

The logo for PHX CONNECT features a stylized star on the left composed of four overlapping triangles in shades of blue, green, and purple. To the right, the word "PHX" is written in a dark red, serif font, with a circular icon containing a white swirl inside the letter 'X'. The word "CONNECT" is written in a large, bold, blue, sans-serif font.

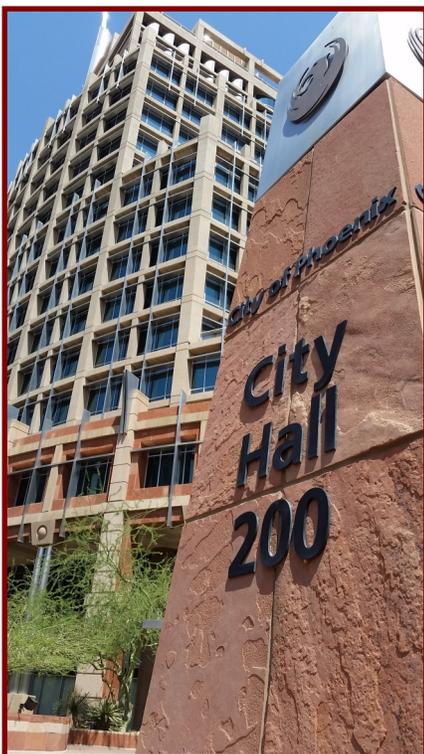
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## Planned Power Outage

APS needs to do some major electrical work within Phoenix City Hall (PCH). To accomplish that, **power to the entire building will be turned off** Saturday, Jan. 19, 6 a.m. - midnight. No other city buildings will be affected.

This means the entire building will be dark with no elevators in operation. If your normal routine includes working inside PCH during this timeframe, please contact your supervisor right away to consider alternate plans.

All employees who work inside PCH are being asked to power down everything on their desks on Friday, Jan. 18 and to clean out the refrigerators as well.



## Be a Mentor



## ... or a Mentee!

Mentoring is a valued part of any organization, so the city of Phoenix is excited about our formal mentoring process called MentorPHX. MentorPHX provides a tremendous opportunity for employees at all levels to grow and learn from each other. Whether you are an entry-level employee or an experienced executive, you can benefit from mentoring.

To continue the success from the first class, applications are now being accepted for the roles of "mentor" and "mentee". Each mentoring pair will work together over a five-month period to develop new skills, collaborate thru regular meetings and identify career goals for personal growth.

If you're interested in applying, please review the traits of a successful Mentor and Mentee, then complete the appropriate MentorPHX application.



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## Joe Gibbs

**Environmental Quality Specialist**  
**Office of Environmental Programs**



Joe joined the city 18 years ago, working his entire city career with the Office of Environmental Programs.

In his spare time, Joe enjoys his 'empty nest' home where he's lived with his wife Kim since 1982.

He makes sure our facilities, operations and properties comply with all air pollution regulations.



Joe also helps to coordinate regional programs for dust control and cleaner air across the Valley.

### Fast Facts

Favorite thing about working for the city of Phoenix:

*"Our city is like family and employees are close, caring and effective."*

Joe is often found at Phoenix-area schools, where he teaches kids about air pollution and what we can all do to help.

- ◆ Band seen most often?  
**Grateful Dead (5 times)**
- ◆ Best place for dessert:  
**Essence Bakery**
- ◆ Favorite ice cream flavor:  
**Cheesecake with graham cracker crust & pistachio**
- ◆ Dream vacation:  
**Go to LAX with no luggage, walk onto any flight and buy everything when we get there.**

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](mailto:phxconnect@phoenix.gov)

## Job of the week

**Featured Listing:** Building Equipment Operator I, \$23.51-\$28.69/hour, Aviation

"Performs skilled and semi-skilled work in the installation, operation, repair and maintenance of heating and air conditioning systems/ components and other mechanical equipment, including automatic doors, pumps, air compressors and fire/life safety systems, in one or more public buildings. Requires EPA 608 Universal Refrigerant Certification and experience in the operation and maintenance of refrigeration/heating systems and refrigeration/AC systems or completion of an appropriate apprenticeship program. Apply by Jan. 14 to be included in the first review of applications."

