

PHX CONNECT

The Weekly Connection Newsletter for City of Phoenix Employees • July 25, 2018

CSFD 2018-19



It is time again for city staff to “Unite Against the Cycle” of poverty in our community to provide a helping hand for kids, families and neighborhoods.

Starting Aug. 1, you can make a difference by donating to the 2018-2019 Community Service Fund Drive. Our goal this year is to raise \$850,000 to end hunger, help with homelessness, ensure kids succeed., and much more.

The campaign, which runs through Oct. 31, supports over 250 local non-profit organizations in Arizona, the majority of which provide services in Maricopa County. Since 1980, city employees have raised more than \$25 million. Contributing to the fund drive is easy and convenient – you can use eCHRIS, submit a paper pledge form or even donate using a credit card.

Learn more:

- ◆ Agency Showcase event
- ◆ Wednesday, Aug. 1
- ◆ 10 a.m. - 2 p.m.
- ◆ City Hall Assembly Rooms
- ◆ Some will win prizes

Every donation counts! Thank you for your support and for all you do every day to help our community.

Summer Safety



STAY COOL, STAY SAFE

It’s already been a really hot week, with high temperatures pushing 116° in some areas, and even in the 90s° at night. We hope you are finding ways at home to stay cool and beat the heat.

It’s important to remind all city employees, especially field workers, to take it easy when outdoors. Please seek shade, drink plenty of water and use sunscreen throughout the day.

If you need a place to cool off, remember that the city is operating dozens of cooling centers, which include all city libraries. They are open to the public for everyone to cool down with free Wi-Fi. There’s also access to restrooms and water for everyone who stops by. For a list of locations, visit phoenix.gov/heat.

Visit Phoenix.gov/Summer for important heat-related information, and follow #PHXSummer on social media.

EARLY VOTING BEGINS



Helpful information for COPERS members every other week this summer. Brought to you by the City of Phoenix Retirement Office.

Early voting for the Special/Primary Election begins on Wednesday, Aug. 1. In addition to federal and state offices and issues, six city of Phoenix propositions will be on the ballot for the Aug. 28 Primary Election being conducted by Maricopa County.

Registered voters in Maricopa County will be able to vote early on the 15th floor of City Hall, Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Early ballot drop boxes also will be available on the first and 15th floors of City Hall.

To request an early ballot or find other early voting locations, visit www.Maricopa.vote, or call Maricopa County Elections at 602-506-1511. Accessible voting devices allowing voters with disabilities to vote independently will be available at all early voting sites.

For more information, visit Phoenix.gov/Elections, call the City Clerk Department at 602-261-VOTE (8683), follow @PHXElections on Twitter, or use the 7-1-1 Relay System.

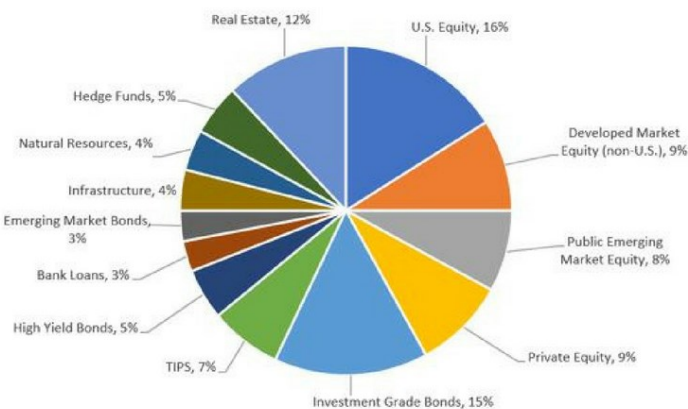
WHERE DOES YOUR MONEY GO?

Did you know, over the last 60 years COPERS assets have grown from around \$1.7 million to over \$2.5 billion? The program's goal is to ensure that contributions from members and the city are invested wisely. COPERS works to continue growing assets held by the trust through investments and delivering promised benefits when the time comes.

To aid the COPERS Board in making investment decisions, an in-house investment officer works with many outside investment managers and consultants to develop an asset allocation and invest in ways that will help the COPERS fund to grow and meet future obligations.

The goal is to invest funds across different markets or asset classes in an attempt to dampen the overall volatility of COPERS' investment returns. The chart below outlines COPERS' current asset allocation.

You can read more about each of the asset classes, performance, and quarterly returns on the COPERS website.



For More Info:
Phoenix.gov/copers
602-534-4400



JOB OF THE WEEK

Featured Listing: Administrative Aide, \$17.17 - \$24.92/hour, vacancies in Police Department.

“Supports the workflow of a newly implemented Phoenix at Your Service technology. These positions will be responsible for assisting with process changes based on results and recommendations from the Advance PHX team. This team of Administrative Aides will manage all incoming public safety records requests (averaging roughly 77,000 each year) making these public records available for release through the new web-based portal. Requires clerical work experience. Apply by Aug. 6.”

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

HYDRATE PHOENIX

Take part in a 5-week workshop offered through Watershed Management Group to hydrate your neighborhood. Learn how to design an earth-friendly yard using simple earthworks and low-water-use plants.



Each presentation includes a mini-project to create an action plan for your home. Join us for your favorite topic, or attend the full series.

Details:

- ◆ Burton Barr Central Library
- ◆ Wednesdays in August (1, 8, 15, 22 & 29)
- ◆ 6 - 7:30 p.m.
- ◆ [Register now for the classes](#)
- ◆ Call 602-261-8367 for more details.

LEAVE DONATIONS

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

- ◆ Frank Marotta, Sergeant, Police
- ◆ Benika Johnson, Utilities Service Specialist, Water
- ◆ Leslie George, Senior Center Assistant, Human Services

PRESERVING THE PAST

Since 1914, the city of Phoenix has collected almost 1200 pieces of art for the municipal art



collection. Art conservation is a delicate process and internationally and nationally known art conservator Gary Hulbert works with the Office of Arts + Culture to ensure that the collection will be enjoyed for years to come.

The collection is on display across 24 municipal buildings throughout the city. Check out this special report from PHXTV: [Preserving the Past - Phoenix Municipal Art Collection Conservation](#).

CITY ENGINEER AND STREET TRANSPORTATION RECEIVE AWARD

The City Engineer and staff from the Street Transportation Department received the inaugural *Grand Phelix Award* from the Arizona Chapter of the *Society for Marketing Professional Services (SMPS)*. City Engineer Kini Knudson and Procurement Manager Kandi Kawolsky accepted the award for Phoenix's efforts in transparency to Architecture/Engineering/Construction (A/E/C) communities, training and participation resources for consultants and contractors on capital improvement project selection panels, and openness for providing firms with opportunities for topical discussions through industry relevant roundtables.



Pictured (L to R): Giao Pham (Deputy Public Works Director-Town of Gilbert), Kini Knudson (City Engineer), Kandi Kawolsky (Procurement Manager), Brandi Barr (President Elect-Arizona SMPS), and Cricket Robertson (Arizona SMPS).

The Phelix Awards recognize excellence in marketing communications and celebrates achievements by A/E/C marketing and business development professionals.