



PHX CONNECT

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YOU'RE INVITED

It's time again for the City Manager's Leadership Forum. This is an ongoing learning opportunity for all city employees to hear from various leaders within the city of Phoenix. Each forum touches on a different leadership topic.

The July forum, titled "Change," is about how to be more successful as you are facing changes in your life. City of Phoenix Communications Director Julie Watters and Phoenix Public Library Business Outreach Specialist Jessica Gonzalez will share their stories and some tips on being a part of successful change.

The forums are a lunchtime learning opportunity, so pack your lunch and join the conversation! **Details:**


- ◆ Monday, July 25
- ◆ Noon - 1 p.m.
- ◆ Calvin Goode Building, 10th Floor
- ◆ Sign up via eChris with code **CML003**



On July 13, city of Phoenix City Manager named Jeri Williams to be the city's next Police Chief. Williams' law enforcement career has now come full circle as she returns to her hometown roots and becomes the new Phoenix Police Chief, effective October 2016.

Since 2011, Williams has been the Police Chief of Oxnard, California. Before California, Williams spent 22 years rising through the ranks of the Phoenix Police Department. After graduating from Arizona State University, she began her law enforcement career on the streets of Phoenix in 1988 as a police trainee. From 2009 to 2011, Williams was an Assistant Chief responsible for providing police protection to more than half of Phoenix's 500-plus square miles and overseeing 1,000 sworn and non-sworn police employees. Current Police Chief Joseph Yahner will remain in his position during a transition period.

To learn more about Jeri Williams, visit Phoenix.gov/PDChiefRecruitment.



PHOENIX @WORK WEDNESDAYS

Ashley Hare

Arts Learning Director
Phoenix Office of Arts & Culture



Ashley joined the city in 2014 as an Arts Specialist.

In her spare time, Ashley likes to take her yellow Jeep and go rock crawling (not climbing) and off-roading.

Ashley helps to decide how public funding is used for various arts and cultural events around the city.



Ashley works with more than 160 local groups, the State Arts Commission and schools on various projects.

Fast Facts

Favorite thing about working for the city of Phoenix:

"Ensuring Phoenix residents and visitors have access to multicultural experiences."

- ◆ Favorite style of music:
R&B, jazz & blues
- ◆ Favorite kind of pizza:
Thin crust, but deep dish is so good
- ◆ I cannot live without:
The smell of books
- ◆ Unknown talent about me:
I am my own mechanic

Next on Ashley's bucket list:
"I want to own a goat and grow tomatoes in Arizona."

Check out all of the profiles on our amazing city employees by clicking on [this link](#).

Have an idea for the next PHXConnect?

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SAVE OUR SUMMER

Dozens of children and adults drown needlessly each year in Phoenix. Don't let that happen to someone you love – learn the ABCs of water safety. Phoenix Fire Department, Phoenix Aquatics, Phoenix Public Library and SRP have teamed up to provide a free one-hour program which covers important prevention strategies including supervision, barriers and appropriate floatation devices. **Details:**

- ◆ Thursday, July 14, 2016
- ◆ 6:00 – 7:00 p.m.
- ◆ Burton Barr Central Library, 1221 N. Central Avenue, Meeting Room C



READY TO RETIRE

After dedicating nearly 31 years of service to the city of Phoenix, Jenny Grote has decided to seek the enjoyment and relaxation of retirement. Jenny holds the distinction of being the city's first female traffic engineer. She's been a loyal employee of the Street Transportation Department for her entire city tenure,



most recently as deputy director of the Transportation, Planning and Programming Division.

Please drop by and help celebrate her retirement on Wednesday, July 13 from 1:30 - 3:30 p.m. in City Hall Conference Room 10E.

LEAVE DONATIONS

The following employees are accepting leave donations. If you'd like to help, use eChris to make your donation:

- ◆ Charles Henson, Solid Waste, Public Works Department
- ◆ Warren Land, Solid Waste, Public Works Department
- ◆ Christine Vega, Solid Waste, Public Works Department

JOB OF THE WEEK

Featured Listing: Police Recruit

"Join our growing department as we strive to hire the very best candidates who are reflective of the diverse community that we serve. Written exams are being held August 19 (apply by August 14) and September 16 (apply by September 11)."

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

THIS WEEK IN HISTORY

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

- ◆ **Monday** 1979: Skylab crashes to Earth
- ◆ **Tuesday** 1984: Ferraro named vice presidential candidate
- ◆ **Wednesday** 1985: Live Aid concert
- ◆ **Thursday** 1995: New technology, the "MP3," is introduced
- ◆ **Friday** 1964: Arizona Senator nominated to run for president

AROUND PHX

Thank you to Hillary Hartline, Environmental Quality Specialist with the Water Services Department. She and her husband were recently out at Cesar Chavez Dog Park with their four-legged friend Phantom. Looks like he was having a blast.

When you are AroundPHX, [please email us your picture](#) and tell us what's going on. You may get profiled in a future newsletter.

PHXTV SUBMISSION

Go Inside Phoenix at the Deer Valley Senior Center as members celebrate 90+ years at a very special birthday party. [Watch the festivities.](#)



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