

PHX CONNECT

The Weekly Connection Newsletter for City of Phoenix Employees • October 25, 2017

A BIG THANK YOU!



Thanks to employees for attending the CSFD Hands & Hearts Street Faire! Your support helped make a difference in the lives of others. Proceeds from this event benefit health and human services agencies that serve our community!

FREE LEGAL ADVICE

Do you know someone who could use legal advice on caring for a family member, or support navigating social service agencies? Arizona Keystone can help with much needed answers and information. Join us for the free event on Saturday, October 28 at the ASU Sandra Day O' Connor College of Law in downtown Phoenix. The free one-day symposium is open to all families who are supporting a loved one facing dealing with mental health issues, developmental disabilities, autism, depression, homelessness, veteran's service-related issues, suspected substance abuse, or elder care needs. Attendees can get one-on-one attention from case workers, or attend classes on forming legal guardianships, addressing opioid abuse, recognizing signs of depression and mental illness, and more. For more information on the event, email info@azkeystone.org.

HALLOWEEN SELF-DEFENSE



Kids of all ages can come in costume and learn how to stay safe trick-or-treating. Saturday, October 28, at the Ironwood Library, 4333 E. Chandler Blvd, Phoenix. Register at: Phoenix.gov/Defense
Don't Be A Victim!

LGBTQ EMPLOYEE ALLIANCE



Inaugural Meeting

Wednesday, November 1

11:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.

Calvin Goode Building, 10 East

This is the first meeting to get organized and set a plan for an active employee group.

All are welcome!

PHOENIX @WORK WEDNESDAYS

Reda Riddle-Bigler
Captain
Phoenix Fire



Reda has worked in Fire for 16 years. She's been a firefighter, engineer, captain, paramedic and public information officer.

Reda is a mom to daughter Alyssa, and twin sons Brody & Chase, who all keep her busy playing sports.

Reda is one of the founders of the affinity group "Valley Women's Firefighter Society."



Reda is a certified car seat technician, CERT instructor and teaches fire science to high school students.

Fast Facts

- ◆ Favorite place for dessert: **Dairy Queen**
- ◆ Favorite Phoenix artwork: **Her Secret is Patience**
- ◆ Favorite movie: **Pretty Woman (scene in dress store is the best)**
- ◆ Favorite Quote: **"If it doesn't challenge you, it doesn't change you."**

Special moment in career:
 "... when a man walked into the station a month after we worked on him after he had collapsed. There is no greater satisfaction than truly saving someone's life and they come back to thank you."

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

CALLING ALL BETA TESTERS

In the Oct. 11 PHXConnect, we alerted you to a new feature offered for Phoenix residents. The TruckMinder application allows you to receive a weekly reminder about setting your garbage and recycling container(s) out for collection. If you have not had the opportunity to sign up, [it's not too late to sign up online](#).

We'd like to get feedback from any beta testers who have been using the application. We have a [short survey to learn more about the app](#) and enhance its features.



JOB OF THE WEEK

Featured Listing: Buyer – (\$44,678 - \$66,518)
 Responsible for arranging the purchase of assigned commodities and services, including reviewing requests, talking to vendors and department officials, examining price, suitability, and availability of items or services. Requires one year experience as a buyer and a bachelor's degree. Vacancies citywide, apply by November 6, 2017. 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:

- ◆ Mary Montoya, secretary III, Aviation
- ◆ Andrea Crabble, airport ops assistant, Aviation
- ◆ Deena Morris, airport ops assistant, Aviation

ENGAGE. EMPOWER. INSPIRE.

In an effort to promote the city of Phoenix's values, Community and Economic Development is hosting the FEED YOUR MIND lunchtime speaker series. Each speaking engagement features a different Phoenix business that will share examples from their own career experiences demonstrating one or more of the city's seven values:



Exceptional Customer Service

Integrity and Transparency

Respect for Diversity

Personal Empowerment

Engaged Teamwork

Consistent Professionalism

Creativity and Innovation for Excellent Results

Details on upcoming event:

- ◆ Friday, Nov. 3
- ◆ Noon - 1 p.m.
- ◆ City Hall assembly rooms
- ◆ Featured guest: David Krietor, President and CEO, Downtown Phoenix, Inc.
- ◆ Register with eCHRIS: **EEI001**

NEED A LYFT TO RIDE THE BUS?

The Public Transit Department and Lyft announced their partnership to pilot a new program to provide a safe, reliable and sustainable transportation network. The "First Mile Last Mile" program will provide discounts to Lyft users who are connecting to Phoenix bus lines from homes and businesses. The main goal is to have transit within reach of all Phoenix community members.

[Watch the news conference and learn more.](#)



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SURVEY REQUEST

Last week, you received a Plan Participant Survey in your email, asking for your opinion about Nationwide's services. If you have already filled it out, thank you! If you haven't, please set aside a few minutes and complete it.

The city of Phoenix Benefits Division wants to help every employee build a secure future, whether that is through physical or financial wellness. With your input, we can help ensure you receive the services you need to build a strong financial future for yourself and your family.

Did you delete the email? You can also [fill out the survey online.](#)

NEED SOME HELP?

Struggling to pay your car title loan or know someone who is? The Lend a Hand loan program helps Maricopa County residents pay off outstanding car title loans, up to \$3,000, and secure a new lower-interest loan with better terms. The program also provides free credit counseling to help you get on a path to health credit and financial success.



For more information in English or Spanish, check out the [Lend a Hand web page](#) or call 1-877-822-2410 and a credit counselor can help you. The program is provided by four community groups: Arizona Community Foundation, MariSol Federal Credit Union, the Phoenix IDA and Take Charge America.

FILE YOUR FAFSA

The first step in applying for financial aid for current and future students is to complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA). It is important to complete the FAFSA early in order to receive maximum consideration for financial aid. The FAFSA is now available for the 2018-2019 school year. For more info, contact, the College Depot at (602) 261-8847.



DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AWARENESS BROWN BAG

In support of Paint Phoenix Purple
Domestic Violence Awareness Month,
We offer you a brown bag training called:

“Domestic Violence ... What would you do?”

When: October 26, from 12:30 to 1:30 pm

Where: Calvin Goode 10E

Sign up: eCHRIS Code PPPBB Session 0001

Description: Four person panel to share their experiences in a candid discussion on what to do if a co-worker, community member, or family member is suspected to be the victim of a domestic violence crime or living in a violent situation. How would the concerned employer or friend approach the victim? What resources are available to victims of domestic violence?

* This event counts for TRIPLE Diversity Points *



Phoenix Human Relations Commission



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Domestic Violence Awareness Month