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## 7/29/2020

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### COMMUNITY HIGHLIGHT

**PHOENIX CITY COUNCIL UNANIMOUSLY APPROVES MAJOR AFFORDABLE HOUSING INITIATIVE WITH GOAL OF CREATING OR PRESERVING 50,000 HOUSING UNITS BY 2030**



Statement from  
**Phoenix Mayor Kate Gallego**

On June 16th, Phoenix City Council unanimously approved a new citywide affordable housing initiative that will work to address the many housing needs in the nation's fastest-growing city. Earlier in the day, Phoenix Housing Department staff and Mayor Gallego joined U.S. Housing Secretary Ben Carson as he toured city housing sites. The plan

## ASU HIGHLIGHT

### **ARIZONA STATE UNIVERSITY AND WORLD ECONOMIC FORUM, WITH SUPPORT FROM THE ROCKEFELLER FOUNDATION, ANNOUNCE COVID-19 DIAGNOSTICS COMMONS TO HELP COMPANIES GET BACK TO WORK**

Arizona State University and World Economic Forum, with support from The Rockefeller Foundation, announce COVID-19 Diagnostics Commons to help companies get back to work: Ground-breaking new survey will reach thousands of businesses worldwide to help employees return to the workplace more safely and effectively.

Access Diagnostics Commons survey [here](#).

COVID-19 DIAGNOSTICS COMMONS TO HELP COMPANIES GET BACK TO WORK

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## ACTION REQUEST

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### **PHOENIX CLIMATE ACTION PLAN SURVEY SUBMIT YOUR INPUT!**

City of Phoenix is seeking the community's ideas and comments on actions to improve air quality and reduce its carbon footprint.

The City of Phoenix has completed our most recent greenhouse gas emissions inventories for city operations and on a community-wide scale. This updated data is helping us develop a new, focused Climate Action Plan (CAP) in line with the Paris Climate Accord. Measures for reducing future emissions will include actions from both the City of Phoenix

from wastewater, and composting. We know we can do more. Phoenix would like to hear your thoughts on how to get there! You can learn more about the work the city is doing and find the survey below.

**Survey deadline July 31, 2020**

RESPOND TO SURVEY

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## SCN EVENTS

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### **CLIMATE MAYORS EV PURCHASING COLLABORATIVE: HELPING PUBLIC FLEETS ELECTRIFY SCN SOLAR & ENERGY EFFICIENCY WORKGROUP AUGUST 11, 2020**

Join SCN and Cher Griffith Taylor, Fleet Electrification Specialist for Electrification Coalition, as she provides an overview of the resources and services available to public fleets through the Climate Mayors EV Purchasing Collaborative, a nonprofit program led by the Electrification Coalition. The EV Purchasing Collaborative partners with municipal and other public fleets to help them successfully procure and deploy EVs, providing a convenient collaborative procurement mechanism, innovative and cost-effective vehicle leasing, technical vehicle/fleet resources, best practices and peer learning connections from among our nationwide network of cities.

**Tuesday, August 11, 2020 | 1:00 PM - 2:30 PM**

**Via Zoom Webinar - RSVP for Link**

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## EVENTS

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## **ACCELERATING THE CIRCULAR ECONOMY CIRCULARITY 20**

Circularity 2020 will be offered as a FREE 3-day online event from August 25 - 27, 2020 to discuss circular economy principles and solutions. Click the link to register and find out more information below!

**August 25 - 27, 2020**

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## **VIRTUAL EVENT: ENERGY EXCHANGE 2020 PLUG IN TO BE EMPOWERED AND FIND SOLUTIONS! AUGUST 10 - 14, 2020**

The Federal Energy Management Program and the U.S. Department of Energy will modify Energy Exchange in August to a one-time virtual training August 10-14, 2020. Now more than ever we need to provide the energy management community accredited training, critical information, and flexible solution sets to ensure energy and water professionals have the resources and tools necessary to meet the challenges associated with becoming efficient, resilient and secure in support of continuous mission operations.

**August 10 - 14, 2020**

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## **RESOURCES**

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### **EPA RELEASES WATER UTILITY COVID-19 FINANCIAL IMPACT TOOL**

EPA released a new tool to help water utilities assess the financial impact of COVID-19 on

critical wastewater services. This new tool will help provide important information about the financial and operational health of water utilities, which play an integral role in protecting human health and the environment for our nation.

