

# HOT NEWS & COOL SOLUTIONS

Becoming the most sustainable desert city on the planet!



## Important Things to Know This Fall

### Share Your Views on Going Green Incentives

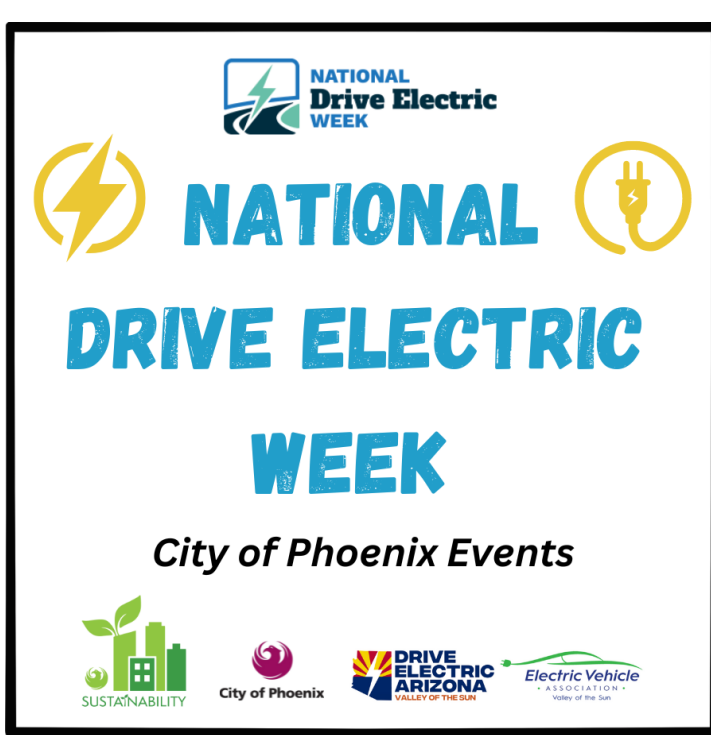
Calling all Phoenix residents! The City of Phoenix Office of Sustainability wants to hear from you! Please take a moment to participate in a short survey to provide feedback that will the City understand attitudes towards sustainability and incentives that encourage sustainable behavior. To take the survey, [click here](#).



### National Drive Electric Week Phoenix Events

National Drive Electric Week 2024 is September 27th through October 6th, and the City of Phoenix invites you to learn more about making the switch to drive electric.

- **Phoenix Electric Vehicle Ride & Drive** taking place on September 28th from 8 AM to 12 PM at North Phoenix Baptist Church – Learn more and register [here](#).
- **Overcoming Range Anxiety: Tips for Long Distance EV Travel Webinar** taking place on October 1st at 6 PM on Zoom - Learn more and register [here](#).
- **EV Ownership - Cost Savings and Incentives** taking place on October 3rd at 6 PM on Zoom - Learn more and register [here](#).



### Clean Air Initiatives

The Maricopa County Air Quality Department conducts yearly campaigns to raise awareness about pollution and provides programs to help businesses, the community, and local governments reduce air pollution. Many of these programs include financial incentives or grants for adopting clean air technologies and tackling air quality challenges across Maricopa County. To learn more, [click here](#).



### Recycle with Recyclops

Enjoy 3 months of free plastic bag and film recycling with Recyclops! While you should never put bags in your blue curbside bin, Phoenix residents can now use Recyclops – a subscription-based service that recycles your plastic bags, films, and other soft plastics. Recyclops specializes in diverting waste from landfills, diverting around 1 million pounds away from landfills each month. To sign up for doorstep pickups for plastic and soft film recycling today, [click here](#).



### Join Us for Nature Fest PHX!

Mark your calendars for Nature Fest PHX coming up on October 19th from 8am to 12pm at the Rio Salado 7th Avenue trailhead! Bring the family for a nature walk, wildlife encounters, planting for pollinators, food trucks, interactive art, over 30 community partner booths, and a chance to win prizes from Desert Botanical Garden, Phoenix Zoo, World Wildlife Fund, Arizona State Parks, Butterfly Wonderland, and Maricopa County Parks. Learn more at [www.phoenix.gov/naturefestphx](http://www.phoenix.gov/naturefestphx).



### Planting for Monarchs Month

As you think about what to plant in your yards this October, consider planting some of our beautiful native milkweed and native nectar plants to help the monarch butterfly and other pollinators. Any size effort can help, from a potted plant on a balcony to a whole yard full of native nectar resources. Not sure what plants to include or where to find them? Check out [www.phoenix.gov/oepp/monarch](http://www.phoenix.gov/oepp/monarch) for a native plant list and links to other resources like a list of nurseries in your area that typically carry native plants, or, email [oeppinfo@phoenix.gov](mailto:oeppinfo@phoenix.gov) to request a free Sonoran Desert monarch seed mix packet.



## Upcoming Events

'[I Recycle PHX](#)' Events | [keepphxbeautiful.org](http://keepphxbeautiful.org)  
Check out the Fall dates to drop off items to be recycled!

