

SCOTTSDALE UPDATE

News for our residents and customers

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SCOTTSDALE SHARES

The Scottsdale Shares campaign returns this holiday season to make it easier for residents to get information about city charitable programs and learn how to donate money, time, goods or services to help those in need in our community.

Some of the programs that benefit include Scottsdale's Adopt-A-Family and Adopt-A-Senior programs, Paiute Neighborhood Center's annual toy and teen gift card program, and the Vista del Camino Food Bank.

Learn how you can support or benefit from these and other community programs at ScottsdaleAZ.gov, search "Scottsdale Shares," or call 480-312-3111.



A NEW RAILROAD PARK EXHIBIT CONTAINS THE GRATITUDE OF A NATION

Visitors to the McCormick-Stillman Railroad Park this October will be able to view a special thank you message steeped in history and sacrifice.

At the conclusion of World War II, the residents of France packed 49 railcars full of donated items and delivered one to each of the 48 U.S. states (plus the District of Columbia) as a way of saying thanks to Americans for their support. The gifts were known as Merci Cars.

Arizona's Merci Car has been on display in Scottsdale since 1989. In October, the original contents of that car will also go on display at the park, part of a rotating display made possible through a partnership with the Arizona Capitol Museum.

The Merci Car exhibit will feature personal items from the residents of France dating from this historic period – toys, books, clothing and thank you notes that express a nation's gratitude for U.S. support.

Learn more at TheRailroadPark.com.

Photo: National Archives/Harry S. Truman Library



INVESTING IN SCOTTSDALE

Here are updates on some key city construction projects. Find more at ScottsdaleAZ.gov, search "construction."

The water line installation project at Frank Lloyd Wright Boulevard is on schedule for completion in December.

Two crews are working on the project: one is installing pipe between Cactus to Celtic roads, while the second is completing the work from Thompson Peak Parkway to 90th Street. Crews will again need to restrict traffic at the Frank Lloyd Wright Boulevard and Via Linda intersection to complete final tie-in work. This closure is scheduled for the week of Oct. 9 to coincide with the school district fall break. The multiyear project, which covers a five-mile stretch of water line from Shea Boulevard to 90th Street, is necessary to ensure adequate water supply and delivery.

The Mustang Transit Center project has crossed the halfway point. The city is completing several transportation improvements along 90th Street between Shea Boulevard and Mountain View Road. The ceterpieces are a new roundabout that will improve access to Mustang Library and a new traffic signal for access to HonorHealth Shea Medical Center. The improvements will connect three bus routes, plus a fourth planned in the future. Work is about 60 percent complete; a west-side path connection to the Camelback Wash is finished as are new retaining walls and street lights on the east side of the road. In coming weeks, traffic will be diverted to the outer travel lanes while the contractor continues work on the roundabout, transit stops, traffic signal and street lights on the west side of 90th Street. Completion is anticipated by the end of this calendar year.

RECYCLING COLLECTION SCHEDULE CHANGES FOR THANKSGIVING

Most city offices will be closed for Thanksgiving on Thursday, Nov. 23 and Friday, Nov. 24.

The city will not pick up recycling on Thanksgiving Day. If Thursday is your typical collection day, collection will take place one day later – Friday.

If you receive collection Friday, it will move to Saturday, Nov. 25. For more information, call Solid Waste at 480-312-5600 or visit ScottsdaleAZ.gov and search "recycling."



AUTHOR MARC RACITI HIGHLIGHTS VETERANS DAY COMMEMORATION, NOV. 10

Army veteran Marc Raciti's struggles with PTSD nearly drove him to suicide. Instead of giving in to those impulses, Raciti sought help. He and his wife now run a nonprofit to help others dealing with trauma - hear their story at Scottsdale's Veterans Day commemoration.

The free program runs from 3 to 4:30 p.m. Friday, Nov. 10, at McCormick-Stillman Railroad Park, 7301 E. Indian Bend Road. Learn more at ScottsdaleAZ.gov, search "Veterans Day."



GATHER WITH NEIGHBORS AND FRIENDS TO STRENGTHEN SCOTTSDALE

Free loaner tools are available for neighborhood cleanups.

The city provides a roll-off container and landscape tools - at no charge. A minimum of five households or five volunteers is required. Get details at ScottsdaleAZ.gov, search "neighborhood cleanup."

We have equipment to borrow for neighborhood block parties. When you are planning a neighborhood get-together, the city can help. Party equipment like pop-up canopies, ice chests, microphones, water coolers, game ideas and more are available through ScottsdaleAZ.gov, search "block parties."

Getting Arizona Involved in Neighborhoods is Oct. 28. Arizona's version of "national night out," this program aims to unite communities and create safer neighborhoods. Register your neighborhood block party or get more information at ScottsdaleAZ.gov, search "GAIN."

Pitch in for National Make A Difference Day Oct. 28. Keep Scottsdale Beautiful Day is our annual litter cleanup, sponsored by the city and the nonprofit Keep Scottsdale Beautiful. Learn how you can help at ScottsdaleAZ.gov, search "Adopt-A-Road."

Do you need help maintaining your landscape or painting your house? Operation Fix It helps eligible residents maintain their properties, powered solely by donations of material, money and volunteers. To apply for assistance, volunteer or learn more, call 480-312-8703 or visit ScottsdaleAZ.gov, search "Operation Fix It."

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General city information:

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

BOOK YOUR ADVENTURE THIS FALL AT THE SCOTTSDALE LIBRARY

Scottsdale Library offers a full menu of thought-provoking programs for explorers of all ages this fall. Here's a sample:

The library offers dozens of programs this fall for children ages toddler to teen. Some of the offerings: Scream STEAM (ages 6 and up); Boo Bubbles (ages 6 and up); Monster Mash (ages 12-18); and Decorate for Dia de los Muertos (ages 10-18).

American Lives: The Impact of Islamophobia. Hear personal stories and authentic perspectives about the impact of Islamophobia at this free program - 6 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 12, at the Civic Center Library.

Frankenstein: Anthropologist Sharonah Frederick presents tales of this 16th century alchemist. The free program begins at 6:30 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 24, in the Civic Center Library.

To learn more about these and other library programs, search the event calendar at ScottsdaleLibrary.org.



THINGS TO DO

For details, search terms in bold at ScottsdaleAZ.gov:

- **Electronics recycling** drop-off, Oct. 7
- Scottsdale Stadium **Bacon and Beer Classic**, Oct. 7
- McCormick-Stillman Railroad Park **Railfair**, Oct. 7-8
- **Fall League baseball** Oct. 10 - Nov. 18 at Scottsdale Stadium
- Scottsdale's **Fall Festival**, Oct. 28
- **Dunkin'** for pumpkins, Oct. 29
- Granite Reef Senior Center **Arts and Crafts Fair**, Nov. 18
- Free **fishing expo** at Eldorado Park, Nov. 18
- **Scottsdazzle** tree lighting and holiday sing-a-long, Nov. 25



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