



# PHX CONNECT

The Weekly Connection Newsletter for City of Phoenix Employees • Sept. 1, 2021

## YOUR SHOT AT WINNING

The next **Your Shot at Winning Giveaway** will take place on Sept. 3. This giveaway is a Grand Prize Giveaway for a Phoenix Suns Devin Booker jersey and \$2,000. Employees who submit their completed COVID-19 vaccine card for the Vaccine Safety Award in eCHRIS by Sept. 2 at noon are eligible. Excluding the Mayor, City Council Members and the City Manager, the giveaway is open to all active employees including full-time, part-time and job share city employees.

Submit your completed COVID-19 vaccination card and you could join the Your Shot Winner's Circle with past winners:

### \$1500 Weekly Winners:

Jana Benson, Parks

Norma Martinez Perez, Human Services

Frank Milam, Water Services

Maria De Lourdes King, Law

Raul Rangel, Parks

Raul Aguilar, Public Transit

Glen Naillon, Housing

Sgt. Robert Pitts, Jr., Police

Barbara Gonzales, Police

Susan Rodman, Library

### Aug. 6 Grand Prize Winners:

Arturo Cervantes, Water—  
(2) American Airlines tickets  
and \$1,000

Raymond Ochoa, Fire—\$3,000 Grand Prize

### Sept. 3 Grand Prize Winner:

? -Your Name Could Be Here



## COVID-19 Updates

### FDA Grants Full Approval to Pfizer Vaccine

The FDA granted full approval to the Pfizer vaccine for individuals 16 and older. The Pfizer vaccine continues to be available under the emergency use authorization for individuals 12 through 15 years of age. For more information, [read the FDA news release online](#).

Employees can learn the latest COVID-19 developments by visiting the city's [Employee Health Updates](#) webpage online for more information.

Public health officials report that the Delta variant strain of COVID-19 is causing most of the nation's positive COVID-19 cases. **According to Maricopa County Department of Public Health, people who have NOT been fully vaccinated for COVID-19 are at the greatest risk of getting the Delta variant and are at least 10 times more likely to become severely ill.**

The city continues to encourage employees to help protect one another by getting the COVID-19 vaccine. **The city has partnered with Healthwaves to host a vaccine site for employees 18 years and older near Sky Harbor Airport at 1615 W. University Dr., Tempe, Suite 137. Appointments can be scheduled for by calling 480-968-1886.**

To find additional vaccine dispensing sites, visit the [Find COVID-19 Vaccines page on the Arizona Department of Health Services website](#).



Per CDC Guidelines

**EVERYONE MUST WEAR A MASK WHEN INSIDE CITY BUILDINGS**

#VaxUpPHX #MaskUpPHX

## COVID Testing Updates

Rapid COVID-19 tests are now available at the Assembly Rooms on the first floor of Phoenix City Hall (PCH), 200 W. Washington St. The PCH site replaces the Calvin C. Goode Building and Concentra Airport Phoenix Medical Center employee COVID-19 testing locations. Employees must schedule appointments for themselves and household family members by calling 602-534-0693 to receive a rapid test, which typically produces results in 15 minutes while you wait.

Tests are administered at City Hall on Wednesdays from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Appointments are required. No walk-ups accepted. This testing is for individuals who are NOT experiencing COVID-19 symptoms. If you have any COVID-related symptoms, please do not enter City Hall.

Employees with symptoms can schedule an appointment online for the City of Phoenix Employee Healthcare Clinic, located at 1 N. Central Avenue.

The Equal Opportunity Department presents:

David Fram

"The HR Guide to Answering ADA Workplace Questions" Webinar

Date: September 14, 2021  
Time: 9:00 am - 3:00 pm  
Cost: \$20

Register: Through eCHRIS using code ADAWKP

Employee Development Funds (EDF) & Management Development Funds (MDF) are approved for this event. Please complete an In-County Registration form and send to Renee Parcell (EO) for batch collection.

**DOUBLE  
EO PLAN POINTS**



The Equal Opportunity Department is hosting, "The HR Guide to ADA Workplace Questions" webinar featuring David K. Fram, Esq., Director of ADA Services, with the National Employment Law Institute. Join us on Sept. 14, 2021 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Register with Course Code: ADAWKP in eCHRIS. The \$20 registration fee can be paid with employee development funds (EDF) or management development funds (MDF) with the submission of the [In-County registration form](#) and approval from your department head. Submit approved In-County registration forms to [Renee Parcell](#). Email EEO & Fair Housing Supervisor [Corina Ramsey](#) or call 602-495-2469 with any questions.

