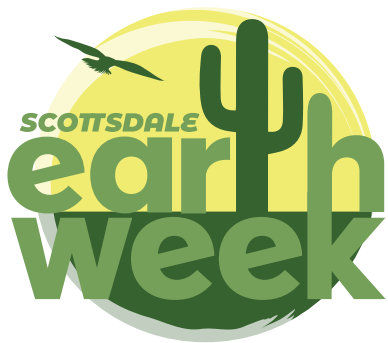


### The city reduced municipal water use by 38 million gallons in 2022

Following through on a commitment made in January 2022 in the face of worsening drought in the Colorado River basin, Scottsdale set out to reduce water use by at least 5% and asked residents and businesses to do the same. The effort came as the city officially declared Stage One of its Drought Management Plan, an action directly aligned with the Tier One Colorado River shortage declared by the U.S. Bureau of Reclamation.

The city led the charge, reducing water use by 6% when compared to the average past five years. City departments achieved water savings through a series of infrastructure and operational improvements by more aggressively finding and fixing water leaks, installing more efficient equipment and not planting winter grass in many parks. [Learn more about the city's water saving efforts at ScottsdaleAZ.gov, search "38 million."](#)

The city asks every resident to do your part — [learn how you can reduce your household water use at ScottsdaleAZ.gov, search "water conservation."](#)



Learn about Scottsdale's sustainability initiatives and conservation efforts during our weeklong celebration of Mother Earth! Earth Week 2023 kicks off with an Earth Day event Saturday, April 22, at the North Corporation Yard, featuring a special rededication ceremony honoring the "Son of

Godzilla," the Scottsdale invention that advanced modern trash and recycling pickup.

Earth Week concludes on Arbor Day, Friday, April 28, with a tree planting ceremony to celebrate Scottsdale's 41st year as a Tree City USA community.

In between, the week will also feature guided hikes in Scottsdale's McDowell Sonoran Preserve and other opportunities to learn more about your city's many accomplishments and initiatives in environmental sustainability.

Plus, April is Citizen Science Month. Look for the return of scientific research kits at your local library branch to check out and take home.

[Find details about Scottsdale Earth Week activities at ScottsdaleAZ.gov, search "Sustainable Scottsdale."](#)



### Scottsdale's new Civic Center welcomes the community

The first phase of improvements to Scottsdale Civic Center opened in January after two years of construction. Realizing the vision of a master plan developed by the community through an extensive public outreach process, Civic Center is returning as our signature venue, perfect for events and gatherings, casual strolls and relaxation in the historic heart of Scottsdale.

Connections to and through Civic Center are more open thanks to substantial reconstruction of the West Paseo entry from Brown Avenue and Main Street. The center of the space is a new 360 Stage with surrounding lawns just outside Scottsdale Center for the Performing Arts.

Beloved pieces of the Scottsdale Public Art collection have returned, some to new locations on Civic Center, including LOVE, The Yearlings and Windows to the West.

Work continues through March on the eastern portion of the project, including a new Water and Fog Plaza, Children's Garden and the East Bowl stage and lawn.

As construction fences come down on the eastern portion of Civic Center, the city is hosting public events to welcome the community back to one of Scottsdale's favorite places. Please join your community to rediscover Scottsdale Civic Center.

- Saturday, April 8–Bunanza family event (9 a.m. –noon)
- Thursday, April 13–Windows to the West 50th Anniversary Opening Celebration (5–7 p.m.)
- Sunday, April 16–Cycle the Arts 2023 (8:30 a.m.)



[Visit ScottsdaleAZ.gov and search "civic center" for details and additional opportunities to explore Civic Center.](#)

## Scottsdale Memorial for the Fallen

Residents of the Scottsdale area, including nearby Native American communities, have served with distinction in the United States military for more than 100 years. During the nation's armed conflicts and in the course of military duty, 66 of those service members made the ultimate sacrifice.

Their names are now permanently engraved on the granite faces of the Scottsdale Memorial for the Fallen.

The new memorial, formally dedicated March 18, is located at Scottsdale Civic Center's Memorial Lawn, 3939 N. Drinkwater Blvd. (on the east side of City Hall).

The young men whose names appear on the memorial served in the U.S. Army, Marines, Navy and Air Force; and one served in the Royal Canadian Air Force in World War II. Three are World War I casualties, 25 lost their lives in World War II, six were lost during the Korean War era, 25 are casualties of the Vietnam War era and seven have been lost since 2001 in conflicts in Iraq and Afghanistan.

Learn more at [ScottsdaleAZ.gov](http://ScottsdaleAZ.gov), search "veterans."



When hiking, don't let relatively mild temperatures fool you. Following simple, common-sense tips will not only reduce the threat of injury but make your experience on the trail even more enjoyable. [Learn more at ScottsdaleAZ.gov](http://ScottsdaleAZ.gov), search "hiking safety."

## Speak Up Scottsdale

A new online community will let residents discuss city issues and offer feedback on programs, services, and projects. If you are ready to engage in discussions about Scottsdale, [sign up for Speak Up Scottsdale at ScottsdaleAZ.gov](http://ScottsdaleAZ.gov), search "get involved."

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## All short-term rental properties require a Scottsdale license

Scottsdale Ordinance 4655 requires short-term/vacation rental property owners/operators to obtain a city license for each property and comply with several safety, health and neighbor notification requirements.

"Short-term" is any rental less than 30 days; properties offered only for 30 days or longer do not need to obtain a license through this process. In addition to being licensed, all short-term/vacation rental property operators must carry liability insurance and conduct sex offender background checks on booking guests. Non-residential uses remain prohibited, e.g., a property can't be used to host an event.

Scottsdale's ordinance complies with Arizona Senate Bill 1168 and reflects the full authority granted to cities under state law. [Visit ScottsdaleAZ.gov](http://ScottsdaleAZ.gov) and search "short-term rental" to learn more, to license a property and find resources for neighborhoods.

## Things To Do

For complete details, search event names at [ScottsdaleAZ.gov/events](http://ScottsdaleAZ.gov/events).

- Pitch your **Tents by the Tracks**. 3 p.m.-10 a.m. April 1-2. It's a night of fun and adventure while camping at the McCormick-Stillman Railroad Park.
- Get rid of old computer, office and entertainment equipment at **Electronics Recycling Collection Day**. 7:30 a.m.-2 p.m. Saturday, April 8, at the city's North Corporation Yard, 9191 E. San Salvador.
- Join the **Adopt-a-Road** citywide cleanup, Saturday, April 22. The city provides trash bags, cotton gloves and safety vests to registered groups.
- Celebrate **National Library Week**, April 23-29.
- Scottsdale **Bike to Work or Wherever Day**, April 27
- **McCormick-Stillman Railroad Park's Concert Series** runs April 30-May 28. 7-8:30 p.m. Sundays. Pack a picnic, bring a blanket or chair, and relax in the park.
- **Scottsdale Jazz Festival**, April 29 & 30, features jazz artists, food trucks and other entertainment at Scottsdale Civic Center.



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