#### WATER UTILITY COVID-19 FINANCIAL IMPACT TOOL

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## OPPORTUNITIES

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### ARIZONA RECYCLING COALITION GRANT OPPORTUNITY

Since its inception in 1993, the Arizona Recycling Coalition (AzRC) Grants Program has awarded more than \$250,000 in funding to nonprofit organizations, local governments and tribal nations to significantly increase recycling and divert what is taken to the landfill.

AzRC is a nonprofit organization of professionals and citizens pledged to promote recycling efforts in private, public and nonprofit sectors throughout Arizona.

Recycling and the circular economy are important part to our community; they conserve natural resources, help the environment and create a more sustainable Arizona. The intent of the Grants Program is to develop new measurable recycling initiatives that significantly improve the recovery of recyclables and the circularity of Arizona. AzRC will award up to \$5,000 in grant funding to a winning applicant.

**Grant applications due Tuesday, September 15, 2020**

#### MORE INFORMATION

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### DON'T TRASH ARIZONA LITTER PREVENTION AND EDUCATION PROGRAM

#### MARICOPA ASSOCIATION OF GOVERNMENTS (MAG)

The Maricopa Association of Governments ("MAG") is requesting proposals from qualified consultants for the 2021-2025 Don't Trash Arizona Litter Prevention and Education

offenders. The consultant will implement a program with a budget not to exceed \$300,000 per year, contingent upon annually approved funding in the MAG Unified Planning Work Program. The entire project will be completed in a maximum of 60 months from the date of the notice to proceed at a cost not to exceed \$1.5 million.

Detailed proposal requirements may be obtained by contacting the MAG Office 602-254-6300 or may be downloaded from the link below. For further information, please submit questions in writing by email to Kelly Taft not later than ten (10) business days prior to the closing date of August 28, 2020. Responses to questions will be posted on MAG's [website](#).

**Proposals are due Friday, August 28, 2020 by 12:00 PM MST**

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## WEBINARS

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### VISUALIZATION TOOLS TO MIMIC NATURE AND PROMOTE SUSTAINABILITY SECURITY AND SUSTAINABILITY FORUM JULY 30, 2020

EDUCATION NATURE

Biomimicry is the imitation of the models, systems, and elements of nature for the purpose of solving complex human problems. Join SSF and biomimicry pioneer Hugo Araujo in a demonstration of visualization tools to empower people to learn and apply nature-inspired strategies in sustainable design. Hugo is the co founder of 7 Vortex and will demonstrate the firm's mind mapping platform to help visualize system relationships for policy making, education, and corporate enterprise resilience.

**Thursday, July 30, 2020 | 10:15 AM - 11:15 AM MST**

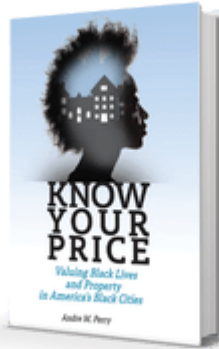
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**AMERICA'S BLACK CITIES  
A CONVERSATION WITH AUTHOR ANDRE PERRY  
AMERICA WALKS MONTHLY WEBINAR  
AUGUST 5, 2020**

EDUCATION NATURE



Join America Walks for a conversation with Andre M. Perry about his book *Know Your Price: Valuing Black Lives and Property in America's Black Cities*. Dr. Perry gives an overview of five Black Majority cities and provides detailed analysis of how the assets and strengths of these places have been devalued. The book is both research and memoir. As we look for ways to address structural racism in community design, knowing and valuing the strengths and assets of black communities is essential. Dr. Perry provides a frame for doing just that.

In this conversation, Dr. Perry will outline the multiple assets present in black communities and give direction on how to value them. Following his presentation, he will answer questions from the moderators and the attendees.

**Wednesday, August 5, 2020 | 11:00 AM - 12:30 PM PT | 2:00 PM - 3:30 PM ET**

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**2020 NORTH AMERICAN FOREST AND CONSERVATION  
NURSERY TECHNOLOGY WEBINAR SERIES  
GLOBAL HEAT HEALTH INFORMATION NETWORK DIALOGUES  
AUGUST 5, 2020**

CLIMATE CHANGE EDUCATION NATURE

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fee, but all attendees must register to receive the weekly zoom link. All webinars will be posted online for later viewing.

