



City of Phoenix



Becoming the most Sustainable Desert City on the Planet.

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



WHAT'S HOT/  
WHAT'S COOL

UPCOMING  
EVENTS

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



### Climate Action Plan

Check out the City's new [Climate Action Framework](#) to chart the path to become a **Carbon Neutral City!** We would love to hear from you! Provide your feedback [here](#) and submit any questions on the plans to [climate@phoenix.gov](mailto:climate@phoenix.gov).

### **So You Think You Can Compost: Explaining the Fundamentals of Composting**

November 10, 2020, 11:00-12:00 pm

Learn about the City's Composting Facility and process.

### **Simply Sustainable Thanksgiving: Water Conservation and Waste Diversion Tips for your Family and Guest**



November 18, 2020, 11:00-12:00 pm  
Celebrate a more sustainable Thanksgiving with less waste and use.

**Holidays at the Heard**  
December 29-31, 2020  
Exciting traditional and contemporary American Indian performances and artist demonstrations.



## Electrical Vehicles

Now is a great time to buy an electric vehicle (EV)! They are fun to drive, reduce CO2 emissions, can drive in the carpool lane, and cheaper to own and operate. So drive clean and save some **green!** See below for more information about EV deals and incentives.

**FitPHX Virtual - Free Fall 2020 Programming**  
FitPHX virtual programs include the popular Fall Into Fitness, Fitness Boot Camp and Morning Yoga series.



## Cool Pavement Program

The City of Phoenix Office of Sustainability, Street Transportation Department and researchers from ASU are testing the use of Cool Pavement as a way to mitigate the urban heat island effect. Cool Pavement is a safe, non-toxic surface coating that bonds to the underlying asphalt street to create a matte finish that reflects rather than retains heat. Learn more about the pilot project [here](#).

**Virtual Intermountain Sustainability Summit**  
March 18-19, 2021  
This free and virtual annual event allows sustainability professionals to come together, along with the next generation of leaders to learn, share, network and build momentum as we work to improve our communities, environment and economy.

# What's Amazing



With the addition of 1.5 million people to cities every week for the foreseeable future, by 2060, the world is projected to increase 230 billion m<sup>2</sup> of buildings! That is the equivalent of adding an entire New York City to the planet every 34 days for the next 40 years!  
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## Bus Rapid Transit Needs Your Input

Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) is coming to Phoenix! This new service will focus on improved speed, reliability, convenience and overall transit experience. [The Phoenix BRT Program](#) is conducting public education and outreach along the six potential corridors with the goal of identifying a foundation network which will consist of three corridors. We need your feedback on where it will go. Attend the [BRT online meeting](#) and take the [survey to provide your input today!](#)

with policymakers from local governments and stakeholders across the U.S. and international markets to analyze and accelerate the adoption of the critical ZNC policies found [here](#).



### Did you know?



**Phoenix BRT**  
City of Phoenix's Bus Rapid Transit Program

BRT offers a **faster and more frequent bus service.**

Phoenix.gov/BRT



## \$600 Million Settlement for Flint Residents

The state of Michigan has reportedly reached a \$600 million settlement with the victims of the Flint water crisis. In 2014, city and state officials in Flint switched the City's water supply to a local river to save money, but the water wasn't treated properly, and tens of thousands of people were exposed to dangerous levels of lead – creating a public health crisis. The plan that is reportedly offering compensation has been in the works for 18 months and will need to be approved by the federal judge. Stay up to date [here](#).

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## Green Business

Since 2017, the city of Phoenix Green Business program has certified and recognized 102 Phoenix businesses that demonstrate their passionate for sustainability. The free program offers many marketing benefits including a window decal, rights to use the Green Business logo, promotion on the Green Business website, and an invitation to a special recognition event. To see the full list of certified businesses and to learn more about the program, check [here](#).

### Job Posting

[Manager of the Rio Salado Audubon Center](#)  
Nature Center  
Fluency in Spanish is required  
Open until filled



## QUOTE OF THE MONTH

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### Drive Electric Vehicle Deals

Check out these amazing EV deals and turn your second car into an EV!

**Nissan - 2020 Leaf and Leaf Plus:** \$6,000 cash back, \$7,500 federal tax credit for a **total cost savings of \$13,000**. Added incentive includes \$250 EVGP prepaid charging credit. Offer expires 1/4/2021

**Chevrolet - 2020 Bolt:** \$8,500 cash back and an added Costco incentive of \$3,000, which is a **total cost savings of \$11,500**. Chevrolet offer expires 11/30/2020 and Costco incentive expires 1/4/2021

**Audi - 2020 E-Tron Sportback:** \$1,500 cash back, \$7,500 federal tax credit for a **total cost savings of \$9,000**. Offer expires 1/4/2021

Bonus: Some Nissan dealers are also offering a \$50 gift card if you take a Leaf test drive.

See your local **Phoenix Nissan and Chevrolet dealers, and Valley Audi dealers** for more information or contact [sustainability@phoenix.gov](mailto:sustainability@phoenix.gov).

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*"What the world needs now is solidarity. With solidarity we can defeat the virus and build a better world."*

**António Guterres**  
UN Secretary-General



## Phoenix Climate Action Plan



The City of Phoenix is currently working to update its Climate Action Plan (CAP), which will serve as a long-term plan to reduce greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions from local operations and community activities as well as prepare for the impacts of climate change.

In January 2020, the City of Phoenix was inducted to the C40 Cities Climate Leadership Group (C40), a network of 96 cities around the world whose leaders are committed to action to mitigate climate change. As a requirement to be a member of C40 Cities, Phoenix must develop a C40-compliant Climate Action Plan that will provide a higher level of detail and scope for further reducing GHG emissions. Staff from many City departments are involved in developing this updated plan. The completed plan will be presented to Council for approval by the end of 2021.

What is a CAP?

A climate action plan is a detailed and strategic framework for measuring, planning, and reducing GHG emissions and related climatic impacts. Cities design and utilize CAPs as customized roadmaps for making informed decisions and understanding where and how to achieve the largest and most cost-effective emissions reductions that are in alignment with other city sustainability goals. CAPs include goals and specific actions for reducing GHG emissions from various activities organized into sectors, which include Stationary Energy, Transportation, and Waste. The Phoenix CAP will also include Phoenix specific topics, such as Air Quality, Food Systems, Heat, and Water.

The City of Phoenix hosted a virtual workshop to discuss the draft CAP Framework. Check [here](#) for the workshop video, pdf version and the CAP Framework draft. To skip to specific sections in the Framework, click the links below.

[Stationary Energy](#)  
[Transportation](#)  
[Waste](#)  
[Air Quality](#)  
[Food Systems](#)  
[Heat](#)  
[Water](#)

Please provide feedback, comments, or questions via the comment form [here](#).

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Do you have questions or comments on the City's climate actions or planning? Do you have other ideas or suggestions? Contact us at [climate@phoenix.gov](mailto:climate@phoenix.gov)





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