

# PHX CONNECT

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## ASK YOURSELF ...

### How Can I Advance Phoenix?



You are invited to a panel discussion on how we all can advance Phoenix to continue growing in innovation and collaboration through employee empowerment. On the panel will be: Assistant City Manager Milton Dohoney, Deputy City Manager Mario Paniagua, Public Works Director Ginger Spencer, Municipal Court Administrator Will Gonzalez and AdvancePHX Lead Jo Caldwell

At this special event, employees will learn city management's perspective on the importance of streamlining work processes, reducing waste and improving customer service. Continuous Improvement methodology provides tools to make data-driven decisions that help us to better serve our customers. Just as importantly, it helps employees to remain motivated and challenged while performing their work. **Details:**

- ◆ Wednesday, Aug. 8
- ◆ Noon - 1 p.m.
- ◆ City Council Chambers
- ◆ Register in eCHRIS using course code: **ADVPHX**



## \$30 MILLION GRANT



*From left: Terry Benelli, Director of Phoenix LISC; Eva Olivas, Executive Director of Phoenix Revitalization Corporation; Angela Duncan, Deputy Director of Phoenix Housing Department; Jimmy Stracner, HUD Region IX Administrator; Cindy Stotler, Director of Phoenix Housing Department and Brian Swanton, CEO of Gorman & Company.*

## HOUSING TO USE GRANT FOR NEIGHBORHOOD TRANSFORMATION

The city's Housing Department has been awarded a \$30 million Choice Neighborhoods Implementation Grant from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) to improve a community with the largest concentration of public housing in the state. The funds will be used to transform the Edison-Eastlake community into a vibrant mixed-income neighborhood.

The implementation grant will redevelop public housing and stimulate economic growth in the area near St. Luke's Hospital and Edison Park; 18th and Van Buren streets. It will link housing redevelopment with new amenities, upgraded infrastructure and social services; and will ensure that the Edison-Eastlake community benefits, and builds on, local transit-oriented development opportunities.

For more details, visit the [Housing Department's web page](#).

# PHOENIX @WORK WEDNESDAYS

## Eric Johnson

**Solid Waste Equipment Operator  
Public Works**



Eric started with the city in 2013 as a SWEO (Solid Waste Equipment Operator). He says he loves his quick-paced job.

In his spare time, Eric loves to race open-wheel dirt track cars (below) and go hiking in the desert.

His job is to drive a route in the city picking up recycling while ensuring safety on city streets.



Eric loves that his job includes being able to interact with the public and answer their questions.

### Fast Facts

- ◆ Fictional place to go to: **Pandora (world from the movie Avatar)**
- ◆ I can give an impromptu presentation on: **Motorsports**
- ◆ Skill to master: **My golf game has been struggling**
- ◆ Favorite lunch spot while working: **Jack in the Box**

Advice I like to give:

*"I tell new employees to take their time and be aware of their surroundings - Safety is #1."*

Eric says the excitement on a child's face when he drives to pick up the recycling is priceless!

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)

## BACK TO SCHOOL

In addition to pens and paper, a new backpack and clothes, make sure your kids have a Phoenix Public Library card. It will give them access to books, research databases, practice tests, articles, music and movie downloads/streaming, tutorials, homework help and quiet places to study. Stop by one of the city's 17 locations or [visit the library's web site](#) to get a free library card.



## JOB OF THE WEEK

**Featured Listing:** Structural Inspector I, Planning and Development, \$21.63 - \$31.77/hour. (Qualified applicants should also apply for Structural Inspector II, \$23.81 - \$34.99/hour).

*Inspects construction work in progress to ensure that it's performed in compliance with approved plans, codes and related requirements. Inspection assignments involve primarily nonresidential buildings. Requires certification as a building inspector OR skilled journey-level structural trades experience working on commercial or multi-family residential projects. Must be able to obtain appropriate ICC certifications by the end of probation. Apply by Aug. 13.*

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:

- ◆ Anthony Bernardino, groundskeeper, Parks and Recreation
- ◆ Leslie George, senior center assistant, Human Services
- ◆ Sofia Simon, security guard, Municipal Court
- ◆ Wendy Parks, police automated system sec., Police
- ◆ Leonard Saltmarsh, officer, Police