



PHX CONNECT

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WIPE OUT GRAFFITI

In February, Phoenix's Neighborhood Services Department hosts the Third Annual Graffiti Free Phoenix program, which encourages residents across the community to join the city's effort to keep Phoenix graffiti free.

The campaign combines information on how to report graffiti and provide residents with the tools they need to keep their neighborhoods graffiti free.

Through February, as part of the Graffiti Free Phoenix Awareness Month, the city will provide free paint and supplies to any group organizing a community cleanup to wipe out graffiti in Phoenix.



THIS WEEK IS ...

- ◆ Thursday: [Play Your Ukulele Day](#)
- ◆ Friday: [Bubblegum Day](#)
- ◆ Sunday: [World Nutella Day](#) (YUM!)



POLITICAL ACTIVITY

EMPLOYEE GUIDELINES



As many are aware, a Runoff Election will be held on March 14, 2017 to fill the City Council District 3 vacancy. The Mayor and City Council approved a new policy at the Sept. 27, 2016 policy meeting regarding city employees' ability to participate in Phoenix Mayor and Council elections.

The new policy allows city employees to privately

express their political opinions in city of Phoenix elections. Examples of what the policy now allows include posting private opinions on personal or non-governmental social media accounts, displaying yard signs on non-governmental property, signing nominating petitions or communicating with another person or group of people regarding city elections when the employee does not do so in an official capacity.

While the new policy allows private political expression for city employees, there are still certain restrictions to be aware of. City employees may NOT:

- ◆ Use any official city authority or influence for the purpose of interfering with or affecting the results of an election.
- ◆ Participate in the management or affairs of any city candidates' campaign for Mayor of Phoenix or Phoenix City Council including, but not limited to, soliciting or making financial contributions to candidates.
- ◆ Display bumper stickers and posters on city vehicles or display bumper stickers, posters, literature, buttons or other campaign material on city property or at their individual work sites.
- ◆ Use an official city title or designate employment with the city in political advertisements, endorsements, or speeches.

If you have any questions, please review the new [A.R. 2.16](#) and discuss the issue with your supervisor.

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Enrique Aguilar

Account Clerk III
Housing



Enrique joined the city in February 2015.

In his spare time, Enrique enjoys following the housing and stock markets.

Enrique is responsible for reviewing accounts, processing invoices and ensuring payments.



Enrique says his greatest accomplishment is graduation from college.

Fast Facts

- ◆ Favorite restaurant:
Olive Garden
- ◆ Movie popcorn topping:
No butter, just plain
- ◆ Cannot start morning without:
Working & coffee
- ◆ Missing the TV series...
Married with Children

Favorite thing about working for the city of Phoenix:

"Good support from supervisors."

Enrique looks up to Alan Greenspan because "he is a very good economist."

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

SUPER STORIES

Celebrate reading at Phoenix Public Library's annual Storyfest! Join us for superhero-themed activities and crafts, a photo booth, a costume contest and much, much more.

The first 500 children will also receive a free book and there will be a free prize drawing. **Details:**

- ◆ Saturday, Feb. 11
- ◆ 10 a.m. - 1 p.m.
- ◆ Burton Barr Central Library



JOB OF THE WEEK

Featured Listing: Automotive Technician

"Maintains, diagnoses and repairs automotive equipment (e.g., cars, light trucks, etc.). Requires four years of full time technician experience, or an Associates degree plus two years of experience. \$19.77 - \$24.49 (ASE Master Certification \$21.61 - \$26.54). Apply by Feb. 13."

Each Monday, the city posts jobs available for current employees to consider. [Here's the link](#) to the most recent Job Opportunities.

LEAVE DONATIONS

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

- ◆ Clarissa Gonzalez, accountant I, Street Transportation
- ◆ Alma Kirkendall, secretary III, Aviation

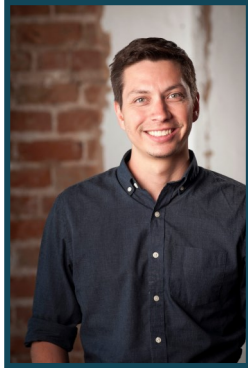
GREEN BAG LUNCH

The Power of the Local Economy

Learn how your purchasing habits can improve the local economy, create jobs and contribute recirculating dollars in our community. In addition, learn about how the city of Phoenix recognizes the value of green purchasing and environmentally-preferred products.

Thomas Barr, director of operations for Local First Arizona, will discuss the value of the local economy, the role of Local First and how you can make a difference.

Local First Arizona is a statewide nonprofit organization focused on raising public awareness of the economic and cultural benefits provided by strong local economies. This Green Bag is brought to you by the Phoenix Green Team. **Details:**



- ◆ Wednesday, Feb. 8
- ◆ Noon – 1 p.m.
- ◆ Calvin Goode Building, 10E
- ◆ Earn TRIPLE diversity training credits under the city's Equal Opportunity Plan. Your attendance will count toward your departmental goals.
- ◆ For more information, visit [Office of Sustainability](#).

DID YOU KNOW ?

Each week, learn three things you may not have known and share them with friends and family or on your social media accounts.

- ◆ *The string on boxes of animal crackers was originally placed there so the container could be hung from a Christmas tree.*
- ◆ *Duncan Hines was a real person. He used to be a restaurant critic and wrote a book on hotel recommendations.*
- ◆ *Alaska is the only state that can be typed on one row of keys (go ahead, try it).*



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CAN YOU GIVE?

You can make a difference ...

It's not too late to become a hero

Did you know— that every three seconds someone needs blood!?!? One gallon of blood fulfills Arizona's patient needs for about 15 minutes! On average, it takes four donors to provide the blood needed by a single patient requiring a transfusion. Premature babies, trauma victims, as well as patients suffering from cancer, leukemia and heart disease all require lifesaving blood transfusions.

Need motivation?

[Read McKindree's story.](#)



Blood drive details:

- ◆ Thursday & Friday, Feb. 9 & 10
- ◆ 8 a.m. - 2 p.m.
- ◆ City Hall Assembly Rooms A & B
- ◆ To make an appointment, log onto [Bloodhero.com](#) and enter the sponsor code **PHXGOV**. Click on the Location (Phoenix City Hall Assembly Rooms A and B) and the date that works best for you. Select the time that fits your schedule, then log in to make the appointment. First time users will need to create a profile!
- ◆ Walk-in appointments are also welcome
- ◆ For more information, call 534-3943

SCIENCE OF SOUND & MUSIC

Lecture Series

As part of the 6th Annual Arizona Scitech Festival, this year's theme complements the exhibit **One World, Many Voices: The Artistry of Canyon Records**, currently at Pueblo Grande Museum. These lectures will explore the science of instrument making, music and current research of how music and sound is being used across a variety of disciplines.

Lectures are from noon to 1 p.m. each Friday in February and open to the public. Visit [Pueblo Grande](#) for additional information on upcoming AZ Scitech programs and events at the Museum, and [azscitechfest.org](#) to learn more about the hundreds of events happening around the state as part of the Arizona Scitech Festival.

