



PHX CONNECT

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STILL GOING ...

The National Weather Service has extended its Excessive Heat Warning through at least Thursday. Whenever possible, stay indoors and stay hydrated. For employees whose jobs keep them outside, remember to:

- ◆ *Drink plenty of water*
- ◆ *Wear sunscreen*
- ◆ *Take breaks in the shade*

[A special intranet web site has been set up](#) for employees working in the heat. Keep up to speed on all things hot on social media by using #PHXheat.

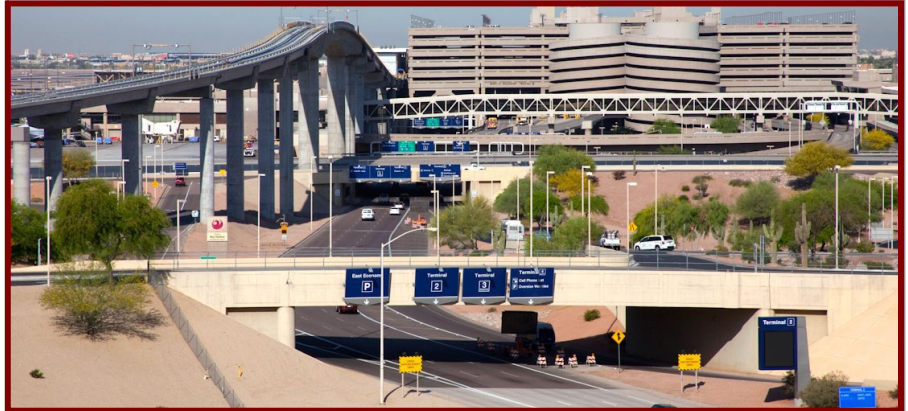
SANDBAGS, OR ...

Each year, the monsoon can bring plenty of bad weather, including flooding. Homeowners and business owners often turn to traditional sandbags to “shore up” their property to avoid excess water coming inside. This year, there’s an alternative. [Watch how gel water barriers work.](#)

Keep checking [the city’s monsoon web page](#) for updates as needed.

Follow the latest storm updates on social media by using #PHXstorm.

NEW OPTIONS




UBER AND LYFT NOW AT SKY HARBOR

On May 18, Phoenix City Council approved changes to Phoenix Sky Harbor International Airport’s Ground Transportation Program. This program will modernize the airport’s ground transportation policy to create a level playing field for all ground transportation operators. Additionally, customers have frequently requested services such as Lyft and Uber. As of June 18, those ride share companies will have designated pick-up locations at Phoenix Sky Harbor:

- ◆ *Terminal 2 on the east end outside of door 8*
- ◆ *Terminal 3 on the north curb outside door 9*
- ◆ *Terminal 4 on the north curb outside door 1 and on the south curb outside door 8*

Customers should look for the ride share signs on the curbs for the designated pick-up locations.

Ride share services are only one of the many ground transportation options America’s Friendliest Airport® provides. Other options include taxis, Super Shuttle, courtesy shuttles, pre-arranged providers, and public transportation including Valley Metro Bus and Light Rail. Check out [a complete list of services and options at the airport.](#)



PHOENIX @WORK WEDNESDAYS

Jessica Greco

CASEWORKER II
HUMAN SERVICES
DEPARTMENT



Jessica is a victim advocate at the Family Advocacy Center, where she assists victims of domestic & sexual violence.

In her spare time, Jessica loves to be with her family and 3 dogs. She also enjoys horseback riding.

Jessica joined the city back in 2003.



She also facilitates a youth educational & support group and is on a taskforce which is part of the "Paint Phoenix Purple" campaign.

Fast Facts

Favorite thing about working for the city of Phoenix:

"My job is challenging, but rewarding. And my co-workers are awesome."

3 words to describe Jessica:
Outspoken, compassionate,
and open-minded.

◆ Quote movie lines from:

Purple Rain

◆ Favorite valley sports team:

Phoenix Mercury

◆ Next on bucket list:

Have children

◆ Favorite style of music:

90s, R&B, and old school

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

Have an idea for the next PHX Connect?

E-mail us: phxconnect@phoenix.gov

THINK BEFORE YOU CLICK

Understanding Cyber Phishing Attacks

Phishing is still quite an effective method of cybercrime as the scams and methods are always evolving. The city of Phoenix Information Technology Services (ITS) has received information about a new phishing email targeting government entities.

These scam emails appear to have been sent by upper management and have requested that the business office process a wire transfer.

Here are a few tips from the ITS team to help spot potential phishing emails:

- ◆ Check the sender's entire email address, not just the sender name, by hovering over it to verify it is a reasonable email address.
- ◆ Only open an email attachment if you're expecting it and know what it contains. Be cautious of .zip files, as malicious files could be packed inside.
- ◆ Do not send any sensitive personal information via email.

