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FUTURE EXPANSION OF THE YAVAPAI BALLFIELD COMPLEX On Monday, March 12, residents are invited to a community open house to review preliminary plans for upcoming renovations to the Yavapai Ballfield Complex. The open house will be held at Yavapai Elementary School, 701 N. Miller Road at 6 p.m. and will include information about the reconfiguration of the existing ball field, construction of two additional lighted ball fields, additional parking and a restroom/concession facility that will benefit Yavapai Elementary School and the surrounding community. For more information, Judy Weiss, parks and recreation director, jweiss@ScottsdaleAZ.gov (480) 312-2416.

OPEN HOUSE - PRELIMINARY PLANS FOR FORMER VILLA MONTEREY GOLF COURSE Residents are invited to a community open house on future plans for an "open space" park at the site of the former Villa Monterey Golf Course. The open house is scheduled for Tuesday, March 13 at 6 p.m. at Navajo Elementary School, 4525 N. Granite Reef Road. Preliminary components include a new multi-use path with connections to existing multi-use path segments, turf areas, a new irrigation system, improvements to one existing pond and infilling of other existing ponds. For more information, Linda Butson, project manager, (480) 312-2563, lbutson@ScottsdaleAZ.gov

CROSSCUT CANAL MULTIUSE PATH CONSTRUCTION Starting the week of March 12, the city will begin a series of improvements along the Cross Cut Canal between Thomas and McDowell roads. The purpose of the project is to improve approximately one mile of both paved and unpaved canal bank trail that is part of the 11-mile Papago Trail system, connect numerous neighborhoods and businesses within the southern portion of Scottsdale and improve the existing underpass at McDowell Road to provide a better connection to Tempe's multi-use path. All work will be performed between the hours of 7 a.m. and 5 p.m. by Austin Bridge and Road under contract to the City of Scottsdale. Project elements include landscaping, benches, trash receptacles, path lighting and signage. Additionally, the project will create a Scottsdale entry portal, a neighborhood gathering area at the Oak Street bridge and include public art elements. Work is scheduled to take approximately six months to complete. At times, pedestrian traffic adjacent to the canal will be impacted by construction. The Oak Street pedestrian bridge will remain open throughout the project. For more information, Christopher Perkins, project manager, (480) 312-7845, cperkins@ScottsdaleAZ.gov or http://www.scottsdaleaz.gov/capitalprojects/proj_report.asp?proj=T0602&status=T0602

NEIGHBORHOOD IMPROVEMENTS FOR VISTA COMMUNITY On Wednesday, March 14, the city will hold a neighborhood meeting within the Vista community (generally boarded from Roosevelt to McKinley, on 77th Street) from 6-8p.m. in the Yavapai Elementary School cafeteria, 701 N. Miller Road, to provide information about code enforcement and what constitutes a property maintenance violation and provide options for the community in addressing potential violations. In addition, staff will be on hand to talk about various Scottsdale Revitalization programs and services of which residents can take advantage for neighborhood improvements. In the upcoming weeks, staff and volunteers will also get together for a clean up effort in the neighborhood. For more information, Connie James, human services director, (480) 312-2598, cojames@ScottsdaleAZ.gov.

NIGHT HOURS RETURN TO CHAPARRAL PARK OFF-LEASH AREA The Chaparral Park Off-Leash Area has expanded its hours and is now open daily from sunrise to 10 p.m. Because the site awaits permanent power, generators have been installed to provide lighting at night. The new permanent Off-Leash Area, which opened February 5 at 5401 N. Hayden Road, has averaged up to 300 users a day. Users should note that the Off-Leash Area will experience weekly maintenance closures for mowing and irrigation work every Tuesday and Friday from 8 a.m. to noon. For more information, Bill Murphy, parks & grounds management director, (480) 312-7954, bmurphy@ScottsdaleAZ.gov, <http://www.scottsdaleaz.gov/parks/chap>.

CITY'S OLDEST AND LARGEST FIRE STATION TO HOST OPEN HOUSE On Saturday, March 3, residents are invited to visit Scottsdale's largest and oldest fire station, Fire Station 601, 2857 N. Miller Road, from 9 a.m. to noon for an open house and behind-the-scenes tours. Meet your local firefighters, check out the fire engines and learn about crime prevention and a variety of other neighborhood resources. Firefighters will be on hand for free blood pressure checks and home fire safety and injury prevention information. During the open house, parents can enroll their children in summer swim classes at Eldorado Pool. Light refreshments will be served. For more information, Dave Cieslak, Scottsdale Fire Department, public information officer, (480) 312-1816, dcieslak@ScottsdaleAZ.gov, <http://www.scottsdalefd.com>.



FREE LANDSCAPE TOOLS FOR NEIGHBORHOOD CLEAN-UPS It's spring time and that means shorts, t-shirts...and why not a pair of working gloves!!! Did you know that the city has a trailer loaded with landscape tools for neighborhood clean up efforts? The trailer is available for loan to assist Scottsdale residents and community volunteer groups with removing accumulated debris in their neighborhood – minimum of 5 organized households or volunteer groups (Tools cannot be loaned out individually). Reserve dates for service are on a first-come, first-served basis, so get your weekend neighborhood cleanup planned ASAP. For more information or to reserve the trailer, (480) 312-1770, <http://www.scottsdaleaz.gov/reinvestment/nhd.asp#TLC>.

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