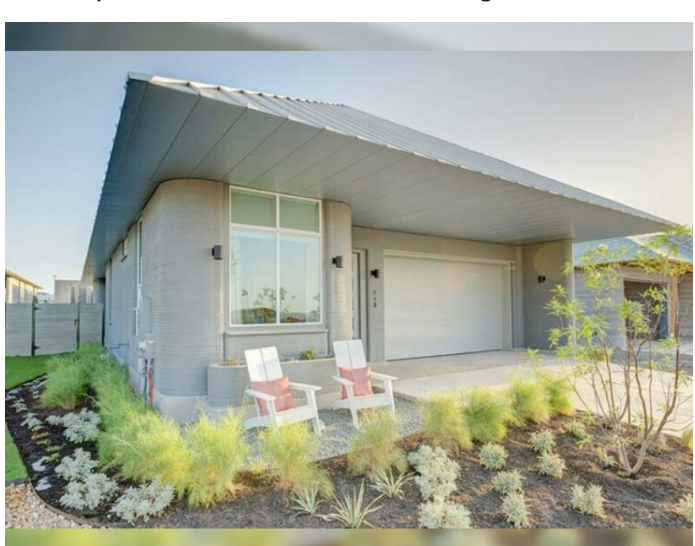
'[Hike Right PHX](#)' Fall Hikes  
Check out the Fall hikes coming up!

[Free to See - Phoenix Art Museum \(phxart.org\)](#)  
Every Wednesday from 3-9 PM!

[ARIZONA@WORK](#) Events  
Looking for employment? Check out the upcoming events hosted by ARIZONA@WORK!

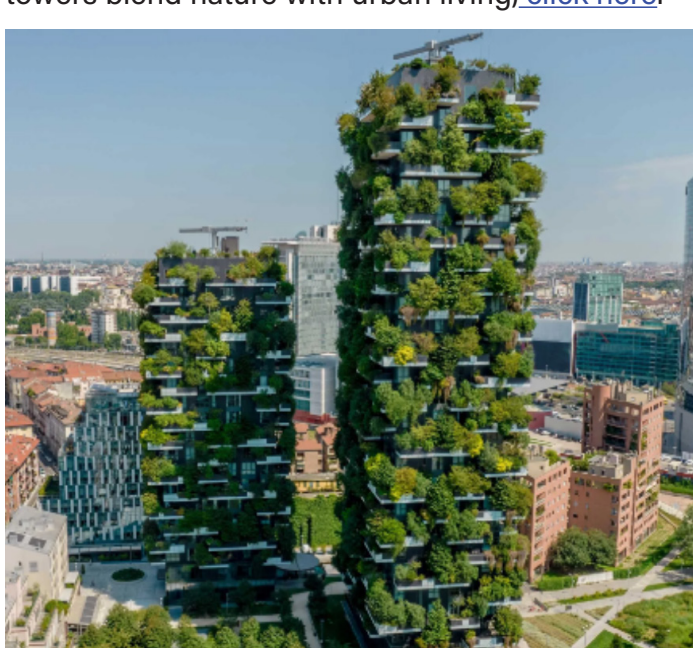
## That's Amazing!

**Revolutionizing Homebuilding** The world's largest 3D-printed home community is being developed in Texas, with its first house now complete. This innovative construction method could significantly cut carbon emissions and waste, as 3D printing eliminates the need for traditional concrete molds, reducing overall cement use. Given that cement production accounts for about 8% of global CO2 emissions, this technology offers a promising path toward more sustainable building practices. To read the full article and to explore this groundbreaking development in sustainable housing, [click here](#).



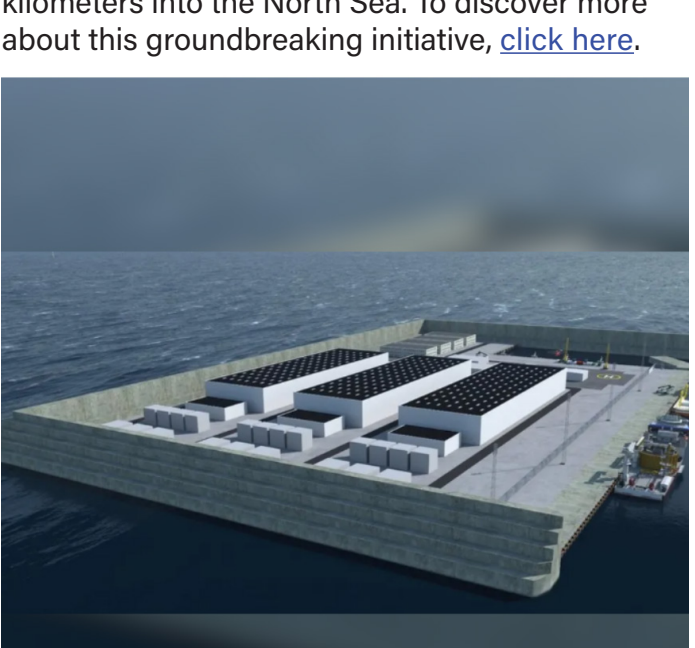
## Did You Know?

**Urban Forest Living** In Milan, 300 residents share their home with 21,000 trees in a pair of eco-friendly high-rises designed by green architect Stefano Boeri. Boeri believes trees have unique personalities and can communicate. The buildings are self-sustaining, using solar energy and recycled water to nourish the plants, which absorb 44,000 pounds of carbon annually while reducing street noise. To explore how these innovative towers blend nature with urban living, [click here](#).



## EXTRA! EXTRA! READ ALL ABOUT IT

**Groundbreaking Energy Island** Denmark has approved the construction of the world's first energy island, a massive project designed to power three million households. The island, initially the size of 18 football fields, will serve as a hub for 200 offshore wind turbines, with plans to expand its size. While the exact location remains undisclosed, the island will be situated 80 kilometers into the North Sea. To discover more about this groundbreaking initiative, [click here](#).



## Quote of the Quarter

"THE GREATNESS OF A COMMUNITY IS MOST ACCURATELY MEASURED BY THE COMPASSIONATE ACTIONS OF ITS MEMBERS."

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