

SCOTTSDALE UPDATE

News for our residents and customers

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COVID-19 UPDATE

Scottsdale City Hall re-opens at reduced capacity for public meetings. On June 22, Scottsdale re-opened City Council and other meetings to the public at reduced capacity.

To provide physical distance between meeting participants, audience size for meetings in the City Hall Kiva is limited and available on a first come, first served basis. Overflow seating is available in the adjacent One Civic Center building, where the audience can watch a video live stream of the meeting.

People can come into City Hall from the overflow room for public comment and as space becomes available. For board and commission meetings held elsewhere, audiences are likewise reduced based upon the venue size.

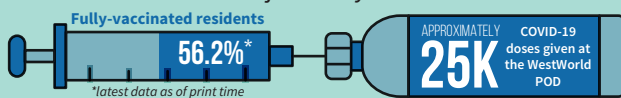
While attendance at meetings was restricted, the city developed ways for the public to view meetings live online and comment remotely via telephone. Those options will remain for City Council and board and commission meetings while capacity is reduced.

Re-opening meetings at reduced capacity was predicated by the fact that Scottsdale and Maricopa County dropped into and maintained the “moderate” COVID-19 community spread category. Limited audience size, physical distancing and barriers will remain in place until Scottsdale and the county return to “low” community transmission. [ScottsdaleAZ.gov](https://www.scottsdaleaz.gov), search “City Hall.”

A HEALTHY SCOTTSDALE STARTS WITH YOU

Building a community of immunity

Scottsdale has the highest vaccination rate among all major Valley cities.



For vaccine locations, visit [ScottsdaleAZ.gov](https://www.scottsdaleaz.gov), search “COVID-19.”

City Council adopts General Plan 2035. On June 8, the Scottsdale City Council unanimously adopted a new general plan that will go before Scottsdale voters for ratification in November. Scottsdale General Plan 2035 defines the community’s goals for growth, development, character, mobility and a variety of other community aspects. State law requires cities to adopt a new or updated general plan every ten years. Read the adopted plan and learn more at [ScottsdaleAZ.gov](https://www.scottsdaleaz.gov), search “General Plan.”

INVESTING IN OUR SCOTTSDALE: CIVIC CENTER REBUILD

A picturesque botanical garden, sculptural play elements and a new interactive water and fog plaza are just a handful of the new elements proposed for Scottsdale Civic Center’s enhancement.



A concept view of Civic Center’s redesign from the southeast.

In November 2019 Scottsdale voters approved two bond questions, which included funding to replace aging infrastructure and create public and event spaces in the Civic Center area.

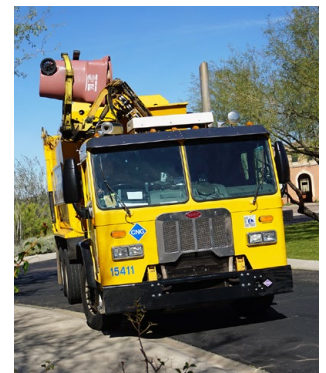
The updated, attractive and safe environment is expected to attract residents, visitors and events to the Civic Center and Old Town Scottsdale area.

Among improvements, elevations will be lowered and re-graded throughout Civic Center to enhance accessibility and visibility. Restrooms will be remodeled and include family changing rooms. Several techniques throughout the project will save water and enhance water collection to existing trees. And from sculptural plantings to mosaic tile, each aspect of the redesign also incorporates influence from the arts.

Proposed improvements are based on community outreach and the Civic Center Municipal Use Master Plan the City Council approved in 2018. [ScottsdaleAZ.gov](https://www.scottsdaleaz.gov), search “Civic Center improvements.”

TRASH AND RECYCLING COLLECTION DAYS WILL CHANGE FOR MOST RESIDENTS BEGINNING NOV. 1

Scottsdale solid waste routes have become inefficient as the city has grown. The city is revising collection routes to control costs and improve efficiency in processing recyclables. Most residents will see a change in their collection schedule - collection days or collection times - as a result. Look for details specific to your neighborhood in coming months.



