

# SCOTTSDALE UPDATE

News for our residents and customers

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## DONATE DOLLARS, CHANGE LIVES

Marcy escaped homelessness, found a good-paying job and regained her independence.



Jack received the support and education needed to care for his wife, who suffers from Alzheimer's disease.

Alexa learned new skills, overcame disabilities, gained self-esteem and is now employed.

All three of these success stories have a common thread. The programs that changed the lives of Marcy, Jack and Alexa all receive funds from Scottsdale Cares, the city's voluntary utility bill donation program.

If you receive a utility bill from Scottsdale, it's easy to make a difference in our community. Simply check the donation box that will add \$1 to your monthly total (you can always give more than that, if you like.)

Every penny of every donation goes to neighbors in need and is completely tax deductible.

If you use auto-pay or sure-pay forms to pay your Scottsdale utility bill, you can call 480-312-7400 and designate "yes" to make a donation to Scottsdale Cares.

Learn more about this and the city's other charitable programs at [ScottsdaleAZ.gov](http://ScottsdaleAZ.gov), search "Scottsdale Shares."



## RIDE THROUGH THE LIGHTS AT MCCORMICK-STILLMAN RAILROAD PARK

Take a train ride through festive holiday lights which turn Scottsdale's McCormick-Stillman Railroad Park into a winter wonderland. The park's holiday displays open at 6:30 p.m. Friday, Dec. 9, with a special tree-lighting, entertainment and a visit from you know who!

Enjoy the lights from 6:30 to 9 p.m. nightly Dec. 9 - Jan. 1, excluding Dec. 24, 25 and 31.

Find more information at [TheRailroadPark.com](http://TheRailroadPark.com).

*Photo by Scott Amonson*



Turn the holiday spirit up a notch this year with the debut of Scottsdazzle, a month-long celebration through December.

Downtown merchants and restaurants are offering special promotions, and a stocking full of signature events and festivities will make for a lively scene day and night:

**Holiday Tree Lighting:** 5:30 p.m. Friday, Nov. 25, at Soleri Plaza in Downtown Scottsdale. Join in the unveiling of Scottsdale's new holiday tree which boasts more than a million lighting effects to dazzle and delight.

**I Spy Santa ArtWalk:** Main Street and Marshall Way Art Galleries host a fun scavenger hunt starting at 6 p.m. Dec. 8. Elves in festive costumes will direct guests with clues to find Santa. Other activities include holiday music, Santa's House and costumed characters.

**Fridays on 5th Avenue** will feature live music at various locations along 5th Avenue from 5 to 8 p.m. Dec. 2, 9, 16 and 23.

**Old Town Cowboy Christmas** offers family entertainment, activities and free wagon rides in Old Town on Main Street and Brown Avenue from 1 to 4 p.m. Saturdays Nov. 26, Dec. 3, 10 and 17.

**Sugar Plum Avenue** offers family entertainment, décor and activities along 5th Avenue between Stetson and Marshall Way from 1 to 4 p.m. on Saturdays Nov. 26, Dec. 3, 10 and 17.

**Free horse and carriage rides** during Thursday night ArtWalks from 7 to 9 p.m. Dec. 1, 8, 15 and 22.

**Life size menorah at Civic Center Mall** lit nightly during Hanukkah.

Visit [Scottsdazzle.com](http://Scottsdazzle.com) regularly for the latest information.

## CHRISTMAS TREE ROUNDUP IS JAN. 9-14



Place trees curbside by 5 a.m. Monday, Jan. 9 so we can collect them and turn them into mulch (no artificial trees, stands or ornaments, please). If you miss the roundup, you can drop trees at Scottsdale Ranch or Eldorado parks from 7 a.m. to 2 p.m. Jan. 14.

Visit [ScottsdaleAZ.gov](http://ScottsdaleAZ.gov) and search "Christmas Tree Roundup" for information.

## JANUARY EVENTS SAMPLER

Find a complete list at [ScottsdaleAZ.gov](http://ScottsdaleAZ.gov), click “Things to do.”

**Native Trails is a free outdoor festival celebrating the Native American cultures of the Southwest.** This free series takes place on the Scottsdale Civic Center Mall from noon to 1 p.m. most Thursdays and Saturdays beginning Jan. 12.

**The Barrett-Jackson Collector Car Auction rolls into WestWorld Jan 14-22.** Hundreds of the world’s finest collector automobiles and thousands of spectators assemble for the nation’s premier automobile and memorabilia auction.

**Drawn to art? Check out the Celebration of Fine Art** where you can watch more than 100 artists at work. The working studios will operate 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. daily starting Jan. 14.

**The Rock ‘N’ Roll Marathon runs through Scottsdale Jan. 15.** In addition to colorfully dressed runners, watch for local road closures that are necessary to accommodate this popular race.

**Sunday A’Fair minifestivals feature free outdoor concerts by the Valley’s top musicians,** an arts-and-crafts market and fun activities for children and families. The free afternoon concerts take place from noon to 4 p.m. most Sundays starting Jan. 15 on the Scottsdale Civic Center Mall.



## DON'T BE A HOLIDAY TURKEY

That perfect holiday meal — gravy, turkey, mashed potatoes — can cause a messy and costly sewer backup! Don’t try to stuff all the waste down your garbage disposal.

Instead, pour oils and grease into a container with an absorbent paper towel or coffee grounds and throw it away.

Scrape food from dishes into the trash and wipe down greasy plates, pots and pans with a paper towel before washing them.

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

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### General city information:

480-312-3111 or email [questions@ScottsdaleAZ.gov](mailto:questions@ScottsdaleAZ.gov)



## HOLIDAY GIFT IDEA: SHOP SCOTTSDALE’S SMALL BUSINESSES

Scottsdale is a gift-givers wonderland, filled with unique, one-of-a-kind stores. Make this an especially memorable holiday season by exploring our small businesses.

More than 90 percent of Scottsdale businesses are classified as “small,” but the economic and quality-of-life impact they have on our community is huge.

Why shop local? More than two-thirds of small, local business revenue remains in the community, supporting programs and services for you. Shopping local also creates jobs and helps provide a strong, diverse economy.



When you shop your favorite local businesses this season, tag them on social media with #ShopSmallScottsdale – and you may earn a special reward!

Stay tuned for more ways you can get involved, take advantage of special promotions and be sure to enjoy the Small Business Saturday festivities on Nov. 26 by visiting [ScottsdaleAZ.gov](http://ScottsdaleAZ.gov) and searching “Small Business Saturday.”

William “Bill” Norwood will be the keynote speaker at the 2017 Martin Luther King Jr. Dinner Celebration Wednesday, Jan. 11. Registration and a reception begin at 5 p.m.; the dinner ceremony begins at 6 p.m.



Norwood was the first African-American airline pilot. He is a two time aviation hall of fame inductee and author of “Cleared For Takeoff: A Pilot’s Story of Challenges and Triumphs”.

Purchase tickets and get more info at [ScottsdaleMLK.com](http://ScottsdaleMLK.com).

## THINGS TO DO

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

- Learn how to **detox your home** Dec. 1
- Browse **senior center holiday art shows** Dec. 2 and Dec. 9
- Safely recycle unwanted tech at **electronics recycling** Dec. 3
- Hike with holiday spirit in the annual **Jingle Hike** Dec. 3
- Enjoy a holiday performance by Austrian violinist **Gideon Lapid** Dec. 11
- Explore **How the French Think** in a special historical discussion at Civic Center Library Jan. 12



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