

# SCOTTSDALE UPDATE

News for our residents and customers

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Mustang Library roundabout

Here are updates on some key city construction projects. Find more at [ScottsdaleAZ.gov](http://ScottsdaleAZ.gov), search “construction.”

**90th Street corridor improvements finish in January.** The most visible part is a new roundabout at Mustang Library, but the project includes an array of elements to improve access and transit flexibility in this bustling area.

The roundabout improves safety and traffic flow for the library, while the main HonorHealth driveway gets a new traffic signal. New pedestrian crossings, better connections to the Indian Bend Wash Path and new bike lanes on 90th Street from Mountain View Road to Shea Boulevard increase travel options.

New bus bays and transit shelters provide more bicycle parking, shade and seating options, plus public art. The transit center is built to accommodate additional future bus routes.

Learn more at [ScottsdaleAZ.gov](http://ScottsdaleAZ.gov), search “Mustang transit center.” More information on roundabouts is available at the same website, search “roundabouts.”

**The Granite Reef Watershed project will reduce flood risk south of the Arizona Canal.** Better storm drainage may also bring potential flood insurance savings for residents in the area generally between the Arizona Canal and the Salt River, Granite Reef Road and Pima Road.

Construction of new storm drains near 86th Street between Jackrabbit and Camelback roads began last October; work on new storm drains in Granite Reef Road and Heatherbrae Drive is scheduled to begin in summer 2018. Final design of new storm drains and detention basins south of Indian School Road is anticipated to begin this summer. This project will provide 100-year flood protection to most structures in the watershed.

After work in the northern portion of the watershed is completed, and again when work in the southern portion is completed, staff will apply for a revision to the FEMA 100-year floodplain in each area. The city anticipates FEMA approval of the first application in the latter half of 2019. It should result in a much smaller floodplain, eliminating the mandatory flood insurance requirement for hundreds of property owners.

Get project details at [ScottsdaleAZ.gov](http://ScottsdaleAZ.gov), search “Granite Reef Watershed.” To learn more about the floodplain remapping process, call Floodplain Administrator Ashley Couch at 480-312-4317.



## CHAPARRAL PARK WELCOMING ARIZONA'S FIRST “INCLUSIVE” PLAYGROUND

Chaparral Park is christening a new playground in January that will serve as a national model of inclusion for both able-bodied children and those with disabilities.

All city playgrounds meet ADA accessibility guidelines, but the new Chaparral Park facility features equipment that will allow children and parents of all ability levels to literally share common ground.

The playground offers “multi-sensory interactive experiences,” said Brett Jackson, parks and recreation manager. There are swings that are more secure, like a car seat, that allow children to feel the sensation of swinging. There is even a swing that can be used by both parent and child, allowing them to face each other so they can experience the fun together.

Accessibility will also be more prevalent, allowing children using walking devices or wheelchairs to move around freely. There will also be equipment that spins -- suited for children with cognitive disabilities -- and even a small quiet area in case a child is overwhelmed by playground activity.

“It is not just a play area for those with various disabilities,” Jackson said. “There is challenging equipment as well for able-bodied children, again making it an all-inclusive play area where everyone can participate together.”

The playground incorporates guidelines developed by the Me2 program, a joint effort of the PlayCore company and Utah State University recognizing that “beyond disability there are abilities and beyond accessibility there is inclusion.”

The program and new Chaparral Park playground follow the 7 Principles of Inclusive Playground Design: Be Fair, Be Included, Be Smart, Be Independent, Be Safe, Be Active and Be Comfortable.

“Ours will be the first playground in Arizona designated as a national demonstration site for these principles - we are excited to open it for our community,” said Jackson.

Learn more at [ScottsdaleAZ.gov](http://ScottsdaleAZ.gov), search “Chaparral Park.”

*Photo of a similar playground, courtesy city of Brisbane.*

## WESTERN WEEK CELEBRATES THE OLD WEST WITH STYLE, EXPANDED EVENTS

Scottsdale's Western Week unfolds Feb. 5-11, bringing together the best of the community's Old West traditions with new West style and expanded events.



At the heart of Western Week is **the arrival of the Hashknife Pony Express on Feb. 9**, concluding a heart-pounding three-day, 200-mile horseback trek from Holbrook to Scottsdale.

