



FOA VALLEY NEWS

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WHAT DOES NEVADA'S MASSIVE HEAT SPIKE SAY ABOUT GLOBAL WARMING?

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It is clear from our recent record breaking temperature rising that Las Vegas is baking in unrelenting heat. On Sunday our neighboring town Death Valley, California's bottom temperature 'cooled' off at a toasty 107.7 degrees; the highest ever recorded in North America. By the late afternoon, the mercury had grown to a fierce 128.6 degrees. The combination of the two produced the highest daily average temperature ever observed on the planet: 118.1 degrees. But we aren't alone in this up rise in temperatures.

Since late last week, historically significant heat has roasted surrounding locations as far west as western Colorado and as far north as Northern California, including: Grand Junction, Colorado reached an all-time high of 107 degrees on Friday and Las Vegas tied its record of 117 on Saturday. St. George, Utah reached 117 degrees on Saturday, preliminarily tying the state's temperature record. Bishop, Calif., set an all-time high of 111 on Saturday, surpassing the previous mark of 110. Downtown Sacramento posted its second-highest temperature recorded, reaching 113 degrees on Saturday, just one off its all-time high of 114. California's capital city hit at least 110 for a record-tying third straight day.

The leading cause of temperature increases today has been noted as human-derived greenhouse gases, especially carbon dioxide and methane, which trap heat in our atmosphere. As more gases are emitted from burning fossil fuels (oil, gas, and coal and in some farming practices), the more heat is trapped. This causes our plants and trees to relieve the situation to a degree by absorbing carbon dioxide to produce oxygen. The ocean absorbs carbon dioxide, too, but that process makes it more acidic.

We are getting an alarmingly close view of the global climate emergency at hand. Many states are taking actions to burn less coal, adjust fuel standards, encourage people to drive less or switching to electric vehicles, create greener cities, and construct more efficient buildings to change our consumption, our behaviors, our habits, and our attitudes about warming temperatures. **Nevada we have work to do!**

HELP ENGAGE OUR COMMUNITY INTO ACTION!

Faith Organizing Alliance (FOA) is COMMITTED to educating our communities in partnership with faith and civic groups on political issues, clean energy, voting rights, economic and social justice for Nevada's future. We offer many opportunities to connect with the community by volunteering, door canvassing, phone bank, recruiting for events and supporting FOA on Social Media events. Click [HERE](#) to [JOIN OUR TEAM](#) or visit https://www.faithorganizingalliance.org/get_involved.

For your voice to be heard, you must REGISTER TO VOTE! Who can register? Individuals 18 and older; including newly eligible voters who were formerly incarcerated. You can also update your information ie., if you need to update your address, name or change political party. **REGISTER TO VOTE HERE** or go to <https://tinyurl.com/foanvl>

WHAT'S NEXT:

- 7/17 - HEALING TO HEALTH: GETTING GROUNDED - BRINGING THE DIALOGUE TO MENTAL HEALTH TO THE FAITH-BASED COMMUNITY 8:30A - 4:00P TAKING PLACE AT THE CULINARY ACADEMY OF LAS VEGAS: 710 W. LAKE MEAD BLVD, N. LAS VEGAS, NV REGISTER TODAY: BIT.LY/HTHCONF
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 FOR MORE INFORMATION, CONTACT: FAITH@FAITHORGANIZINGALLIANCE.ORG
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 - ONGOING - COVID-19 TESTING SITES WITH SOUTHERN NEVADA HEALTH DISTRICT.: [HTTP://COVID.SOUTHERNNEVADAHEALTHDISTRICT.ORG/TESTING/](http://COVID.SOUTHERNNEVADAHEALTHDISTRICT.ORG/TESTING/)

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 —Desmond Tutu



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