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BIKE TO WORK

Join the city of Phoenix and Maricopa County for the 12th Annual Bike to Work Day event. City and county elected officials will host a three-mile bicycle ride and light breakfast in downtown Phoenix with the goal of inspiring citizens to increase their fitness and decrease pollution.

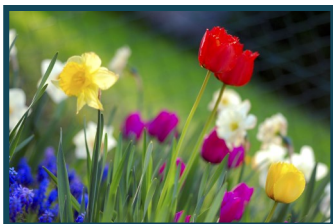


Everyone is welcome to join the ride regardless of their bicycle-riding experience and fitness level. Riders who register for the group ride or solo ride will receive a light breakfast at CityScape and a Valley Metro t-shirt. This event takes place Wednesday, April 19, 2017, from 7 a.m. to 8:30 a.m. For more information, visit Maricopa.gov/btw.

VERNAL EQUINOX?

For those unfamiliar with the term “Vernal Equinox,” there is a more familiar term - the first day of spring. This year, the Vernal Equinox is Monday, March 20.

Yes, folks, spring is about to be sprung.



TRAVEL WITH A SMILE



If it’s March, it must be time for a break—spring break, that is. Arizona is a hotspot for travelers in March, with students coming and going on spring break, baseball fans getting some sun while watching their favorite nine on the diamond, and special events like Camping World 500 NASCAR Race Weekend and NCAA Final Four taking place in the Valley.

Here are a few tips to make your spring travel through America’s Friendliest Airport® easier:

- Checking out a Spring Training game? Please know that souvenir baseball bats are not permitted in your carry-on bags and must be placed in checked luggage. For more information, visit tsa.gov.
- Give yourself plenty of time when flying through Sky Harbor. Arrive at least two hours before your flight if you are flying domestically, and three hours if you are flying internationally.
- Confirm your flight status with your airline before coming to the airport.
- Review current security wait times at skyharbor.com before you arrive.
- Haven’t flown through Terminal 3 recently? You’re in for a surprise. We’ve made some enhancements and changes within the terminal. Find out more [here](#).

For additional travel tips from America’s Friendliest Airport®, visit skyharbor.com.

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Eva Masadiego

Admin. Assistant II
Youth & Education Office



Eva joined the city in 2015 working in Councilman Valenzuela's office before joining Youth & Education.

Famous person she admires:
"Malala - A fearless advocate for education. She inspired me to believe in myself."

Eva leads the Experience Corps Phoenix literacy program as a Youth and Education coordinator.



Eva's roots are in education; she also worked as policy advisor for a local school board in the Valley.

Fast Facts

- ◆ Favorite app on phone:
Pinterest
- ◆ Movie popcorn topping:
Tapatio hot sauce
- ◆ Cannot start morning:
Without music
- ◆ Often humming or singing:
Anything by La Sonora Dinamita (puts me in a good mood)

Favorite thing about working for the city of Phoenix:

"The people. People here work together to make Phoenix the best for all residents."

Major accomplishment in her life: *"Serving as an elementary teacher has been one of the proudest things I have done."*

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

Have an idea for the next PHXConnect?

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DROP-IN AT PUEBLO GRANDE

Join the Arizona Herb Association (AHA) on the back patio at Pueblo Grande Museum for a drop-in informational program about the uses, culture, history and lore of herbs.

The AHA explores interests in culinary, cosmetic, medicinal, ornamental, dye and ethnic herbs. All other interests in herbs are encouraged and welcomed! This informal program is included with paid museum admission. This program was made possible by Arizona Humanities. For more information, call 602-495-0901.

JOB OF THE WEEK

Featured Listing: Administrative Assistant I

This position performs a variety of advanced administrative duties such as gathering information, performing statistical analyses, program monitoring, studying administrative problems, and developing improved systems, procedures, and forms. Some positions supervise clerical or technical staff.

Requires a bachelor's degree and one year of paraprofessional level administrative or financial experience. Salary range is \$42,515 - \$63,315. Apply by March 27, 2017 through [eChris](#). [Here's the link](#) to the most recent Job Opportunities.

RUN 5K FOR OUR PARKS

Want to run or walk for a great cause? Our city parks need your help, and your walking and running will help us every step of the way.

Proceeds from the 5k race will go to the Phoenix Parks Foundation and recreation programs.

So, lace up your shoes, bring your family and bring your dog. It's all for a great cause.

When: Sunday, April 2, 7:30 to 10:30 a.m. (race starts at 9 a.m.).

Where: Papago Park, 625 N. Galvin Pkwy., Phoenix.

Cost: \$40 to \$50.

Register online at : www.phxparksfoundation.org

For more information, call 602-262-4885.

PHX FULL ACCESS

As you probably know by now, the road to the Final Four ends here in Phoenix!

CBS 5 News is not just the home of March Madness, it is the place where you can see special reports featuring the city and what we are doing to prepare for this big event.

Several city departments will be highlighted in this new series called, "PHX Full Access."



Viewers will get a behind-the-scenes look at all the work city employees are doing ahead of time to roll out the red carpet for the tens of thousands of basketball fans headed to Arizona for the Final Four.

Featured departments include: Police, Fire, Transit, Aviation, Parks, Water, Public Works and the Convention Center.

If you miss the stories on CBS 5 (or its sister TV station, 3TV), check out the city's [Facebook](#) page, [PHXTV](#) or [phoenix.gov](#).

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STOP THOSE WATER LEAKS

Are you ready to chase down water leaks?

Household leaks can be sneaky and can waste more than one trillion gallons of water annually nationwide. We encourage you to hunt down household leaks during the 9th Annual Fix a Leak Week, March 20 through 26.



See if you can find and fix leaks inside and outside your home to save valuable water and money all year long.

How to check a toilet for leaks:

- Lift the toilet tank cover.
- Place a few drops of food coloring into the tank.
- Wait 15 minutes (do not use the toilet).
- If the color appears in the bowl, you have a leak!

For more information about Fix a Leak Week and great water saving tips, visit [phoenix.gov/water](#).

ARE YOU A NINJA?

Learn about the Ninja Warrior Style Challenge Course that recently opened at Washington Park. [Watch to learn more.](#)



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