



# PHX CONNECT

The Weekly Connection Newsletter for City of Phoenix Employees • March 2, 2016

## FOR THE GUYS...

The Prostate On-site Project (POP) unit returns to the city to provide convenient prostate cancer screenings. They are performed by a medical doctor who specializes in the field. The prostate exams are free for city employees, 40 years and older, and for younger men with a history of prostate cancer in the family. You must present your city ID at the time of your appointment for free services. To schedule an appointment call 480-964-3013.

- ◆ Tuesday, March 8
- ◆ 7:30 a.m.—1:30 p.m.
- ◆ Adams St. between 2nd & 3rd Aves.
  
- ◆ Wednesday, March 9
- ◆ 7:30 a.m.—1:30 p.m.
- ◆ 2515 E. Buckeye Rd. (Aviation complex)

## NEW PROCESS

The city has contracted with a new vendor, uConfirm, to provide wage and employment verification services for city employees. When you apply for a loan or visit a social services agency, you may be asked to provide verification of your current wages and/or employment status. This process, which has been outsourced for several years, will now be coordinated through uConfirm. Frequently asked questions regarding this process, including contact information for the new vendor, can be found [online here](#), or you can contact the Human Resources Department at 602-495-5700 for more information.

## NEED TO KNOW

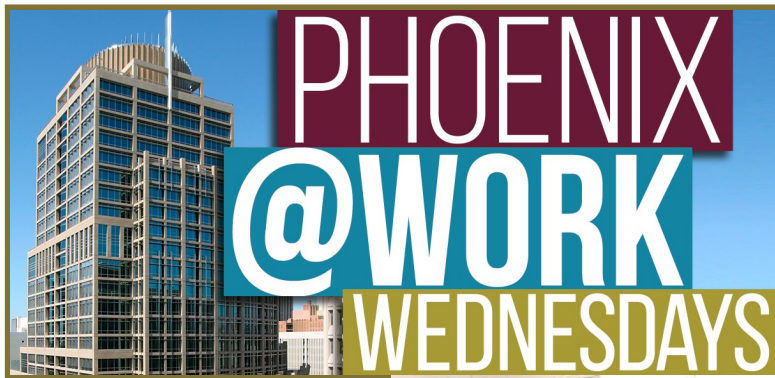


## LOOK FOR FORM 1095

City of Phoenix employees and retirees enrolled in city medical coverage in 2015 will receive a 1095 Form. These forms have been mailed in batches since last Friday continuing into this week. If you haven't received yours yet, please look for it in the mail this week. If you do not receive this form because your mailing address is not up-to-date in eCHRIS, please log in to eCHRIS Self-Service to correct your mailing address.

Please note that 1095 Forms are **not required** to file your 2015 taxes. The IRS issued an update in mid-January **extending the employer deadline** for issuing these forms to March 31, 2016 and the form is not required for 2015 tax filing. You are advised to keep the 1095 form on file with your tax records. For more information, [visit here](#).

To contact the Benefits Office with questions, [email here](#).



# PHOENIX @WORK WEDNESDAYS

## Alma Corrales

Caseworker I  
Human Services Department



Corrales goes above and beyond to provide quality seamless service to the Head Start Birth to Five Program.

Corrales is studying to be an Acupuncturist. She enjoys exercising and spending time with her family.

Corrales has worked with the city for nine years.



While working at Phoenix Elementary School District #1, she implemented a reading program and Open Doors training for her assigned sites.

### Fast Facts

- ◆ Favorite style of music:  
**Pop & romantic**
- ◆ Unknown talent about her:  
**Good dancer**
- ◆ Next on the bucket list:  
**Certification on traditional Chinese medicine**
- ◆ "I cannot live without...":  
**My daughters**

"I enjoy my work because I consider it an honor to assist the families that I serve. I like to see the positive impact on people's lives."

Three things that describe her:

*"Advocate, hard worker and organized."*

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## YOUR HELP NEEDED

Next month's Community Connection Fair is looking for some help. The event is designed to connect community members with social services and healthcare programs offered within the Central City South Community.

The event encourages residents to be active in preventing crime and blight, keeping kids in school and healthy, and provide economic opportunities through job development resources. The fair will have information booths, entertainment, door prizes, face painting and refreshments.

Volunteers are needed to help set up and tear down, registration, working with vendors, hosting youth activities and more. **Details:**

- ◆ March 5, 10 a.m.—1 p.m.
- ◆ Matthew Henson Park, 9th Ave. between Sherman St. & Tonto St.
- ◆ To volunteer, [click here](#).

## KNOW THE CODE

Are you concerned about trash, high weeds, dead trees, graffiti, deteriorated fences or open/vacant properties in your neighborhood? The city of Phoenix Neighborhood Services Department (NSD) is hosting a free class on how the code compliance process works to address violations in your community. "Code Compliance 101" **Details:**

- ◆ March 2, from 6 p.m.—7:30 p.m.
- ◆ Washington Activity Center, 2240 W. Citrus Way.
- ◆ For more information, 602-534-4444.

