**HIV: ELIMINATING THE STIGMA**

*Brown Bag lunch event!*

Globally, more than 36 million people are living with HIV.

With recent scientific advances in HIV treatment we understand so much more about the condition. Yet, each year more people continue to get diagnosed with HIV.

Additionally, discrimination and stigma remain a reality for many people living with the condition.

You are invited to a Brown Bag Seminar to support the Fast Track Cities Initiative and World AIDS Day by learning the facts of HIV/AIDS. **Details:**

- Friday, Dec. 1
- 11:30 a.m.
- Calvin C. Goode Building, 10E
- Bring your lunch

**GREEN POTLUCK**

It’s been an exciting year for the Green Garden Group and Green Team. Everyone is invited to look at 2017 and hear about what’s planned for 2018. Bring a dish to pass around (and your own cup to reduce waste). **Details:**

- Thursday, Dec. 7
- Noon - 1 p.m.
- Calvin C. Goode Building, 10E

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**EMployees Invited**

The Citywide Holiday Reception and Thank You is just around the corner! There will be fun activities, including the opportunity to take a photo with Sparky from ASU. The fan-favorite, Ugly Holiday Sweater Contest is returning! Wear your sweater to the event and enter the contest before the winner is announced at the end of the event. **Details:**

- 1:30 – 3 p.m., Thursday, Dec. 14
- City Hall Atrium

Donations for the St. Mary’s Food Bank will begin Monday, Dec. 4 at 7:30 a.m. by the west employee entrance. All non-perishable food items will be accepted, but the focus will be on St. Mary’s most wanted items. Bring in the specific item below to show your school spirit and help your favorite Arizona university get points in the **battle of the universities**:

- ASU – Peanut Butter
- UofA – Canned fruit or vegetables
- GCU – Boxed cereal
- NAU – Canned light chicken
Experience a multimedia piece combining film and music by artist Oliverio Balcells at the world premiere of The Unknown Symbols - A Journey of the Mind.

Take a journey of color and textures through city ambience and nature that engages audiences through evocative images filmed throughout the Valley of the Sun. Original live and recorded music accompanying this piece invites us all to rediscover our surroundings.

Enjoy light refreshments during this unique performance set under the night sky. Following the performance, the audience will have the opportunity to meet the artist. Details:

- Pueblo Grande Museum
- 6 - 8 p.m., Saturday, Dec. 2
- Free event (donations welcome)

**JOB OF THE WEEK**

**Featured Listing:** Contracts Specialist I ($42,515 - $63,315)

“Duties include developing the scope and specifications of contracts; managing selection process; interpreting contract provisions; monitoring the expenditures on the contract; and preparing and conducting public presentations. Requires a bachelor’s degree and one year of related experience, apply by Dec. 11.”

[Here’s the link](#) to the most recent jobs listings.

**LEAVE DONATIONS**

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

- Shere Jones, treasury collections rep*TAR, Finance
The Public Works Leadership Academy works to equip current and future city of Phoenix leaders with a framework of good leadership principles through hands-on experience.

The goal of the academy is to encourage the refinement of existing skills via projects and participation with guest speakers/city leaders. Guest speakers present material ranging in content from emotional intelligence and innovation in Public Works all the way to understanding the role of our city council. The program also assists employees in understanding the complexities and challenges of leading in a municipal environment. Six employees just graduated from the Public Works Leadership Academy on Nov. 17. The next academy will start in February 2018.

Pictured Left to right - Oswaldo Alvarado (graduate), Janice Stroud, Keith Carbajal, Justeen Cook (graduate), Tamie Fisher, Joe Giudice, Lucas Mariacher (graduate), Trish Wright, Christy Ortiz (graduate), Frank Churruca (graduate), Joe Vasquez (graduate) and Ginger Spencer.

**HISTORY LESSON**

Arizona 101: German Prisoners of War in Arizona

Steve Hoza, special guest speaker, will go back in time to recall the history of German POWs in Arizona during World War II. Hoza has interviewed many of the former prisoners and their American guards and will provide a presentation of their stories along with artifacts given to him by the former prisoners. **Details:**

- Saturday, Dec. 2
- 2 - 3 p.m.
- Mesquite Library, 4525 Paradise Village Pkwy N, Phoenix, AZ 85032
- Visit the calendar for more details

**SPECIAL CATALOG**

Just in time for the holidays, America’s Friendliest Airport® has launched its first-ever holiday catalog designed to make it easier for you shop for everyone on your holiday list. Every item in the catalog is available at a shop in one of Sky Harbor’s three terminals. The price, shop name and location is listed with each gift idea. Many great local gift items are available. Check out the catalog.