

THREE MORE CHANCES

The city of Phoenix has been offering free “Don’t be a Victim” self-defense classes to the public for some time.



Instructor Jui Chiu has also been offering city employees their own special classes.

While the public classes are not going anywhere, the classes just for city employees will soon go on a hiatus. If you have not yet taken this class, you are encouraged to sign up. The free two-hour class gives you practical information on how to defend yourself in a variety of situations. **Details:**

- ◆ Friday, May 25, 1 - 3 p.m., Calvin C. Goode Building, 10E
- ◆ Friday, June 22, 1 - 3 p.m., Adams Street Training Center
- ◆ Friday, June 29, 1 - 3 p.m., Adams Street Training Center
- ◆ To enroll, log into eCHRIS and use code **DEF100**

ART D’CORE GALA

The sixth annual Art d’Core Gala featured a one-night-only exhibition of works by 13 members of the Artlink Artist Council (AAC). [Check out PHXTV’s story.](#)



SAFETY FIRST



SAFEGUARDING YOUR DIRECT DEPOSITS

In case you missed it, security enhancements to city employees’ direct deposit accounts recently were implemented. As part of the city’s effort to be proactive when it comes to protecting your personal data, Information Technology Services has partnered with the Finance Department to implement a new security enhancement in the eChris system.

Any time an update or change is made to employees’ direct deposit information, they automatically will receive an email notification stating that a change has been made to the account. More importantly, if the changes made were NOT authorized by the employee, the email notification will have the contact information of who needs to be alerted immediately.

Email notifications will be sent to employees’ city email, as well as other email addresses registered in eChris. Employees are encouraged to keep all of their email addresses current in eChris.

LEADERSHIP INSIDER

Kara Kalkbrenner

Phoenix
Fire
Chief



Where did you work before Phoenix?

Sales clerk in high school at a department store in Maryvale called Malcolm's.

What is the definition of a good day?

Making the needle move.

How do you like to run meetings?

I research the topic prior, ask lots of questions during, and listen.

What advice would you give a new employee?

Be a life-long learner. You are never "there".

Unknown Talent:

If I told you, then everyone would know.

Growing up, you thought you'd be:

An athlete, a flight attendant or a travel agent.

Favorite thing to do at home:

My husband and I love to host dinners with family & friends.

How do you balance work/life?

My family is my touchstone. That helps keep it in check.

What is your next "work goal?"

Create a strategy for our long-term growth.

What keeps you up at night?

The safety and welfare of employees.

How do you work through disagreements

Communicate and never sacrifice a relationship for an outcome.

SUMMER ACTIVITIES

The city's Parks and Recreation Department offers a variety of affordable summer youth camps as well as hundreds of

other classes, activities, sports leagues, swimming lessons and aquatics programs for all ages. Free codePHX classes for youth ages 4 to 17 also are offered during the summer at various recreation facilities and library branches. Registration for these programs is open now. [Register online today.](#)



JOB OF THE WEEK

Featured Listing: Part-time victim advocate, Fire Department (\$18.46/hour plus transit pass)

"Assists victims of crime, explains victim's rights, provides safety planning, and explains investigative and criminal justice procedures. Requires prior experience as a victim advocate and a related bachelor's degree. Spanish-speaking bilingual skills are desirable. Apply by May 21."

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

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CITY VS. COUNTY WALK

On Wednesday, May 9, more than 1,000 city and county employees joined for the annual Health and Fitness Day walk. It's a friendly competition to see who could bring out the most walkers for the two-mile adventure. It began outside the County's court building and walkers made their way to Chase Field and back (walkers also got to do a lap inside the concourse of Chase Field). This walk is to promote healthy habits and have some fun.

Last year, the city won by having more than 100 more walkers than the county. This year, based on registrations, the city again had more walkers... but it was a lot closer (just about 20 people). Nice job everyone!!!!

