



PHX CONNECT

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WEAR YOUR 602 PRIDE



If you'd like to (literally) wear your pride for 602 Day on your sleeve, get your 602 Day shirt from COPMEA. They come in a variety of fun colors and all the sizes. Shirts are just \$10 for employees. Visit COPMEA or contact them at 602-262-6857 or COPMEA@Phoenix.gov.

SEND KUDOS!

Do you have a coworker or an employee who exemplifies what it means to love our City? Perhaps they take pride in their work to make sure our customers know how much we care! If so, we invite you to nominate them for a KUDOS.



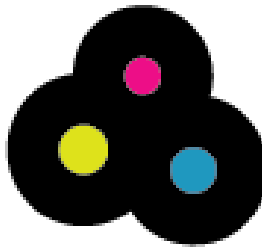
Fill out this form by May 24. Each recipient will receive their special KUDOS directly and they will all be displayed during the employee celebration event.

602 Day is a new citywide campaign meant to bring everyone together on June 2 to honor our vibrant community and celebrate all the things that make Phoenix the incredible City it is! Part of what makes Phoenix successful, is of course, our employees.

Ahead of June 2, employees are invited to participate in a number of ways. Details are below—and also on [this 602 Day Resource Page](#).

EMPLOYEE CELEBRATION

- ◆ May 30 or 31 | 11 a.m. -1 p.m.
- ◆ City Hall Atrium
- ◆ Free parking **during the event** with your City employee badge at the 305 Parking Garage, entrance is located on 5th Ave., south of Washington St.



There will be activities including SWAG giveaways, a photo booth, visits from City mascots, and food trucks outside. Please inform your supervisor about your interest in attending either day's events. More information about [602 day can be found here!](#)

DONATION DRIVE

Part of embracing the spirit of loving Phoenix is by providing support and service. A donation drive to support the Office of Homeless Solutions is happening through **June 7**. For a complete list of the items needed, [now check out this flyer](#).



NEW EMPLOYEE TRANSIT CARD



Be on the lookout for a new Platinum Pass! Valley Metro is upgrading its fare card readers on all buses and at light rail stations. You will be issued a new pass in the next few weeks as part of this upgrade. Here's what you need to know to

continue riding with no interruption:

- ◆ Current passes will stop working after May 31.
- ◆ New passes will be distributed to current users by May 31.
- ◆ New Platinum Pass will come with instructions on how to use with new fare boxes.

Please look for communication from your department for instructions on how to get your new Platinum Pass. If you have any questions, please contact your department payroll liaison.

MINDFUL GARDENING

There's a naturally engaging aspect to gardening. From the meticulous care given to plants to the nurturing process, gardening provides a sense of tranquility in your daily life. Join this team-building escapade, you'll not only cultivate your connection with the natural world but also forge stronger bonds with your colleagues as you delve into the realm of plants within your kit.



Details:

- ◆ June 4 | 6 - 7 p.m.
- ◆ Register at <https://www.addevent.com/event/Zr21219512>
- ◆ ***Must register by May 21 (Space is limited)**
- ◆ Kits will be mailed to you a few days prior to event.

Questions? Contact the Benefits and Wellness Division via email: be.healthy@phoenix.gov.

VOTE ON THE PERFECT PARK



As part of the Parks and Recreation Department's ongoing efforts to involve the community in enhancing City parks, the department asked elementary school students enrolled in our Phoenix Afterschool Centers (PAC) to create their "perfect park." Each PAC site envisioned and created miniature park models, which are on display in the City Hall Atrium.

All City employees are invited to participate by voting on their favorite park model by May 17. Judging criteria includes design, creativity, integration of sustainable ideas and inclusivity.

This is an excellent opportunity for City employees to engage with our younger generation and support their creativity!

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

Phoenix Hispanic Network presents "Professional Development Fair."

Details:

- ◆ May 22 | 11:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.
- ◆ City Hall Atrium
- ◆ Earn triple competency points! Register on PHXYOU, **Course Code: PHN107**



Grow your professional network and visit with our special guests! Turn in your "passport/bingo card" at the end of the event to ensure you receive your triple competency points and also enter for a chance to win a prize! For more information, see the event flyer at phoenixhispanicnetwork.org.

