



PHX CONNECT

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SECTION 8 HOUSING

New Date for Opening Program

The city of Phoenix Housing Department has a new date for the opening of the Section 8/Housing Choice Voucher (HCV) program wait list. The online application process will now begin at 9 a.m. Monday, Aug. 8 and run through Friday, Aug. 12, or until 10,000 applications are received.

The city is opening the wait list in August instead of May to give more time to complete an upgrade to the online application process. This is the first time Phoenix has been able to offer the HCV program in an online platform.

The city's HCV program is funded by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development and is available for low-income individuals and families. Program participants pay at least 30 percent of their adjusted gross monthly income toward their rent to a private landlord and the program will pay the landlord the remaining balance.

Families from the Section 8 wait list are selected in accordance with HUD requirements and local preferences.

For more information about the Section 8/HCV program, [click here](#) or call 602-534-1974.

FOR OUR SAFETY



FIRE BAN TAKES EFFECT SUNDAY

It's that time of year when open fires in the city's desert and mountain preserves will be banned starting Sunday, May 22.

This annual ban is expected to run through mid-October and applies to Camelback Mountain, Papago Park, all areas of the Phoenix Mountains, South Mountain Park/Preserve, North Mountain and surrounding areas, the Sonoran Preserve, and the Deem Hills area. For those using the preserves, the fire ban stipulates the following:

- ◆ Open, wood and charcoal fires are prohibited in any part of Phoenix's preserves
- Smoking outside of enclosed vehicles will continue to be prohibited
- Propane or gas grills may be used, but only in established picnic areas

The Phoenix Parks and Recreation Department and Phoenix Fire Department also remind trail users to *"Take a Hike. Do it Right."* A pre-hiking checklist and hiking safety tips are [viewable here](#).

PHOENIX @WORK WEDNESDAYS

Pam Lindley

**Program Manager
Community & Economic
Development Department**



Pam started with the city in 1994 and is responsible for helping companies elevate their business goals in the city of Phoenix.

Tuft & Needle's co-owners (seen below) said Pam is the "friend every growing business wants and needs."

Pam played a huge role in assisting Tuft & Needle with their corporate expansion here in Phoenix.



While at their new offices on Grand Avenue, Tuft & Needle said Pam's hard work made the relocation a "seamless transition."

Fast Facts

- ◆ 3 words to describe her:
Creative, positive & energetic
- ◆ Next on bucket list:
Watching Packers play at Lambeau Field
- ◆ Favorite kind of music:
Classic rock
- ◆ "I cannot live without...":
Her "happy snappy" camera

Favorite thing about working for the city of Phoenix:

"Helping the business community find solutions to keep them happy, healthy & here in Phoenix."

In her spare time, Pam loves to shoot landscape photography.

Learn about other city employees and share their stories:

Click here -> [Phoenix @ Work Wednesdays](#)

Have an idea for the next PHX Connect?

E-mail us: phxconnect@phoenix.gov

SUMMER READING

The summer means fun, free and fascinating things to do at all 17 Phoenix Public Library locations. Participate in the annual Summer Reading Program, June 1 – August 1. Kids, teens and adults can read at least 20 minutes a day and track reading success to earn prizes and avoid summer learning loss.



Staying in town this summer? Download a favorite book or movie, check out a Culture Pass to local attractions like the Arizona Science Center, Desert Botanical Gardens or Phoenix Art Museum, or come to the library to take a class. Plus, have fun with a "Wild Rumpus" to celebrate 50 years of *Maurice Sendak: Where the Wild Things Are*. For more information, [click here](#) or call 602-262-4636.

ENJOY THE OUTDOORS

New Trailhead Opening Saturday

Everyone is invited to celebrate the opening of the Desert Hills Trailhead in the Sonoran Preserve on Saturday at 8 a.m.

The trailhead is located at 705 W. Carefree Hwy (7th Ave. and Carefree Hwy.). The event will feature displays by different trail user groups and organizations along with Desert Hills Animal Clinic, which has adopted the trailhead. Following a brief ceremony and ribbon cutting, the public is invited to take a three-mile park ranger-led hike.



