

# PHXCONNECT

SPECIAL EDITION OF the Weekly Connection Newsletter  
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## Phoenix.gov/Summer Summer Safety

The monsoon has begun, with the season running each year from June 15 - Sept. 30. While we all appreciate and welcome the rain, the monsoon can produce weather that causes damage and destruction.

Many City of Phoenix departments play a vital role before, during, and after a storm to ensure residents, businesses, and visitors are safe and prepared.

This special edition of the PHXConnect newsletter will showcase some of that work and help inform you on what other departments are working on. It will also inform you on how to stay healthy and safe with our extreme heat days.

### DO YOUR PART

Visibility during a monsoon storm can be limited as storms and flash flooding can strike fast. If conditions warrant, find a safe place to park and wait it out. If on a freeway:

1. Pull off to the right
2. Turn your lights off
3. Set your parking brake, and keep your feet off the pedals.

During and after a monsoon storm, it's important to pay attention to traffic signs. **Never cross a flooded wash or road.**



### DISCONNECT YOUR TECH

During the extreme summer heat, help conserve electricity by turning off

and unplugging all non-essential items (fans, lamps, radios, etc.) at your desk when not in use, especially over weekends

and during any time off. Please **DO NOT** unplug desktop computers, monitors, or docking stations; they must be plugged in to run automatic updates.



### WATCHING THE WATER

The Water Department's Environmental Services Division intensifies monitoring of stormwater runoff and educates the public about stormwater pollution to reduce environmental contamination.

Stormwater runoff can carry pollutants such as trash, chemicals, and oils into our waterways, posing a significant threat to the environment. For more information, visit [phoenix.gov/stormwater](http://phoenix.gov/stormwater).



## IT'S STILL VERY HOT

Even though the monsoon brings lots of wind and rain, it's still very hot—and we encourage everyone to continue to be vigilant about staying hydrated.

Save this chart to help educate yourself and your loved ones about the warning signs of heat exhaustion vs. heat stroke.

HEAT EXHAUSTION	vs	HEAT STROKE
 Faint/Dizzy		 May Lose Consciousness
 Rapid/Weak Pulse		 Rapid/Strong Pulse
 Excessive Sweating		 No Sweating
 Cool/Pale/Clammy		 Body Temp. Above 103° Red/Hot/Dry
<b>ACT FAST</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>→ Move person to a cooler area</li><li>→ Loosen clothing</li><li>→ Sip cool water</li><li>→ Seek medical help if symptoms don't improve</li></ul>		<b>ACT FAST</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>→ Call 911</li><li>→ Move person in trouble to cool shaded area</li><li>→ Loosen clothing &amp; remove extra layers</li><li>→ Cool with water or ice</li></ul>

## AVOIDING OUTDOORS

Even when an excessive heat warning is not in effect, the summer weather can still be dangerous. If you must be outdoors try to limit activities to the cooler parts of the day.

To stay cool and keep hydrated, the Heat Relief Network offers free water and indoor cooling center locations throughout the city and some with extended hours to cool off for anyone needing to get out of the heat. If you need a ride to a cooling center, call 2-1-1.



## MEDICATION VS. HEAT

If you take medications regularly or have an existing medical condition, make sure to consult your healthcare provider on your heat risk. Additionally, make sure to familiarize yourself with the signs of heat stroke and heat exhaustion.

## RIDE SAFELY

If you use your new Platinum card to ride Light Rail or a Valley Metro bus, a few simple tips to keep your travels trouble-free:

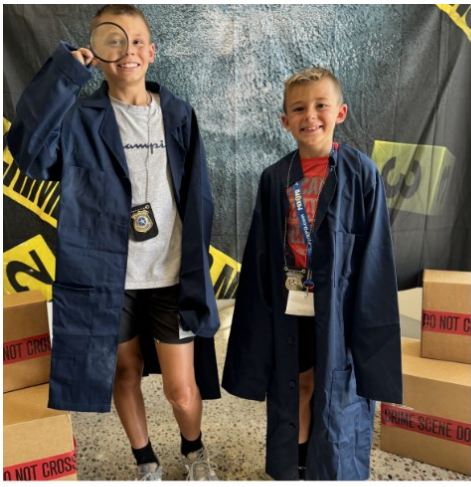
- 1) Bring plenty of water in a spill-proof bottle or container with a secure lid.
- 2) Bring a hat to wear while waiting for your ride to ensure you have shade the entire time.
- 3) Reduce wait times by tracking your trip with the [Valley Metro app](#).

Visit [Valley Metro's Heat Relief page](#) for more information and resources.

**MONSOON AWARENESS**  
KNOW THE LIMITS

- June 15th - Sept. 30th  
122 days  
Number of days in Monsoon season
- 10 MILES  
Distance lightning can strike from a storm
- 30 MINUTES  
Suggested wait time after a storm passes before going outside
- 18" OF WATER  
Can carry away a vehicle
- 6" OF WATER  
Can knock down an adult





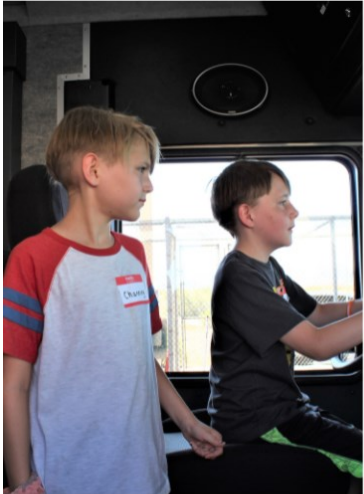
# BRING YOUR CHILD TO WORK DAY













## FEATURED JOB OF THE WEEK

### Street Transportation Department

#### Instrument Technician

Pay Range: \$22.08 to \$37.76 per hour

Hiring Range: \$22.08 to \$26.83 per hour

(Pay range is the entire compensation range for the position classification. Hiring range is an estimate of where you can receive an offer.)

The Street Transportation Department is seeking a motivated Instrument Technician. This position performs technical land survey work of average difficulties as part of a survey crew. The Instrument Technician operates electronic measuring and data collection devices and other survey instruments to perform land survey work. This position will support the Land Surveying section in completing construction staking, boundary surveying, and other types of survey data collection.

Learn more about this opening and others at [phoenix.gov/jobs](http://phoenix.gov/jobs), or log into eCHRIS. Job code: 19060. [Check out all current job openings here.](#)

## DID YOU KNOW...

Internet scams targeting job seekers are becoming increasingly more common. The City of Phoenix will never ask applicants to pay to complete an application. Any City of Phoenix job posting on sites such as, Indeed and LinkedIn will always redirect applicants to the City of Phoenix career site. Here are a few scams to watch for; **Fake job listings, Phishing Scams, Pay-for-Job scams, and Personal Information Theft.** Please share with friends and family so they can stay vigilant and be informed job seekers.

## LEAVE REQUEST

The following employee is accepting leave donations:

- ◆ Gioia Bufkin, Neighborhood Services Department

Use eCHRIS to make your donation to any eligible employees. See the [Leave Donation website](#) for a complete list.



### WE WANT TO HIRE YOU AGAIN.

- ◆ New positions now posted
- ◆ Comprehensive benefits
- ◆ Over 800 job types—all experience levels  
Apply today!

## LISTEN OR WATCH NEW EPISODES:

