

SCOTTSDALE UPDATE

News for our residents and customers

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FROM SNOW MELT TO YOUR TAP: LEARN ABOUT SCOTTSDALE WATER

Water in the desert ... It is our most precious natural resource. It's also one that requires complex systems and sophisticated technology to deliver to our taps.

You're invited to get an in-depth look at this critical service by attending the next session of the Scottsdale Water Citizen Academy. Registration is open for the class, which will meet Wednesday evenings for six weeks in spring 2017.

The Academy is restricted to Scottsdale residents and space is limited. Contact Kathy Mutschler at 480-312-5593 or KMutschler@ScottsdaleAZ.gov to reserve your spot.

From learning what happens to water when you flush the toilet (hint: 100 percent is reused!) to water facility tours and demonstrations, you'll explore all facets of Scottsdale Water operations, planning and policies.

You'll learn where our water comes from, how it's treated and tested and how it gets to your home via one of the most advanced municipal water systems in the country.

The Academy's goal is to help Scottsdale Water customers better understand our water supply and what it takes to deliver safe, reliable water and wastewater service. Participants will also get an overview of the challenges western states face creating a sustainable water supply and the need and value of conservation.

Scottsdale Water has been providing quality drinking water and advanced reclamation services to Scottsdale businesses and residents for over 40 years. An industry leader, the utility has been recognized with the prestigious Platinum Award for Utility Excellence by the Association of Municipal Water Agencies. Learn more at ScottsdaleAZ.gov, search "water."

CELEBRATING A COMMUNITY TREASURE – AND A TERRIFIC PARTNERSHIP

This fall Scottsdale not only celebrates the beauty and value of the McDowell Sonoran Preserve, but also its 25-year partnership with the McDowell Sonoran Conservancy.

The Conservancy is a non-profit group that relies on volunteers to help protect and promote the Preserve, which covers 30,000 acres of scenic mountain and desert lands in northern Scottsdale.

The Conservancy and its corps of more than 500 volunteer stewards work with the city to advance education, research, advocacy, partnerships and safe, respectful access to the preserve.

Stewards devote roughly 40,000 hours annually to patrolling and maintaining trails, welcoming visitors and educating the community through hikes, outreach programs, school tours and other key activities. Learn more about the Conservancy and how you can get involved by visiting McDowellSonoran.org.

You can also help celebrate the Conservancy's quarter-century of service by attending the McDowell Sonoran Conservancy Gala Celebration from 7 to 9 p.m. Nov. 4 at WestWorld.

Meet the people who made it happen, keep it going and share a vision for the future, followed by lively music for listening or dancing. For sponsorship or ticket information contact Edward Phillips at 480-998-7971 or ed@mcdowellsonoran.org.

Learn more about Scottsdale's McDowell Sonoran Preserve by visiting ScottsdaleAZ.gov and searching "preserve."



More than 500 volunteer stewards help hikers and nature lovers enjoy the preserve.

*Photo: Dennis Eckel/
McDowell Sonoran
Conservancy*



Eureka Loft Scottsdale is an innovative co-working space at the Civic Center Library for our growing community of entrepreneurs and innovators.

Find resources, mentors, information and inspiration at: ScottsdaleLibrary.org/EurekaLoft

NEW GREEN HOUSING REHABILITATION PROGRAM ACCEPTING APPLICATIONS

A new program can help qualified homeowners save energy and reduce their home's environmental impact.

The Green Housing Rehabilitation Program can provide a maximum of \$50,000 in assistance. The assistance includes identifying the type of improvements and a loan to finance the work.

To qualify, homeowners must meet income and title eligibility requirements and have owned and lived in their home for more than one year.

Through this program, homeowners can get help improving their home's energy consumption, repairing structural deficiencies that don't meet building codes, or making modifications for the elderly and disabled.

For more information, visit ScottsdaleAZ.gov and search "housing rehab" or call 480-312-7647.

FALSE ALARMS COST MONEY

There were more than 15,000 security and fire alarm calls in Scottsdale last year — and two of every three were false alarms.

If you have a home or business alarm system, be sure that you know your codes, practice using the system, check batteries and ensure that pets and other things don't trigger your alarm.

All alarm system owners in Scottsdale must obtain a city permit within seven days of activating the system. False alarms calls where a permit is not in place are subject to a \$50 fee per activation. To obtain a permit application, visit ScottsdaleAZ.gov and search "alarm permit."

Questions? Contact the Tax and License office at 480-312-2400.



REGISTER FOR FALL CLASSES AUG. 8

Whether you're looking to get active and fit, learn a new skill or polish up an existing one, Scottsdale Parks & Recreation has classes & activities for you.

Fall session registration begins 7 a.m. Monday, Aug. 8, for residents and 7 a.m. Tuesday, Aug. 9, for nonresidents.

See the wide range of upcoming classes and register at: Recreation.ScottsdaleAZ.gov.

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General city information:

480-312-3111 or email questions@ScottsdaleAZ.gov

SWIM SAFE ALL YEAR LONG



Summer winds down in August, but the threat of drowning never does. Kids and adults drown year round. The key to prevention is safety and vigilance and those messages are at the heart of why Scottsdale recognizes August as Drowning Impact Awareness Month.

We can prevent drownings. We can prevent the devastation that extends beyond family to neighborhoods, classrooms, and religious communities. Keep gates closed. Learn CPR. And wear a purple ribbon in August to remember those devastated by drowning. Ribbons can be picked up at any Scottsdale fire station and the city's Public Safety Headquarters.

Find a station near you: visit ScottsdaleAZ.gov and search "fire stations."

Celebrate water safety at the annual Safety Luau from 4 to 8 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 6, at Eldorado Aquatic Center, 2301 N. Miller Road. This event features fun games and activities for the whole family, plus a mock rescue demonstration with the Scottsdale Fire Department. We'll close the night with live hula and fire dancers. Regular pool admission fees apply.

For more information visit ScottsdaleAZ.gov and search "safety luau" or call 480-312-2484.

Learn to swim classes continue through August and September at Eldorado, Cactus and McDowell Mountain Ranch aquatic centers. Classes are offered on Monday and Wednesday afternoons during the month of August. In September, Saturday lessons will be available at McDowell Mountain Ranch Aquatic Center.

Visit ScottsdaleAZ.gov and search "Aquatics" to register and get more class information.

THINGS TO DO

For details search terms in bold at ScottsdaleAZ.gov:

- Enter the **Constitution Day Contest** by Aug. 6
- Learn **coloring for adults** at Appaloosa Library Aug. 13
- Witness the AZ Reining Horse Association's **Inside Slide**, at WestWorld, Aug. 17-21
- Enjoy the El Zaribah **Shrine Circus** at WestWorld Sept. 9-11
- Register to vote in **Scottsdale elections** by Oct. 10 to be qualified to cast your ballot in the city's Nov. 8 election



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