



## Welcome to the Citizen Forester Newsletter

Hello Forestry Community! Welcome to the brand-new City of Phoenix Citizen Forester Newsletter. A newsletter to highlight forestry events, opportunities, organizations, and volunteers. We are so glad that you are taking an interest in our Citizen Forester program and in learning about city initiatives to combat the Urban Heat Island effect through planting green infrastructure. Together we can plant a solution and create a greener more livable Phoenix. For more information contact [volunteer@phoenix.gov](mailto:volunteer@phoenix.gov).

### New Citizen Forester Logo

Volunteer Phoenix is happy to announce the new Citizen Forester logo! Watch out for the logo and the forestry program as we continue to grow!



### Earth Day: Recap

Volunteers are truly the heart and soul of Keep Phoenix Beautiful and our Earth Day Phoenix volunteer contingent was no exception!



Volunteers representing all kinds of different groups including: Hertz, Starbucks, Wells Fargo, Arizona State University, Summit High School, University of Phoenix, along with a whole lot of community members. All these very kind-hearted, generous volunteers showed up, did the work and had some fun along the way!!

Huge heartfelt thanks to our volunteer superstars. They proved that old adage to be very true; that you can make a difference!

Mayor Kate Gallego led a tree planting in Cesar Chavez plaza on Washington Street across from City Hall to celebrate the day.



### *Arbor Day: Recap*

Arbor Day is a celebration of trees and the amazing role that they play in our environment. But what's all the fuss? Why are trees so important? Here's just a few reasons:

Trees help clean our air by removing fossil fuel emissions and other pollutants, improving air quality and human health.

One large tree can provide a day's supply of oxygen for up to four people.

Trees lower surface and air temperatures by providing shade. Shaded surfaces may be 20-45°F cooler than the peak temperatures of unshaded materials.



### *City of Phoenix Volunteer Phoenix and Maricopa County Community Colleges: Plant Tall Pots*



Students from Biology classes at Gateway Community College participated in planting 4 tall pots and completed water testing at Rio Salado Habitat Restoration Park. Collaboration with City Parks staff, service learning coordinators, Volunteer Phoenix and University of Arizona Project WET made this opportunity possible.

