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## 6/24/2020

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## COMMUNITY HIGHLIGHT

### VALLEY METRO ACTIVATES NEW SOLAR CANOPIES WITH 3500 PANELS



On Tuesday, officials representing Valley Metro, cities of Mesa and Chandler cut the official ribbon to celebrate the activation of 3,500 new solar panels. With this installation, all Valley Metro maintenance facilities now rely on solar power... The panels are expected to produce 2.1 million kilowatt-hours per year, equivalent to the power used by 171 homes in a single year. They are anticipated to save \$35,000 a year in energy costs and more than \$2 million throughout the term of the solar purchase agreement.

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## ASU HIGHLIGHT

### ASU MEMBER OF ESTEEMED ALLIANCE OF CLIMATE SCIENCE RESEARCH UNIVERSITIES

The International Universities Climate Alliance is a new collaborative of over 40 climate research universities aiming to increase access to research-based facts on climate change science, impacts, adaptation and mitigation. UNSW Sydney is currently spearheading the alliance.

CLIMATE SCIENCE RESEARCH UNIVERSITIES FORM ALLIANCE

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## NEW CORONAVIRUS RESOURCES

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### FREE COVID-19 & RECYCLING SOCIAL MEDIA KIT FROM THE RECYCLING PARTNERSHIP

Engage Your Residents to Recycle More, Better During the COVID-19 Pandemic.

Last November, we launched Volume 3 of our Recycling Social Media Kit for Communities, just in time for America Recycles Week. Since then, Coronavirus (COVID-19) has reshaped the world in which we live. Fast forward to today.

and carts given the additional time at home. For others, it may include the potential introduction of uncommon contaminants (also better known as masks, gloves, and wipes) to the recycling stream.

The Recycling Partnership has put this kit together to help you engage your residents to recycle more, and better, during the COVID-19 pandemic. The kit includes post and tweet copy in addition to images you can use on your community or organization's social media platforms....

#### COVID-19 RECYCLING SOCIAL MEDIA KIT

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## SCN EVENTS

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### **SCN GREEN INFRASTRUCTURE (GI) WORKGROUP MEETING & PRESENTATION FEMA & EPA WORKSHOP & REPORT RECAP: RECOMMENDATIONS FOR INTEGRATING GI INTO HAZARD MITIGATION PLANS BY HARRY COOPER (FCDMC) AND TRICIA BALLUFF (CITY OF PHOENIX) June 25, 2020**

Please join us for the GI Workgroup meeting and special presentation by Harry Cooper and Tricia Balluff as they provide a recap of the December 2019 FEMA & EPA workshop on integrating green infrastructure into hazard mitigation plans and discuss the workshop's recently released summary report, Recommendations for Integrating Green Infrastructure into Maricopa Multi-jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plan, highlighting recommendations and next steps.

This year all cities and counties in Arizona will update their respective Hazard Mitigation Plans (HMP) making this presentation both timely and important. In July, Maricopa County will begin its planning process. In an effort to continue focusing on the importance of coordination of emergency management and sustainability, ASU's SCN and Center for Emergency Management and Homeland Security will host a panel discussion series in the fall addressing all hazards mitigation planning (AHMP) and the Climate Action Planning process.

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**SAVE-THE-DATE**  
**SCN SOLAR & ENERGY EFFICIENCY WORKGROUP**  
**MEETING & PRESENTATION**  
**CITIES' ROLE IN MOVING ARIZONA TO 100% CLEAN ENERGY:**  
**OPPORTUNITIES FOR ENGAGEMENT AT THE ARIZONA CORPORATION**  
**COMMISSION**  
**BY WESTERN RESOURCE ADVOCATES**  
**JULY 8, 2020**

This meeting is open to attendance by cities, towns, tribal communities, counties, local/state/national government agencies, and ASU students, faculty, and staff.

**Wednesday, July 8, 2020 | 1:00 PM - 2:30 PM**  
**Via Zoom Webinar - Pre-Register for Link**

PRE-REGISTER

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## EVENTS

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**MASKS ON, LITTER GONE CLEAN UP CAMPAIGN**  
**ASU | RIO REIMAGINED | RIVER NETWORK | BALL CORPORATION**  
**June 15 - 28, 2020**

As the summer begins, ASU and Rio Reimagined are joining the River Network and the Ball Corporation to coordinate a unique two-week environment clean-up campaign called "Masks On, Litter Gone!"

From June 15-28th, we encourage you, your friends, and family to compete in a #BallLitterHaul challenge, picking up litter and recyclables in your neighborhood.

Please join us in “Masks On, Litter Gone” and let’s keep Arizona beautiful together.

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## **WATER ENVIRONMENT FEDERATION - WEFTEC VIRTUAL CONFERENCE October 5 - 9, 2020**

WEFTEC 2020 will be a fully virtual event, view press release [here](#).

The event, WEFTEC Connect, will be held in October. WEFTEC Connect offers attendees interactive education, an exhibitor showcase, and networking experiences.

