

Livability Summit to promote healthy living in desert

Event to discuss environment's impact on wellness

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Valley Forward's Livability Summit will be held on Earth Day to promote "healthy living in the desert."

The fifth annual Livability Summit will be April 22 at the Phoenix Convention Center. The goal of the event is to showcase a positive impact on health, improve the environment, and educate the community. Diane Brossart, president of Valley Forward, said over the past 39 years the organization has supported environmental quality.

This year, the event has add-

ed the Green Scene Bus Tour, Brossart said.

"Valley Forward is especially pleased that going 'green' has become mainstream and that we are able to present such a diverse group of renowned experts at this event," Brossart wrote in a statement.

Keynote speakers at the event will be former U.S. Surgeon General Richard Carmona; the host and executive producer of "Living on the Earth" on National Public Radio, Steve Curwood; and Arizona State University's dean of the College of Design, Wellington Reiter. Phoenix Mayor Phil Gordon and Chicago Mayor Richard M. Daley will have a mayoral discussion at the event.

Brossart said the event will focus on the natural environment's impact on health and

Earth Day

When: April 22

- 7:30 a.m. registration
- 8 a.m. Livability Summit
- 1:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. Green Scene Bus Tour

Where: Phoenix Convention Center, 111 N. Third St., South Meeting Room

Admission: Open to the public, advance registration required.

- Individual seating: \$185 per person
- Tables of 10: \$1,800 each

wellness.

The event aims to educate the community on how to improve livability and sustainable growth within the region.

For more information on this event, call (602) 240-2408 or visit www.valleyforward.org.

