



PHX CONNECT

The Weekly Connection Newsletter for City of Phoenix Employees • October 12, 2016

YOU'RE INVITED

WIL women in leadership

Please join us for an inspiring Women in Leadership forum. You'll meet outstanding city employees who have excelled in non-traditional roles. Speakers will share their stories on how they got to where they are today, and what has played a role in their success and journey. Scheduled to speak:

- ◆ Incoming Police Chief Jeri Williams
- ◆ Fire Chief Kara Kalkbrenner
- ◆ Councilwoman Thelda Williams
- ◆ Christy Ortiz, solid waste supervisor
- ◆ Shereka Jackson, lead user technology specialist, Parks and Recreation Department

Details:

- ◆ Oct. 26, 2 - 4 p.m.
- ◆ Burton Barr Library, Pulliam Auditorium
- ◆ Sign up on eCHRIS with course code **WIL003**

2016 ELECTION



EARLY VOTING BEGINS TODAY

Early voting for the Special/General Election begins on Wednesday, Oct. 12. In addition to federal and state offices and issues, registered Phoenix voters residing in District 3 will elect a councilmember to fill a vacancy for a term that expires Jan. 2, 2020. This race will appear on the ballot for the Nov. 8 General Election being conducted by Maricopa County.

Any registered voter in Maricopa County can vote early on the 15th floor of City Hall, Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. – 5 p.m. Early ballot drop boxes will also be available on the first and 15th floors of City Hall. Additional early voting locations, with the dates and times each are open, can be found online at recorder.maricopa.gov/elections, or by calling Maricopa County. Accessible voting devices that allow voters with disabilities to vote independently will be available at all early voting sites.

For details about the upcoming election and early voting, please contact Maricopa County at 602-506-1511 or call the City Clerk Department at 602-261-VOTE (8683), or use the 7-1-1 Relay System. [You can also read additional details about the upcoming early voting, including how to request a mail-in early ballot, by reading this news release.](#)

PHOENIX @WORK WEDNESDAYS

Rachel Puchi
 Project Management Assistant
 Housing



Before joining the city in 2014, Rachel was a contract employee in the Neighborhood Services and Housing departments.

In her spare time, Rachel likes to go running in the mornings and garden in the evenings.

Rachel recently finished project management support for the Frank Luke Addition HOPE VI grant.



Rachel's duties include providing financial analysis, budget and project reporting, design assistance and contract management.

- Fast Facts**
- ◆ Favorite app on her phone: **Fitbit**
 - ◆ Favorite restaurant: **Oregano's**
 - ◆ Wishes was still on TV: **Friends and Seinfeld**
 - ◆ Often singing or humming: **"Can't stop the Feeling"**

Favorite thing about working for the city of Phoenix:
"... providing low-income and underprivileged families a safe, quality place to live."

Rachel is a student at heart, with a master's and two undergraduate degrees. She hopes to soon earn her PhD.

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

NEW PROCEDURE

The Finance Department Procurement Division is implementing an automated process for the request and approval of determinations. The new process will be effective November 15, 2016. Employees who are responsible for drafting or approving determinations can attend one of the training sessions offered. There is no registration required. All training sessions will be held at Phoenix City Hall, 9th Floor Training Room.

- ◆ Wednesday, Oct. 19, 10:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.
- ◆ Thursday, Oct. 20, 9 - 11 a.m.
- ◆ Wednesday, Oct. 26, 1 - 3 p.m.
- ◆ Thursday, Oct. 27, 1 - 3 p.m.

HANDS & HEARTS

The Hands & Hearts Street Faire is the highlight of the city's Community Service Fund Drive, which raises funds to benefit health & human services agencies and environmental groups that serve our community. There will be booths with food, drinks, Cardinals tickets giveaways, gift baskets and more.



Details:

- ◆ Thursday, Oct. 20, 10:15 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.
- ◆ Outdoor plaza east of City Hall and onto Adams St. between 2nd & 3rd Avenues
- ◆ Visit <http://in/csfd/SitePages/Home.aspx> to see a full list of booths and items
- ◆ Non-city hall employees can park for FREE in the 305 Garage during this event—bring your employee ID for verification

LEAVE DONATIONS

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

- ◆ Heather Lynn, com op* radio/911, Police
- ◆ Darren Berg, building maintenance worker*U2, Aviation
- ◆ Lisa Hertzog, construction permit specialist III, Planning & Development

GETTING INVOLVED

It's that time of year again when we see a lot of the color purple as a show of support for very serious topic: domestic violence.

