

City CONNECTION

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News Briefs

On the heels of its sixth consecutive perfect safety inspection, Phoenix Sky Harbor International Airport has received the FAA Western-Pacific Region Airport Safety Award. Sky Harbor was recognized for its commitment to safety and for its ongoing efforts to work in collaboration with the FAA. Earlier this month, Sky Harbor also received its sixth perfect FAA certification safety inspection in a row. Every year, the FAA conducts a thorough inspection of the air operations area and rates the Airport on runway and taxiway maintenance, record-keeping, emergency response and more.

Grant Writing USA will present a grants management workshop July 18 - 19 at Maricopa County Sheriff's Office Training Center, 2627 S. 35th Ave. Participants will learn how to administer government grants and stay in compliance with applicable rules and regulations. Tuition is \$595 and includes a 450-page grant management workbook and reference guide. Seating is limited. For more information, visit grantwritingusa.com.

COPMEA associate members may now participate in the organization's elections. For more information about the recent decision, visit copmea.com.

CSFD logo and slogan unveiled

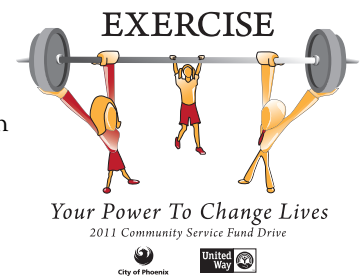
Valerie Mitchell with Housing submitted the winning concept for the 2011 Community Service Fund Drive logo and slogan.

The logo features three figures lifting a barbell with the slogan, "Exercise Your Power to Change Lives."

The CSFD Executive Committee agreed that the design depicts the spirit of the 2011 campaign and hope it will inspire city employees to exercise their power to help others in the community.

The design will be used on CSFD marketing and promotional material, including posters, T-shirts and websites. Mitchell will receive a framed poster of her entry, along with a campaign T-shirt and recognition at the Sept. 15 campaign kickoff.

The logo and slogan contest received more than 50 entries. The executive committee thanks everyone for their creative designs.



'Brown Bag' looks at immigration detention

A representative from The Florence Immigrant and Refugee Rights Project will provide an overview the immigration detention system in Arizona at the next Faces of Diversity Brown Bag series at noon Friday, June 17, at City Council Chambers.

Lindsay Marshall, executive director of The Florence Project, will explain how her organization provides free legal and related social services to the 3,000 men, women and children from 90 different countries who are detained in Arizona for immigration proceedings on any given day. Because immigration proceedings are civil, not criminal, there is no right to counsel at government expense.

Since 1989, The Florence Project has provided free legal services to detainees, including "know your rights" presentations, individual intakes, group workshops and referrals to local pro bono attorneys.

For more information, call 602-495-0358 or 602-534-1557/TTY or visit phoenix.gov.



Mark Your Calendar

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June 21. Phoenix Hispanic Network luncheon. Guest speaker Karina Cuama will present information about the Be A Leader Foundation, a nonprofit organization that strives to increase the number of college-bound students through mentoring and training. Lunch, \$7 (sandwich, chips and water). Noon to 1 p.m. City Hall, assembly room B. RSVP with Meri Jasso by June 16 at 602-256-5672 or meri.jasso@phoenix.gov.

City Hall hosts SolarDay event on Friday

City Hall will host an event to celebrate the third annual SolarDay, an international event promoting solar energy and sustainability, 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Friday, June 17.

“Every Phoenix resident knows well the power of the desert sun. As our solar industry grows in Arizona, we want to take a chance to celebrate how this new frontier creates jobs and affirms our commitment to living green,” said Mayor Phil Gordon.

This event showcases city solar projects at Phoenix Fire Station #1 and the Sunnyslope Community Center, among others, funded through the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act. Private sector organizations will showcase their solar efforts including: Arizona Public Service, Arizona Smart Power, Johnson Controls, Power-One, Inc., Sky Engineering Inc., Solar City, Southwest Gas, Sun Power Corp., and the U.S. Green Building Council.

“Visitors who attend the event will have the experience a virtual tour of the city solar projects completed to date,” said Carolyn Bristo, the city’s sustainability officer. “And we’ll look ahead at the projects that will help us reach our goal of utilizing 15 percent renewable energy by 2025.”

The event also will recognize solar leaders in the local community and provide information on Solar Phoenix, a public/private collaborative of the city, National Bank of Arizona, APS and SolarCity. This is a residential finance program created to provide solar photovoltaic (PV) systems to 1,000 Phoenix residences.



Water inspector wins suggestion award

Roger Vail, a senior water quality inspector with Water Services, has won an Employee Suggestion Award.

The 91st Avenue Waste Water Treatment Plant must, on a daily basis, perform numerous tests of water samples for quality control. Vail suggested measures to streamline a multiple-step testing and analysis process, and after obtaining the necessary approvals of federal, state and local regulatory agencies, his suggestion was implemented.

Vail’s suggestion saves the city nearly \$100,000 each year.

For more information about the Employee Suggestion Program, visit the Human Resources website on Inside Phoenix.



Roger Vail



Birdwatching - in China

Jane Smith with Water Services took the city bird to Lhasa, Tibet, which is known as the “roof of the world.” In the background is the Potala Palace, the chief residence of the Dalai Lama until the 14th Dalai Lama fled to India after an invasion in 1959.

People

Professional Achievements

The National Forum for Black Public Administrators Central Arizona Chapter honored Deputy City Manager **Jerome Miller** with a 2011 Marks of Excellence Award, the organization’s highest honor...**Devieka Rajbansee** with Human Services earned a master’s in education from Ottawa University...**Anissa Blair** and **Riann Balch**, also with Human Services, earned the Certified Public Managers designation through Arizona State University.

Retirements

Cathy Parker with Human Resources is retiring after 24 years of service. An open house for her will be from 9 to 11 a.m. Thursday, June 23, at the Personnel Building, sixth floor... **Jeffrey Menke** with the Office of Environmental Programs is retiring after 25 years with the city. Join him for a retirement celebration from 1 to 3 p.m. Friday, June 24, at City Hall, 14 West. Donations for refreshments and a gift are welcome. RSVP by Friday, June 17, to Trudy Merrill with an email to trudy.merrill@phoenix.gov...**Karen Bienias** with Public Transit is retiring after 27 years of service. Join her for a retirement celebration from 2 to 3 p.m. Wednesday, June 23, at Public Transit, 302 N. First Ave., ninth floor conference room. For more information, call Dora Garcia at 602-495-7007...**Joe Gray** with Aviation is retiring after 29 years of service. Join him for a retirement celebration from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Friday, June 24, at Aviation Facilities and Services, 2515 E. Buckeye Road, conference rooms A and B. Cost is \$11 per person for lunch and a gift. To RSVP, contact Elisa Gonzales at 602-273-3345.

Leave Donations

Leave donations are being accepted for **Edwin Cavalier** with Public Works (send leave slips to Kara Rivera with Public Works) and **Juan Escobedo** with Aviation (send leave slips to Patricia Overby with Aviation).

