



City of Phoenix



Becoming the most Sustainable Desert City on the Planet.

WELCOME TO
WHAT'S HOT / WHAT'S COOL.



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UPCOMING
EVENTS

The **TOP FIVE** coolest things happening this spring:

1

Mayor Elect Kate Gallego's Sustainability Platform

Newly elected Mayor Kate Gallego believes there are plenty of opportunities for City of Phoenix to lead the way in sustainability. For a glimpse into Mayor Gallego's thinking, [pages 13-14](#) highlight her thoughts on protecting our water resources and preparing for a more sustainable future.



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Modular/Pre-fab Construction

As the U.S. struggles with maintaining a supply of affordable housing, [modular construction](#) may offer a way to lower construction costs and meet demand.

Keep Phoenix Beautiful Earth Day Event

April 22 10:30 AM-2:00 PM
Cesar Chavez Plaza
www.KeepPhxBeautiful.org

Earth Day Simple Solutions Summit

April 22 10:00 AM-2:00 PM
Phoenix Council Chambers
www.GreenLivingAZ.com

Arizona Eco Fashion Week 2019

April 22-27
FABRIC Tempe
<https://www.fabrictempe.com/az-eco-fashion-week>

Bike Prom 2019

April 27 6:00 PM-11:00 PM
The Phoenix Ale Brewery



Energy Audits are Back on Track

If you own a Phoenix home constructed prior to 2006, we are partnering with APS and SRP to provide a **FREE Home Performance Assessment** with ENERGY STAR. For anyone new who wants to sign up, please register [here](#)



Plastics #3-#7 Diversion Program RFP and Contract Award

The Phoenix Public Works Department has chosen Renew Phoenix for a new [10-year contract](#) to turn recovered mixed plastics into fuel.

<http://www.phoenixspokespeople.org/events/2019-04-27-bike-prom/>

Audubon Arizona Birds n' Beer

May 16 5:30 PM-7:30 PM

Rio Salado Audubon Center

<http://riosalado.audubon.org/programs/birds-n-beer-0>

Silent Sunday at South Mountain

Fourth Sunday of every month

5:00 AM-7:00 PM

South Mountain Park and Preserve

<https://www.phoenix.gov/parks/trails/locations/south-mountain>

What's Amazing

'Super Bloom' Snaps: The combination of a wet fall and winter and lower temperatures created an unprecedented bloom across Arizona. [Read more](#)

New tree improvement and maintenance project will provide better shade near public transit: The Phoenix Public Transit Departments' project anticipates 200 trees to be pruned, removed or replaced along the central core in Phoenix. [Read more](#)

Did you know?

Green bonds offer an easy way for anyone to invest in all different types of projects that are helping in the fight against



climate change. They are getting more popular every year and will offer investors many more opportunities to contribute to sustainable development projects around the world. Learn more about green bonds [here](#).



APS to Expand Battery Capacity

Arizona Public Service plans to add hundreds of megawatts of battery storage by 2025 to its solar power plants so customers can keep using solar energy after the sun sets. [Read more.](#)

