

# SCOTTSDALE UPDATE

News for our residents and customers

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## DOWNTOWN AMBASSADORS NEEDED

Are you people oriented? Excited about Downtown Scottsdale? If so, then consider volunteering as a Downtown Scottsdale Ambassador. As an ambassador, you'll share the 411 on where to eat, shop and play. Ambassadors are asked to volunteer three-hour shifts at one of our information sidewalk carts. For more information on how you can get involved, call 480-312-2342 or email [jrcline@ScottsdaleAZ.gov](mailto:jracine@ScottsdaleAZ.gov).

**The mayor's annual Constitution Day Contest showcases American pride.** Mayor W.J. "Jim" Lane hosts the Constitution Day Contest to commemorate the Sept. 17, 1797, signing of the U. S. Constitution. This year's contest includes an art/video category in addition to the essay category. Prizes will be awarded in both categories for three age groups: first through fifth grades, sixth through eighth grades and high school. Entries can be submitted through Sunday, Sept. 17, to any Scottsdale Public Library information desk or electronically to Kelli Kuester at [kkuester@ScottsdaleAZ.gov](mailto:kkuester@ScottsdaleAZ.gov). Get details at [ScottsdaleAZ.gov](http://ScottsdaleAZ.gov), search "constitution contest."

**Attend the Mayor and Council Economic Development Breakfast Sept. 28.** The featured speaker will be Todd Govig, president and CEO of Govig & Associates. Each year Scottsdale's Economic Development Department hosts this event to share accomplishments and provide a brief look at what's on the horizon. The free event is 8 a.m. Thursday, Sept. 28, at the Scottsdale Center for the Performing Arts. For more information, visit the newsroom at [ChooseScottsdale.com](http://ChooseScottsdale.com).

## NEW BRUSH AND BULK PICKUP GUIDELINES

A new method for collecting monthly brush and bulk from solid waste customers will be better for the environment, extend the life of landfills, and help control costs of the service.

From this point forward, please separate your brush and bulk pickup into two piles – one for green waste and one for everything else. The piles will be picked up by separate trucks during your designated brush and bulk pickup week.

The green waste – yard clippings, branches and trimmings – will be composted to help grow new plants, while the rest will be taken to the landfill for disposal.

Other rules for bulk collection haven't changed: do not place items out for collection more than nine days before your pickup week, you may continue to place all your items at least six feet from your property line and please place the bulk waste and green waste piles at least three feet apart from each other. For additional information please visit [ScottsdaleAZ.gov](http://ScottsdaleAZ.gov), search "bulk trash."

## A BETTER WAY FOR BRUSH & BULK

Place your items in separate piles 3 feet apart

### BRUSH

Yard waste, branches, clippings, etc.



We'll compost it for future re-use

### BULK

Furniture, mattresses and other large items



We'll take it to the landfill for disposal

Find your pickup schedule and program guidelines at [ScottsdaleAZ.gov](http://ScottsdaleAZ.gov), search "bulk trash"



**September is National Preparedness Month – a great time to help prepare your family for emergencies.** The city is well prepared to respond to emergencies, but weather and other factors may delay assistance. In the event of a major disaster, you may have to go without help for hours or even days.

By developing an emergency plan, including a communication plan, each family member will know what to do in an emergency. Your "Go Kit" should include food, water, medication, money, contact numbers and meet-up locations.

Discussing this information with your family will place them a step ahead if disaster strikes. "Don't Wait. Communicate. Make Your Emergency Plan Today." Learn more at [Ready.gov/pln](http://Ready.gov/pln).



Several city parks have milestone anniversaries in 2017. Each of these “birthday parks” will celebrate in unique ways this fall, but one of Scottsdale’s oldest will throw the biggest party.

50-year old Eldorado Park, which opened in 1967, will host the “Grand Ol’ Picnic” 4 to 7 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 30 to celebrate.

Bring family and friends out for free food, old fashioned games and live music. Eldorado Park is located at 2311 N. Miller Road.

Find more information at [ScottsdaleAZ.gov](http://ScottsdaleAZ.gov), search “Grand Ole’ Picnic.”



**Scottsdale Water has rebate incentives to help you reduce water use, decrease salinity in our wastewater and save money.** Scottsdale has issued \$2.9 million in rebates since the 1992 program inception! That makes this our 25th year offering rebates. Get applications and requirements at [ScottsdaleAZ.gov](http://ScottsdaleAZ.gov), search “rebates.”

**Learn to plant and maintain a beautiful, water-efficient landscape** by attending Scottsdale Water’s water efficiency workshops. The free classes take place at the Civic Center Library and the Scottsdale Xeriscape Garden at Chaparral Park. [ScottsdaleAZ.gov](http://ScottsdaleAZ.gov), search “water workshops.”

**Get schooled with Scottsdale Water’s free education programs.** Are your kids learning about thunderstorms, desert plants, dams or water chemistry in the classroom? If not, we can help – by spreading the word to your students’ amazing teachers. A free educational program is available to schools in the Scottsdale Water service area. [ScottsdaleAZ.gov](http://ScottsdaleAZ.gov), search “water education.”

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#### General city information:

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

## RESIDENTS CAN PROVIDE FEEDBACK ON THREE NEW TRAILHEAD PROJECTS

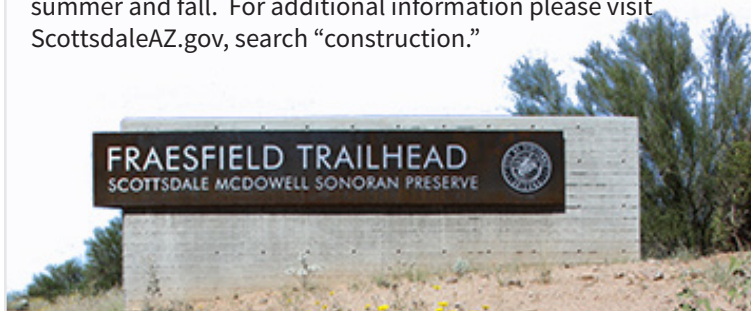
The Fraesfield and Granite Mountain trailheads already provide access to Scottsdale’s McDowell Sonoran Preserve, but few public amenities. They will be improved under plans to be considered this summer and fall.

A new trailhead is under design for the northeast corner of Pima Road and Dynamite Boulevard. It will provide additional access to trail systems both in and outside of the preserve.

Planned amenities at all three trailheads include paved entry drives and vehicle parking, equestrian staging areas with horse trailer parking, restrooms, shade ramadas and educational/interpretive displays.

The Fraesfield Trailhead is located at 13400 E. Rio Verde Drive. The Granite Mountain Trailhead is located at 31402 N. 136th St.

Public meetings will be held for all three trailheads this summer and fall. For additional information please visit [ScottsdaleAZ.gov](http://ScottsdaleAZ.gov), search “construction.”



## PICKING UP THE KIDS FROM SCHOOL?

Toxic vehicle emissions are more concentrated at ground level where children breathe. Avoid idling - while you are waiting, turn off your engine. Learn about school idling reduction programs at [azdeq.gov](http://azdeq.gov), search “idling.”

## THINGS TO DO

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

- Downtown **ArtWalk**, 7 to 9 p.m. every Thursday
- Register for fall **recreation classes** beginning July 31
- Drop in to Eldorado Park for **cards and games** through Aug. 4
- Via Linda Senior Center’s annual **Table Tennis** tourney Aug. 19
- “**FUNDamentals**” of water sports for kids, July 31-Aug. 4
- Enjoy the **Children’s Learning & Play Festival** at WestWorld Sept. 9



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