COOL IN YOUR ZIP

Discover fresh, local, naturally grown produce; experience farm to table dining; and participate in a class or host an event at a signature Phoenix spot that's cool in your zip!

[Check it out here.](#)



CATCHING UP

There's still time to take part in a friendly competition that will put city of Phoenix employees up against their counterparts from Maricopa County.

In recognition of Health and Fitness Day, the city's employee wellness program Fit4Phoenix is inviting all employees to take part in a group walk on Wednesday, May 25. So far, the signups are encouraging:

- ◆ City of Phoenix: 67 signups
- ◆ Maricopa County: 76 signups

We need more walkers to beat the county workers!!!

The event starts at 7 a.m. outside the county building at 205 W. Jefferson Street. It's a two-mile walk that takes you inside Chase Field. To sign up, [click here](#). City walkers are asked to wear a white shirt.

JOB OF THE WEEK

Featured Listing: Urban Forestry Technician

"Operates aerial bucket truck to trim trees; requires one year of tree care and maintenance including pruning and removal; and ability to work at heights up to 70 feet."

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

AROUND PHX

It's all smiles out at the Washington Dog Park. Meet Hana and Koda. These two dogs had a great time with their owner, Heather Finden, Project Coordinator in the Water Services Department.

Thank you for sending in your pictures when you are AroundPHX. Please email us what you are up to and it may get profiled in a future newsletter.



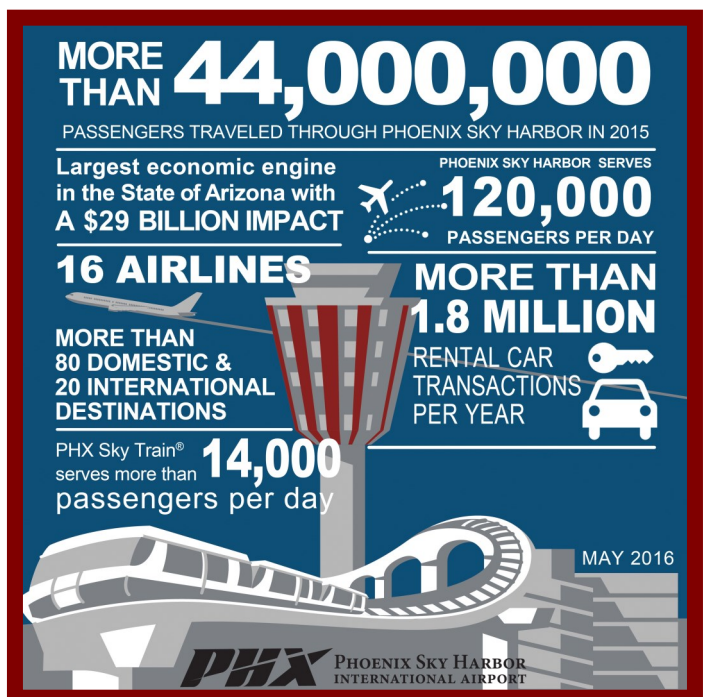
ACTIVE SHOOTER CLASS

The city of Phoenix is committed to offering information to keep employees safe. All city workers are invited, with supervisor approval, to one of four Active Shooter Preparedness classes being offered. **Details:**

- ◆ Friday, May 27
- ◆ 8:30 a.m., 10 a.m., 12:30 p.m., or 2 p.m.
- ◆ Each lasts one hour
- ◆ Sign up in eChris by using the course code **WPVAS**

INFRASTRUCTURE WEEK

Check out the great results coming out of the city's Phoenix Sky Harbor International Airport.



THIS WEEK IN HISTORY

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

- ◆ **Monday** 1929: First Academy Awards ceremony
- ◆ **Tuesday** 2000: Final episode of Beverly Hills 90210 airs
- ◆ **Wednesday** 2004: Randy Johnson throws perfect game
- ◆ **Thursday** 1943: Churchill and FDR plot D-Day
- ◆ **Friday** 2007: 400th episode of The Simpsons airs

