

The logo features a stylized star on the left composed of four overlapping triangles in shades of blue, green, and purple. To the right, the word "PHX" is written in a dark red, serif font, with a circular graphic element around the 'X'. The word "CONNECT" is written in a large, bold, blue, sans-serif font.

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BE INFORMED

Did you know this is National Retirement Security Week? Take a little time to work on *securing* your financial future.

Explore the [My Interactive Retirement Planner tool!](#) It lets you see the big picture of your retirement savings situation. You can include information about your pension, your spouse, Social Security and of course your contributions to your deferred compensation accounts. Tell the tool where you stand today and where you'd like to be when you retire, and it will tell you if you are on track!

LET IT GROW!



Phoenix Public Library's Seed Library locations are growing! Three new locations are ready to serve you at [Palo Verde](#), [Juniper](#) and [Cholla](#) Libraries.

With your library card, get three free packets of seeds per week. Learn more about the program on the [Library's main web page](#).



NEW NETWORK



LOOK FOR EMAIL TODAY

Today, Information Technology Services (ITS) [launched a more secure Wi-Fi network](#) exclusively for city employees using city-owned laptops and tablets that run on Windows.

The new and secure network is called **XWIFI**. It will bring convenience to city employees who often need to access their work files while working away from their desks, but still within most city facilities. City employees are encouraged to use the XWIFI for secure access. Requirements to access XWIFI:

- ◆ Only city-owned Microsoft Windows laptops & tablets can access XWIFI. Smartphones (Androids and iPhones) and all Apple devices (MacBooks, etc.) will not have access.
- ◆ Eligible devices must run on Microsoft Windows 7 or 10.

The city's existing Wi-Fi network – **PHXCITYWIFI** - will continue to serve the public. City employees with devices not compatible with XWIFI may continue to use this existing network.

Check out the [Step-by-step instructions](#), which were also emailed to all employees earlier today with more details about the new system. For questions about XWIFI, please email ITS.PHX@phoenix.gov or call the HELP desk at 534-4357.

PHOENIX @WORK WEDNESDAYS

Scott Kroeppler

Buyer Aide
Water Services



Scott started in the city in 2015 as a Supply Clerk I working at the Remote Facilities warehouse.

Scott enjoys his time with his family and says if they're camping or fishing—that's even better.

As a buyer aide, Scott researches where to obtain materials and services and which contracts to use.



He also works to make sure materials requested are expedited and vendors are paid efficiently.

Fast Facts

- ◆ Favorite book series: **Joe Pickett by C.J. Box**
- ◆ Best place for dessert: **260 Café in Payson**
- ◆ Favorite city park? **Papago Park—I enjoy the fishing at the upper lagoon. It's peaceful and quiet.**
- ◆ Dream vacation: **Anywhere with my wife. I married my best friend.**

What makes the city a great place to work?

"The diversity of our employees and a wide range of training opportunities."

Scott is also a guest services manager at Celebrity Theatre and is pursuing his Associate's degree in business mgmt.

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

JOB OF THE WEEK

Featured Listing: One day hiring event, Saturday, Nov. 10, Police Communications Operator, \$18.72 - \$28.79/hour.

*"Communications operators answer calls from the public and communicate via radio with police officers regarding all types of emergencies and non-emergencies, including working as call takers, 911/Crime Stop operators, and radio dispatchers. This is a 24-hour per day, 7-day per week operation. **Candidates who are placed on the eligible list will receive additional information to attend this fast-tracked hiring event.** This application requires a typing speed certification, cover letter and resume submitted as one document. Requires one year public contact, customer service or clerical work experience, as well as the ability to accurately type 40 words per minute (net) from dictation. Apply by Oct. 29."*

[Here's the link](#) to the most recent job openings.

LEAVE DONATIONS

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

- ◆ Steve Outram, officer, Police
- ◆ Mariana Arismendez, engineering technician, Planning and Development
- ◆ Tanya Hunte, airport operations assistant, Aviation
- ◆ Kathleen Hernandez, caseworker I, Human Services

SOAR WITH PHOENIX

The SOAR program helps people who are currently working or displaced by layoffs, downsizing or business closures. [Follow the tracks of three SOAR graduates](#) and learn



what the city of Phoenix can do for you. The SOAR program is open to any resident of Maricopa County, even if not residing in the city of Phoenix.

WHAT A YEAR!

A big thank you to every city employee who either worked or attended this year's Community Service Fund Drive Hands & Hearts Street Faire. The committee hopes you enjoyed the new and improved layout of the event. Your generous support through donations and your time will make a difference in the lives of others. If you have not had an opportunity to make your pledge, you can do it in [eCHRIS](#) until 5 p.m. on Oct. 31. We are nearing our citywide goal of \$850,000.



Thanks to CSFD volunteers for taking and sending these great photos of the event.