

PHX CONNECT

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PASS SWAP

If you take advantage of your free Platinum Pass to ride the local bus, light rail or RAPID/Express buses to work and back – your current Platinum Pass will stop working at the end of March.

Pick up your new Platinum Pass from your department representative before March 31. Also, if you place the two cards together in your wallet or ID holder, there have been reports the signal is not reading correctly at the card scanners. Please remove your card to tap your way onto the bus or light rail.

If you have questions about the employee Platinum Pass Program, please call Central Payroll at 262-6555.



WAY TO GO



Congratulations to Street Transportation Department employee Allen Smolko, P.E., for receiving the government civil engineer of the year award from the Phoenix branch of the

#AmericanSocietyofCivilEngineers. The city is honored to have him as a member of our team.

NEED A CHALLENGE?



CITY OF PHOENIX UNIVERSITY

BETTER YOU. BETTER US.

WANT TO STRETCH YOUR ABILITIES?

If you answered yes to either of the questions above, then the Adjunct Faculty may be for you. Consider partnering with the city as a stretch goal to develop robust presentation and facilitation skills, which will have a lasting impact on the audience and yourself.

You'll learn the skills needed to make a clear connection with an audience, and you'll have the opportunity to practice often and receive valuable feedback from your peers. You'll partner with a subject matter expert to ensure your success and have the chance to make your own impact in a classroom.

For more information about the Adjunct Faculty program, including objectives, expectations and time investment ... navigate to the [CPU SharePoint site by following this link](#) and then clicking on the Adjunct Faculty tab.

If you are interested in joining the Faculty, employees and their direct supervisors will need to complete the application.

For additional questions please contact CPU@phoenix.gov.

PHOENIX @WORK WEDNESDAYS

Victor SanMiguel

Utility Service Specialist
Water Services



Victor has been with the city since 2006, spending his entire career in Phoenix with Water Services.

In his spare time, Victor rides his motorcycle, goes to concerts and spends time with his two nephews.

First, he was a utility tech, repairing and replacing fire hydrants, water mains and valves and service lines.



As a utility service specialist, he now helps customers with requests and disputes, among other things.

Fast Facts

Victor says his first position in the city is helping him with his current one because he can explain to residents about the work that is being done on their property.

- ◆ Favorite book series:
Red Rising by Pierce Brown
- ◆ If I won a \$1M, I'd ...
Pay off debt and buy 2 cars; a 1970 Chevy Chevelle and a Dodge Challenger SRT Demon
- ◆ Best place for dessert?
Cold Stone Creamery
- ◆ Favorite ice cream flavor?
Strawberry Cheesecake

What makes the city a great place to work? *My coworkers are always there for me ... with help, a joke or some advice.*

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

Have an idea for the next PHXConnect?

E-mail us: phxconnect@phoenix.gov

BECOMING CARBON NEUTRAL



Watch these short videos that highlight the city's 2050 Environmental Sustainability Goals in the areas of:

- ◆ [Buildings & Land Use](#)
- ◆ [Transportation](#)
- ◆ [Zero Waste](#)
- ◆ [Water](#)
- ◆ [Parks & Open Space](#)
- ◆ [Clean Air](#)
- ◆ [Food Systems](#)

The city has adopted these goals that reflect the community's desired long-term environmental outcomes for a sustainable city. [Watch the full video](#) or [visit the city's Sustainability web page](#) for more information.

JOB OF THE WEEK

Featured Listing: Facility Contract Compliance Specialist, Aviation Department (\$17.04-\$24.73/hr)

“Oversees the operations of contractors providing services to City of Phoenix facilities, such as janitorial, custodial, pest management, odor control, etc. Serves as a liaison between the City and contractors to resolve problems and complaints; conducts joint review/inspection meetings; writes detailed inspection reports and drafts contract specifications; uses a computerized work order system. Requires contract monitoring, quality assurance or compliance-related experience as well as experience using computer applications for spreadsheets and word processing, and have an acceptable driving record. Apply by April 2.”

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

RECYCLE MADNESS

Recycle Madness started off with a bang last week as 24 floors from City Hall and Calvin C. Goode building went head-to-head to see who is recycling right. Here are last week's winners, who advanced to the next round:

City Hall: Floors 2, 4, 7, 9, 10, 12 and 17

Calvin C Goode: Floors 2, 5, 7, 8 and 9

This week we head into the Sweet 16 as last year's Final Four (City Hall floors 11, 14, 18 and 20) join the rest of the floors on the court. [An updated bracket is now available to view](#). As things start to heat up, remember that this competition is not just about recycling, but recycling the right things! If you need to know what is recyclable, please visit [the city's recycling web page](#) or reach out to the Zero Waste team on the 7th floor of City Hall.

Recycling Tip #1: Paper towels and napkins are not recyclable, but they can go in the compost bin.



BRING ON THE BEES

You are invited to a free workshop that will help you create an environment that fosters successful native bee populations in gardens, orchards and natural spaces. Learn about these vital pollinators, what are the best plants for them and how to make your own native bee nest from repurposed materials.

Details:

- ◆ Saturday, March 24
- ◆ 2 - 3 p.m.
- ◆ Saguaro Library, 2808 N 46th St, Phoenix, AZ 85008

LIVING A ZERO WASTE LIFE

Are you interested in learning how to live a zero waste lifestyle? Come listen to best-selling author and zero waste expert Bea Johnson, who launched a global movement inspiring thousands of people to live simply and take a stance against needless waste.



Learn what you can do to help Phoenix achieve its goal to become a zero waste city by the year 2050. **Details:**

- ◆ Thursday, April 12
- ◆ Arizona Jewish Historical Society, 122 E. Culver St, Phoenix, AZ 85004
- ◆ Doors open at 6 p.m., keynote at 7 p.m. [Register on EventBrite](#).
- ◆ Don't forget to share and tag us on social media with **#PHX2ZERO**.

SWAG SALE

If you want to stock up on some city of Phoenix merchandise, COPMEA has a sale going on right now on polo shirts. Check out the [COPMEA web page](#) or call them at 262-6857

FOOD TRUCK FRIDAY

Just a short walk in the downtown area takes you to the all-new Food Truck Friday. It's happening each week at Civic Space Park from 11 a.m. - 1:30 p.m. [Take a quick look in a Quick ZIP from PHXTV](#).

