

DIRECTOR'S UPDATE

A Message from Director Briana Velez

September 2025

Hello Streets Team!



As we get ready to welcome Fall, I want to thank everyone for your dedication and hard work during this long, hot summer. Your commitment and perseverance, despite the challenging conditions, have not gone unnoticed. As we transition into welcomed cooler weather, please continue to exercise heat safety and take all the necessary precautions to avoid heat injury. Speaking of Fall, It's that time of the year for the Community Service Fund Drive (CSFD) which began on Sept. 15 and continues through the end of October. Please continue to support and participate in this year's CSFD Campaign in a way that works for you, either by volunteering your time or

by supporting the many creative and engaging fundraising events throughout the campaign. This year's department goal is to raise \$17,000 and to have at least 60% department participation. Last year, we exceeded our goal and we hope to do the same again this year. Check page 2 for more information on how you can get involved and help us reach our goal! As always, thank you for your continued dedication and the positive impact you make every day to the residents and visitors of Phoenix.

Briana

Remembering Sept. 11

September 11th marked the 24th anniversary of the terrorist attacks that took place on the World Trade Centers, Pentagon and Shanksville, Pennsylvania.

We honor the memories of those who died in the attack, and the extraordinary heroism on display that fateful day by ordinary Americans helping their fellow Americans.





Community Service Fund Drive

In partnership with Valley of the Sun United Way, the Community Service Fund Drive (CSFD), held annually each fall, offers City employees an opportunity to make a positive impact in our community. Since its inception in 1998, City employees have collectively raised more than \$27 million through the CSFD!

Your support fuels real change

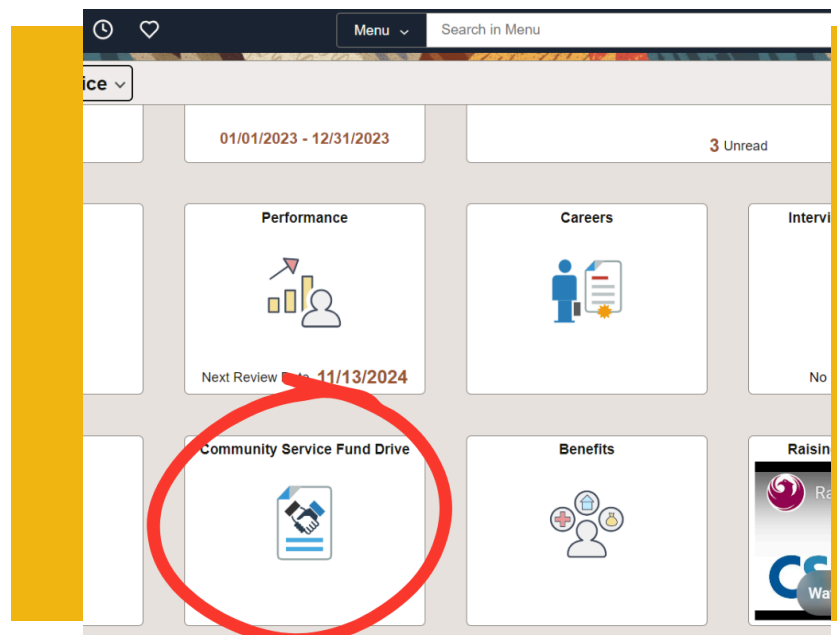
The CSFD addresses urgent needs now—like hunger, homelessness prevention, and education gaps - while building long-term solutions that strengthen our entire community. More importantly, all proceeds directly benefit those in need right here in Maricopa County.

Ways YOU can support

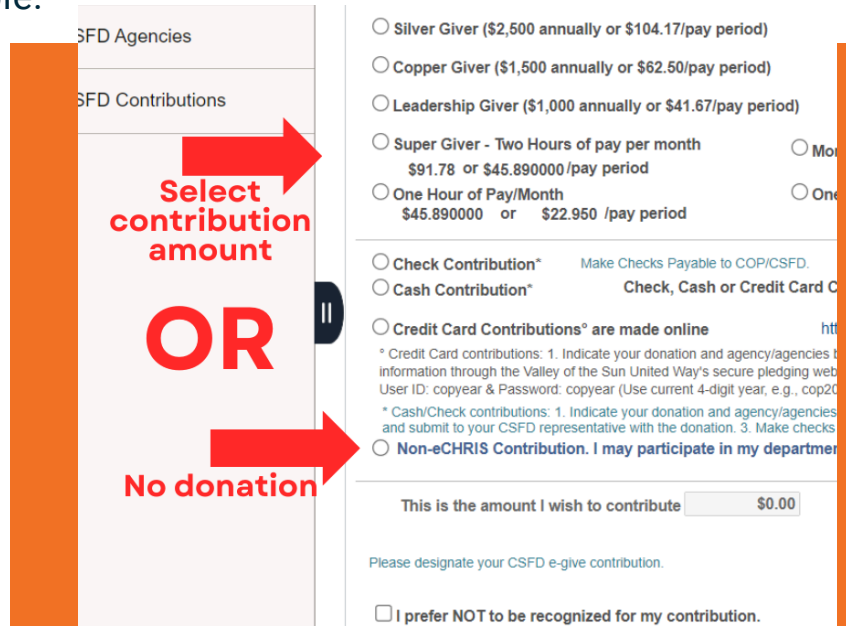
Starting now, through October 31, City of Phoenix employees can choose to donate money to support a variety of charities through the Valley of the Sun United Way as part of the CSFD. This year's department goal is to raise \$17k and 60% participation. Here's how you can help Streets reach our goal:

Donate

1. Log into your eCHRIS account and select the "Community Service Fund Drive" button from the home screen.

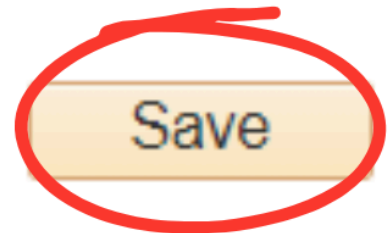


2. Complete the form where applicable.
You can select your contribution amount or select to NOT donate.



Screenshot of the CSFD contribution form. Red arrows point to the 'Select contribution amount' and 'No donation' options. The form includes sections for 'CSFD Agencies', 'CSFD Contributions', and 'Contribution Type' (Silver Giver, Copper Giver, Leadership Giver, Super Giver, One Hour of Pay/Month, Check Contribution, Cash Contribution, Credit Card Contributions, Non-eCHRIS Contribution). It also has a field for 'This is the amount I wish to contribute' set to \$0.00 and a checkbox for 'I prefer NOT to be recognized for my contribution'.

3. Don't forget to hit "Save." Even if you cannot make a contribution at this time, selecting "No donation" helps reach our participation goal!



Make a one-time donation

You may also make a one-time donation anytime by scanning the QR code!



Volunteer

Employees can contribute through service by participating in Valley of the Sun United Way volunteer opportunities.

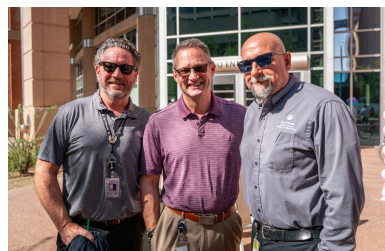
- Find volunteer opportunities at vsuw.org in Maricopa County
- If you volunteer through VSUW during the campaign, total hours will be reported to the City and counted toward the department campaign goal
- The current Arizona volunteer rate is \$34.79 per hour
- Group Volunteer Sessions: You can arrange team volunteer events at your workplace. Visit vsuw.org for details or scan the QR code.



Save the date!



Mark your calendars for the annual Hands & Hearts Street Fair taking place on Thursday, Oct. 23, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. at City Hall. The Hands & Hearts Fair serves as a way to help departments strive to continue to meet their department CSFD goals by hosting activity and food booths. With supervisor approval, all employees are invited and encouraged to attend and participate! More details coming soon.





Hohokam Drainage Program I

The Hohokam Drainage Program 1 is a series of four projects aimed at mitigating flooding in residential areas along the north side of South Mountain. This area receives rainfall and runoff from the mountain range, which results in periodic flooding and pooling water. This project will feature installations of a new stormwater infrastructure along South Mountain Avenue between 14th Street and 17th Way to improve public safety and protect homes and streets from stormwater damage. Installation of the flood mitigation infrastructure is funded through the city's GO Bond, approved by Phoenix voters in 2023.

Open House

The Office of the City Engineer will hold a public open house with a brief presentation on Thursday, October 16 from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. at the South Mountain Community Library at 7050 S. 24th Street.



Who doesn't love a kettle corn snack?
Join our Streets team in support of CSFD
at City Hall near the employee entrance!

Tuesday, Sept. 23
11 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.