September is National Preparedness Month.

Create a plan that outlines each family member's responsibilities in case of an emergency. Make a "Go Kit," which can include food and water, medication, money, contact information and locations to meet. Visit Ready.gov for details.



Know what's below before digging.

Aug. 11 is National 811 Day – the perfect day to remind yourself to always check before you dig. Have you ever wondered about the different colored markings on roads or in yards? They're a sign that a contractor or homeowner put safety first and identified utility lines prior to excavation. Call 811 to request a utility line locate at least two working days prior to digging.



Case information is a click away with Scottsdale City

Court's online chat feature. Scottsdale City Court recently began offering an online chat feature, which allows users to receive case information and have their questions answered by a live court clerk, right from their computer or mobile device. Visitors to the site will see a new "live chat" icon in the bottom right-hand corner of the screen. After answering a few quick prompts, users are directed to the relevant webpages or connected with a clerk, during regular business hours.



LIVE CHAT

Since the pandemic, court staff have focused on expanding virtual services, and now offer virtual civil traffic hearings, online appointment scheduling and the ability to remotely obtain an order of protection. The site also allows people to file a motion online, look up a case, make a payment and request defensive driving school and other services. ScottsdaleAZ.gov, search "court."

Neighborhood Watch goes digital: Scottsdale asks residents to join CamerEyes.

Scottsdale police want help catching criminals from residents who have smart technology doorbells and home video systems. Anyone with these devices can notify the Scottsdale Police Department by filling out a quick online questionnaire. Following a crime, police employees often go door-to-door to look for cameras in the area, which can be time consuming. CamerEyes eliminates that process by allowing police to go directly to those registered with cameras. ScottsdaleAZ.gov, search "CamerEyes."



Know before you throw. Hazardous chemicals may cause a reaction when mixed with other solid waste material in a garbage truck. They can become toxic or combust, jeopardizing the health and safety of our drivers and the public. Household cleaners, swimming pool chemicals, paint, automotive fluids, batteries and electronics should not be placed in trash or recycling containers, or placed out for brush and bulk collection. Learn how to properly dispose of hazardous materials in your home and help keep Scottsdale safe. ScottsdaleAZ.gov, search "Solid Waste."

Lockboxes available for senior safety. Lockboxes for seniors allow police or firefighters to gain entry to a home without breaking in if the resident is unable to get to the door in an emergency. The Scottsdale Area Association of Realtors, Scottsdale Police and Fire departments and Maricopa County Sheriff's Office offer free emergency lockboxes for seniors and others with special needs whose annual income is less than \$25,000. There is a \$25 charge for others. ScottsdaleAZ.gov, search "senior lockboxes."

THINGS TO DO

Fire Department seeks wreath donations for Sept. 11 commemoration. The city is hosting a free 9/11 Memorial Tribute, Sept. 3-12, at the Scottsdale Center for the Performing Arts. The Fire Department is asking individuals, businesses and service organizations to donate wreaths to honor the day. Email fire@ScottsdaleAZ.gov for more information.

The tribute also includes a mini-museum featuring a three-story National Unity Flag; 9/11 photos and videos; and replicas of the Twin Towers, Pentagon, plane wing and a large metal flag. Memorial cards of all those who lost their lives in the attack will adorn the replicas. Scottsdale resident Lisa Vella created and donated the cards.

Ceremonies begin at 1 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 11. More events will be announced as Sept. 11 approaches.

Get drawn into Scottsdale ArtWalk - an American original. Stroll at your own pace, wander into galleries through a festive area enjoying dramatic statues, bubbling fountains, tree-covered courtyards, famed restaurants and live music. ArtWalk runs from 7-9 p.m. Thursdays, year-round in Old Town. COVID-19 protocols are in place. ScottsdaleGalleries.com

Most city offices closed for Labor Day, Sept. 6. Although most city offices will be closed for Labor Day, Monday, Sept. 6, we will still collect trash as scheduled. Place containers where your trash is typically picked up by 5 a.m. that morning or the night before.

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