

SCOTTSDALE UPDATE

News for our residents and customers

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IS YOUR LANDSCAPE WATERING SYSTEM COSTING YOU MONEY?

As the weather heats up, so does your outdoor water use, which can almost double in the summer. Since up to 70 percent of residential water is used outdoors, if your watering system isn't set correctly, isn't working properly or leaks, it could cost you.

Scottsdale Water offers a number of classes and resources to help you maintain your watering system and use it efficiently. Find more information at ScottsdaleAZ.gov, search "water."

Quick summer watering tips

Over watering is a common mistake during the summer. Bermuda grass only needs water about once every four days. Run drip irrigation long enough to reach the roots, about three-quarters of an inch.

For more water conservation tips, call 480-312-5650 or visit WaterUseItWisely.com, search "watering guide."



April Pools Day is a free, family-friendly event that features drowning prevention information, a mock rescue, interactive booths, games and raffles. It runs from 1 to 5 p.m. Sunday, April 23, at Eldorado Aquatic and Fitness Center. Learn more at ScottsdaleAZ.gov, search "April Pools Day."

The summer concert series at McCormick-Stillman Railroad Park begins April 30. Bring a blanket or chair and hear favorite local bands Sundays from 7:30 to 9 p.m.; the train and carousel are running, too. Tickets are \$2 each and children under 3 ride free with a paying adult. Food will be available for purchase. The park is at 7301 E. Indian Bend Road. For more information, call 480-312-2312 or visit TheRailroadPark.com.

Cool down at one of the city's public pools this May. Cactus, Eldorado and McDowell Mountain Ranch aquatic centers are open weekends in May. Each facility offers unique pool amenities – check all of them out! Pools will be open for Memorial Day, Monday, May 29. Learn hours of operation and more by visiting ScottsdaleAZ.gov, search "aquatics."



PEOPLE HELP SCOTTSDALE SHINE

Scottsdale is consistently ranked as one of the best places to live. There are many reasons why, but one of them is caring residents who dedicate time to their neighborhoods and community.

Here are some ways you can contribute to Scottsdale's sterling reputation and make a difference this spring:

Celebrate Earth Day by helping keep Scottsdale beautiful

The annual Keep Scottsdale Beautiful event Saturday, April 22, is a great way to celebrate Earth Day. Trash bags, safety vests and cotton gloves are provided to registered Adopt-a-Road groups. Visit ScottsdaleAZ.gov, search "Adopt a Road."

Borrow landscape equipment for neighborhood cleanups

Grab a pair of work gloves and your neighbors, and borrow a trailer loaded with landscape tools for a neighborhood cleanup. There's also a roll-off dumpster available to put yard waste in – and we'll haul it away for free. Visit ScottsdaleAZ.gov, search "neighborhood cleanup."

Organize a neighborhood block party

Get to know your neighbors, build relationships, promote neighborhood safety, create a sense of community and ... have fun! The city loans block party equipment such as ice chests, traffic cones and pop-up canopies for free. Visit ScottsdaleAZ.gov, search "block parties."



Do you need help maintaining your landscape or painting your house? Operation Fix It is here to help! Operation Fix It is a city program that secures teams of volunteers and local businesses to provide labor and materials to help eligible, low-income residents maintain their properties.

This program is solely supported through donations, so your contributions are critical to its success. All donations are tax-deductible and we also accept in-kind donations such as construction and landscape materials, pavers, paint and tools.

To apply for assistance, to volunteer or learn more, call 480-312-8703 or visit ScottsdaleAZ.gov, search "Operation Fix It."

CITY NEWS BRIEFS

Scottsdale Public Library seeking summer teen volunteers

Young adults 14-17 years old can apply to volunteer at libraries starting April 1. Participants will help with the Summer Reading Program. Find more info at ScottsdaleLibrary.org.

Parks & Recreation's summer class list and brochure hits the streets in early April

Get details on summer camps, recreation programs and classes, special events, senior programs, fall afterschool programs, facility and pool schedules, park listings and more. ScottsdaleAZ.gov, search "recreation classes."

Help a senior "Beat the Heat"

The Via Linda and Granite Reef senior centers provide "Beat the Heat" care packages for Scottsdale's isolated, frail and homebound seniors each June. The program relies on your donations, including: new reusable water bottles, nutritional supplement drinks (Ensure/Bounce regular and no sugar, Gatorade), bottled water, small healthy snack items (pretzels, raisins, protein bars), unused personal hygiene items, stamps and grocery store gift cards for a minimum of \$35. Drop off your donations at the Via Linda Senior Center by Friday, June 2. Learn more at ScottsdaleAZ.gov, search "Beat the Heat."

Economic Development series offers free business advice

Are you an existing or aspiring small business looking for some guidance? Consider attending sessions at Economic Development's 5-week training series. Sessions start in May with topics ranging from networking, legal issues and structure, marketing, business finance and human capital. Mentor services also will be available. More information and registration: ChooseScottsdale.com/news.

CAUTION ... NATIVE WILDLIFE ARE ACTIVE IN SPRING

Urban animals such as bobcats, coyotes, javelina, raccoons and skunks can sometimes be seen in neighborhoods this time of year. Help to discourage urban wildlife from living in your area by removing essentials of wildlife habitat such as water, food and shelter.

Learn more about Arizona's amazing wildlife and how to live with them at the Arizona Game and Fish website: AZGFD.gov, search "living with wildlife."

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General city information:

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



Run the Runway offers "plane" old fun April 8. Take off for a morning run at the Run the Runway 5k/10k/15K and the Kids 1 Mile Mascot Dash at Scottsdale Airport Saturday, April 8. Family fun follows the race: see the coolest airplanes in the Valley, get goodies from our vendors, hang out with mascots from Arizona's favorite teams, and enjoy games and play.

Run the Runway benefits Playworks Arizona, which transforms recess and play into a positive experience. Register at RuntheRunwayAZ.com; promo code "plane" saves 25 percent.

Celebrate Scottsdale as a Golden Rule City April 28. A free breakfast 7:30 a.m. Friday, April 28, at the Scottsdale Center for the Performing Arts affirms Scottsdale's commitment to encouraging residents to treat each other the way they would like to be treated, with more kindness, empathy and civility. At the breakfast, we'll be acknowledging local activities that celebrate this spirit. Visit ScottsdaleAZ.gov, search "diversity."

PLEASE YOUR PALATE AT THE SCOTTSDALE CULINARY FESTIVAL

There's no place better to satisfy your appetite for food, fun and entertainment than the Scottsdale Culinary Festival April 8-9 on the Scottsdale Civic Center Mall, 7380 E. Second St. Chef demonstrations, great food from 40 restaurants, 20 bands, seminars and interactive art projects are all on the menu.

For more information, visit ScottsdaleFest.org.

The Culinary Festival is just one event that receives support through city hotel bed tax collections. The tax is paid by visitors to our city, but we all benefit by enjoying Scottsdale special events and programs. If you'd like more information on special event funding programs, visit ScottsdaleAZ.gov, search "tourism."

MORE THINGS TO DO

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

- Learn how to keep your indoor air fresh at the **Green Building Lecture** April 6
- **Cycle the Arts** tour April 9
- **Entertainment Extravaganza** senior talent show April 19
- Scottsdale Stadium hosts **Girls Night Out** April 22
- Plug into **Electronics Recycling Day** May 6



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