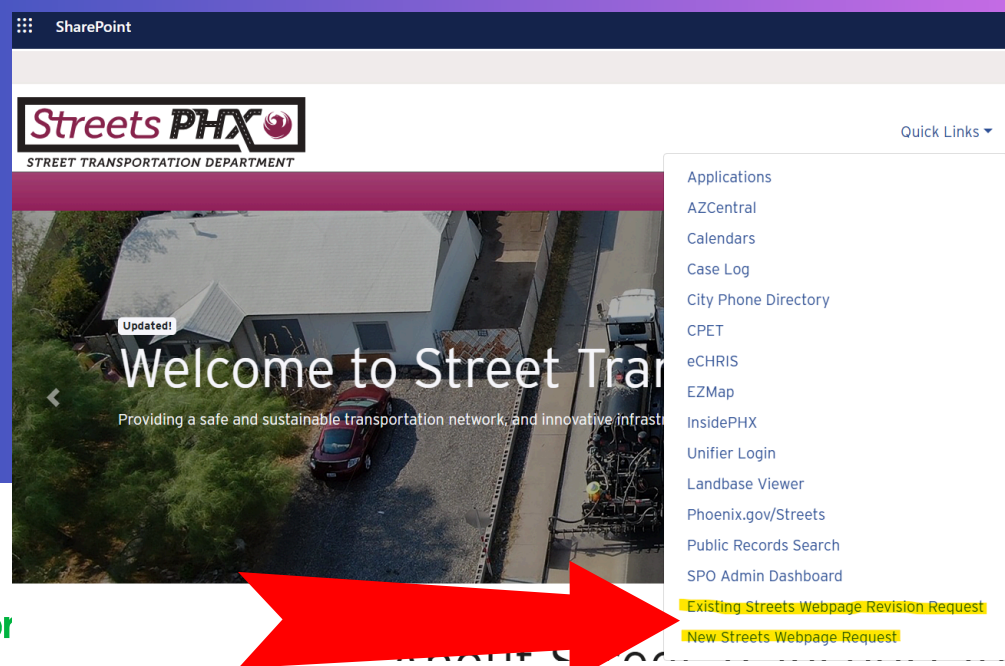
There are still Vision Zero Yard Signs available at a Parks community center near you! This program focuses on influencing safer driving behavior in residential and business communities. Find out more and how to get your yard sign at Phoenix.gov/RoadSafety



Need to make a change to your webpage? Need a new webpage?

CPET has moved to an electronic request method so our team can keep track of changes being made on the website, as well as keeping proper record of any new webpages that will be built. Moving forward, please use these two forms by navigating to the intranet/SharePoint page, and dropdown menu for “Quick Links,” scroll down and select the appropriate form for your request (see attached screenshot for reference). Please be as detailed as possible

This is only for the public-facing Phoenix.gov website
For intranet/SharePoint page, please continue to contact Streets IT.



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Phoenix.gov/Summer Summer Safety

The City of Phoenix has established the Heat Illness & Injury Prevention Program to minimize or eliminate employee exposure to heat related hazards.



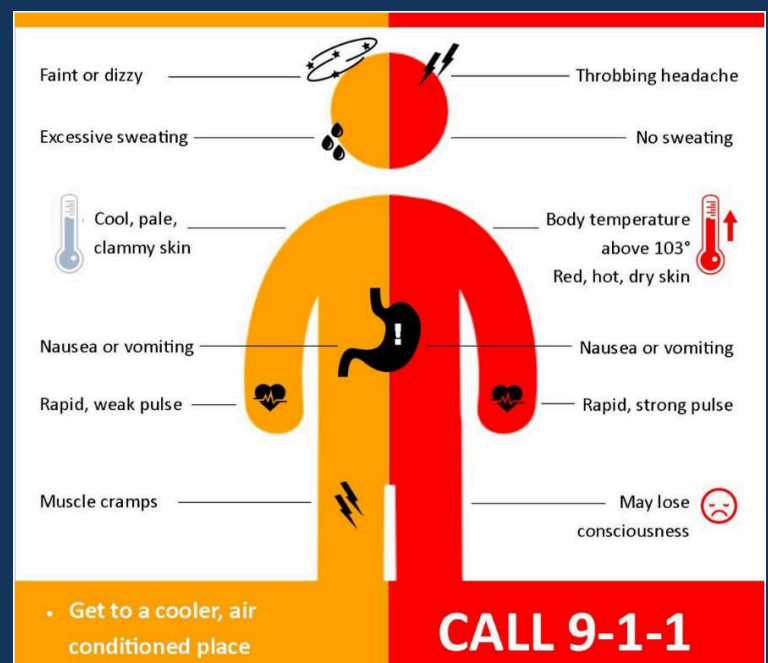
City departments will follow this program from May 1 to September 30, or anytime a heat advisory, watch or warning day has been issued by the National Weather Service. If you have questions, please contact your supervisor.