This is the fourth year for Paint Phoenix Purple, a public education campaign intended to reduce and eventually eliminate domestic violence in our community.



You are encouraged to wear purple throughout the month of October, especially Thursday, Oct. 20, which has been designated as the statewide day to raise awareness and use the hashtag #AZWearPurpleDay on social media.

Although employees are encouraged to wear their Paint Phoenix Purple shirts, please make sure your dress is appropriate for the work that you perform. Employees who have an official city uniform should continue to wear their city uniform.

For information about the campaign, visit PaintPhoenixPurple.org or contact [Tamyra Spendley](mailto:Tamyra.Spendley@cityofphoenix.gov) at 602-534-0576.

If you or someone you know is in need of victim services, contact:

- ◆ Family Advocacy Center: 602-534-2120
- ◆ National Domestic Violence Hotline: 1-800-799-7233

SUPPORTING THE CAUSE

Arizona Coalition to End Sexual and Domestic Violence is proud to announce during October, in support of Domestic Violence Awareness Month, that Charming Charlie located at CityScape will contribute to Paint Phoenix Purple.

On Fridays throughout October, if you indicate you are a supporter of the Paint Phoenix Purple campaign, 10 percent of the money you spend will help spread awareness about domestic violence and the resources available.

LIGHTING IT UP

Check out how Paint Phoenix Purple is lighting up the downtown area. Outside City Hall and across the street next to the Calvin Goode Building, you'll see bright purple lights to show support for this amazing campaign.



Domestic Violence AWARENESS BROWN BAG

Join us for a candid discussion
about Domestic Violence in the
LGBTQA community.

Thursday, October 27th
12 - 1 p.m.
City Hall

Assembly Rooms A&B

This event counts for TRIPLE Diversity Points





**BE FITS
INFORMATION
SESSIONS**

2017 OPEN ENROLLMENT FAIR
October 24 to November 14

Want to know what's new for 2017?
Please attend the

Benefit Information Session
Oct. 17 at 2 p.m.
Calvin C. Goode Building - 10E

Oct. 21 at 10 a.m.
City Hall - Assembly Room

Wellness Incentive Changes | ARAG INEW! Coverages | Retail Options For Maintenance Medication | Dependent Life Insurance Changes

PHOENIX FOOD DAY

Phoenix Food Day is coming up! This free event is open to everyone and features exhibitors, cooking demonstrations and fun activities for the whole family. It is celebrated to inspire people to change the way we look at food, personally and collectively.



It brings the community together to help the valley move towards a healthier future and needs some extraordinary city volunteers. Volunteering could range from setting up/tearing down the event, providing assistance at information booths or as event guides, guiding parking, distributing apples or assisting cooking demonstrations. There are no prerequisites to help out with any position. **Details for volunteering:**

- ◆ Saturday, Oct. 29, 7 a.m. - 3 p.m.
- ◆ Eastlake Park & Pilgrim Rest Baptist Church, 15th and Jefferson Streets
- ◆ [Sign up to volunteer](#)
- ◆ Email [Jake Swanson](#) or call 480-277-6506 for more details

JOB OF THE WEEK

Featured Listing: Building Maintenance Worker

"Performs skilled level maintenance, repair, alteration, and remodeling of buildings, offices, houses, and other facilities using trades such as rough carpentry, plumbing, routine electrical or welding work, roofing, painting, drywall finishing, and concrete/masonry work. \$21.35 - \$27.33/hour, apply by October 17."

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

THIS WEEK IN HISTORY

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

- ◆ **Monday** 2004: A super hero falls
- ◆ **Tuesday** 1975: "Live from New York" is said for first time
- ◆ **Wednesday** 1810: The origin of Oktoberfest
- ◆ **Thursday** 1792: Important milestone at 1600 Pennsylvania Ave.
- ◆ **Friday** 1947: Did you hear that?

FALL EVENTS

Phoenix Public Library has a variety of free events to add to your social calendar including [autumn-themed](#), [Halloween](#) or [Día de los Muertos](#) events for the whole family as well as the spooky books and movies for adults and kids that you are looking for. [Search the library catalog](#) for more autumn fun.



WATCH THIS!

Explore the Ancient Heart of Phoenix at the [beautiful Passage Public Art](#). It is located at the Pueblo Grande Museum, the only national historic landmark in the City of Phoenix.



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