



UPCOMING EVENTS

In the midst of uncertainty, we have some cool stories to tell:

Our **TOP FIVE** coolest happenings in Phoenix:



Phoenix Solar Co-Op

By going solar as a group, homeowners in the co-op can receive competitive pricing, quality equipment and strong warranties. Co-op participants also get expert advice and independent guidance from a non-profit team throughout the process. Sign up now [here](#)

All city events have been postponed or cancelled due to the COVID-19 outbreak. For more information visit Phoenix.gov

WHAT'S AMAZING

Blackrock Transitions to Sustainable Investments



The world's largest investment manager and technology provider is taking action to tackle climate change and we are here for it! Blackrock has decided to make sustainable

EVER THOUGHT ABOUT GOING SOLAR?

Join the
PHOENIX SOLAR CO-OP

- ✓ Go solar with your neighbors.
- ✓ Get advice from non profit experts throughout the process.
- ✓ Get a great value on solar panels.

Sign up now at
SolarUnitedNeighbors.org/phoenix


Phoenix Joins C40

C40 is a network of the world's megacities committed to addressing climate change. Representing 700+ million citizens and one quarter of the global economy, mayors of the C40 cities are committed to delivering on the most ambitious goals of the Paris Agreement at a local level, as well as cleaning the air we breathe. Learn more about C40 cities [here](#).



Phoenix Airport Wins Grant for Electric Vehicle Charging Stations

For several years Phoenix Sky Harbor International Airport has been a recipient of the Federal Aviation Administration's Voluntary Airport Low Emission (VALE) environmental grant to reduce emissions at the airport by developing electric charging infrastructure. As part of a recently received grant, 12 electric charging stations were installed around Terminal 3 and 4 for use by tenant airlines. Southwest Airlines replaced an additional 12 aircraft pushbacks and United Airlines replaced 19 bag tractors, bringing the total to 101 GSE converted to electric due to the airport receiving the grants. Best of all, these conversions from diesel-powered GSE to electric has resulted in a reduction of

investing more accessible to all investors. With \$7.4 trillion in assets under management, Blackrock is focusing on portfolios that integrate sustainability criteria. With the huge influence they have, will this cause others alike to follow? Read more [here](#).

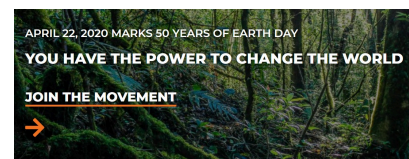
DID YOU KNOW?

In 2019, the City of Phoenix invested over **\$110 million** in climate-related projects. These include LED streetlight replacements, transportation improvements, tree planting and maintenance (over **4,500** trees were planted on City land in 2019), as well as investments in our biogas, recycling, and compost facilities.

QUOTE OF THE MONTH

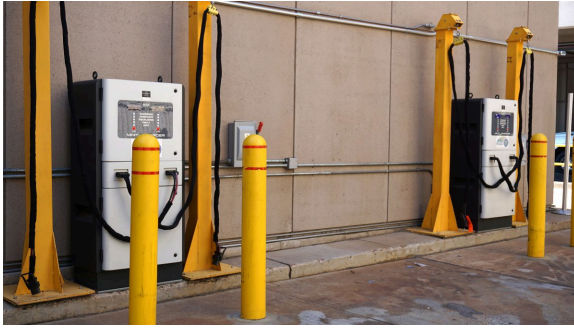
"The ultimate test of man's conscience may be his willingness to sacrifice something today for future generations whose words of thanks will not be heard."

– Gaylord Nelson, founder of Earth Day



April 22 mark's the 50th Anniversary of [Earth Day](#). Visit earthday.org to learn more.

particulate matter emissions, carbon monoxide and nitrogen oxides equal to taking 3,116 cars off the roadways.



Phoenix Celebrates Fair Housing Month

April is Fair Housing Month, where we celebrate accomplishments and develop goals in fair housing. Great, right?! But what does fair housing have to do with the environment? More than you might think! Access to various transportation amenities, shorter trips to work and services that reduce transportation costs and environmental burdens should be available to all, not just to people in certain neighborhoods. Additionally, energy costs increase as housing ages, yet newer housing is less likely to be affordable. The city of Phoenix is taking steps to make housing fair to its citizens, as well as the environment. In partnership with APS, Phoenix is adding solar to the roofs of over 12 multi-housing units where each resident will receive a \$15 credit each month on their energy bill. These are a few reasons ensuring effective housing choice for persons of all races, ethnicities, ages, and incomes is part of our commitment to a sustainable environment in the City of Phoenix! To learn more about Fair Housing, visit phoenix.gov/eod.

AMERICORPS VISTA POSITION

The City of Phoenix Office of Sustainability is looking to hire an AmeriCorps VISTA. Work with the 5th largest city in the nation to double the tree shade coverage of Phoenix and thereby improve the resilience of low-income neighborhoods. Apply [here!](#)





APS to be Carbon Neutral by 2050

Did you see the news? By 2050, APS has committed to deliver 100% clean, carbon-free and affordable electricity to their customers. This goal includes a nearer-term 2030 target of 65% clean energy, with 45% coming from renewable energy. APS will also cease all coal-fired generation by 2031. Learn more at the [APS.com/cleanenergy](https://www.aps.com/cleanenergy).



As you read the words of Gaylord Nelson, the founder of Earth Day, we realize 50 years have passed yet changes are still needed today. Due to the current health emergency and the cancellations and postponements of valley-wide earth day related events on the grander scale, let's take time to reflect and look at making sustainable changes in our everyday personal lives. What can we do better? There are tiny lifestyle changes you can make right now to help save the Earth! What about greening your transportation and personal care, stopping junk mail, giving up bottled water, reducing your waste, conserving energy and water, eating local organic foods, etc. Green living is possible! Remember, EVERY DAY IS EARTH DAY. Stay Healthy and Be Safe.

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