Hashknife riders will arrive at Scottsdale's Museum of the West at high noon. They'll deliver specially marked and certified U.S. mail, mingle with spectators and host a unique "Cowboy Boot Camp" for kids.

Food trucks, games and entertainment will also be part of the fun until 2 p.m. You can learn more – including how to address an envelope for pony express delivery – at [www.hashknifeponyexpress.com](http://www.hashknifeponyexpress.com).

The Hashknife's arrival is the traditional kickoff to **Parada del Sol** -- a celebration that features a parade, street festival and rodeo that make up Scottsdale's longest-running special event. The parade begins at 10 a.m. Saturday, Feb. 10, on Scottsdale Road south of Camelback and weaves through Downtown.

The fun continues at noon with the Trail's End Celebration featuring live music, performances, refreshments, activity booths and multicultural entertainment. Road closure information will be available closer to the event at [ParadadelSolParade-trailsend.com](http://ParadadelSolParade-trailsend.com).



New to Western Week in 2018 will be an **American Indian Festival Feb. 10-11** on Scottsdale's Civic Center Mall.

Arizona tribes will share their culture – including food, song, dance and crafts. The event takes place from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Saturday and 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Sunday. Learn more at [ArizonalIndianTourism.org](http://ArizonalIndianTourism.org).

Other activities taking place during Scottsdale Western Week include a Western-themed **Gold Palette ArtWalk** on Feb. 8. Festivities take place from 7 to 9 p.m. throughout the Arts District in Downtown Scottsdale. Get more information at [ScottsdaleGalleries.com](http://ScottsdaleGalleries.com).

Parada del Sol activities conclude March 8-11 with a **professional rodeo at WestWorld**. Visit [ParadadelSol.net](http://ParadadelSol.net) for more information.

*Photo by Maureen Isree.*

**Catch the San Francisco Giants in Cactus League action starting Feb. 23** at award-winning Scottsdale Stadium. Find the schedule and ticket information at [ScottsdaleAZ.gov](http://ScottsdaleAZ.gov), search "spring training."

**March features two special ArtWalks in Downtown Scottsdale.** Celebrate Arizona's indigenous cultures Thursday, March 1, at the Native Spirit ArtWalk. March 22, the focus shifts to photography for the "Worth a 1,000 Words" ArtWalk. Both run 6:30 to 9 p.m. and feature impressive art, entertainment and gallery receptions. Learn more at [ScottsdaleGalleries.com](http://ScottsdaleGalleries.com).

**Explore the works of nearly 200 nationally-acclaimed artists at the Scottsdale Arts Festival March 9-11.** Enjoy toe-tapping Arizona bands and entertainers, mouth-watering gourmet food trucks and lots of other fun. For more information, visit [ScottsdaleArtsFestival.org](http://ScottsdaleArtsFestival.org).

**Sunday A'Fair outdoor concerts continue on the Civic Center Mall.** Enjoy live music, an arts-and-crafts market and food vendors. The free concerts take place from noon to 4 p.m. most Sundays through April 8. Bring a blanket and picnic basket, or buy food on-site. For more information, view the calendar at [ScottsdalePerformingArts.org](http://ScottsdalePerformingArts.org).

### Water rebates make sense – and help you save dollars

Installation rebates are available for: WaterSense® irrigation controllers/timers; showerheads and toilets; plus, removal of water softeners and in-ground pools. Businesses and HOAs may qualify for water softener or warm-season turf removal and for WaterSense® installations.

Funds are limited and application deadlines apply. Learn more at [ScottsdaleAZ.gov](http://ScottsdaleAZ.gov), search "rebates."

### THINGS TO DO

For details, search terms in bold at [ScottsdaleAZ.gov](http://ScottsdaleAZ.gov):

- Learn benefits and how-tos of growing your **own food**, Feb. 1
- Recycle your old **electronics**, Feb. 10
- "**All Things Senior**" Expo & Tradeshow offers one-stop resources, Feb. 14
- **Scottsdale Arabian** Horse Show trots to WestWorld Feb. 15-25
- **Motown sound** brings celebrations through generations, Feb. 17
- Celebrate Scottsdale's **founder's birthday**, Feb. 26
- Library program: Exporting the **Cult of Cuteness**, March 14

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