



PHX CONNECT

The Weekly Connection Newsletter for City of Phoenix Employees • June 1, 2016

HEAT ADVISORY

This weekend's weather is expected to be record breaking with Friday reaching 114 degrees, 117 degrees on Saturday and 115 degrees on Sunday. If you are working or playing outside this week, please remember to take some safety precautions:

- ◆ Drink plenty of water
- ◆ Cover skin with sunscreen
- ◆ Take breaks in the shade

Use the buddy system to look for signs of heat exhaustion which include: fatigue, heavy sweating, headache, cramps, dizziness, high pulse rate and nausea or vomiting.

COOL EVENT

The Phoenix Fire Department and the Parks and Recreation Department invite you and your families to join them at Fiesta del Agua. This free event will include several booths to share water safety information including CPR lessons, life jackets, sun safety and more. A mock drowning and rescue will be performed by members of the Phoenix Fire Department in conjunction with the Aquatics Section of Parks and Recreation. **Details:**

- ◆ Saturday, June 4
- ◆ 2 - 5 p.m.
- ◆ Maryvale Pool, 4444 N. 51st Avenue



SUMMER HEAT RELIEF EFFORTS

The onset of triple-digit temperatures means it is time for the annual Summer Respite Program.

The city of Phoenix Human Services Department is asking employees and the public to donate unopened water bottles, sunscreen, new underwear, white socks, white T-shirts, insect repellent and prepackaged snack items to be collected at the city's family services centers. The items will be distributed to the homeless by experienced homeless outreach teams. Monetary donations also are accepted. Residents can bring their tax-deductible donations to any of the city's three family services centers, weekdays from 8 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.:

- ◆ Travis L. Williams, 4732 S. Central Ave. (602-534-4732)
- ◆ John F. Long, 3454 N. 51st Ave. (602-262-6510)
- ◆ Sunnyslope, 914 W. Hatcher Road (602-495-5229)

The city also participates in the Heat Relief Network, a Valley wide program to ensure the safety of homeless people, seniors, disabled and other residents in need during the hot summer months.

The city's Human Services Department is educating seniors at its 15 senior centers about the dangers of heat exposure, how to recognize heat stroke, heat exhaustion and heat cramps.

Information about the Heat Relief Network and Summer Respite program can be found [on this web site](#) or by calling 602-256-4302.

PHOENIX @WORK WEDNESDAYS

Rudy Mendoza

Property Technician
Phoenix Police Department



Rudy's job is to work with the 1,250 cars and more than 2,000 bikes currently in the vehicle impound lots.

As part of his job, Rudy is often required to drive around a variety of unique and expensive vehicles.

Rudy joined the city as an employee back in 1991.



Rudy started his career with the city in the Public Works Department as an equipment operator.

Fast Facts

- ◆ Next on bucket list:
Retirement and moving to Colorado
- ◆ 3 words to describe you:
Hardworking, honest, respectful
- ◆ I can quote lines from...
Forrest Gump
- ◆ I cannot live without...
My wife

In his spare time, Mendoza enjoys mountain biking at South Mountain and looks forward to golfing more once he retires.

Favorite thing about working for the city: *"Being able to work with the public & getting to work outdoors."*

Check out all of our profiles on these amazing city employees by clicking on [this link](#).

Have an idea for the next PHXConnect?

E-mail us: phxconnect@phoenix.gov

COLLEGE SUMMER HELP

College Depot at Phoenix Public Library is offering summer camps in June and July. Students entering 8th - 12th grades this fall can meet and spend time with peers, learn valuable information, play games, hear from guest speakers, get ready for college and have fun! The camps are customized for students by grade level:

- ◆ **8th/9th graders:** Thursday, June 9, 1 - 5 p.m. or Saturday, July 9, 1 - 4:30 p.m.
- ◆ **10th/11th graders:** Saturday, June 18, 11 a.m. - 4 p.m. or Thursday, July 14, 11:30 a.m. - 5 p.m.
- ◆ **12th graders:** Wednesday, June 22, 11:30 a.m. - 5 p.m. or Saturday, July 23, 11 a.m. - 4 p.m.

