

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. 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.

Employee Flu Vaccine Clinics Available



Get a flu shot and you will be entered to win a \$25 Target Card!

As Fall approaches, the time is now to be vigilant about not only protecting yourself from COVID-19, but also the flu. With the delta variant continuing to spread, getting a flu vaccine matters more than ever! Getting the flu vaccine can reduce your risk of becoming seriously ill and help to protect those around you. By getting a flu vaccine, you will also be helping to reduce the strain on the healthcare industry by preserving resources needed to combat COVID-19. The flu and pneumonia vaccines are being made available for all city employees, at no cost.

Schedule an appointment through Healthwaves today! To schedule an appointment, log onto [Picka-Time.com/CityofPhoenixFlu](https://www.Picka-Time.com/CityofPhoenixFlu).

Once on the Healthwaves site, you will be prompted to create an account. Select a date and location that works best for you.

Employees will receive a confirmation email with the date, time, and location of their appointment, as well as a consent form that will be required for the appointment. [Click here for more information about employee flu vaccine clinic dates and locations.](#)

PHXConnect Reader's Choice Poll...



Monroe's Hot Chicken, courtesy of Jesus Betancourt, Courts

Employees have chimed in to our call for favorite downtown restaurants and their favorite spots represent a mix of cool cuisines. Checkout some of our employees favorite lunch spots when you plan to dine out downtown:

[Centrico](#)

[Harumi Sushi](#)

[Crazy Jim's](#)

[Monroe's Hot Chicken](#)

[Crescent Ballroom](#)

[Ramen Kagawa](#)

[Sticklers](#)

[Zen Thai](#)

Some of the favorite dishes include Pozole (Centrico), Chicken Patra Pita/Grilled Chicken Caesar (Crazy Jim's), Tower of Tuna (Harumi Sushi) and the Traffic Jam (Sticklers).

If you have any other downtown favs not included in this list, send them our way so that we can connect our great employees to great food options within walking distance of downtown city offices. Thanks.

[Checkout PHXTV Classroom to see the New Performing Arts Center at Sierra Linda High School](#)



Until recently, Sierra Linda High School did not have a Performing Arts Center. Students would perform musicals, plays, band concerts and choir performances at one of their district's sister schools or in the cafeteria, like elementary schools typically do.

Now this High School has a multi-million dollar state-of-the-art facility that makes both the school and community members proud!

DID YOU KNOW?

The city of Phoenix has announced a [new incentive program to attract police officer recruits and lateral police officers](#) to become part of the Phoenix Police Department as new hires. These incentives will help boost the national and local recruiting campaign currently underway.

This incentive program is divided into three areas: new recruits, sworn officers who want to lateral to Phoenix and current employee referrals. The hiring bonus is \$7500 for both police officer recruits and lateral sworn officers. Police recruits will receive the incentive in three installments: \$2500 at hire, \$2500 upon graduating the Phoenix Regional Police Academy and \$2500 after successful completion of a one-year probationary period. Lateral sworn officers will receive the following two incentive payments: \$3750 when sworn in as a Phoenix Police Officer and \$3750 after successful completion of a one-year probationary period.

An additional incentive has been established for current city employees who refer individuals to the police department. Those employees are eligible for a \$2500 referral fee. That payout will come in the following stages, \$1250 when the applicant is hired and \$1250 after the new officer successfully completes the one-year probationary period.

For additional information [click here](#).

Employees can [purchase](#) Paint Phoenix Purple merchandise through Sept. 12.

October is Domestic Violence Awareness Month. For nine years, the city's Paint Phoenix Purple campaign has worked to raise awareness to eventually eliminate domestic violence in Phoenix.



[Support the campaign by purchasing Paint Phoenix Purple gear, including polos, T-shirts, face masks, bandanas and other items online.](#) All merchandise will be mailed directly to your home before Oct. 1. Proceeds benefit the Arizona Coalition to End Sexual and Domestic Violence.

JOB OF THE WEEK

Civil Engineer II

\$57,075 - \$86,902/year

This position performs civil engineering work at the intermediate level under the supervision of a professional civil engineer. The Civil Engineer II is responsible for the project management of civil construction plans, specifications and cost estimates for Capital Improvement Projects including water and sewer lines, storm drains, flood control facilities, irrigation facilities, paving projects, traffic signal and other street improvement projects.

Projects range from small scale to multi-million dollars and can include paving, traffic control devices, lighting, active transportation facilities, drainage systems and water/wastewater infrastructure. Currently, there are vacancies in the Streets Transportation and Public Works departments.

Requirements: One year of experience in the practice of civil engineering work, and a bachelor's degree in civil engineering or Two years of experience in civil engineering and a related engineering degree. Working irregular hours, second and/or third shifts, weekends, holidays, and evenings may be required.

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

If you are interested in donating vacation or comp time, please log into eCHRIS, navigate to the following path: Employee Self Service, Leave, Donate Leave and fill out the requested information. Employees in the Fire Department will need to contact the Fire Department HR Section to donate leave. To see a list of the employees accepting leave donations, visit the [Leave Donation website](#).

COMMUNITY SERVICE FUND DRIVE KICKOFF

It's GO time for the 2021 Community Service Fund Drive!



The Community Service Fund Drive is an amazing opportunity to show how committed we are to creating the greatest impact possible on the community we serve every day. In partnership with the Valley of the Sun United Way (VSUW), we have made it easy to donate to more than 200 nonprofit organizations, through payroll deduction, cash, check, or credit card. Accessing and selecting your preferred method to give is also easier than ever, through eCHRIS, paper forms, VSUW's credit card donation site, and even text-to-give.

From August 30 through October 15, the duration of the campaign, representatives from each city department will also be working on fun and engaging ways to support the drive. Be on the lookout for those opportunities in your departments. Also, I want to encourage you to join us for the twice-a-week virtual showcases through the month of September that will highlight some of the nonprofits working in the areas of education, housing/homelessness, health and workforce development—the four focus areas of **VSUW's Mighty Change initiative, which we have adopted as our theme for this year's campaign.**

Every donation counts, and together we can make a Mighty Change for Phoenix! Visit the [CSFD website online](#) for key campaign dates, to view the complete agency list and learn how to donate to your preferred nonprofit organization during this year's campaign.

Thank you for participating,

Spencer J. Self
Neighborhood Services Director
2021 CSFD Chair



City of Phoenix Deferred Compensation Plans Participant Satisfaction Survey Coming Soon!

Nationwide Retirement Solutions (NRS), the recordkeeper of the city of Phoenix 457, 401(a) Plans and Post-Employment Health Plan (PEHP), is interested in measuring how well they are helping to meet your retirement needs.

Starting Sept. 8, 2021, you will start receiving emails about the survey. Details below:

- ◆ The survey will be held from Sept. 13 — 30
- ◆ You will receive emails to the email address on file with NRS from a third-party research firm
- ◆ The survey link will be provided within the emails
- ◆ All responses will be kept completely confidential
- ◆ NRS will use the survey results to evaluate and improve their services

We strongly encourage you to complete the survey and greatly appreciate your valuable feedback. If you have any questions, please call the local Phoenix NRS Office at 602-266-2733.

