



# PHX CONNECT

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## CONTRACT MANAGEMENT

The Contract Management Academy is a course designed for procurement officers and any staff involved in the day-to-day management of contracts. The purpose of this learning process is to proactively educate staff on procurement rules/regulations and managing contractor performance. The program objectives will include the following: *Procurement code, Administrative Regulation 3.10. determinations, contract formation, contractor performance, contract modification. verification of vendors/contractors, solicitation transparency, conflicts, protests contract resolution and cure letters.* **Details:**

- ◆ Dec. 13 - 15
- ◆ 8:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.
- ◆ Calvin C. Goode basement training rm.

Some employees may be able to use EDF or MDF for the cost of the academy. The cost will be determined by the number of participants that sign up for the class:

- ◆ 15 participants: \$296 pp
- ◆ 20 participants: \$231 pp
- ◆ 25 participants: \$192 pp

Please [complete the registration form](#). After you have registered, please [complete the in-county registration form](#). Once you have obtained your department head or designee approval on the in-county registration form, [send to Colleen Dorame](#).

## RAISING AWARENESS



### Everyone Invited to Take This Class

*Approximately two Arizonans die every day due to opioid overdoses.*

Recently, the President declared a public health emergency to deal with the opioid epidemic taking place nationwide. According to the Arizona Health Department Services, the 2016 opioid report shows over half of the 1,497 drug overdose deaths last year in our state were due to opioids.

Due to this epidemic, it is imperative to learn the dangers of opioid abuse. Opioids are powerful painkillers, which are extremely addictive. Opioid misuse has huge implications on our communities and our public health system. You are invited to take a training class that will enlighten all who go about the onset of addiction, the dangers of heroin and fentanyl and preventative measures to avoid opioid abuse. **Details:**

- ◆ Monday, Dec. 4
- ◆ Noon - 1 p.m.
- ◆ Calvin C. Goode Building, 10E

# LEADERSHIP INSIDER

## JEFF BARTON

BUDGET & RESEARCH DIRECTOR



Where did you work before Phoenix?

The city is actually my first real job out of graduate school

What is the definition of a good day?

Feeling a sense of accomplishment and making it home to my family safely

What do you expect from employees?

Honesty, integrity and accountability

What advice would you give a new employee?

Be open to trying or learning new things but never compromise your integrity

What is your next "work goal?"

Help city find a permanent solution to its annual budget woes

How do you like to run meetings?

With a purpose and clear direction for all those involved

What keeps you up at night?

The next big recession

How do you balance work/life?

"Family first" is my mantra, but city has my attention and focus weekdays 7 a.m. - 5 p.m. (unless I am working on something important)

### And now, some fun:

*Growing up, you thought you'd be:*

*An attorney*

*Unknown talent:*

*In a former life, I was a DJ*

*Favorite thing to do at home:*

*Listening to music and being an engaged parent*

## SAVE THE DATE

The 2017 Employee Holiday Reception and Thank You is happening Thursday, Dec. 14 from 1:30 - 3:30 p.m. in the City Hall Atrium. ASU alumni took the crown last year with more than 400 donations of peanut butter to the St. Mary's Food Drive. Who will be the victor this year? More information to come soon!

## HAPPY THANKSGIVING

Because of the upcoming Thanksgiving holiday, there will be no PHXConnect published on Nov. 22. After we have all eaten too much, shopped too much and slept too much ... we will return with a newsletter on Nov. 29.



## JOB OF THE WEEK

**Featured Job:** Admin. Asst. I (\$42,515 - \$63,315)

*"Performs a variety of administrative duties such as gathering information, statistical analyses, program monitoring, studying administrative problems and developing improved systems, procedures and forms. Some positions may supervise staff. Requires a bachelor's degree and one year of related experience. Apply by Nov. 27."*

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

**Have an idea for the next PHXConnect?**

E-mail us: [phxconnect@phoenix.gov](mailto:phxconnect@phoenix.gov)

## SPECIAL GUEST SPEAKER

Please join the National Forum for Black Public Administrators for their November luncheon. City of Mesa Police Chief Ramon Batista will be speaking on *Evolving, Leading and Inspiring a Generation of Leaders*. Chief Batista began his law enforcement career in 1986 with the Tucson Police Department. He honorably rose the ranks, ultimately serving as the assistant chief until his appointment as chief of police for the Mesa Police Department in July of 2017. This luncheon will focus on his growth and leadership throughout the years.



