



PHX CONNECT

The Weekly Connection Newsletter for City of Phoenix Employees • July 19, 2017

CHECK YOUR ADDRESS

Open Enrollment is Oct. 16 to Nov. 3

Important information about the upcoming dependent eligibility audit and 2018 benefits will be mailed to employees, but you won't receive it unless your address is correct in eCHRIS. Take a few minutes to open eCHRIS Self-Service and confirm your address. If you need eCHRIS assistance, contact the HR Center at 602-495-5700. Failure to have an accurate address in eCHRIS does not excuse you from the requirements of the dependent audit or each year's open enrollment deadline.

BURTON BARR CLOSED

As you may have heard, Burton Barr Central Library suffered damage after a monsoon storm last weekend and will be closed until further notice. All programs, events and meetings scheduled within the next 30 days have been cancelled.

Classes and other activities are being rescheduled for later dates or at other locations.

Updates on the restoration progress can be found on [the library's web site](#).



A big thank you to all the city workers across many departments, working together as a team to restore services to the city's main library.



SPECIAL OPEN HOUSE




Did you know the Printing & Design Services section of the City Clerk Department offers full service printing and graphic design? Their main location is at 2640 S. 22nd Ave., but the work can all be done over the phone and via email. They also operate a satellite facility (Rapid Copy) on the 10th floor of Phoenix City Hall for quick turnarounds of high-volume printing work.

If you're looking to make a big impact with your design projects and printing needs, they are the experts in printing and graphic design; including logos, brochures, banners, trade show displays, posters, postcards, books, forms, variable data printing and more.

Everyone is invited to an open house to see what they can do for you. Details:

- ◆ Wednesday, July 26, 9 a.m. - 2 p.m.
- ◆ Rapid Copy, 10th Floor, Phoenix City Hall
- ◆ For more information, visit [Printing & Design Services](#) or call 602-262-6549.

If you cannot make the open house, tours of the 22nd Ave. facility are available by calling the number listed above.



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SECOND REMINDER

Eligible employees are invited to apply for three employee positions on the City of Phoenix Employees Retirement System (COPERS) Board. The positions, with terms of Jan. 1, 2017, through Dec. 31, 2020, will be filled in a **December 2017 election**. Any active COPERS member wishing to be a candidate for the board election must complete an application available in the Retirement Office. If you're interested in receiving an application or in learning more about the COPERS board responsibilities and procedures, contact Trista Eaden at 602-256-4323.

Applications must be received by 5 p.m. Friday, September 1, 2017 in the Retirement Office, City Hall, 200 W. Washington, 10th floor, Phoenix, AZ 85003.

Aramis Stevenson

Administrative Assistant II
Office of Homeland Security and Emergency Management



Aramis joined the city in 2016 as the Training and Exercise Coordinator.

In his spare time, Aramis spends time with family and friends and loves to travel. (Check out Paris below)

He oversees small- and large-scale exercises to test plans and practice emergency procedures.



Aramis connects internal & external community groups during these exercises to improve coordination.

Fast Facts

Favorite thing about working for the city of Phoenix:
"The teamwork and working with so many people with diverse specialties."

- ◆ Favorite popcorn topping:
Butter & Cholula
- ◆ Favorite restaurant:
White Chocolate Grill
- ◆ Cannot start morning without my:
Coffee and music

Major accomplishment:
Completed 20 years of military service with multiple deployments.

- ◆ Often humming or singing:
I do not want to torture people so I don't sing...

Check out all of the profiles on our amazing city employees by clicking on [this link](#).

JOB OF THE WEEK

Featured Listing: Cement Finisher Helper (\$15.56 - \$19.77/hour)

"Assists skilled cement finishers on flat surface cement projects including sidewalks, curbs, gutters and streets. Requires 2 years of experience performing manual work with cement finishing; or 2 years of experience assisting a skilled tradesperson in cement finishing. First review occurs July 31, 2017."

Each Monday, the city posts jobs available for current employees to consider. [Here's the link](#) to the most recent Job Opportunities.

BRIEF CLOSURE

FYI: The Happy Valley Park-n-Ride will close Saturday, July 22 at 6 a.m. and will re-open Sunday, July 23 at around 12:30 p.m.



Have an idea for the next PHXConnect?
E-mail us: phxconnect@phoenix.gov

CITYCAM IS LIVE

Welcome to the new view of PHX! There are now four ways to see what's happening around Phoenix City Hall with this new streaming service. It's available for everyone to check out and share with friends. You will also see these live feeds and recorded, time-lapse videos from these cameras on the city's main social media pages. Watch all summer-long as the cameras will give viewers you a front-row seat to the monsoon. Check them out today.



GREEN BAG LUNCH

Have you wanted to garden but struggled? Join expert gardener Dave Talley as he shares his best practices and advice on various topics. Some include: how to make raised garden beds, what various recycled materials work best; as well as what sustainable products are available in building your raised beds.



He will cover the best practices for building raised beds in the desert, design options, irrigation and water methods, shading and fencing possibilities and options for sitting or standing at raised beds. Take a break from the heat and dream about your fall garden plans. The Green Bag is brought to you by the Phoenix Green Team. **Details:**

- ◆ Thursday, July 27
- ◆ Noon – 1pm
- ◆ Calvin Goode Bldg., 10th floor
- ◆ Earn TRIPLE diversity training credits under the city's Equal Opportunity Plan. Your attendance will count toward your department goals.



ELECTION NOTICE

On Aug. 29, the city will conduct an election for Councilmembers in Districts 2, 4, 6 and 8. City employees who are Phoenix residents are encouraged to vote. As a reminder, the Mayor and Council approved a new policy in September 2016 which covers city employees' ability to participate in Phoenix Mayor and Council elections.

The policy allows city employees to privately express their political opinions in city of Phoenix elections. Examples of what the policy now allows includes posting private opinions on personal or non-governmental social media accounts, displaying yard signs on non-governmental property, signing nominating petitions, or communicating with another person or group of people regarding city elections when the employee does not do so in an official capacity.

While the new policy allows private political expression for city employees, there are still certain restrictions to be aware of. City employees may **NOT**:

- ◆ Use any official city authority or influence for the purpose of interfering with or affecting the results of an election.
- ◆ Participate in the management or affairs of any city candidates' campaign for Mayor of Phoenix or Phoenix City Council including, but not limited to, soliciting or making financial contributions to candidates.
- ◆ Display bumper stickers and posters on city vehicles or display bumper stickers, posters, literature, buttons, or other campaign material on city property or at their individual work sites.
- ◆ Use an official city title or designate employment with the city in political advertisements, endorsements, or speeches.

If you have any questions, please review the new [A.R. 2.16](#) and discuss the issue with your supervisor.