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

## Leave Donations

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

- ◆ Christie Orozco, circulation attendant I, Library
- ◆ Rosslyn Akers, police communications operator, Police
- ◆ Connie Kleene, human resources aide \*U7, Police
- ◆ Tijuana Harper, officer, Police
- ◆ Karina Torres-Matthiessen, secretary III, Water Services



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## Orpheum Turns 90!



Since Jan. 5, 1929, Phoenix's Orpheum Theatre has attracted visitors from near and far to enjoy shows "al fresco" in its atmospheric auditorium, featuring Spanish Baroque architecture designed to simulate an outdoor garden. The ornate venue offered an early form of air conditioning, making it an entertainment destination and gathering place to escape the desert heat.

Phoenix's Orpheum was the only theater between Los Angeles and Denver able to accommodate traveling vaudeville shows. Throughout the years, the venue had many uses and hosted top celebrities including Mae West (pictured above), Henry Fonda and Lauren Bacall.

The city of Phoenix purchased the property in the 1980s, placed it on the National Register of Historic Places and launched a major restoration project. Today, the Orpheum is downtown Phoenix's oldest operating theater and continues to provide enjoyment for Phoenix audiences by welcoming notable celebrities.

In recent years, notable celebrity guests have included Carol Channing, President Barack Obama, Jimmy Fallon, Lewis Black and numerous others.

Operated by the Phoenix Convention Center Department, the city has utilized the facility to host the Employee Memorial Ceremony, City Council inaugurations and other internal events.

## New Concourse Now Open

This week, Phoenix Sky Harbor International Airport held a formal event to open up the South Concourse of John S. McCain III Terminal 3. When you find yourself passing through, make sure to look all around, check out the new eateries, shops, the terrazzo floors and even a place for kids to play.



[PHXTV was there for the ribbon cutting](#) and remarks from Mayor Williams and City Council members as well as from Cindy McCain.



## Deadline is Friday!



Each year, Phoenix Sister Cities selects high school sophomores and juniors to participate in the Youth Ambassador Exchange Program. Local youth travel to each of Phoenix's ten sister cities, where they live with host families for three weeks in June. In July, they return to Phoenix with a "brother" or "sister" from their host family for a full three weeks of activities focused on American culture and customs.

Do you know a Phoenix sophomore or junior who would like to represent Phoenix in our sister cities next summer? Phoenix Sister Cities is accepting applications for the 2019 Youth Ambassador Exchange Program through this Friday, Jan 11. For more details, visit [the Phoenix Sister Cities' website](#).

## Scholarship Breakfast

Employees are invited to celebrate the Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. holiday at the MLK Awards & Scholarship Breakfast "Believe in the Dream," 7 a.m., Friday, Jan. 18, at the Phoenix Convention Center. The event will honor the winners of the Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Living the Dream Awards and Calvin C. Goode Lifetime Achievement Award. Cost is \$100 per person. Employees eligible for seminar funds may be reimbursed. Tickets can be [purchased online](#) or by calling 602-513-8311. For more information, [visit the Equal Opportunity Department's web page](#).



## Free CERT Course

Want to know about how to respond to emergency situations in your community? Community Emergency Response Training (CERT) includes disaster preparedness, basic disaster medical operations, light search and rescue operations, terrorism awareness and more. **Details:**

- ◆ *This is a three day class, all three days are required.*
- ◆ Monday and Tuesday, Feb. 11 & 12, 8:30 a.m. - 5 p.m. Phoenix Sky Harbor International Airport, Aviation Corporate Office Building, 1st floor, 2485 East Buckeye Road Phoenix, AZ 85034
- ◆ Wednesday, Feb 13, 8:30 a.m. - 2 p.m., Fire Operations Center, 150 South 12<sup>th</sup> Street

Register through eCHRIS using course code **AVCERT** or [email Michael Harvey](#).

## Arizona 101



Mountains as high as the Himalayas, valleys more than a mile deep, active volcanoes and lava flows and seas! These are not the geologic features you see today, but they did exist in the Valley of the Sun and the surrounding area thousands of years ago. Phoenix Public Library invites everyone to join Jack McEnroe, of the McDowell Sonoran Conservancy, to learn about the dynamic forces at work - what came before and where we are today. **Details:**

- ◆ Saturday, Jan. 12
- ◆ 1:30 - 3:30 p.m.
- ◆ Burton Barr Central Library, 4<sup>th</sup> floor