- ◆ Tuesday, Nov. 28
- ◆ Begins at 11:30 a.m.
- ◆ Calvin C. Goode Building, 10E
- ◆ \$5 for current members, \$10 for non-members
- ◆ Lunch is included with your ticket.
- ◆ [RSVP to Dominic Braham](#)

## LEAVE DONATIONS

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

- ◆ Lizbeth Alvarez, solid waste environmental specialist, Public Works

## COPERS BOARD ELECTIONS

Ballots for the 2017 COPERS Board Election are being delivered to departments. If you have not received your ballot by Friday, Nov 17, contact Trista Eaden at 256-4323. Ballots are due to the Retirement Office by Thursday, Nov. 30, by 5 p.m.

## STREAMLINE YOUR HOLIDAYS



The holidays are a click away at Phoenix Public Library! Are you in search of a great recipe for that holiday meal? Need decorating ideas? Or perhaps how to make fabulous gifts? You can also download a good book, movie, the perfect fruitcake recipe (is there one?) and of course some merry music.

Don't forget to browse through our holiday guide for staff picks, helpful resources, local events and more. There's also plenty of family-friendly activities [available on the library's calendar](#).

## EMPLOYEE DISCOUNT

The Herberger Theater and Valley Youth Theater's collaboration of *Madagascar, A Musical Adventure* is performing through Sunday, Nov. 19. Special discounted tickets are available for city of Phoenix employees.



To receive \$5 off already family-friendly ticket prices, visit the [Herberger's ticket page](#) and use the code **CPHTIX**.

## USE THE SKY TRAIN



Thanksgiving is one of the busiest times of the year at Phoenix Sky Harbor International Airport. Everyone is encouraged to use the PHX Sky Train® Station at 44th Street and Washington streets to pick up and drop off passengers. Not only is the PHX Sky Train® free, but it's also easy to get to.

From the East Valley:

- ◆ Take the 202 west to the 44th Street exit and proceed south
- ◆ Drive north on State Route 143 to the Washington Street exit, drive west on Washington to 44th Street, then turn south

From the West Valley and Central Phoenix:

- ◆ Take the 202 east to the 44th Street exit and proceed south

## WOW OH WOW!



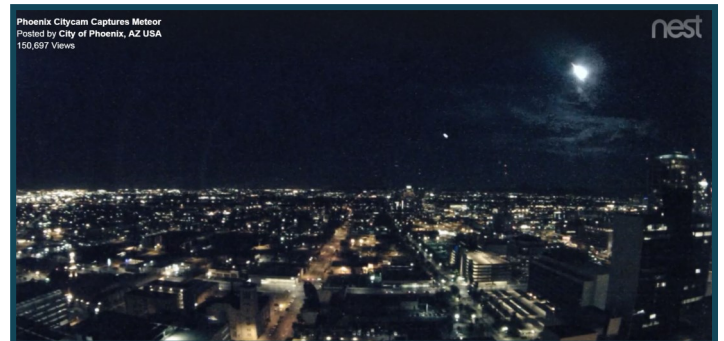
Thank you for supporting the 2017-18 Community Service Fund Drive! Your generosity helped us raise over \$745,000 for our community. Together, we are continuing to ensure a stronger community for us to live, work and raise our families.

## THANK YOU TRACY

After 12 years between Maricopa County and State of Arizona Service and 18 years with the City of Phoenix Tracy Hudson will be retiring! Tracy will now enjoy spending time with her family, friends and doing community outreach at her church.



## WHAT A SHOW



On Tuesday night, the #PHXCityCam system captured a rare sight ... a meteor that streaked through the skies of central Phoenix. If you haven't yet seen it, check out [the city's Facebook page](#) to watch and share the video.

Whenever you want to watch the cameras live, check them out on our [special CityCam web page](#).

BTW: This posting on Facebook, Twitter and Instagram is on track to be the most popular social post the city has produced, with more than 350,000 video views in less than 24 hours.

