

# INFO OF INTEREST

5/28/2020

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## COMMUNITY HIGHLIGHT

**2020 HEAT Awareness Week Campaign  
May 25-29, 2020**



The upcoming weeks are going to HOT, so it's timely that this week is 2020 HEAT Awareness Week!

The summer heat is ramping up and with it comes triple-digit temperatures that last through September. The high temperatures increase the risk for [heat-related illnesses](#) like heat exhaustion and heat stroke. In 2019, Arizona hospitals had 2,944 emergency department visits for heat-related cases. Even though heat-related deaths are preventable, more than [250 deaths](#) have occurred annually in the past 3 years in our state.

The Arizona Department of Health Services and the National Weather Service

Offices in Arizona want to help raise awareness about the detrimental impacts of HEAT. Check out the HEAT Awareness Week [Campaign Website](#) available in both [English](#) and [Spanish](#). Partners are encouraged to post and share content on social media using the hashtags (#AZHeat and #AZwx) to promote the campaign. Messages will help remind family, friends, and visitors about ways to stay safe in the heat while following [COVID-19 guidelines](#).

During the 5-day campaign, messages will be disseminated on heat safety using the acronym (H.E.A.T.) that you can repost. Message examples can be found on the [Campaign Website](#).

- Monday (5/25) – **(H)** Hydrate
- Tuesday (5/26) – **(E)** Environment/Weather
- Wednesday (5/27) – **(A)** - Awareness
- Thursday (5/28) – **(T)** – Take Action
- Friday (5/29) – Summary

[HEAT AWARENESS WEEK CAMPAIGN LINK](#)

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## ARIZONA HEAT RESOURCES

Arizona has many resources available to help residents, businesses, organizations, and cities deal with increasing heat and challenges.

[ARIZONA DEPT OF HEALTH SERVICES - HEALTH SAFETY SITE](#)

**NATIONAL WEATHER SERVICES:**  
[UV INDEX](#) **AND** [DAILY HEAT RISK MAP](#)

[MAG COOLING CENTER MAP](#)

[DES UTILITY ASSISTANCE: Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Program \(LIHEAP\)](#)

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## OPPORTUNITIES

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### ARIZONA HEAT & RESILIENCE WORKGROUP

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**Are you an Arizona local/tribal government, NGO, or agency practitioner involved in providing public services, information and/or providing solutions to the challenges of heat relief this summer? If so, we want your participation!**

Please consider joining this new Workgroup hosting weekly meetings that include heat and weather updates/warnings by the National Weather Service; service and donation updates by local cities/towns and NGOs; sharing of best practices and important; discussions on cooling centers, COVID-19 protocols, and gaps in service; and opportunities for potential collaboration. Be part of the discussion in finding solutions to deal with this increasingly chronic social, environmental, and economic issue facing Arizona.

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## EVENTS

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# DESERT HORTICULTURE CONFERENCE ONLINE

Hosted by the University of Arizona Cooperative Extension

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The Desert Horticulture Conference is the premier annual conference for all members of the southwest green industry: landscape architects, designers, growers, retailers, contractors, maintenance personnel, suppliers, and educators. Presenting timely and research-based information relevant for designing, building, maintaining, and producing plants for urban landscapes in the arid Southwest.

Due to the COVID19 pandemic, the conference is now ONLINE. Watch 15 presentations ONLINE over 7 days at your convenience. For professionals holding licenses or certifications - Earn CEU's for ADA PMD and CEU's for ISA. The full Conference program is only \$65 per person and the conference program is available [here](#).

**May 29 - June 4, 2020**

**ONLINE**

**[CONFERENCE INFORMATION](#)**

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## BIOPHILIC DESIGN SYMPOSIUM

Sponsored by: Green Roofs for Healthy Cities

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How do we incorporate nature and natural analogues into the built environment in a way that benefits human health? Biophilic design is trending and is an important concept for passionate city-builders. Join GRHC's Biophilic Design Virtual Symposium to hear from industry experts on how they are transforming the way we design.

**Thursday, June 4, 2020 | 10:00 AM- 11:30 AM**

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## HEALTH & HOUSING FORUM

ARIZONA HOUSING COALITION WITH AZ PARTNERSHIP FOR HEALTHY COMMUNITIES

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**INFRASTRUCTURE** **GOVERNMENT** **TECHNOLOGY**

Join this conversation among Arizona experts on the connections between public health and housing, specifically the lessons we can take away from COVID-19. Panelists will include Joan Serviss, Arizona Housing Coalition; Dede Yazzie Devine, Native American Connections; Marcus Johnson, Vitalyst Health Foundation. Moderated by Serena Unrein, Arizona Partnership for Healthy Communities.

**Thursday, June 4, 2020 | 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM MST**

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# SURVEY OPPORTUNITIES

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## URBAN PARKS & OPEN SPACES DURING COVID-19 NATIONAL SURVEY

The New School: The Urban Systems Lab

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*Have you been using parks during the Covid crisis? Finding yourself craving time outside? Concerned about safety or scared to go outside? We want to hear from you!*

The Urban Systems Lab is conducting a survey on the importance of urban parks, open space, and other green spaces during the COVID-19 crisis in the United States. The survey will help us understand how people are using these spaces during the pandemic and how this may affect mental and physical wellbeing.