**AUGUST 5:** Considering the Fall Planting Option: A Biological Perspective to Support A Successful Outcome Steve Grossnickle (NurseryToForest Solutions) and Joanne E. MacDonald (Natural Resources Canada)

There is an opportunity to utilize the fall planting window to expand options for reforestation programs. In considering this planting window, one must understand the physiological status of seedlings to be utilized in this program. Nursery cultural practices that harden seedlings can be used to initiate the development of dormancy so that seedlings to be outplanted in the fall planting window have developed drought resistance and freezing tolerance, while still having the capability to grow roots. Potential field site environmental conditions need to be monitored so seedlings are not planted into a site where the potential for drought or severe frost can exacerbate planting stress. An option for a lift/store into a spring planting program needs to be considered if field site conditions do not provide suitable outplanting conditions. This understanding of the biological capabilities of seedlings in combination with an understanding of potential field site conditions will allow foresters to balance benefits as well as risks in implementing a fall planting program.

**Wednesday, August 5, 2020 | 12:00 PM - 1:00 PM MST**

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**IMPROVING HEALTH AND EQUITY IN AMERICA'S SMALL AND  
MIDSIZE CITIES: CITY TYPES PROVIDE NEW PERSPECTIVE ON  
WHAT SHAPES HEALTH  
CITY HEALTH DASHBOARD  
AUGUST 6, 2020**

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New analysis from the City Health Dashboard shows how poverty and racial inequities play an outsized role in the health of people in small and midsize cities—raising questions of how these cities should pursue strategies for reducing racial and economic disparities.

For the first time, a new health-focused framework for more than 700 small and midsize U.S. cities provides a way for city leaders and their partners to understand how health



city leaders and policymakers to identify local health trends within and across City Types and learn about potential solutions to improve health for all.

Thursday, August 6, 2020 | 11:00 AM - 1:00 PM MST

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## ARTICLES

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**BRIDGET PETTIS STEPS AWAY FROM WNBA TO FOCUS ON**

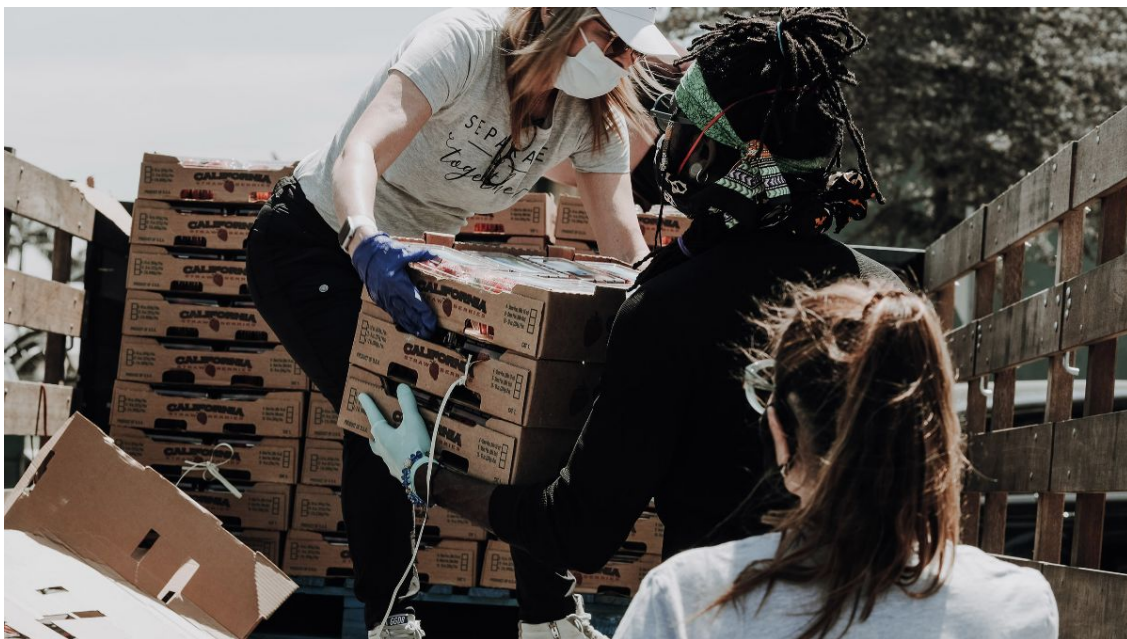
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**CLIMATE CHANGE COMMUNITY**