QUOTE OF THE MONTH

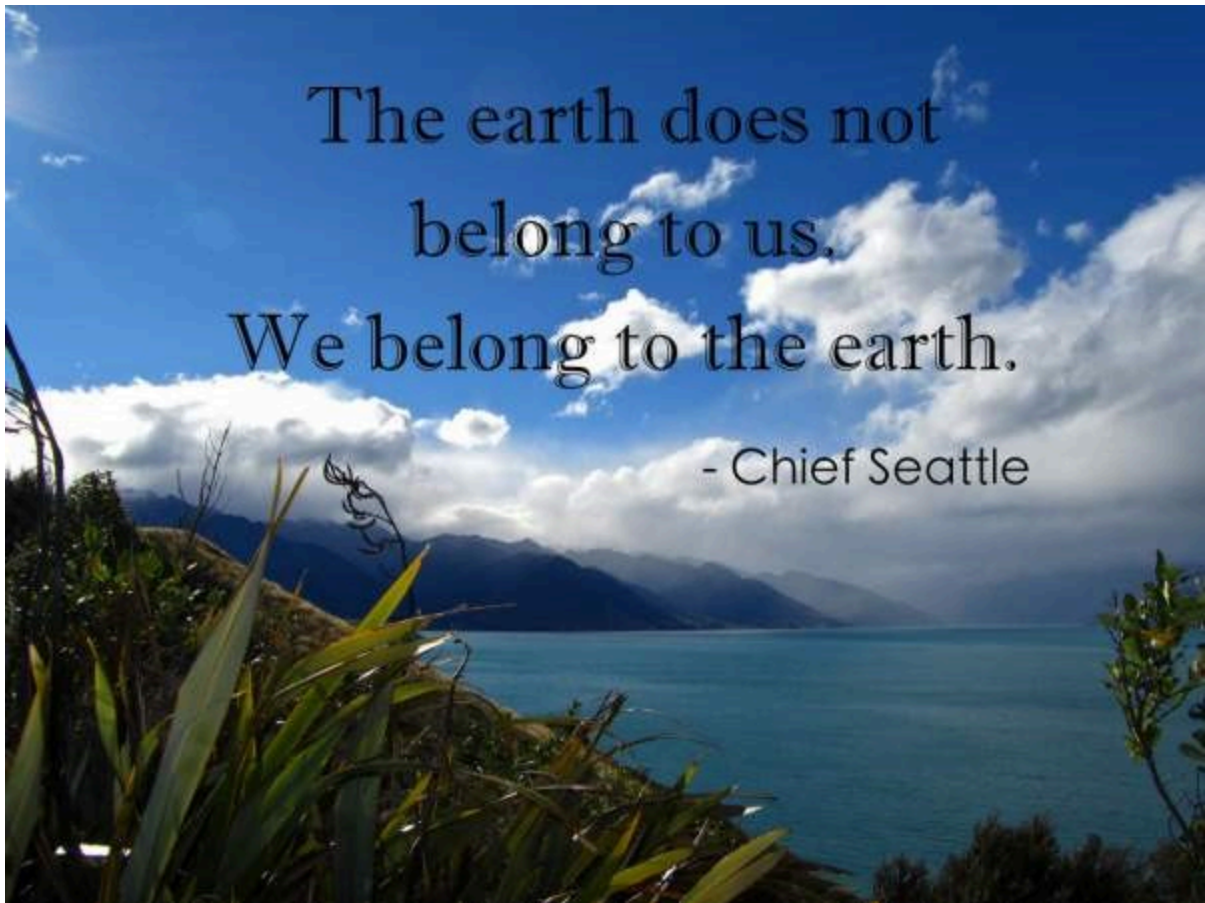
“The greatest threat to our planet is the belief that someone else will save it.”
– Robert Swan, Author



HAPPY EARTH DAY 2019 PHOENIX!

Words Work

The idea for a national day to focus on the environment came to Earth Day Founder, Gaylord Nelson, then a U.S. Senator from Wisconsin and each year, Earth Day – April 22 – marks the anniversary of the birth of the modern environmental movement that happened in 1970. As the day nears, one might notice an increase in postings of Earth Day slogans and quotes, distinctive cries to encourage us to be better in tending to and keeping the earth. Slogans, as we know, can give a good feeling, create a prominent identity and mirror a commitment and loyalty to a product or cause. They should touch us on an emotional level. They can make things actionable and desirable and if one can relate to a slogan or quote, the hope is a behavioral change will occur.



On Monday, April 22nd we celebrate Earth Day 2019. Whatever you chose to do to honor this day, be encouraged and motivated by one of the Founder's venerable quotes:

"Earth Day- Our goal is not just an environment of clean air and water and scenic beauty. The objective is an environment of decency, quality and mutual respect for all other human beings and all other living creatures." ~ Gaylord Nelson



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