Registration is required and seats are limited. [Fill out a form on this web site](#). For more information, call 602-261-8847.

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at phoenix public library

GIVE BLOOD, WIN A CAR

City of Phoenix employees are again being asked to roll up their sleeves for a great cause. United Blood Services will be helping with a blood drive for city employees. Everyone who makes an appointment is entered to win one of two gift cards to Papa John's Pizza or Darden Restaurants. Everyone who gives is entered to win a brand new 2016 Passat S. **Details:**

- ◆ Monday, June 6 & Tuesday, June 7
- ◆ 8 a.m. - 4 p.m.
- ◆ City Hall Assembly Rooms A & B
- ◆ Call 602-495-5700 for more information
- ◆ Visit BloodHero.com (use sponsor code: PHXGOV)

LEAVE DONATIONS

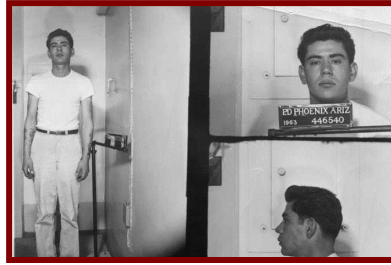
The following employees are accepting leave donations. If you'd like to help; use eChris to make your donation:

- ◆ Georgina Lopez-Garcia, Communications Operator, Police Department
- ◆ Tammie Hanson-Ferguson, Emergency Dispatcher, Fire Department
- ◆ Ofc. Todd Schelbrock, Police Department
- ◆ Ofc. Alan Zagorski, Police Department

YOU HAVE THE RIGHT...

Brown Bag Lunch Event

Join the Phoenix Police Museum and bring your lunch to learn firsthand details surrounding the historic U.S. Supreme Court "Miranda Decision."



Retired Phoenix Police Captain Carroll Cooley will present the background of this historical decision which resulted in the Miranda Warning - "You Have the Right to Remain Silent." Carroll Cooley was the arresting detective on the case which marks its 50th year since the infamous decision. This is a once in a lifetime opportunity to hear from the man behind the decision. **Details:**

- ◆ Thursday, June 9
- ◆ City Hall Atrium rooms A/B
- ◆ Noon - 1:30 p.m.

JOB OF THE WEEK

Featured Listing: Solid Waste Equipment Operator (Garbage / Recycling Truck Driver)

"Seeking CDL drivers who have operated equipment with a gross vehicle weight of 40,000 pounds or greater such as a garbage (solid waste) truck, cement truck, 6 or 8 bay beverage truck, super 18 dump truck, or similar sized equipment. Apply by July 11.

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

THIS WEEK IN HISTORY

Click on the day to learn more about the story mentioned below.

- ◆ **Monday** 1909: Pearl Hart holds up an Arizona stagecoach
- ◆ **Tuesday** 1859: Big Ben sounds off for 1st time
- ◆ **Wednesday** 1980: CNN launches
- ◆ **Thursday** 1935: Babe Ruth retires from baseball
- ◆ **Friday** 1965: 1st American walks in space



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HERE COMES THE HEAT

During the summer months, Maricopa County experiences a considerable increase in the formation of ground-level ozone, which can trigger a variety of health problems including chest pain, coughing, throat irritation and congestion. Ozone pollution can also worsen bronchitis, emphysema and asthma. Ground-level ozone forms when pollutants such as vehicle emissions react to Arizona's intense sunlight.

By making small changes to our daily habits, we can all reduce our contribution to ground-level ozone. And with your help, we can continue to spread the message and educate our community about the importance of these changes, not to mention the health impacts of ozone.

[Watch this video](#) to learn more about the County's campaign.

AROUND PHX

This baby knows how to beat the heat. Check out this tiny tot enjoying the splash pad at Cityscape.

Thanks April May, Supervisor I, in Water Services for sending us the picture.

Please email us what you are up AroundPHX to and it may get profiled in a future newsletter.



COOL IN YOUR ZIP

Want to know what's Cool In Your Zip? Check out the Arizona Horse Lovers Park located at 19224 N. Tatum Blvd. [Watch the video here.](#)



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