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Phoenix is an Employer of National Service

Are you an alumnus of AmeriCorps, AmeriCorps VISTA or the Peace Corps? The city of Phoenix is proud to be a charter member of the White House Employers of National Service initiative, joining Arizona State University and hundreds of organizations here at home and across the country committed to creating a pathway to employment for those who have dedicated themselves to national service. The city's employment application now has a box to check for alumni of national service organizations and the Peace Corps.



"City of Phoenix employees share a commitment to service and making a positive impact on our community," says



Phoenix City Manager Ed Zuercher. "Alumni of our nation's service organizations bring with them this passion for making a difference, along with the hands-on skills and creativity required for success in our organization."

Visit phoenix.gov and click on the jobs/volunteering tab for more information about the city's commitment as a charter member of Employers of National Service.

Remember to vote in the August 2015 Mayor and City Council Election

On Tuesday, Aug. 25, Phoenix voters will decide several ballot measures and cast ballots for mayor and city council members in districts 1, 3, 5 and 7. A Runoff Election will be held on Tuesday, Nov. 3, if no candidate receives a majority of the votes cast for an office in the August election.

The Mayor and City Council Election is open to Phoenix residents who are registered to vote by Monday, July 27.

Voters on the Permanent Early Voting List received their early ballots starting Thursday, July 30. If you missed the Aug. 14 deadline to request an early ballot by mail, you still can vote early in person at City Hall, 200 W. Washington St. through Friday, Aug. 21.

Phoenix uses voting centers instead of polling places for the Mayor and City Council Election. Voters may cast their ballot at any of the 29 voting center locations instead of one assigned polling place, making it more convenient to vote closer to work, school, home or along your daily commute. Voters will have three days

to cast their vote, allowing for greater flexibility and accessibility.

Voting centers will be open:

- Saturday, Aug. 22, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.
- Monday, Aug. 24, from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.
- Tuesday, Aug. 25, (Election Day) from 6 a.m. to 7 p.m.

A Sample Ballot and Publicity Pamphlet (SBPP) was mailed to households with at least one registered voter the week of July 20.

To view a map and list of voting center locations or to find the nearest voting center site, refer to the SBPP or visit

phoenix.gov/elections. An online interactive Voting Center Locator also is available at phoenix.gov/elections.

Accessible voting devices are available at all voting sites. Early ballots can be mailed or dropped off in their affidavit envelope at any voting site during the hours of operation. Early ballots must be received by 7 p.m. Election Day.

For more information, visit phoenix.gov/elections, call 602-261-VOTE (8683) or use the 7-1-1 Relay System.



Bag and tie your trash



The bagging of trash is a requirement by Maricopa County to keep control of insects or rodents that can transmit diseases.

Especially during the summer months, bagging and tying your trash will keep control of odors, as well as keep the inside of your trash container clean.

For more information, please call our Customer Service line at 602-262-7251.

Save As You Reduce & Recycle

"Save As You Reduce & Recycle" offers residents that currently have curbside trash pick-up service the option of downsizing to a medium trash container for a savings of \$3 a month on their solid waste services bill. Additionally, residents must be enrolled in the city's recycling program before they can sign up for the SAY R&R program.

For more information about the SAY R&R program, please visit phoenix.gov/publicworks or call 602-262-7251.

No plastic bags in your blue recycling barrel

Plastic shopping bags or filmy shopping bags should not be placed in your blue recycling containers. These materials get stuck in the sorting machine, damaging the recycling equipment and halting the recycling process. The right way to recycle your plastic shopping bags or filmy plastics is to bring them to Bag Central Station, located at the front entrance of your neighborhood grocery stores. Make sure the plastics bags are clean and don't have anything inside them. To learn more about what types of plastics can be recycled at Bag Central Station, visit plasticfilmrecycling.org or call 602-262-7251.

2015-2016 Fair Housing Workshops

The City of Phoenix Equal Opportunity Department in conjunction with the Southwest Fair Housing Council presents its 2015-2016 Fair Housing Workshops. Workshops are free and open to landlords, owners, property staff and tenants and offer three hours of ADRE-authorized fair housing REALTOR re-licensing credit. Workshops are located at Calvin Goode Building, 251 West Washington Street, 10th Floor, Phoenix, AZ.

