov. 21 from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.

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