

The logo for PHX CONNECT features a stylized star on the left composed of four overlapping triangles in blue, yellow, and red. To the right, the letters 'PHX' are in a dark red serif font, with a circular icon containing a white swirl inside the 'X'. The word 'CONNECT' is in a large, bold, blue sans-serif font.

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From City Manager Ed Zuercher:

Right now it is more important than ever to stay connected and support one another. This has been a challenge with many employees due to teleworking and physical distancing guidelines within the office. This week I am launching a new series of interactive, virtual sessions, “Live with the City Manager,” beginning Thursday, Sept. 3, 10 - 10:30 a.m.

[Click here to register](#) for the first live Webex event.

In the first session, Human Resources Director Lori Bays joins me to address timely employee issues. In the weeks ahead, we will talk about teleworking successfully and racial equity, among other topics. Most importantly, this is your opportunity to ask me questions live and share your ideas for future “Live with the City Manager” events.

It is my goal to keep you current on the latest city of Phoenix efforts to be flexible, accountable and realistic as we serve our customers.

If you cannot attend, a recording of the session will be available on the city [HR webpage](#).

COVID-19 Updates



Employee and Family Testing Day Adjusted

Testing remains a vital part of helping public health experts understand community spread. City of Phoenix employees have access to several free testing options. Details on all of these options can be found [on the Employee Health Update webpage](#).

REMINDER: Tests at the Washington Activity Center are now only administered on Tuesdays and Thursdays (unless demand increases). This is the only city-sponsored site that offers free testing for employees and their household members.

COVID-19 Exception for Vacation Sell-Back Program

With fall around the corner, now is a good time to be thinking about how to use your unused leave hours, especially if you will lose them if not used by Dec. 31. This year only, because of COVID-19, donated leave time will count toward November [vacation sell-back requirements](#).

Financial Help for City Employees:

The city of Phoenix is committed to helping its employees in many situations, including financial hardship as a result of the COVID-19 virus. If you would like to see if you qualify for financial assistance through the city of Phoenix’s [COVID-19 Hope Fund, start here](#).

Special Edition: City Manager Podcast

The racial unrest occurring across our nation this summer has focused our attention on equity, discrimination and policing in America. [In this special edition podcast](#), City Manager Ed Zuercher sits down for a conversation with three prominent Black leaders in our organization. Each grew up experiencing discrimination based solely on the color of their skin, and each has worked hard to rise to leadership positions in Phoenix. They each share their stories and how they are processing what is happening right now in Phoenix and the United States.

2020 Community Service Fund Drive (CSFD)

It is that time again. Time to come together as public servants, have a little fun, and support some great organizations through the annual Community Service Fund Drive.

This video describes this year's campaign.

Valley of the Sun United Way's theme for this year is to "Activate Change" within our own communities by supporting children and families to build stronger neighborhoods. And this year's city of Phoenix campaign will look a whole lot different than past years.

From now through September 30, you can support the campaign by **volunteering your time virtually** or **making a pledge to contribute**. Your gift of time or money to United Way helps support, fund and facilitate many programs that provide both emergency assistance as well as long-term solutions that **address the root causes of many challenges**. Learn more about local non-profit organizations and how your donation will "Activate Change" by attending a **Virtual Agency Showcase** event throughout the month of September.

There are multiple avenues for you to **contribute to the fund drive**. Log into **eCHRIS** to make a payroll deduction, donate by credit card or text your donation directly to Valley of the Sun United Way by texting "CSFD" to 51555.

Every donation counts and every volunteer hour makes a difference. Thank you for your continued support and for all you do for our city every day.



Virtual 9/11 Ceremony



The city of Phoenix will hold the 19th annual September 11 Memorial Event to honor the lives lost during the terrorist attacks on our nation. In past years, the event has been open to the public and city employees to attend in person.

However, due to the COVID-19 pandemic, this year's event will only be available to watch on a livestream. The event will be streamed on the city's Facebook page and can be viewed from any device with access to Facebook.

The ceremony, which will be held on Friday, Sept. 11 at 9 a.m., will include the posting of an American flag that flew over Ground Zero during the rescue and recovery operation at the World Trade Center.

Paint Phoenix Purple

City of Phoenix 8th Annual



All proceeds to benefit:



ARIZONA COALITION
TO END SEXUAL & DOMESTIC VIOLENCE

STORE CLOSSES SEPT 13
<https://paintphoenixpurple2020.itemorder.com/sale>



Important Rx Changes

The city of Phoenix Prescription Benefit Manager (PBM), **EnvisionRx**, is now **Elixir**. Although the PBM name has changed, you will continue to enjoy the same great pharmacy benefits and services you've come to expect from EnvisionRx.

What This Change Means for You

- ◆ Continue using your current pharmacy benefits Member ID card. Your current card still provides all the information needed to process your prescriptions without interruption.
- ◆ Access your benefits and services as you always have, even if you see both names on different materials.
- ◆ Look forward to an updated Member Web Portal and mobile app.

