



# PHX CONNECT

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## GET YOUR DISCOUNTS



City of Phoenix employees can purchase an AAA membership at the special

group rate of 10-15 percent off the regular price. To enroll, city employees must use a special web site and enter "City of Phoenix" or "CPHX" for your company and then select your membership. Enroll today to get your peace of mind while driving and enjoy all the member discounts with AAA's partners in travel, retail and restaurants. Discounts include Arizona Cardinals, Arizona Diamondbacks, Sun Devil Athletics and Disneyland.

## FOLLOWING US?

Do you have a Twitter account? We hope you follow [@CityofPhoenixAZ](https://twitter.com/CityofPhoenixAZ) to keep up with the latest news and events about the city we all work for. It's updated several times a day with the information you need ... and some fun too!



## THIS WEEK IS ...

Thursday: [Volunteer Recognition Day](#)

Saturday: [Earth Day](#)

Sunday: [Talk Like Shakespeare Day](#)

## CITY VS. COUNTY




## 4TH ANNUAL WALKING EVENT

On Wednesday, May 10, in recognition of Health and Fitness Day, Fit4Phoenix and Wellness Works, the Maricopa County employee wellness program, invite city and county employees to a city vs. county group walk.

Put on your walking shoes, gather your co-workers and get ready for a two-mile jaunt that begins at the Maricopa County Board of Supervisors Auditorium, 205 W. Jefferson St., continues to Chase Field, includes a bonus lap inside the concourse level, and loops back to Second Avenue and Jefferson Street.

The city and county have challenged each other to see who has the most employees attend this walk, which has become an annual event. Last year the city won by 10 walkers! City walkers will receive a new blue t-shirt compliments of Fit4Phoenix Employee Wellness Benefit Program. **Details:**

- ◆ Starting line: 205 W. Jefferson St.
- ◆ Starting time: Opening remarks at 7 a.m.
- ◆ Walking begins promptly at 7:15 a.m.
- ◆ [Register here](#)



# PHOENIX @WORK WEDNESDAYS

## Joél Carrasco

Village Planner  
Planning and Development



Joél started with the city in 2012 as an urban design intern on the ReinventPHX project.

Someone Joél admires:

*My mother for going back to school while raising my brother and me.*

Joél is currently assigned to three villages (Alhambra, Maryvale and Desert View).



Joél writes staff reports on development decisions & works with the long-range team on projects.

### Fast Facts

- ◆ Missing the TV show: **Married with Children**
- ◆ Movie popcorn topping: **Reese's Pieces mixed in**
- ◆ Favorite restaurant: **Carolina's Mexican Food**
- ◆ Can't start the morning: **Without letting out the dog, feeding the cat and collecting duck eggs**

Favorite thing about working for the city of Phoenix:

*"Finding creative ways to communicate planning concepts."*

Major accomplishment in his life: Winning a car on *The Price is Right*.

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](mailto:phxconnect@phoenix.gov)

## RECORDS REQUESTS

The city of Phoenix has modernized its public records process with a new online system. The new streamlined process is intended to better serve customers and make the internal process by city staff more efficient. Customers can now [submit a records request](#) where they will now receive an automated follow-up email acknowledging the request. From there, the information is processed and tracked digitally by the city's Public Records Request Coordinator.

This new process includes all city departments except for Police, Fire and Municipal Court. In addition, customers can visit the main '[Public Records Page](#)' on the city website and search for the most commonly requested information by department. Questions? Call the Public Records Coordinator @ 2-7177.

## JOB OF THE WEEK

**Featured Listing:** Account Clerk III: \$16.13 - \$23.51 hourly.

"Performs highly skilled paraprofessional accounting work using computerized systems in a specialized area or in a variety of complex city functions. Requires three years of bookkeeping and clerical accounting experience; apply by May 1, 2017."

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

## HIKING SAFETY

As part of the ongoing "Take a Hike, Do it Right" hiking safety campaign, city of Phoenix park rangers



have [created a Concierge Education Program](#). Through the program, park rangers are working to educate concierge contacts around the Valley about hiking safety and ensure they have accurate information to supply to guests about trail descriptions and difficulty levels.

# HELPING BOYS THRIVE



**2017 FATHERHOOD SUMMIT:  
HELPING BOYS THRIVE®**



A **FREE** one-day event for men, community agencies and organizations!  
**Saturday, April 29, 2017**  
**8:00 am - 5:00 pm**  
 Phoenix Convention Center  
 South Building

The city's Head Start Birth to Five Program Fatherhood Initiative and My Brother's Keeper are pleased to host the 2017 Fatherhood Summit: Helping Boys Thrive. The Summit will generate support for 500 attendees and empower men by connecting them to resources needed to become better parents, cope with and overcome the challenges they face and improve their education, work and family outcomes.

# MARK YOUR CALENDARS

Each year at this time, many ask questions about "Take Our Daughters and Sons to Work" day, which is scheduled nationally on Thursday, April 27. Because of the impact student absences have on our local schools, school districts often request that parents and businesses delay their participation in this event to an alternate date in the summer. The city of Phoenix will support scheduling "Take Our Daughters and Sons to Work" day on Thursday, June 15.

Please check with your supervisors about participating in the program. If you have any questions, please contact the Human Resources Department at 495-5715.

# DID YOU KNOW ?

- ◆ *Hawaiian Punch was first made in 1934 as a tropical flavored ice cream topping.*
- ◆ *Andy's evil neighbor Sid from Toy Story returns briefly as the garbage man in Toy Story 3.*
- ◆ *Cookie Monster says that before he started eating cookies, his name was Sid.*



The city of Phoenix believes that everyone should be able to defend themselves. The city continues to offer the opportunity to learn how not to become a victim. It doesn't matter who you are or how strong you are, you can defend yourself. Upcoming FREE classes:

- ◆ Thursday, May 18, 9 - 11 a.m., Adams St. Training Center
- ◆ Thursday, June 29, 9 - 11 a.m., Adams St. Training Center
- ◆ To sign up, use eCHRIS with code DEF100
- ◆ Follow @PHXDefense on social media

## SIPS ON 7TH STREET

AN EVENT TO CELEBRATE NEW

**WEEKEND LATE NIGHT BUS SERVICE**

DATE: April 28      START TIME: 7 p.m.      PHOENIX TRANSPORTATION 2050

STARTING LOCATION: MOTHER BUNCH BREWING, 825 N. 7TH ST., PHOENIX

Everyone is invited to Sips on 7th Street to kick off new weekend late night service hours in Phoenix.

**Who:** Everyone is invited to join.

**What:** Free event along the 7th Street corridor with food and drink specials at participating locations, as long as you have your transit pass.

**Where:** Kickoff is at 7 p.m. at Mother Bunch Brewery, 825 N. 7th Street.

**When:** Buses run every 30 minutes on Route 7, and anyone can just stop in at any or all of the nine participating restaurants. Click for [map, details on bus fare and raffle information](#).