DATES:

Thursday, Aug. 20, 20159 a.m. – Noon
 Thursday, Sept. 17, 20159 a.m. – Noon
 Thursday, Oct. 15, 20159 a.m. – Noon
 Thursday, Nov. 19, 20159 a.m. – Noon
 Thursday, Jan. 21, 20169 a.m. – Noon
 Thursday, Feb. 18, 20169 a.m. – Noon
 Thursday, March 17, 20169 a.m. – Noon
 Thursday, April 21, 20169 a.m. – Noon
 Thursday, May 19, 20169 a.m. – Noon
 Thursday, June 16, 20169 a.m. – Noon

To arrange accommodations for a disability or to request materials in an alternate format, please contact 602-262-7486 or 602-534-1557/TTY

Parks and Recreation Department wants your input

The Parks and Recreation Department is conducting a survey about the guest experience at its desert and mountain parks and preserves. Your input is valuable and will be used to determine improvement priorities. Please take this short online survey at phoenixmountainspreserve.com.

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“Doing What Matters” with Homeless Program Coordinator Kristina Blea

Summer is here, and that means triple digits. There are people in Phoenix that need help and respite from the heat, and the city has programs and partnerships to help. The Human Services Department organizes the Summer Respite program and partners with local homeless outreach teams to provide much needed necessities to the homeless population in Phoenix. In addition to working closely with the outreach teams, city staff provides case management services and a permanent supportive housing program. “It’s important to have that partnership,” says Homeless Program Coordinator, Kristina Blea, “to assist as many individuals as we can out in the community.”



If you want to help, the best way, according to Blea, is to donate needed items at one of three city family services centers from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday:

- Travis L. Williams, 4732 S. Central Ave.
- John F. Long, 3454 N. 51st Ave.
- Sunnyslope, 914 W. Hatcher Road

Items that are being collected to distribute through the Summer Respite program include unopened water bottles, new underwear and socks, sunscreen, lip balm and prepackaged snacks.

For more information on the Summer Respite program visit: phoenix.gov/humanservices.

To view more Doing What Matters segments, featuring other city of Phoenix employees visit: phoenix.gov/citymanager.

Phoenix residents embrace a desert lifestyle

Did you know Phoenix residents have reduced their water use by approximately 30 percent over the last twenty years? How? Community members like you have embraced a desert lifestyle and taken steps that contributed to a much more water-efficient city:

- **Replacing grass lawns with desert-adapted and native plants.** The *Landscape Plants for the Arizona Desert* guide (available electronically or in print from Water Services) highlights low-water use trees, shrubs, cacti and succulents that can be used in a variety of designs. For every high-water use plant that you love, there is a beautiful desert alternative.
- **Installing new plumbing fixtures.** Most Phoenix homes are saving water with every flush of the toilet, every shower, and each load of laundry. That’s because plumbing standards changed after 1994, requiring manufacturers to produce fixtures that use less water. Today’s high-efficiency toilets, showerheads, and faucets provide high performance while using less water. Look for products that have the EPA WaterSense Label for high-performing and water-efficient options. EPA Energy Star labeled products also use water more efficiently!
- **Embracing a desert lifestyle and using water wisely.** To learn more, attend a free Landscape Watering workshop hosted at a Phoenix Public Library branch near you. Topics include Landscape Watering, Rain Gardens, and Creating a Desert Oasis with Low-Water Use Plants. Find a list of classes at <https://www.phoenix.gov/waterservices> or e-mail tina.sleeper@phoenix.gov. You also can call (602) 256-3430 or (602) 534-3950.

Have you taken some of these steps but not others? Join the water efficiency cause! Learn how to create a Smart Home today at the Conservation and Efficiency page at <https://www.phoenix.gov/waterservices>.

Celebrate Harmon Library’s 65th Anniversary

On Saturday, Sept. 12, 2015, Harmon Library, located at 1325 S. 5th Ave., will celebrate 65 years of service to the community. Did you know that Harmon Library was Phoenix Public Library’s first branch location? The original building opened in 1950, and was replaced with a new facility on Aug. 28, 2009. The branch has been an anchor in the community for generations providing services, programs and a place for people to gather.



Join us from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. for a celebration that will include family-friendly activities, crafts, music and the sharing of photos and stories of Harmon Library. For more information, visit phoenixpubliclibrary.org or call 602-262-4636.