The survey only takes ~10 minutes, is anonymous and may help inform future policy, design, and management of parks and open spaces. Your input is crucial, especially at this time. Take the survey, and help us get the word out by forwarding a link to your network, or someone you know. Our goal is to reach as many people who live in and around U.S. cities as possible. Even if you're not interested in urban parks or open spaces, we want to hear from you! The deadline is May 31, 2020.

[TAKE THE SURVEY](#)

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## UBC FORESTRY GLOBAL SURVEY NATURE AND HUMAN-WELL BEING IN TIMES OF ISOLATION AND A GLOBAL PANDEMIC

UNIVERSITY OF BRITISH COLUMBIA'S FACULTY OF FORESTRY

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University of British Columbia's Faculty of Forestry is conducting a global survey on the role of nature in supporting human well-being during the COVID-19 pandemic. The survey is brief and anonymous. Deadline to complete the survey is May 31st.

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## WEBINARS

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### EQUITY IN ACTION: HEAT PLANNING IN GREATER PHOENIX

US EPA'S HEAT ISLAND WEBCAST SERIES

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This 90-minute webinar will cover how The Nature Conservancy Arizona, Arizona State University, the Maricopa County Department of Public Health, and other partners developed the [Heat Action Planning Guide for Neighborhoods of Greater Phoenix](#). This team worked directly with community members using a participatory process to identify challenges and create community-driven solutions to mitigate and adapt to future heat. Specific cooling solutions include revitalizing vacant lots with trees and vegetation, and increasing shade along transit routes and at bus stops. The process was designed to develop awareness, agency, and social cohesion in underserved communities.

#### Speakers:

- Victoria Ludwig, U.S. EPA Heat Island Reduction Program
- Melissa Guardaro, Arizona State University
- David Crummey, Retail, Arts, Innovation & Livability Mesa

**Wednesday, June 3, 2020 | 11:00 AM - 12:30 PM MST**

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## HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE (HHW) IN THE TIME OF COVID-19

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COVID-19 has brought sweeping changes to all aspects of daily life in the United States and it continues to evolve at a rapid pace. What do these changes mean for HHW operations, collections, processing, and supply chain management? How are city, state, and county programs impacted by projected budget shortfalls? What does customer service and public education look like for environmental health, toxics reduction, and HHW best practices?

Join this new webinar series with NAHMMA where we'll take a deeper look at all these questions and focus on the impacts of COVID-19 in the HHW industry. We'll hear monthly from public and private sector speakers nationwide on how operations, planning, and responses are shifting and evolving in our new normal.

JUNE 4th Speakers: Larry Sweetser from Sweetser Associates, Jennifer Volkman from the MN Pollution Control Agency, Richard Lobinske formerly with Leon County, Florida; and Kelby Neal with Clean Earth (Moderated by David Nightingale with Special Waste Associates)

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## THE FINANCIAL CASE FOR HEALTHY, HIGH PERFORMANCE BUILDINGS

GREENBUILDING DIGITAL EDUCATION

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Experts share a global view of and actionable insights for the next wave of sustainability: a macro-look at the business case for wellness in the built environment, new quantitative research on the business case for human-centric design, and leading project case studies of innovative next-gen buildings with significant demonstrated financial returns. Presenters will also address current and potential impacts of COVID-19 on the value of health and well-being in the built environment.

**Wednesday, June 3, 2020 | 10:00 AM MST**

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## ARTICLES

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### **ELECTRIC CARS ARE ABOUT TO START ROLLING OUT OF THE ARIZONA DESERT**

**Lucid Motors expects to start car production by year-end**

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On the outskirts of a small town less than 50 miles southeast of Phoenix, a 720,000 square foot electric vehicle factory is arising in the desert. If all goes as planned, a luxurious new battery-electric sedan will roll off its production line by year's end.

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## TREES CAN'T ESCAPE THE EXTREME HEAT. BUT THEY DO HAVE SOME IMPRESSIVE COPING MECHANISMS

ADRIAN HIGGINS | THE WASHINGTON POST

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As you dodge sunbeams on a hellaciously hot and humid summer's day, it's worth remembering that you have a constant friend willing to take a photon to save you.

We refer of course to the humble tree, so seemingly passive and yet so instrumental in getting us through high summer ...

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## LINK LIBRARY

[SUSTAINABLE CITIES NETWORK WEBSITE](#)

[GLOBAL INSTITUTE OF SUSTAINABILITY EVENTS](#)

[UNITED NATIONS SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS](#)

[FEDERAL GRANTS DATABASE](#)

[NOAA CLIMATE DATABASE](#)

[US GOVERNMENT OPEN DATABASE](#)

[GRANT WRITING BASICS BLOG](#)

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