



PHX CONNECT

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ROLLING IN!

The Phoenix Green Team presents "Let the good times ROLL!"

Suzanne Day from Valley Metro will talk about all the fantastic Valley Bike Month events and activities happening through April. You'll also learn about the [ShareTheRide](#) contests with lots of great prizes.

Phoenix Bicycle Coordinator Joe Perez will talk about the "nuts and bolts" of bicycle commuting and the April 20 Bike to Work Day event hosted by Maricopa County and the city of Phoenix.

Valley Bike Month t-shirts will be given away as door prizes! Bring your lunch and earn TRIPLE diversity training credits under the city's Equal Opportunity Plan. Your attendance will count toward your departmental goals. **Details:**

- Wednesday, March 30
- Noon to 1 p.m.
- Calvin C. Goode Building, 10 East

CALLING ALL TEENS!

Applications for Phoenix Public Library's Summer Reading Teen Volunteer program will be accepted beginning April 1.

Teen Volunteers build self-confidence, leadership and career skills through assisting with craft, drop-in, story time and summer reading programming at one of Phoenix Public Library's 17 locations.



Qualified applicants will be 12-17 years old, self-motivated, friendly, fun-loving and interested in working with people. Interested teens are required to make a five week commitment and attend training in May to learn about the program. For more information visit phoenixpubliclibrary.org or call 602-262-4636.

CITY BUDGET



YOU ARE INVITED TO PARTICIPATE

The city of Phoenix is ready to present its new budget for the next fiscal year.

The City Manager recently presented the Trial Budget to the Mayor and Council. You can [watch that here](#).

This year, there are 15 public meetings for the public to attend. These meetings are critical in order to get input from residents and business owners about how the city's money is best spent.

City employees are encouraged to also attend one of these meetings to learn more about the plan for the next fiscal year. A calendar with times and locations can be [found here](#).

Any employees who wish to attend the hearings must do so on their own time, unless they are officially representing their department with permission of the department head. Keep in mind that employees cannot wear city uniforms to the meetings.

Council members and city staff will answer questions and talk about specific district issues.

Visit phoenix.gov/budget to view details of the proposed budget.

PHOENIX @WORK WEDNESDAYS

Kimberly Brown

Sign Shop Manager
Aviation Department



Brown oversees staff that designs, makes, repairs and installs nearly all the signs people see at the city's three airports.

Check out Brown (below, right) changing out U.S. Airways signs after their merger with American Airlines.

Brown reviews all sign requests and coordination with various airport stakeholders.



Brown started with the city in 2007 in the Airport Operations, Ground Transportation Section.

Fast Facts

- ◆ Favorite music:
Don't laugh, but I am an 80's girl
- ◆ Next on bucket list:
Family vacation with my daughters and husband
- ◆ Unknown talent about me:
Certified pilot & flight instructor
- ◆ "I cannot live without...":
My morning coffee

"Movies are not my thing. I find it very funny when people call me out on quoting a movie and I have no idea where it came from!"

Favorite thing about working for the city of Phoenix:

"The endless opportunities for experiencing something new."

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BROWN BAG REMINDER

Come join PHN as we explore the power of Civic Engagement and how it can assist your professional development through discovering new skill sets that allow you to develop a deeper commitment to using knowledge and leadership practices in the service of the public good.



Joining our discussion will be three individuals who are an example of what Civic Engagement can do for our communities, and who will also share some of the lessons they've learned during their professional careers:

- ◆ [Sue Glawe](#), Vice President of Community Relations at Blue Cross Blue Shield of Arizona
- ◆ [Carmela Ramirez](#), formerly of the City of Phoenix and the Latino Institute
- ◆ [Rosemary Ybarra-Hernandez](#), Founder of AGUILA Youth Leadership Institute

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- ◆ City Council Chambers
- ◆ Employees are encouraged to enroll through eChris under course number PHNBB

SPECIAL PARK TOUR

The Hohokam people lived in the Salt River Area from approximately 450 A.D. to 1450 A.D. They were an agricultural society, growing corn, beans, squash and cotton. In order to support their extensive agricultural system, the Hohokam people constructed miles of canals to direct water from the Salt River to their fields. The Park of Four Waters tour will take you on a journey through undeveloped, natural desert to the ruins of some of these canal systems. This is a first come, first serve tour, free with paid museum admission. Sign up at the front desk to reserve your spot. **Details:**

- ◆ Friday, March 25
- ◆ 10 a.m. - 11 a.m.
- ◆ Included with paid museum admission

LEAVE DONATIONS

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

- ◆ Carlos Amaro, Supplies Clerk II, Parks and Recreation

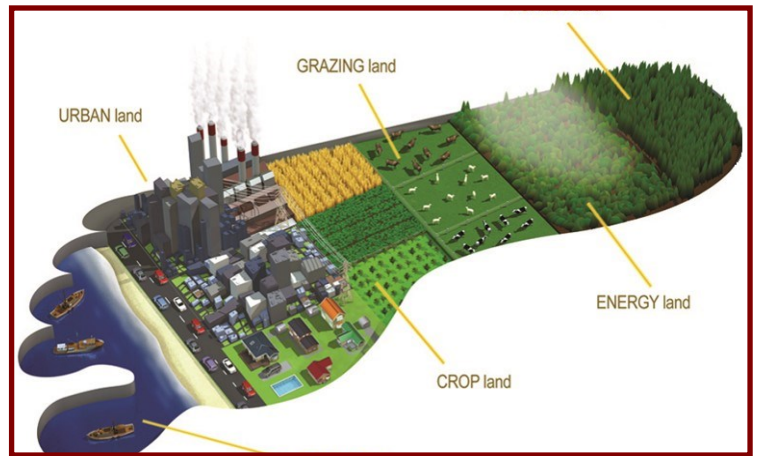
LAST CHANCE...

The city of Phoenix is asking the community for feedback on the proposed 2050 environmental sustainability goals to help shape the environmental long-term vision of Phoenix, prior to presenting the goals to the City Council for consideration in April.

The city is looking for input on each of the seven goal areas: Transit in every Phoenix neighborhood, zero waste, clean and reliable 100-year supply of water, a carbon neutral city, clean air, parks and open spaces in every Phoenix neighborhood, and a thriving local food system.

Residents can complete a quick survey online at phoenix.gov/sustainability or text the phrase **PHX2050** to 313131 to take the survey on their phones through the month of March.

For more information about what the city's destination should be, please contact the Phoenix Office of Sustainability at 602-534-1792 or email sustainability@phoenix.gov.



JOB OF THE WEEK

Featured Listing: Tax Auditor

The Tax Auditor position is responsible for analyzing and auditing accounting books and records of Phoenix businesses to determine privilege (sales) and use tax liabilities.

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

TAKE ME OUT....

Spring time means the Cactus League in Phoenix, and Maryvale Ballpark offers a great option to see Major League Baseball stars in a close and comfortable venue.

Come out and catch a game up until April 3rd!

<https://youtu.be/zwhraMmb7Nc>



THIS WEEK IN HISTORY

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

- ◆ **Monday** 1980: Famous "Dallas" cliffhanger airs.
- ◆ **Tuesday** 1933: FDR legalizes sale of beer and wine.
- ◆ **Wednesday** 1983: Reagan calls for new antimissile technology.
- ◆ **Thursday** 1989: Exxon Valdez runs aground.
- ◆ **Friday** 1967: Martin Luther King, Jr. leads march against the war.



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