



PHX CONNECT

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SHARING YOUR TIME

Join us for a brown bag information session on how you can share your time to help empower a senior or person with disabling conditions by becoming a Duet volunteer. Duet pairs caring volunteers with isolated people who need help to continue living in their own homes with dignity. As a volunteer, you may serve evenings, days or weekends. Volunteers usually help one person on a regular basis with one of the following services:

- ◆ Grocery shopping
- ◆ Rides to medical appointments
- ◆ Friendly visits and phone calls
- ◆ Computer training
- ◆ Respite for a caregiver
- ◆ Home safety assessments and repairs
- ◆ Paperwork assistance
- ◆ Help writing a life story

Learn how you can change lives through Duet at a brown bag info session.

Details:

- ◆ Thursday, Jan. 12
- ◆ 11:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.
- ◆ Phoenix City Hall Assembly Rooms
- ◆ RSVP via email to [Julie Bordelon](mailto:Julie.Bordelon) or call her at (602) 495-3678



UP, UP & AWAY



FIRST PHASE OF T3 COMPLETE

America's Friendliest Airport® just became friendlier and more efficient. On Dec. 5, Phoenix Mayor Greg Stanton and members of the Phoenix City Council rolled back temporary construction walls to officially open the first phase of the newly modernized Terminal 3.

The updated terminal offers spectacular views, an abundance of natural lighting and a more efficient travel experience for visitors to Phoenix Sky Harbor International Airport with the addition of a larger, consolidated security checkpoint and new ticket counters.

Terminal 3 serves Delta, Frontier, Hawaiian and JetBlue. Travelers can get to know the updated Terminal 3 by checking out a [special page on Sky Harbor's web page](#). Travelers will find important information about security, new maps and helpful information to make the terminal even easier to navigate.

PHOENIX @WORK WEDNESDAYS

Horatiu Grigore

Info Tech Analyst/
Programmer II
Finance



Horatiu started in the Aviation Department back in 2006 before moving over to Finance.

Horatiu enjoys photography, fishing & hiking. Below, in orange, is Horatiu during a 3-day Grand Canyon hike.

Horatiu is often busy providing technical support for the city's vendor self-registration system.



He also leads trainings, writes instructions and tests systems for the city's Finance accounts.

Fast Facts

- ◆ Favorite App: **Waze, Zedge, OpenTable**
- ◆ Can't start the morning... **Without coffee**
- ◆ TV shows he misses on TV: **Taxi and M*A*S*H**
- ◆ Often is singing ... **"Dragostea din Tei" (English variant "Mai Ia HI" by O-Zone, a Romanian music band)**

Favorite thing about working for the city of Phoenix:

"The people I work with ... the interaction with departments and outside customers."

Major accomplishments include: passing the CPA exam and watching a project he implemented go live.

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

BIG RECOGNITION

The Southwest Alliance for Excellence (SWAE) named the Phoenix Convention Center (PCC) as one of six award recipients in its 2016 Performance Excellence Program. SWAE's annual program recognizes organizations for excellence in quality, performance and results – modeled after the Malcom Baldrige National Quality Award criteria.

This fall, a team of expert SWAE examiners visited PCC to conduct a multi-day site visit. PCC will continue to work with SWAE in its pursuit of excellence in continuous improvement, employee engagement, customer satisfaction and outcomes.



CAREER CHALLENGES

Please join the Phoenix Hispanic Network to discuss how handling career challenges can make the difference in whether you gain new skills, increase self-awareness or get left behind. The panelists for this event are Fire Chief Kara Kalkbrenner and Police Chief Jeri Williams. **Details:**

- ◆ Monday, Dec. 12,
- ◆ 11:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.
- ◆ City Council Chambers
- ◆ Sign up on eCHRIS with code: PHNBB
- ◆ Non-PHN members to bring a jar of peanut butter or a nonperishable item to attend this event. All items will go to St. Mary's Food Bank.



UGLY SWEATERS & TIES

This year's Employee Holiday Reception will feature an Ugly Holiday Sweater and Tie contest. To enter the contest, come to the ugly sweater and tie booth during the reception sporting your sweater or tie of



choice. The winner will be announced at the end of the reception and receive a prize! The Employee Holiday Reception will be held in the City Hall Atrium Dec. 15 from 3 to 4:30 p.m.

HOLIDAY LIGHTS

Calling all Clark Griswolds!!! If you go all out with your holiday displays, show us! [E-mail us a picture](#) and we may show it off in next week's issue.



JOB OF THE WEEK

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

BROWN BAG SERIES: COMPOSTING *in the workplace*



presented by Recycled City, LLC,
in partnership with Phoenix Public Works



This presentation answers your question: "There's a food waste bin in the breakroom...now what?"

Learn how to recycle the food waste you produce at work. Phoenix's new partner, Recycled City, explains the easy steps to divert food waste from the landfill and what happens to the food scraps collected.

Thursday, Dec. 8

Join one of two sessions:

- 11:00 to 11:30 a.m.
- noon to 12:30 p.m.

in the Calvin Goode Building
10 West

There will be a drawing for free compost and other giveaways!

Participation earns diversity points for participant's department.
More information: ReimaginePhoenix@phoenix.gov



WINTER FUN

Oh, the weather outside is... WONDERFUL! Fun for the whole family awaits at Phoenix Public Library locations. [Find something for everyone](#) with winter-themed programs and events. Join us for pajama parties, crafts, culinary programs, musical performances and more when you celebrate the holiday season with Phoenix Public Library.

COOL IN YOUR ZIP

CIYZ visits the largest used book retailer in Arizona, where you can also buy, sell and trade items. [It's Bookmans Entertainment Exchange in the 021, check it out!](#)



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