Bridget Pettis is stepping away from the WNBA, with her most recent role as assistant coach of the Chicago Sky amidst increasing health concerns for players and social unrest around the country. Pettis will instead put her focus on her community in Phoenix, Ariz., where she founded the nonprofit Project Roots AZ...

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An ASU study will look at the relationship between food retailers, food banks and food security. Photo courtesy Joel Muniz via Unsplash

## **ASU PROFESSOR'S NEW STUDY TO SHOW HOW FOOD RETAILERS WORK WITH FOOD BANKS**

**Shay Moser | ASU Now**

**NATURE COMMUNITY**

2020 is the year food banks' support became more critical than ever. Millions of people have filed unemployment applications since the coronavirus pandemic began to hit the U.S. in mid-March, and long lines at food banks are well-documented.

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The skyline of Houston at night seen from the Bank of America Center in Houston, Texas. James Leynse / Corbis / Getty Images

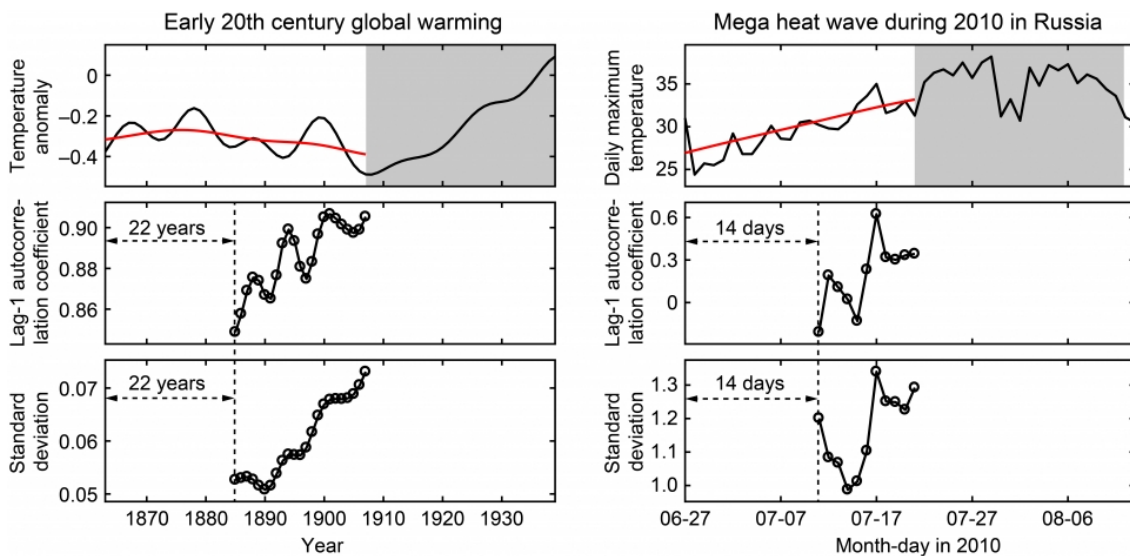
## HOUSTON COMMITS TO 100% RENEWABLE ENERGY IN STEP TOWARD CARBON NEUTRALITY

Kimberly White | The Planetary Press

NATURE COMMUNITY

The City of Houston has committed to 100 percent renewable energy. Mayor Sylvester Turner announced that the city has teamed up with NRG Energy to power all municipal operations with renewable energy beginning in July...

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## DATA ANALYTICS CAN PREDICT GLOBAL WARMING TRENDS, HEAT WAVES

Terry Grant | ASU Now

CLIMATECHANGE NATURE COMMUNITY

3 days of heat variances, compared to 30-year record, can predict an extreme weather event.

New research from Arizona State University and Stanford University is augmenting meteorological studies that predict global warming trends and heat waves, adding human-originated factors into the equation...

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