WEFTEC Connect will include:

- A blend of live and pre-recorded technical content
- Data-driven connections between participants
- 1:1 appointment scheduling with exhibitors
- Live chats between individuals or groups
- Virtual meeting rooms for networking and product demonstrations
- Access to educational content and the exhibitor showcase for a full year

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**Event October 5 - 9, 2020 | Registration opens July 13, 2020**

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## **OPPORTUNITIES**

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**EPA ANNOUNCES GRANT OPPORTUNITY FOR FOOD WASTE**

EPA Announces Grant Opportunity for Food Waste Management Projects.

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) is seeking applications for projects from states, tribes, territories and non-profit organizations to help reduce food loss and waste and divert food waste from landfills by expanding anaerobic digester (AD) capacity in the United States.

To apply for this opportunity, search **EPA-OLEM-ORCR-20-02** on [www.grants.gov](http://www.grants.gov).

**Applications are due July 14, 2020.**

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## WEBINARS

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### HOW SMART CITIES CAN POWER OUR DECARBONIZED FUTURE

#### SECURITY & SUSTAINABILITY FORUM AND ASU LIGHTWORKS

**June 25, 2020**

[CLIMATE CHANGE](#) [ECONOMY](#)

Our second webinar of a 4 part series will be broadcast live on June 25th. Moderated by Gary Dirks, leaders from Siemens and Novartis and ASU will discuss the topic of "How Smart Cities Can Power Our Decarbonized Future".

The discussion features leaders from Siemens and Novartis demonstrating how to assess a company or community from end to end and go beyond incrementalism to scale decarbonization solutions that can make a climate difference. Several case examples will demonstrate their approaches.

Register for the free webinar below.

**Thursday, June 25, 2020 | 1:15 PM - 2:45 PM EDT**

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## **ECONOMIC VALUATION OF HEAT-HEALTH IMPACTS AND INTERVENTIONS - EPA HEAT ISLAND REDUCTION PROGRAM GLOBAL HEAT HEALTH INFORMATION NETWORK**

**June 30, 2020**

[CLIMATE CHANGE](#) [EDUCATION](#) [LAND USE](#) [GOVERNMENT](#)

### Heat Health Masterclasses

This webinar series features best practices and science for communities looking to manage heat health. Leading experts in the field will canvass topics including urban planning and design that considers how urban heat mitigation can help cities increase their resilience to extreme heat; quantifying the costs and benefits of different heat interventions (e.g., housing interventions, air conditioning, heat early warning systems, community cooling centers, municipal heat action plans) to inform decision making; and heat health action planning, based on principles and guidance developed by the World Health Organization and from case studies of actual plans.

There is a need to evaluate and quantify the cost and benefits of different heat interventions in order to inform decision making.

This masterclass will review the current methods for assessing health-related costs from morbidity and mortality linked to extreme heat exposures and the health and economic benefits associated with common heat adaptation interventions, such as: housing interventions, air conditioning, heat early warning systems, community cooling centers, and municipal heat action plans. The advantages and limitations of these methods will be addressed.

**Tuesday, June 30, 2020 5:00 PM - 6:30 PM CEST**

[REGISTER](#)

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## **WALKING AS A PRACTICE: WHAT DOES IT MEAN TO YOU?**

**AMERICA WALKS**

**July 8, 2020**

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In this webinar, we will expand on how walking is ingrained in our being (whether on foot or on wheels), focus on examples of walking as a practice, and discuss how walking can break down barriers in our communities. This webinar is intended for those just starting out on the walking path as well as those interested in learning more about the topic.

Learn More and Register Below

**Wednesday, July 8th, 2020 | 2:00 PM - 3:00 PM EST, 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM PST**

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## RESOURCES

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### EXCESS FOOD OPPORTUNITIES MAP U.S. EPA

The U.S. EPA Excess Food Opportunities Map supports nationwide diversion of excess food from landfills. The [interactive map](#) identifies and displays facility-specific information about potential generators and recipients of excess food in the industrial, commercial and institutional sectors and also provides estimates of excess food by generator type. The map displays the locations of nearly 1.2 million potential excess food generators, communities with source separated organics programs, as well as about 5,000 potential recipients of excess food.

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## ARTICLES

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## **4 OLDER MESA MOBILE HOME PARKS SOLD TO BIG INVESTOR FOR \$230 MILLION**

**Catherine Reagor | Arizona Republic**

CORONAVIRUS COMMUNITY

Metro Phoenix's most affordable housing is in high demand, not only with a growing number of renters but with some of the world's biggest real-estate investors. Since 2017, investors have spent more than half a billion dollars on mobile and manufactured home parks in the Phoenix area.

Housing advocates are concerned about investors' buying spree of older mobile home parks because they often look for high returns on their money and raise rents...

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## COVID-19: MAINTAIN YOUR SUSTAINABLE PACKAGING FOCUS

Tristanne Davis | COVID-19

CORONAVIRUS EDUCATION

We are all swimming in a sea of voices analyzing the impacts of COVID-19 on all aspects of society. Packaging plays a starring role in this conversation due to its role in protecting products, as well as being a human contact point. But what about the sustainability of packaging?...

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