Phone Support

A 100% U.S.-based customer service team is available 24 hours a day, seven days a week to answer all your questions about prescription medications. Call **1-833-803-4402 (TTY 711)** for information about copays, covered medications, pharmacies in your network, and much more. For all other benefits questions, please send a message to the [city of Phoenix benefits team](#).

New Season: PHXTV Rehash

A new season of PHXTV Rehash has premiered. This show helps recap all the great stories and information gathered by the team at PHXTV. [Stay up to date with city news and information](#) by watching the latest episodes.



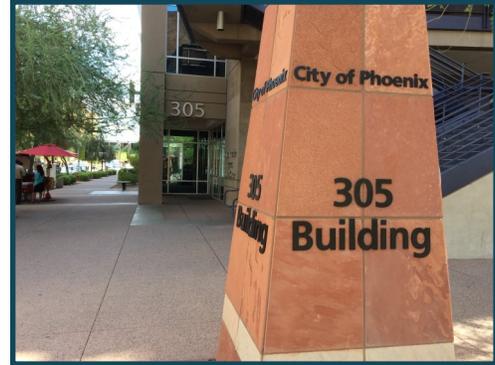
Leave Donations

The following employee is accepting leave donations. Use eCHRIS to make your donation:

- ◆ Lisa Brockman, Police

To see a complete list of all employees currently accepting leave donations, [visit this web page](#).

Day Pass Parking Changes



City of Phoenix Parking Services is implementing an *Automated Day Pass* to provide value-added convenience, social distancing and increased efficiency for city employees.

Effective Sept. 8, employees may visit the 305 Garage Parking Office to purchase the new Automated Day Pass credential.

Employees who have a previously purchased parking day pass may exchange it for credit towards a new Automated Day Pass credential.

To accommodate employees who choose to drive alone rather than carpool or use alternative modes of transportation during the pandemic, Day Passes are temporarily reduced to \$2 per day. The distribution of discounted parking passes in the garage exit lanes will be phased out and replaced with the new Automated Day Pass.

Employees visiting the 305 Garage Parking Office to purchase a new Day Pass will be given a \$2 coupon to use upon exit.

- ◆ Day Pass credential must be scanned upon entry and exit
- ◆ Day Pass credential allows automated 24/7 garage access for city of Phoenix Employees
- ◆ Day Pass credential provides same-day in/out privileges
- ◆ The Day Pass may be loaded with up to 20 days of parking access privileges
- ◆ Parking entry terminal will display the number of parking days remaining when credential is scanned

Please visit the [305 Garage Day Passes webpage](#) for additional information.

Job of the Week

Auto Parks Clerk II

\$17.28 - \$22.51/hour

This position is responsible for processing a large volume of auto parts purchase requests and goods receipts in the city's eProcurement system and within the asset management system. Other responsibilities may include contacting vendors to obtain revised invoices and statements for reconciliation. The incumbent must be able to read, comprehend and apply knowledge of laws, ordinances, rules, regulations and procedures of governing public procurement. In addition, they should have a general understanding of the fleet industry and contracts, and be compliant with procurement requirements of the Public Works Department. **Requirements:** Two years of experience in receiving, stocking and issuing automotive and heavy equipment parts and supplies. Working irregular hours, second and/or third shifts, weekends, holidays and evenings may be required.

[Check out the latest job openings here.](#)

[Check out the entire job database here.](#)

DID YOU KNOW?

The Helping Other Phoenix Employees (HOPE)

Fund is designed to offer eligible employees financial assistance for basic household expenses. This fund is designed to lessen an employee's financial burden caused by an unexpected human service emergency not under their control.

Employees who need financial assistance due to a verifiable, unanticipated health and/or human service-related emergency are eligible to apply. For more information click [here](#).

Join the **Conversation**



Future of Light Rail



The virtual public meeting for the light rail Northwest Extension Phase II **is now live**. You can view the materials and participate until Sept. 4.

This self-guided meeting will feature the project's final design (including renderings!) as well as info about what to expect during construction. Two live call-in sessions will be hosted where you can ask the project team your questions directly. Join us!

MLK Awards Nominations Due

If you know someone, including youth, who has made an impact on the quality of life of Phoenix residents, we urge you to nominate them for an award.



The Living the Dream Award recognizes individuals who embody the ideas of Dr. King through their continued personal commitment to human relations and social justice.

The Lifetime Achievement Award recognizes exceptional individuals who have made Phoenix a better place to live through a lifelong dedication to promoting social and economic justice, defending civil rights, and enhancing the dignity of all people. Nominations must emulate the lifelong dedication of Calvin C. Goode.

The deadline to submit a [nomination form](#) online is 5 p.m. Friday, Sept. 25.

For more information, visit Phoenix.gov/EOD or call 534-1279.