

PHX CONNECT

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Phoenix Chinese Week



The 29th annual Phoenix Chinese Week Culture and Cuisine Festival will celebrate the Year of the Boar at Margaret T. Hance Park (East), 1202 N. Third St. Festival details:

- ◆ Friday, Feb. 8: 9 a.m. - 3 p.m.
- ◆ Saturday, Feb. 9: 10 a.m. - 5 p.m.
- ◆ Sunday, Feb. 10: 10 a.m. - 5 p.m.

The festival features live entertainment including dragon and lion dances, martial arts demonstrations, folk and traditional dances, musical performances, Chinese costume photo booth, Mahjong booth, children's pavilion, Chinese culture and history booth, photo exhibit and art gallery, Koi fish exhibit, Chinese Tea Ceremony, delicious food and beer garden. Free Admission. For more information, visit the [Phoenix Chinese Week website](#) or call 480-406-7470.

#PHX on Twitter

Keep up to speed on what's going on in the city through our Twitter page.



#UequalsU



Undetectable = Untransmittable

Join the city of Phoenix's Fast Track Cities Team for the 2019 AIDS Walk AZ. This is a great team building opportunity for your cube-mates as you will all help a wonderful cause. The city's Fast Track Team's mission:

"To strengthen HIV programs and leverage resources in the city of Phoenix to end HIV stigma and AIDS by 2030."

All funds raised during the walk will benefit Aunt Rita's community partner agencies that provide critical HIV services in greater Phoenix. Aunt Rita's provides HIV education and prevention programs throughout Arizona, as well as financial support to HIV service organizations.

Event details:

- ◆ Saturday, Feb. 23
- ◆ Tempe Beach Park
- ◆ Registration begins at 3 p.m., run begins at 5 p.m. and walk begins at 6 p.m.
- ◆ There will be live music and food trucks along the route

[Sign-up with the city's team](#) as employees will earn credits toward your department's EO Plans.

HSA 101

If you are one of the many employees who are a part of the city's high deductible Savers Choice Medical Plan, then you know you have access to a Health Savings Account (HSA). The city's Benefits Office is holding classes about the basics of your HSA.



Attend a Class:

- ◆ Tuesday, Feb. 12 or Wednesday, Feb. 13
- ◆ Noon - 1 p.m.
- ◆ Calvin C. Goode Building, 10E
- ◆ No registration required, just show up

Watch a Webinar:

- ◆ Thursday, Feb. 14 or Friday, Feb. 15
- ◆ Noon - 1 p.m.
- ◆ [Register for Thursday's Webinar](#)
- ◆ [Register for Friday's Webinar](#)
- ◆ Questions? [Email the Benefits Office](#)

Check it Out

["Check it Out"](#) is PHXTV's [newest show](#) featuring, what else, but the Phoenix Public Library.



With 17 public libraries in Phoenix, there is a little something for everyone. This fun, quick-paced show provides a glimpse of some of the cool programs for library customers:

- ◆ Teaching sign language to babies!
- ◆ Did you know that you can check out seeds to grow in your garden?
- ◆ Join a book club at the library.

Leave Donations

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

- ◆ Joseph Guzman, courier, Water Services

Pottery and Weaving

Come see the beauty and craftsmanship of Mata Ortiz pottery and Zapotec weaving featured in a "show and sale" at Pueblo Grande Museum on Saturday, Feb. 2.



Master artist Oralía López will be on hand to answer questions about the intricate process of painting these pots while internationally renowned Zapotec weavers, Alex and Socorro Martínez, will be presenting how these unique pieces of textile are made by hand.

The "Show and Sale" will feature a variety of Mata Ortiz pottery and Zapotec weavings of all sizes and price ranges. This is a free event and open to the public, made possible through the Pueblo Grande Museum Auxiliary.

Job of the Week

Featured Listing: Solid Waste Equipment Operator Apprentice, \$15.73/hour as apprentice, Public Works.

*"This apprenticeship program was developed to attract and train individuals with the desire to earn their Commercial Driver's License (CDL) and become skilled solid waste equipment operators for the city of Phoenix. This one-year program seeks to develop skilled operators through a detailed classroom and on-the-job training model, designed to educate apprentices in safe, efficient, economical and customer-centered solid waste collection operations. **Newly-selected apprentices will not need prior equipment operating experience, nor their CDL prior to starting the program.** Must have a clean driving record and meet requirements to obtain an Arizona Commercial Driver's License. Apply by Feb. 14, 2019."*

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

Help Meghan (and others)

Meet Meghan.

Back in college, she put on unexpected weight but didn't think much of it. Her doctor ran tests, but they were inconclusive. She became so weak, that she couldn't finish school. She was admitted to the hospital and would pass out whenever she'd stand up.



Then came the startling diagnosis: Meghan had thrombotic thrombocytopenic purpura (TTP)/ hemolytic uremic syndrome (HUS). TTP/HUS is a rare blood disorder that causes blood clots to form in small blood vessels around the body and leads to a low platelet count, often damaging the kidneys. She began chemotherapy, plasma transfusions and kidney dialysis every other day.

Meghan's rheumatologist recommended a promising treatment that was offered overseas. Her condition improved and she finally left the hospital after 89 days and 987 blood transfusions.

"Blood donors gave my body the time it needed to recover ... Without them my body would have shut down."

Meghan completed her degree on time from Westmont College in Santa Barbara. Today, she works in healthcare and enjoys each day to the fullest. She and her husband, Ray, welcomed their daughter, Farrah, in 2012. Farrah was born a few weeks early and she received four red cell transfusions to overcome her health challenges.

The city of Phoenix will be hosting a blood drive by Vitalant (formerly United Blood Services).

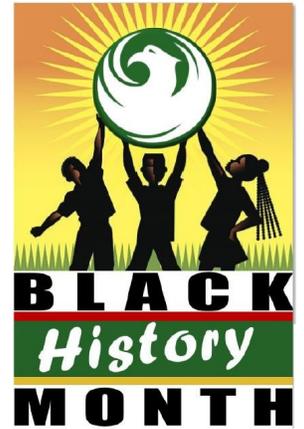
Details:

- ◆ Thursday/Friday, Feb. 7 & 8
- ◆ 8 a.m. - 2 p.m.
- ◆ City Hall Assembly Rooms
- ◆ [Sign up online](#) and use code: **PHXGOV**

If you have questions, please email [Sue Martin](#) or call her at 534-3943.

Black History Month

REMINDER: The city of Phoenix, along with the local chapter of the National Forum for Black Public Administrators, is proud to present a "Celebration of Culture" at the Orpheum Theatre, Monday, Feb. 4 from 11:30 a.m. - 1 p.m. Entertainment includes:



- ◆ Divine Valentin
- ◆ The Black Theatre Troupe, Inc.
- ◆ Pilgrim Rest Choir
- ◆ Mountain Pointe High School Step Team

RSVP using eCHRIS with code: **BHM001**. Each person going will receive 10x diversity points towards their department goals. Questions? Call Corey Williams at 261-8875.



Phoenix Public Library is celebrating Black History Month with programs for the entire family:

- ◆ AZ Speaks will present African American Pioneers of Arizona and A Story, A Story: African and African American Oral Tradition and Storytelling
- ◆ Poetry readings at Cholla and South Mountain Community Libraries
- ◆ Mountain Pointe High School will present African American cultural dance, art and history at Ironwood Library

[Website will feature](#) African American authors, musicians and filmmakers.

For a full schedule of events, [visit our calendar](#) or call 262-4636 (TTY: Dial 711)