Join the **Conversation**



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NEW BLOOD DONORS NEEDED

This summer, before you hit the open road, help patients in need. When you donate blood June 1-30, you'll receive a \$10 gift card to help put gas in your tank. PLUS, you'll be automatically be entered for a chance to win one of five \$5,000 gift cards.

Details:

- ◆ June 4 and 5 | 8 a.m. - 12 p.m.
- ◆ City Hall , Assembly Room A & B
- ◆ Sign up and enter the drawing to win and have a chance to win some wellness prizes.
- ◆ Register at www.donors.vitalant.org (Blood Drive Code: **P1526**)



Donor Rewards Program opt-in required for \$10 gift card. No opt-in required for the giveaway.

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Did you know there is another way to further your career with the City of Phoenix? Northern Arizona University (NAU) offers a Master of Public Administration (MPA) program, delivered fully online. With asynchronous classes, employees can begin coursework in any term and complete the program at their own pace. The program is affordable and government employees get a 10 percent discount.

Attend either of the remaining [two information sessions](#) in the next few months to learn about the 36-credit, professional graduate degree. The next session is May 22. You can sign up and send in questions in advance.



WELLNESS DENTAL DRAWING

Get one dental cleaning Jan. 1 - June 30 to be entered automatically into a drawing for prizes! Employees do not need to submit anything to prove they had a cleaning. The City will contact Cigna, our dental



provider, to get a list of employees who are eligible to be entered.

Prizes:

- ◆ \$25.00 Gift Cards
- ◆ \$50.00 Gift Cards
- ◆ Sonic Toothbrush

For questions, email benefits.questions@phoenix.gov or call 602-262-4777.

CHAIR MESSAGES AT CITY HALL

Who wants a FREE 10-minute massage? City of Phoenix employees can sign up or walk in on **May 22 and 23 from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.** at City Hall, Assembly Room A. For questions, contact our Benefits and Wellness Division at 602-262-4777 or visit [Wellness website](#) for more information about this and other events.

LISTEN OR WATCH NEW EPISODES:

an employee podcast

RAISING THE BAR WITH HR



FEATURED JOB OF THE WEEK

Production Coordinator

Phoenix Convention Center and Venues
(Closes May 20)

Pay Range : \$28.86 to \$42.64 per hour

Hiring Range: \$28.86 to \$36.84 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 Phoenix Convention Center is hiring a Production Coordinator. This position performs technical work in the design, installation, maintenance, and repair of state-of-the-art theatrical systems, including audio systems, lighting systems, and manual rigging systems required for stage productions and other activities at the Orpheum Theater, Symphony Hall, and the Phoenix Convention Center. Responsibilities also include advancing technical requirements for event production, integrating touring company equipment with in-house systems, providing event cost estimates for event labor and rental equipment, scheduling, and providing functional supervision over stagehands and security.

Learn more about this opening and others at phoenix.gov/jobs, or log into eCHRIS. Job code: **27350**. [Check out all current job openings here.](#)

DID YOU KNOW

There are so many ways to learn and grow as a City of Phoenix employee! We have opportunities to learn through training classes, eLearning, self-paced study, and by working with outside organizations to learn, change, and improve. Click the link [here](#) to seek out your personal development opportunities.



Congratulations

Lorraine Gonzales with Police Central Precinct is the lucky winner of the Citizens Offering Police Support (C.O.P.S.) drawing valued at \$1800. Congratulations Lorraine!

NOMINATIONS NEEDED



Recognizing ability, advocacy, accessibility, and achievements since 1993, the Mayor's Commission on Disability Issues and the City are proud sponsors of the Disability Awards and Recognition Event (D.A.R.E.).

The event honors individuals, organizations and businesses for their dedication and service to people with disabilities. Award categories include Architectural, Business, Community Service, Outstanding Educator, and the Det. Olsen Lifetime Achievement Award. Nominations need to be submitted [online](#) by **July 31**.

For more information, call 602-534-1279.



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