Safety Tips for Heat and Hydration

- Know the signs of Heat Exhaustion and Heat Stroke.
- Drink more water than usual:
 - Avoid sugary drinks, alcohol and caffeine
- Take frequent breaks and wear light-colored clothing and wide-brimmed hats.
- Look after your fellow employees for signs and symptoms of potential heat injury.
- Learn more at [Phoenix.gov/Heat](https://phoenix.gov/Heat)

KNOW THE SIGNS





KUDOS FROM THE COMMUNITY

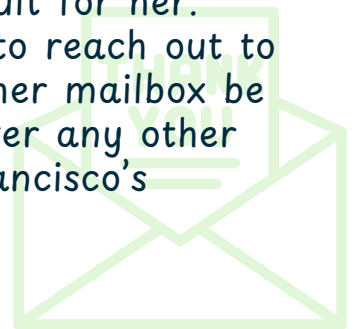
Hi Director Velez,

I have worked with Mr. Vellotti on several occasions – he is professional, responsive, and does a great job, especially under a lot of pressure. Most recently, the Carnation Neighborhood was displeased with the removal of the neighborhood speed humps during and after resurfacing. Folks were displeased and Michael did a great job to keep us informed and address the situation. This is just the most recent example of Michael being professional and responsive in a high pressure situation. In addition, he has been very helpful with traffic mitigation on other streets in the neighborhood (such as Minnezona, Campbell, and others). Michael oversees a lot and is often the main point of contact for demanding neighborhood associations, and I have been very impressed with him in every interaction I've had. Please let me know if there is an opportunity for the community to recommend Mr. Vellotti for a commendation.

Sincerely,

Ed Hermes

During a recent sidewalk project on Atlanta Avenue, located just south of Broadway Road, Ms. Lattie Lecian a resident from this area, approached staff at a community meeting. Ms. Lecian shared that her mailbox was currently located across the street from her residence and she wanted to know if there was some way to move it to her side of the street, as she struggles with a medical condition that makes mobility difficult for her. Project manager Francisco Miramontes took it upon himself to reach out to USPS to find information on how the resident could request her mailbox be relocated due to medical reasons and took time to help answer any other questions she had. Ms. Lecian expressed her gratitude for Francisco's kindness and customer service.





WELCOME TO THE TEAM



Thomas "Tom" Roberts

Materials Supervisor, Materials Lab, Design and Construction Management Division (DCM)

Originally from Michigan, Tom has lived in Arizona since 2006. He brings extensive experience in construction materials testing, having built his career in this field since 2007. Since late 2018, Tom has also been a trusted consultant for the City of Phoenix, demonstrating his expertise and dedication.

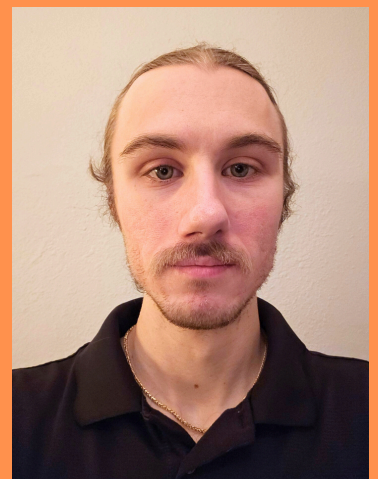
Outside work, Tom enjoys exploring the outdoors through hiking and cherishes time spent with his 10-year-old daughter, often visiting family back in Michigan.

Shane Vance

Materials Technician, Materials Lab, Design and Construction Management Division (DCM)

Shane studied Materials Science and Engineering, which sparked his interest in the field and laid the foundation for his professional journey. He is particularly excited to apply his academic background to real-world challenges and contribute to the innovative work happening within DCM.

Outside of work, Shane enjoys playing guitar and exploring his college-discovered passion for computer programming. At home, he and his wife are happily outnumbered by their four cats, who keep life interesting and lively.



CONGRATULATIONS!

Robert “Rob” Duvall

Vertical Project Manager, Office of the City Engineer

Rob recently accepted a promotion to Vertical Project Manager with the Office of the City Engineer. Prior to his new position, Rob was a Materials Supervisor at the Materials Lab in the Design and Construction Management Division. Rob has 24 years of experience in the construction materials testing industry, including 19 years with the City.

Rob serves as a delegate on several technical committees, including the Maricopa Association of Governments (MAG) Standard Details and Specifications Materials Working Group, the Arizona Rock Products Association Education Coalition, the Southwest Pavement Technologies Consortium Steering Committee, and the Arizona Pavement and Materials Conference Planning Committee. Rob is also on the Board of Directors for the Arizona Technical Testing Institute.

Rob has authored numerous specifications and technical documents, including the MAG Standard Specifications, Slurry Seal and Micro-Surfacing Sections, the 2015 and 2024 City of Phoenix Supplements to MAG, and various project contracts and specifications



FAREWELL!

We'd like to wish Marielle Brown a sincere "farewell" as she embarks on a new journey! Marielle has led the City of Phoenix's Active Transportation Program for six years.



Her team works to make active transportation a part of everyday life for Phoenixians by providing better infrastructure for biking and walking and managing the micromobility program. She leads planning studies for capital projects in addition to managing tactical build projects. Previously, she worked at an advocacy organization in St. Louis and for King County in Washington.

She is now taking on new adventures in Chicago, IL and we wish her all the best!



HUMAN RESOURCES NEWS

Years of Service

10 Years
Eric Hernandez

20 Years
John Scola

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