Basically, if an email seems "fishy" in your inbox, it is probably a phishing scam! Don't open it... instead [send it to the city's "Spam Busters."](#)



COMING SOON

On June 30, the Starbucks kiosk in the atrium will officially close for renovation and transition to a new operator. The renovation and transition will take about a month to complete. The new kiosk, With a Gusto Café, will offer Starbucks products as well as pastries and snacks.



In the meantime, if you need your caffeine fix during the renovation period, the 10th floor cafeteria offers coffee products, breakfast items and snacks to hold you over.

The new With a Gusto Café will have a grand opening in August! Be on the lookout for more information on the new café, the owner and the menu in the coming weeks. [Email for more information.](#)

WASTE BECOMES ENERGY

Phoenix Water Services will soon be selling biogas from its 91st Avenue Wastewater Treatment Plant as a renewable green energy commodity. The gas, a mixture of methane and carbon dioxide, is a result of the natural breakdown of

organic matter in the wastewater treatment process. Through this new effort, 600,000 cubic feet of gas will be

treated and transferred to a nearby commercial gas pipeline, where it will be sold on the open market as green energy.

The project is expected to produce \$1.2 million in annual revenue, shared among the cities that jointly own the plant including Glendale, Mesa, Phoenix, Scottsdale, and Tempe. Approximately fifty percent of this revenue will go directly to Phoenix.



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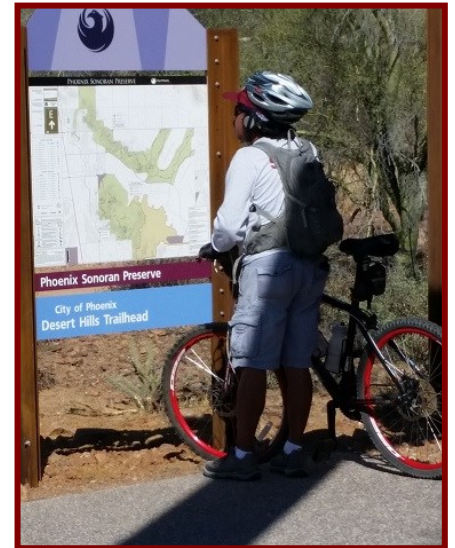


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AROUND PHX

Retired city of Phoenix employee Frank Favela was out mountain biking at the Desert Hills Sonoran preserve trailheads.

Thank you for sending in your pictures when you are AroundPHX. Please email us what you are up to and it may get profiled in a future newsletter.



JOB OF THE WEEK

Featured Listing: Street Maintenance Worker I

"Performs a variety of manual labor tasks associated with street maintenance and the operation of large and small vehicles and power equipment. Requires a CDL Class-A at time of hire and ability to work outside for prolonged periods. Starting pay is \$14.12/hour, first review of applications occurs July 5."

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** 1975: "Jaws" released in theaters
- ◆ **Tuesday** 1788: U.S. Constitution ratified
- ◆ **Wednesday** 1944: FDR signs G.I. Bill
- ◆ **Thursday** 1902: Mercedes registered as a brand name
- ◆ **Friday** 2005: "That interview" with Tom Cruise

CELEBRATE THE 4TH

With just over a week to go before the 4th of July weekend, you may be wondering where to find the best family friendly fireworks in Phoenix.

[This short video](#) from PHXTV lists all the fireworks shows at Phoenix city parks.



KIDS TAKE OVER CITY OF PHOENIX!!!

Sustainability Circus Clown Master Hartman entertained 95 kids for the 5th annual Take Our Daughters & Sons to Work Day event hosted by the Phoenix Green Team. In a rainbow-colored wig and top hat, Clown Master Hartman taught the kids about sustainability, and made them laugh too. He was joined by St. Mary's Food Bank, Maricopa County Environmental Services Stormwater Division and seven city departments, including, Planning & Development, Water Services, Transit, Office of Emergency Management, Fire, Police, and Housing. Kids learned about our water system by building a watershed and experiencing a stormwater pollution model.

Food, nutrition and gardening activities taught the kids about eating and growing fruits and vegetable. A fire truck and a new bus were on hand for students to experience. Kids of all ages met, petted and took pictures with one of our finest canine police officers.

The Phoenix Green Team would love to hear from parents and kids about their circus experience; please [email with your comments](#).



The Communications Office hosted dozens of children to get a "behind the scenes" look at how the city communicates its message to the public. The afternoon started with Communications Director Julie Watters talking to the kids about how the city gets the word out, through PHXTV, social media and public events.

The kids also got a tour of the PHXTV studio to see how the TV staff gathers and edits stories. After that, they had a lot of fun playing on the "magic" green screen. They were able to choose from a variety of videos to be played in the background, magically transporting them into scenes from movies, as well as a beach, soaring in the sky and even in the middle of a fireworks show. They had a blast!

The Communications Office wants to thank all the kids who showed up and hope to see them again next year.



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