

# City CONNECTION

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## **How green are you? Find out by taking the P2 Quiz**

Pollution Prevention (P2) Week is this week. To celebrate, the Office of Environmental Programs (OEP) has launched a new and improved P2 website.

The site features a newly designed "P2 Tree," a longstanding hallmark of the city's P2 program. The new P2 website is part of a completely revamped OEP site that provides information about the city's storm water program, air quality, brownfields land recycling, Clean Water Act Section 404, hazardous materials management, bed bugs, integrated pest management and more.

As part of the observance and the new website launch, employees who visit the P2 website can answer the question – How green are you? – by taking the online P2 Quiz through Sept. 30.

This year marks the 15<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the city's Pollution Prevention (P2) Week, which is part of a national initiative to raise awareness about environmental preservation. The city's P2 Program, which coordinates the event, started in 1994 and focuses on reducing the use of hazardous materials in city operations and educating employees about what they can do to protect the environment.

## **Public Works joins multi-agency "recycle-palooza"**

Public Works is partnering with Keep Phoenix Beautiful and dozens of other local organizations for the "I Recycle Phoenix Festival," 8 a.m. to noon Saturday, Sept. 24, at Phoenix Municipal Stadium, 56th and Van Buren streets.

The free "recycle-palooza" offers the convenience of one central location to recycle electronics, books, toys, clothing, toner and ink jet cartridges, pens and pencils, even golf balls! Bring your old computer hard drive and personal documents for shredding and peace of mind. Plus, Disney Radio will provide entertainment for the kids.

Participating cities and organizations include city of Phoenix, Keep Phoenix Beautiful, Earth 911, cities of Scottsdale and Tempe, Westech Recyclers, Goodwill Arizona, Batteries Plus, SRP, Verizon Wireless, Dixon Golf, Arizona Center for the Blind and OfficeMax.

For more information, visit [keepphxbeautiful.org](http://keepphxbeautiful.org) or call 602-262-4820.

## **Get biometrics screenings and free flu shots at Health Fair**

Human Resources is hosting an Employee Health Fair from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 28, at the City Hall Atrium.

Employees are invited to stop by to talk with representatives from Arizona Healthy Harvest, the City's Benefits Office, CIGNA Care Today Clinics, Nationwide, Flexrap, CIGNA Medical, BlueCross/BlueShield Medical, CIGNA Dental, CIGNA Pharmacy and MHN, the city's new Employee Assistance Program provider.

Laptops will be provided so employees can register for mycigna.com or azblue.com and complete the Health Risk Assessment online. Biometric screenings will take place in Assembly Rooms B and C by appointment, and free flu shots will be available in Assembly Room A (no appointment needed).

To make an appointment for an onsite biometrics screening, contact either CIGNA or BlueCross/Blueshield:

- CIGNA - [www.registerformyevent.com/cityofphoenix](http://www.registerformyevent.com/cityofphoenix) or call 1-800-694-4982
- BlueCross/BlueShield - <https://pickatime.com/client?ven=11605235> or call 480-968-1886

## NEWS BRIEFS

**The city's Earned Income Tax Credit Campaign needs Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) volunteers to help low-income working individuals and families prepare their taxes and claim the federal Earned Income Tax Credit.** To train volunteers for the upcoming tax season, the Internal Revenue Service and the city of Phoenix are partnering to hold free training sessions from November to January at locations around the city. Last year, VITA volunteers helped prepare more than 5,700 returns resulting in more than \$9 million to Phoenix residents. For more information on becoming a VITA volunteer, visit [phoenix.gov/eitc](http://phoenix.gov/eitc), call 602-262-6658 or email [eitc@phoenix.gov](mailto:eitc@phoenix.gov).

**Plan to attend a free "Internet Scams and Fraud" awareness session from noon to 1 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 6, at City Hall, assembly rooms A and B.** The city's Information Security and Privacy Office (ISPO) is hosting the session in conjunction with National Cyber Security Awareness Month as part of an annual public awareness campaign to empower citizens, businesses, government and schools to improve their cyber security preparedness. Bring your lunch and learn to recognize and avoid Internet scams and fraud. No reservation is needed. For questions regarding the session or for more information about the ISPO, send an e-mail to [ISPO@phoenix.gov](mailto:ISPO@phoenix.gov) or call 602-262-6531.

## PEOPLE

### Leave Donations

Leave donations are being accepted for the following: **Janet Adams** with Human Resources (send leave slips to Debi Payan with Human Resources); **Luljeta Krasniqi** with Police (send leave slips to Paula Zaragoza with Police); and **Leon Hawley** with Water Services (send leave slip to Nikki Valdez with Water Services).

### Retirement

A reception for retiring City Librarian **Toni Garvey** will be from 2 to 5 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 13, at Burton Barr Central Library, fourth floor Digital Studio, 1221 N. Central Ave. RSVP by calling 602-262-6157 by Oct. 11. To contribute to a group gift, contact David Richmond at [david.richmond@phoenix.gov](mailto:david.richmond@phoenix.gov).

### Trip Reduction Survey Winners

**Peggy Pedigo**, Library, one-night stay at the Pointe Hilton Tapatio Cliffs Resort; **Henry Saenz**, Water Services, one-night stay at the Pointe Hilton Squaw Peak Resort. It only takes a few minutes to fill out the survey to be entered into this week's drawing for some exciting prizes. Look for the Trip Reduction Survey link on the Inside Phoenix home page.

## MARK YOUR CALENDAR

**Thursday, Nov. 3** - Military and Veterans Commission Foundation Golf Tournament. \$100 per person or \$375 if registrations are made as a foursome (includes golf-course fee, cart, awards luncheon and prizes). 8 a.m. "shotgun" start. Aguila Golf Course, 8440 S. 35<sup>th</sup> Ave. Register online at [arizonastanddown.org](http://arizonastanddown.org). For more information, call Virgel Cain at 602-541-6454 or email [vrcjr@aol.com](mailto:vrcjr@aol.com). Registration deadline is Oct. 28. Proceeds will support the activities of the city commission, which assists veterans and military personnel.