



PHX CONNECT

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HERE WE GO ...

The annual Community Service Fund Drive is almost here! This year, the campaign dates are August 1 - October 30. The Agency Showcase event will kick off the first CSFD adventure in the east end of the City Hall Atrium on Monday, August 1, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.

The atmosphere will be exciting as employees start their adventure in giving by exploring organizations in the Phoenix community. Join us for some lunchtime fun, grab a snack and interact with others on the same mission of giving back to the community!

Community organizations will be present to answer questions and city staff will be available to demonstrate how to participate through eChris.

Where will your adventure take you? Find out on August 1!



YOU'RE INVITED



BUILDING TRUST IN THE COMMUNITY

The Community & Police Trust Initiative (CPTI) was formed by the Phoenix City Manager in 2015 to review police-community relations that affect all residents. The initiative was composed of 17 community members carefully selected by the City Manager to represent the residents of Phoenix, including those from the disability, immigrant, LGBT, millennial and refugee identity. After a nine-month process, they presented city leadership with 15 recommendations to enhance the Phoenix Police Department's relationship with those they serve.

The public is invited to [learn about the recommendations and provide feedback at 13 upcoming meetings](#).

Representatives from the City Manager's Office and the Phoenix Police Department will be in attendance at all events.

All sessions will have translation service available and are ADA accessible.

PHOENIX @WORK WEDNESDAYS

Tina Slankas

Cyber Security Program Coordinator

Office of Emergency Mgmt.



Tina's job is to help the city of Phoenix and the state of Arizona become more resilient to cyber attacks.

In her spare time, Tina volunteers with the Phoenix Boys Choir and her church.

Tina joined the city in 2014 & helped the city stay safe during Super Bowl XLIX and the College Football Playoff.



Tina recently sat on a panel at Comicon with federal cybersecurity experts (and dressed the part, too!)

Fast Facts

- ◆ Favorite valley sports team:
Arizona Rattlers
- ◆ I cannot live without:
My friends
- ◆ Unknown talent about me:
I am a percussionist
- ◆ Quote movie lines from:
The Goonies

Favorite thing about working for the city of Phoenix:

"I have met the most amazing people & enjoyed the benefits of their fantastic teamwork."

3 words that describe her:

Generous, friendly and passionate

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

FREE FINANCIAL HELP

Do you have financial goals but don't know how to reach them? Are you living paycheck to paycheck and would like to learn how to make the most of the money you have?



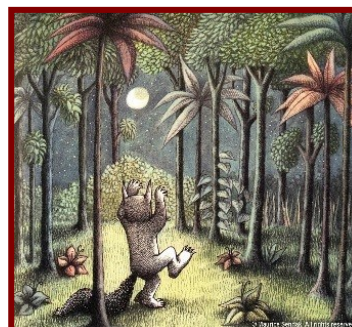
Phoenix Neighborhood Services is offering a free four-week interactive financial education series to provide you with money management skills and tools that can help you own your financial future. Topics include: saving for the future, developing a budget and spending plan, understanding and using credit wisely, managing a bank account and more. **Details:**

- ◆ July 13, July 20, July 27, and August 3
- ◆ 9:00 - 11:00 a.m.
- ◆ Travis Williams Family Service Center, 4732 S. Central Avenue
- ◆ For more information or to reserve your place, call 602-534-4444

STILL TIME TO GET WILD

You're invited! Liz Warren, Executive Director of the Storytelling Institute at South Mountain Community College, The Arizona Republic's Megan Finnerty and other Phoenix-area residents will bring the wild rumpus as they share their own stories of their best memories of the book, the author and the culture the story has created. **Details:**

- ◆ Thursday, July 14, 6:30 - 8 p.m.
- ◆ Burton Barr Central Library
- ◆ Space is limited and registration is required. [Click here to reserve your seat!](#)



Speaking of Wild Things ... have you seen [50 Years of Maurice Sendak: Where the Wild Things Are](#) yet? There's still time to catch this nationally acclaimed exhibit at Burton Barr Central Library. Don't

wait too long! The exhibit closes July 17.

BAGS ARE PACKED

After more than 27 years with the city of Phoenix, Suzanne Vasquez is about to sail into retirement! She started her career in the Public Works Department. From there, she promoted to the Prosecutor's Office in a secretarial role. Suzanne has since been in the City Manager's Office for most of her career supporting several deputy city managers and providing seamless customer service to Phoenix residents. She plans on traveling and spending time with her family. A celebration will be held on Tuesday, July 12 at 2 p.m. in City Hall Assembly Rooms A & B. Please RSVP by July 8 to [Jennifer Flaherty](#).



HOSPICE HELP

The city of Phoenix is still hosting midday information sessions to help you, your family members and friends learn about the powerful community resources Hospice of the Valley has available to you. The remaining sessions will be:

- ◆ **July 7:** Mindful Meditation
- ◆ **July 21:** Community Programs Overview

Sessions are from 11:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. in Assembly Room B in City Hall. Registration is not required, but appreciated. [Email here](#) with the session(s) you plan on attending.

AROUND PHX

Take a look at City Hall... as Legos. This is a replica of the building at the LEGOLAND Discovery Center at Arizona Mills Mall. Jared Brown from Water Services Department sent us this photo after his family saw it a few weeks ago. When you are AroundPHX, send us your photos and tell us what you are up to. We may use your submission in an upcoming issue of PHXConnect.



AVAILABLE JOBS

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** 1927: Screenwriter Neil Simon was born
- ◆ **Tuesday** 1946: Bikini introduced
- ◆ **Wednesday** 1957: Althea Gibson wins Wimbledon
- ◆ **Thursday** 1900: Warren Earp killed in Arizona
- ◆ **Friday** 1951: Paris celebrates 2,000th birthday

HIKING SAFETY

As part of the ongoing "Take a Hike, Do it Right" hiking safety campaign, city of Phoenix park rangers have created a [Concierge Education Program](#). Through the program, park rangers work to educate concierge contacts around the Valley about hiking safety and ensure they have accurate information for their guests about trail descriptions and difficulty levels.



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