

SCOTTSDALE UPDATE

News for our residents and customers

August/September 2020



Scottsdale's Tuesday, Aug. 4, primary election is the first step toward selecting a mayor and three City Council members in November.

Learn about the candidates and find more Scottsdale election information at Scottsdale.Vote.



Due to the impact of COVID-19, Maricopa County approved an Election Day and Emergency Voting Plan designed to provide voters with a safe, secure, reliable and accessible August Primary Election.

Instead of one assigned polling location, voters will have more than 90 locations to choose from on Election Day, located across the county to ensure in-person voting is still an option for all communities.

All vote centers will provide space for physical distancing and will implement heightened safety and cleaning measures, including frequently cleaning high touch surfaces.

To allow voters time to cast a ballot, polling locations will be open in phases before Election Day. In coordination with the Early Voting Plan, 50-60 locations will be open for at least two weeks, including in 23 malls and retail facilities across the county. The majority of the vote centers will offer extended hours of service including weekends and are located near bus routes and public transportation.

Maricopa County Elections had not yet finalized the location of voting centers in Scottsdale at print time. Those locations will be posted at Scottsdale.Vote once determined.

If you are not already registered to vote in Scottsdale, you have until Monday, July 6, to complete your registration so you can participate in the August primary election.

Early balloting remains popular among city residents as well. For Scottsdale residents who are registered to receive them, early ballots will be available beginning Wednesday, July 8. The last day to request an early ballot in the mail is Friday, July 24.

Voters who are not affiliated with any political party and who are on the Permanent Early Voting List will not automatically receive a ballot for Scottsdale's Aug. 4 primary election – but you have the option of requesting a political party ballot of your choice or a Scottsdale-only ballot.

You can make your selection at Request.Maricopa.Vote (or call Maricopa County Elections at 602-506-1511).

COVID-19 UPDATE

As statewide restrictions lifted late in May, Scottsdale started reopening facilities and programs to the public. City pools, playgrounds, basketball, tennis, pickleball and volleyball courts opened in phases.

At many facilities, changes to hours of operation and physical adjustments are in place to adhere to public health guidelines and best practices aimed at continuing to slow the spread of the COVID-19 virus.

Given the continuing rise in COVID-19 cases throughout Maricopa County, Scottsdale Mayor W.J. "Jim" Lane issued an emergency proclamation June 18 that required people to cover their nose and mouth in most public areas in Scottsdale.

The order will expire July 20 unless further extended.

A HEALTHY SCOTTSDALE STARTS WITH YOU

Whether or not face coverings are legally required, the city reminds each resident that a healthy Scottsdale starts with you. Stay home if you are sick or have any symptoms of illness, practice good hand hygiene, stay at least 6 feet from others and clean and sanitize items and surfaces you touch frequently.

The situation changes regularly; some information contained in this newsletter may become outdated quickly. Find the latest city updates and links to resources and other information at ScottsdaleAZ.gov.

You can also get city news delivered via email—simply text your email address to 480-312-3111, or visit our website and search "Scottsdale Update."

Help us spread the word that Scottsdale is open for business!

Small businesses make up more than 92 percent of the storefront and restaurant experiences in Scottsdale – for every \$100 you spend here, \$43 stays in our community. Your dollars have a significant impact and can help Scottsdale's economy weather this pandemic.

If you are not comfortable returning to Scottsdale shops and restaurants in person, there are plenty of ways to support our small businesses by using curbside pick-up, delivery and online shopping. There are all sorts of Scottsdale businesses eager and equipped to serve you safely.

It's time to #ShopScottsdale, it's time to #SupportScottsdale.
Learn more at ScottsdaleAZ.gov, search "Shop Scottsdale."



Scottsdale's Virtual Small Business Assistance Center is a one-stop-shop for local businesses seeking information on support programs and resources during the COVID-19 crisis. Scottsdale businesses can get personalized assistance, answers to questions regarding federal, state and other government funding programs and guidance to connect them with critical resources. Reach the Scottsdale Small Business Assistance Center by texting or calling 480-312-3111, email business@ScottsdaleAZ.gov or through Scottsdale EZ (ScottsdaleAZ.gov, search "EZ").

Monsoons and wildfires - are you prepared? Monsoon season continues through the end of September, and wildfires remain a particular threat this year. Monsoon season brings higher humidity, which can lead to thunderstorms, heavy rain, lightning, hail, high winds, flash flooding, dust storms and extreme heat. As we have seen already this year, fires can start and spread very quickly in the dry brush found throughout many parts of Scottsdale. Prepare now so you know what actions you should take when a major storm rolls in, or a wildfire is growing near you. Develop a household emergency plan, and consider items you would need to take, and routes you may need to travel in the event of an emergency evacuation. Learn more at ScottsdaleAZ.gov, search "emergency."



THE MYSTERIOUS CASE OF THE BURNING GARBAGE TRUCK

Earlier this year, an empty oxygen tank was put in with someone's recycling and, once compressed by the truck, the tank exploded causing a fire. Luckily, the driver heard the explosion, quickly acted, and was able to dump the entire load before anyone was hurt or severe damage was done.

The Scottsdale Fire Department responded and put out the fire and Solid Waste crews cleaned up the street.

Please keep in mind - seemingly harmless items like cell phone batteries, pool chemicals and even fertilizers are extremely dangerous to everyone's safety when placed in recycling or trash containers.

The city offers different ways for you to properly dispose hazardous materials. Learn about them at ScottsdaleAZ.gov, search "hazardous waste."

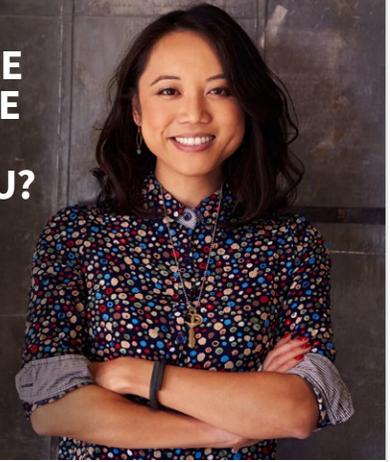
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TWO OF EVERY THREE SCOTTSDALE HOUSEHOLDS HAVE COMPLETED THE CENSUS - HAVE YOU?

Has someone in your household responded? If not, will you join your friends and neighbors in completing the short questionnaire?



As of late June, the U.S. Census Bureau reported that about two-thirds (61.2 percent) of the households in Scottsdale had completed the census.

An accurate census count will help Scottsdale receive its fair share of federal and regional funding. The city also uses census data to plan services and projects, and to place facilities like fire stations, parks and community centers where they will be most effective - an accurate count is vital to your community.

What should I know about completing the census?

You have three choices to complete the census questionnaire. Respond in the method you're most comfortable with -- online, by phone or on paper.

The census will not come in the form of an unsolicited email and it won't ask for money.

When do I have to respond?

Right away. The Census Bureau is beginning follow-ups with households who haven't responded. All census responses need to be received no later than Oct. 31.

Is it safe to complete my questionnaire online?

The 2020 Census website is safe and secure. Regardless of how you respond, the Census Bureau is bound by federal law to protect your information.

How long will it take to complete the form?

Filling out the census form should only take a few minutes - the long forms are long gone. There are fewer than 10 questions covering things like age, gender, race and household living arrangements.

What about part-time residents?

If you don't live in Scottsdale year-round, you should report your U.S. residency wherever you live and sleep most of the time - even if you are a citizen of a foreign country. If you aren't sure, report your residency where you were on April 1.

Learn more at ScottsdaleAZ.gov, search "census."

We're counting on you, Scottsdale!



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