## PHXConnect Reader's Choice Poll...

Now that employees are returning to the workplace, we want to know what is your go to restaurant and preferred meal for lunch? **To help fellow employees find fine lunch dining in Downtown Phoenix, submit your favorite lunch spot and your favorite meal** to be included in the PHXConnect Reader's Choice Dining Poll!

Results will be shared in an upcoming issue of PHXConnect. Send your responses to the [PHXConnect mailbox](#) in Outlook **by Monday, Sept. 6**. Thanks.



## Register for MentorPHX Info Sessions in eCHRIS...

### Key Information and Dates

Interested in...	What to Attend...	When to Apply...
Becoming a MENTOR?	Sign up for "The Mentor Experience"  September 23 at 10:00 AM Use Course Code: WIL101	Application Process 09/23/21 - 11/1/21
Becoming a MENTEE?	Sign up for the "MentorPHX Program Overview"  October 14 at 10:00 AM Use Course Code: MENPHX	Application Process: 10/01/21 - 11/01/21

For more information, visit the [MentorPHX Website](#) or email your questions to [MentorPHX@phoenix.gov](mailto:MentorPHX@phoenix.gov).

## Checkout the City Update with the Phoenix Office of Arts and Culture

[Find out all about the Phoenix Office of Arts+Culture and how local artists can apply for grants.](#)

Join Arts and Culture Executive Director Mitch Menchaca and PHXTV Station Manager Deborah Sedillo Dugan at the Black Theatre Troupe as they discuss supporting the arts in Phoenix.



## DID YOU KNOW?

Drinking enough fluids is one of the most important things you can do to prevent heat illness.

Dehydration can be life-threatening. Common symptoms of dehydration include: feeling very thirsty, dry mouth, sweating less than usual and dry skin. Get medical attention if symptoms include confusion, rapid breathing, fainting or rapid heartbeat.

To be hydrated for today you would have had to have started hydrating 2 days in advance. Water is essential to your body because it helps increase productivity, reduce stress, regulate appetite, improve concentration and regulate temperature.

For more information on the importance of hydration, visit [Heat Stress: Hydration](#) at cdc.gov.



*Photograph by David Meyers, Nature's Lens Studio*

## Save the Monarchs!

Did you know that Phoenix hosts migrating monarch butterflies each year? They arrive in September and wave goodbye around May as they make their way to cooler climates for the summer. These key pollinators are currently struggling; the western population of the monarch butterflies have declined by 99 percent over the last 25 years. Simply planting can help them survive and thrive!

Native milkweed and nectar plants are essential for monarch survival. With the fall planting season in Phoenix about to start, consider planting native milkweed and nectar plants to provide a habitat for monarchs and other pollinators. Working together, we can create a web of much needed habitat resources throughout Phoenix for this important species.

Learn more at [phoenix.gov/oep/monarch](http://phoenix.gov/oep/monarch).

## JOB OF THE WEEK

### Water Systems Operator

**\$20.55 - \$30.13/hour**

This position performs daily monitoring and control of staffed and non-staffed water works facilities through the operation of a central computerized system, Supervisory Control and Data Acquisition (SCADA). Duties include monitoring drinking water storage and flow at the city's surface water treatment plants and remote water facilities among other duties.

**Requirements:** Three years of experience in the operation of a large public water system including experience with multiple pressure zones, pumping, large water storage reservoirs, transmission mains, well operation, elevated water tanks, metering stations, personal computers and more. Must have at least a Grade 3 Arizona Department of Environmental Quality (ADEQ) Water Distribution System Operator certification at time of hire and a Grade 4 Arizona Department of Environmental Quality (ADEQ) Water Distribution System Operator certification by the end of the probationary period.

For more information about this position, visit the [city's employment website](#) online or log into eCHRIS.

[Check out the latest job openings](#)

## LEAVE DONATIONS

**The following employees are accepting leave donations:**

**Ira Salinas-Jerry—Police**

**Jeannie Leonard—Police**

**Eric Yanes—Public Works**

**Debbie Harris—Water Services**

Use eCHRIS to make your donation to these and other employees.

For a complete list of all employees accepting leave donations, visit the [Leave Donation website](#).