



### **Volunteer Phoenix Newsletter**

## September 2019

Hello Volunteer Community! This month we are highlighting two special opportunities with the City's Youth and Education Office and Library Department, as well as the Digital Literacy Class offered to Maricopa County Community College Students as a part of the City's Service Learning partnership. As always thank you for volunteering and creating a positive impact in your communities.

### City of Phoenix Youth and Education: Tutors Needed

Read on Phoenix/AARP Experience Corps
Phoenix - The City of Phoenix, in partnership
with the AARP Foundation is recruiting
volunteers 50 years and above to support a
tutoring program designed to improve reading
fluency skills for Phoenix elementary school
students. Volunteer Literacy Tutors meet weekly
with their assigned students within nine partnering
Phoenix school districts. If you enjoy working and
inspiring our youth - this opportunity is for you!
For more information, please contact Yvonne
Pastor at (602) 256-4388 or





# Census Volunteer: Opportunity

# iCount · 2020



The City of Phoenix Census education and outreach campaign aimed at reaching over 1.6 million individuals who reside in Phoenix. The City of Phoenix is looking for volunteers to assist with outreach. Event outreach will garner volunteers the opportunity to talk with the public on the importance and impact of the census. Individuals will have a tablet resource to help answer

questions and guide the public to the regional census website. When the time comes, March 2020, volunteers will be able to assist the public with navigating to the census link to complete their census form. Volunteers will undergo a training to prepare them with an overview of census operations, timeline and reporting process. If interested in this volunteer opportunity, please contact Leila Gamez at <a href="mailto:leila.gamiz@phoenix.gov">leila.gamiz@phoenix.gov</a>.

### Parks and Recreation Department: Highlight

#### North Mountain Visitors Center

The Park Steward program works throughout the City of Phoenix to help maintain and beautify the 41,000 acres of preserve land and trails. Over the last year Park Ranger Greg Jones has worked with volunteers from the Arizona Sustainability Alliance, Eagle Scout Aiden Hinz, save our Mountains Foundation and numerus Park Stewards to completely restore the parking lot area at the North Mountain Visitors Center.

The North Mountain Revitalization project has been ongoing since September of 2018 and has entailed many facets of work. The volunteers removed various species of invasive plants and trees that deprive natural flora of water and resources, made worse by the supper bloom in spring. Volunteers also trimmed trees to raise the canopy to protect them from fire and increase visibility for security within the trailhead and parking area. Additional work included thinning brush to reduce fire fuels and to reveal flora that had been obscured by the over growth. For more information contact Josh Parnell at josh.parnell@phoenix.gov.



# Office of Arts and Culture: Volunteer Highlight

Judd and Billie Jo Herberger were recognized for their support of The Gallery @ City Hall by Friends of Phoenix Public Art at a reception on April 4, 2019. Billie Jo Herberger accepted an original painting by Rick Naimark in their honor from Friends of Phoenix Public Art. To learn about opportunities with the Office of Arts and Culture contact Mary Muesegades at mary.muesegades@phoenix.gov.



Housing Department and MCCCD: Service Learning Highlight

Students from Maricopa County Community Colleges team up with the City's Housing Department to lean about computers, the internet, and social media. This is part of Volunteer Phoenix – Maricopa County Colleges service learning opportunity.