## EVERYONE'S INVITED

The Phoenix Asian League (PAL) is inviting all city employees to its next quarterly meeting. This meeting will focus on cyber security presented by Tina Slanka. Unlimited lunch will be provided at a cost of \$5 or you can bring your own lunch. **Details:**

- ◆ Tuesday, March 8
- ◆ Noon—1 p.m.
- ◆ Adams Street Training Room
- ◆ RSVP by Friday, March 4 by [emailing here](#)

## LEAVE DONATIONS

The following employee is accepting leave donations. If you'd like to help; use eChris to make your donation:

- ◆ Frank Martinez, Custodial Worker, Aviation Department

### Have an idea for the next PHX Connect?

E-mail us: [phxconnect@phoenix.gov](mailto:phxconnect@phoenix.gov)

## 'TIS THE SEASON...

... to garden! The Green Gardening Group (G3) is hosting a green bag on tips for taking advantage of one of the best growing seasons in metro Phoenix.

Pam Perry, Master Gardener with the Maricopa Master Gardener Program, will speak about what to plant, what to harvest and what will be coming up in the gardening timeline. Planting calendars will be provided.

Bring your lunch and earn TRIPLE diversity training credits under the city's Equal Opportunity Plan. Your attendance will count toward your departmental goals. G3 is a part of the Phoenix Green Team, hosts quarterly events, and maintains the G3 Employee Demo Garden. If you'd like to join G3, [email here](#). **Details:**



- ◆ Thursday, March 10
- ◆ Noon to 1 p.m.
- ◆ Calvin Goode Building, 10E

## CAREER SWITCH?

**JOB SPOTLIGHT: Senior Center Supervisor:** *Experienced professional needed to direct and evaluate all programs that assist, educate and engage older adults and disabled participants at a city of Phoenix Senior Center.*

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

## IT'S BACK!!!

What's old is new again as PHX TV has restarted production on its Cool In Your Zip programming. Each story takes viewers to a different zip code within the city limits and introduces viewers to a place or business that is not only "cool," but is making a difference for those who visit. Check out the first episode of the new [season here](#).



## GET YOUR PEDAL ON



City employee Joseph Perez, wearing the patriotic bicycling outfit, took part in last year's event.

All city workers are invited and encouraged to take part in the 11th Annual Bike to Work Day event on Wednesday, April 20<sup>th</sup>, 2016.

Maricopa County and city of Phoenix 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.

Participants who pre-register will receive a t-shirt and are eligible to

enter a drawing for exciting prizes.

Everyone is welcome to join the ride regardless of their bicycle-riding experience and fitness level. For more information and registration forms, [click here](#).



GRIDBIKES is supporting this event by offering a discount during April Bike Month. The promo code is **BIKEMONTH2016** and it's good for 50% off a monthly membership during Valley Bike Month. [Visit here](#) for details about how it works and the location of Grid Lock Stations and Stop and Shop racks.

## FREE MAGAZINES

Have you visited Phoenix Public Library's "digital branch" yet? [Phoenix Public Library's website](#) hosts a digital catalogue paired with tons of eResources and offers you access to the Library 24/7! In addition to downloading digital books, you can take an online course, stream music and movies, read newspapers and "flip" through magazines.



For example, Flipster is an easy to use online newsstand. Access Flipster's library of popular magazine titles from any computer,

laptop, or mobile device that is connected to the Internet and click on a magazine to view it immediately within your browser. You can have access to a variety of popular titles including Entertainment Weekly, Essence, InStyle, People, Sports Illustrated and many more! It's all free with your Phoenix Public Library card. Don't have a card? [Get one here](#).



## VERY HAPPY PARENTS

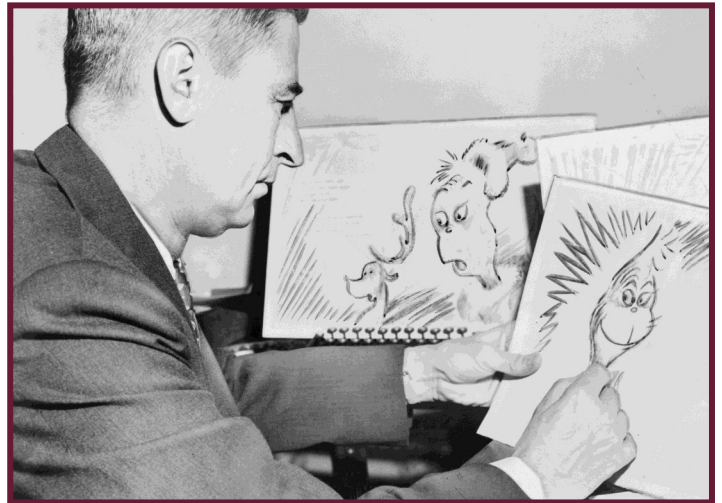
Congratulations to Misty Escamilla, Senior Human Resources Clerk, in the Human Resources Department as her son, Brandon, was just accepted to the United States Military Academy. He leaves for West Point in New York in June. Brandon is currently a ROTC freshman at BYU in Provo, UT. Below is a picture of Brandon after receiving his Eagle Scout with the Boy Scouts of America.



## THIS WEEK IN HISTORY

Click on the day to learn more about the story mentioned below.

- ◆ **Monday** 2004: The Lord of the Rings wins big at Oscars.
- ◆ **Tuesday** 1932: Lindbergh baby kidnapped.
- ◆ **Wednesday** 1904: Dr. Seuss is born.
- ◆ **Thursday** 1931: The Star-Spangled Banner become official.
- ◆ **Friday** 1995: John Candy dies.



## PICTURE OF THE WEEK

We love to see your pictures. Show us what you are up to in Phoenix by [emailing us](#).



Kirstofer Book, Airside Operations worker with the Aviation Department at Sky Harbor Airport, sent us this photo taken through the rear-view mirror of his work vehicle.

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