



PHX CONNECT

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RANSOMWARE ATTACK

Following the recent ransomware attack that affected much of the



world, it is important to be extremely cautious when opening emails and attachments. The city is taking proactive measures to protect enterprises by rolling out a key Microsoft patch to desktop computers and servers. City staff is verifying that the protective patches have been applied and applying them if they have not. In those cases, computers will be forced to restart after -hours. If you receive anything suspicious, please forward it to [the Spambusters](#). If you have questions, contact the Helpdesk at 534-4357.

PEHP FUND CHANGES

Eligible for PEHP? Then you've heard from Nationwide about new



investment options that are now available to you. These changes give your PEHP account a more diverse fund lineup at a lower cost. Interested in learning more? Register for [classes online](#). There's a workshop on May 23 and a lab in June. If you can't wait and want to view the changes right now, then [log into your account](#).

SUMMER SWIM FUN



LOTS OF FREE EVENTS FOR THE FAMILY

With 29 city pools to choose from, there is sure to be an event near you!

Itty Bitty Beach Parties - This free poolside Hawaiian-themed beach party is catered towards children six years old and younger. Kids will learn about water safety through a puppet show, water safety instruction, great games and more. Kids can participate in dance contests, swimsuit contests and get their picture taken with Buddy Bear. **Details:**

- ◆ June 9: Paradise Valley Pool
- ◆ June 16: Deer Valley Pool
- ◆ June 23: Pecos Pool
- ◆ June 30: University Pool
- ◆ All times 9:30 - 11:30 a.m.

Sizzling Summer - This free, all-ages event will teach water safety, sun safety and heat safety. **Details:**

- ◆ Dates: May 24, June 10, 17 & 24, July 1, 8, 15, 22, & 29
- ◆ All times 11 a.m. - 2 p.m.
- ◆ Check locations on Parks & Recreation's [pool web site](#)

PHOENIX @WORK WEDNESDAYS

Alicia Sanchez

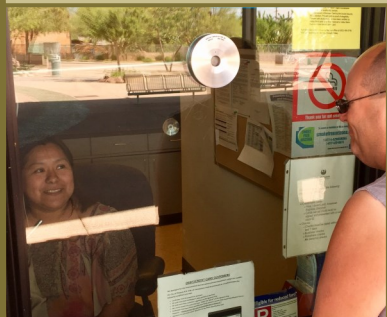
Customer Service Clerk
Transit



Alicia answers questions, gives directions, sells bus passes and makes sure customers and riders know they are valued.

In her spare time, Alicia likes to write short stories and she loves to garden.

Alicia became an employee with the city in 2006.



Alicia currently works at the Ed Pastor Transit Center. Before that, you may have seen her at Metrocenter or Central Station as well.

Fast Facts

- ◆ Favorite apps on phone: **YouTube Kids & Wish**
- ◆ Favorite restaurant: **El Comedor**
- ◆ Must start morning with: **Saying 'good morning' to kids and husband**
- ◆ Looks up to: **Oprah Winfrey because she started from the bottom and worked her way up.**

Alicia also fulfills online orders and responds to Customer Assistance Forms that come in through the phone service or online.

Favorite thing about working for the city: *"The diversity of our city employees and customers."*

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

HOUSING HELP

The city of Phoenix Neighborhood Services Department (NSD) offers financial assistance designed to stabilize critical home systems, address immediate health and safety issues, eliminate hazards, conserve water and energy and address exterior code/blighting violations. Home repair is an important element in the city's strategy to enhance the quality and value of neighborhoods and to promote sustainable communities.



As Healthy Homes Month approaches, Phoenix residents are encouraged to check out the all the different housing repair programs on [NSD's update webpage](#).

JOB OF THE WEEK

Featured Listing: Caseworker I - Early Head Start Home Visitor. \$16.13 - \$23.51 per hour.

"The city plans to conduct interviews on Tuesday, June 6 to fill up to seven (7) anticipated vacancies in the Early Head Start Program. Caseworkers provide primary service for children and families in their home environment, including assessing developmental, social, health, and nutritional needs. Employees will drive on a regular basis using their own vehicle (mileage reimbursement available). Position requires two years of experience and an Associate's degree; OR, a Bachelor's degree; OR, CDA/FDC credentials. Apply by May 29."

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

THIS WEEK ...

Thursday: [No dirty dishes day](#)

Saturday: [Learn to swim day](#)

Monday: [Sherlock Holmes Day](#)

TEEN LEADERSHIP ACADEMY

The city of Phoenix is seeking applicants for the Jerome E. Miller (JEM) Summer Leadership Academy. In memory of Jerome E. Miller, a public servant who committed 34 years of his life to bettering his community and the city of Phoenix at large, this program seeks to engage young people to fuel and diversify the pipeline to public service. This week-long opportunity includes earning a college credit, interactions with Phoenix leaders and a day-long shadow opportunity. The academy is open to young people who reside in the city of Phoenix and will enter their junior or senior year of high school in Fall 2017.



[Get the application here](#). Applications must be [emailed by June 2](#) or dropped off to the 19th floor of City Hall. If you are a middle manager or executive interested in mentoring a JEM participant on Friday, June 23, please email diamond.smiley@phoenix.gov.

GIVE AND SAVE A LIFE

You can make a difference, Become a Hero Today!

Did you know that in the time it will take you to read this edition of the PHXConnect ... more than 25 people will require lifesaving blood transfusions? One out of every four hospital patients needs blood.



Details:

- ◆ Thursday, June 8 & Friday, June 9
- ◆ 8 a.m. - 2 p.m.
- ◆ [Make an appointment online](#) and enter sponsor code: **PHXGOV**
- ◆ For more details, call 602-534-3943



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CITY EMPLOYEE HONORED

Jo Ellen McBride, Assistant Chief Counsel in the Law Department, was recently selected as the Arizona Bar Association's 2017 Member of the Year. This award is presented to an attorney who has rendered extraordinary contributions to the programs and activities of the State Bar. Jo Ellen was recognized for her



extraordinary public service due to her leadership of the Bar's Diversity Legal Writing Program. The Diversity Legal Writing Program provides second-year law students with practical clerking experience at private law firms in Maricopa County during the spring semester. Jo Ellen's work helps to ensure that talented, diverse law students develop strong research and writing skills that lead to increased opportunities in their professional careers. By helping good students become good lawyers it improves the overall profession. Over 15 years, Valley law firms have mentored 180 students, awarding over \$800,000 in scholarships.

Congratulations to Jo Ellen, and her exemplary public service!

40TH ANNIVERSARY

It's been serving the community for 40 years. [Watch this video](#) and help celebrate Cholla Library's 40th anniversary.



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