

Scottsdale sustainability program puts WestWorld waste to good use

Thousands of pounds of horse waste, produced this year during events at WestWorld of Scottsdale, will go on to become nutrient rich soil for native desert plants through the city's partnership with Mountain States Wholesale Nursery.



WestWorld hosts roughly 40 equestrian events each year, which annually produce around 40,000 tons (approximately 20,000 cubic yards) of horse manure. If the manure weren't repurposed, it would go to the landfill and be a waste of that finite space.

Instead, the manure is moved by the truckload from the 386-acre WestWorld property, at the base of the McDowell Mountains in Scottsdale, to Mountain States' 130-acre nursery on Northern Avenue in Glendale.



"We aim to divert as much material as possible away from the landfill, and this partnership enables us to do that in a big way," WestWorld Facilities Manager Jeff Kurth said. "This waste product isn't just hauled away, it takes on a new purpose after it leaves WestWorld and that's really the best possible outcome."

This partnership saves the city more than \$100,000 in annual disposal fees. The nursery was selected in a competitive bid process, but the partnership was a natural fit because the company shares in Scottsdale's goal of protecting valuable resources for future generations.

Learn more about citywide sustainability initiatives at ScottsdaleAZ.gov, search "Sustainable Scottsdale."



Scottsdale's signature holiday celebration returns for a 6th year with more than 45 events and activities – Local retailers and restaurants will offer incentives to dine, drink and shop throughout the season. Highlights are below; browse the full schedule at Scottsdazzle.com.

Holiday Tree Lighting and Sing-Along – This signature seasonal celebration serves as the kickoff to more than a month of festivities. Enjoy holiday décor and sing along to classic Christmas tunes led by MusicaNova Orchestra and local celebrities. The night culminates with the lighting of a new 40-foot Scottsdazzle tree. 7 p.m. Nov. 27 on the Scottsdale Waterfront's Soleri Bridge.

Meet Santa at the Farmer's Market – Scottsdale's beloved farmers market continues with a festive twist and a special holiday guest! This year, Santa will join the wide array of farmers and vendors to make for a very special morning. Children can make their wish list at the Letter to Santa station, and then get a picture with Ol' St. Nick himself. 9 a.m. - noon Nov. 27, Dec. 4 and 11 at Brown Avenue & 1st Street.

Gold Palette ArtWalk – Take a holiday stroll through historic Scottsdale's Art District while perusing the city's finest works of art. Soak in the beauty with all your senses as you're surrounded by the sounds and smells of the season, including classic holiday carols and hot cocoa. 6:30 p.m. Dec. 9 in Old Town.

Sparkle & Spin Scavenger Hunts – Get ready for a holiday head-scratcher! Bring your bike for this seasonal scavenger hunt throughout Old Town. Puzzles lead participants from clue to clue, culminating in one final challenge to earn a unique holiday keepsake. \$18; registration required. 1 to 4 p.m. Dec. 18 and 19 on the Marshall Way Bridge.



Steam into the holiday season with McCormick-Stillman Railroad Park's Holiday Lights Nov. 26 - Jan. 2

Hop on board the Paradise & Pacific Railroad and experience a winter wonderland of holiday lights and displays. Santa will also be at the park nightly through Dec. 23 to visit and take photos with. The event will feature limited capacity per one hour and a half time blocks at 6 and 8 p.m. nightly.

The Holiday Lights experience on the Paradise & Pacific Railroad is \$15; children two and younger ride free with a paying adult. Find details at TheRailroadPark.com.

Scottsdale Shares provides one point of contact for residents, businesses and organizations seeking to assist those in need through donations or volunteer activities. Learn more at [ScottsdaleAZ.gov](#), search “Scottsdale Shares.”

Most city offices will be closed Dec. 25, Jan. 1 and 17 for the holidays. Please note that trash and/or recycling collection for Christmas, New Year’s and the Martin Luther King Jr. Day will not change. Please place your containers in their normal spot by 5 a.m. the morning of collection or the night before. Visit [ScottsdaleAZ.gov](#), search “holiday collection.”

Nominate a person or organization that embodies the Scottsdale spirit. Scottsdale’s Neighborhood Advisory Commission wants to showcase the people and organizations that embody the “Spirit of Scottsdale.” This award recognizes residents and organizations/businesses that help to strengthen and build Scottsdale’s community through their commitment to and involvement in neighborhoods. Fill out your nomination by Dec. 31 at [ScottsdaleAZ.gov](#), search “spirit awards.”

Rock ‘N’ Roll Marathon runs through Scottsdale Jan. 16. The full-marathon course enters Scottsdale along Indian School Road and includes a portion of Old Town. The half-marathon course includes Scottsdale sections of Thomas, McDowell, Hayden and Scottsdale roads. Road closure information will be available on the marathon website: [RunRockNRoll.com](#).

The Barrett-Jackson Collector Car Auction returns to WestWorld Jan. 22-30 bringing hundreds of the world’s finest collector automobiles and thousands of spectators to Scottsdale. The auction also features an exhibitor marketplace and hours of live worldwide television coverage. Get more information and buy tickets at [Barrett-Jackson.com](#).

Investing in Our Scottsdale: Fire Station 616 construction is complete

The new station, funded by bonds approved by voters in 2015, includes crew quarters and facilities, an OSHA-certified decontamination area, safety gear storage and an apparatus bay. Fire Station 616 provides emergency response coverage to nearly 19 square miles in the far northern section of Scottsdale.



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Recycle your Christmas tree. Drop-off bins will be available Jan. 7-17 at Eldorado, Scottsdale Ranch and Thompson Peak parks, or place your tree in your green waste pile, separate from your bulk trash. The recycled trees will be turned into mulch—so please, no artificial trees, stands or ornaments—they cannot be collected.

For more information on Scottsdale recycling programs, visit [ScottsdaleAZ.gov](#) and search “recycling.”



Sewer fees based on December, January and February usage. Sewer charges are recalculated annually in July based on your average water use billed in December, January and February. If your water usage during these months is not a true reflection of the actual water discharged to the city’s sewer system -- you filled a pool or planted a winter lawn -- you may appeal your sewer charges by completing a sewer charge adjustment request. Visit [ScottsdaleAZ.gov](#), search “water rates and fees.”

MLK Jr. Community Dinner Celebration

Motivational speaker Patricia Russell-McCloud headlines Scottsdale’s 28th Annual Martin Luther King Jr. Community Dinner Celebration. Russell-McCloud works to create an environment in which high achievement among young African Americans is the rule rather than the exception. Learn more about the event and purchase tickets at [CCDArizona.org](#).



THINGS TO DO

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

- Enjoy **Scottsdale ArtWalk** as Old Town galleries open their doors to collector and casual patrons to enjoy featured artists and refreshments. 7 to 9 p.m. Thursdays
- **Electronics recycling** takes place Dec. 4
- Scottsdale is hosting free **COVID-19 vaccination pop-up** events Dec. 10 and 13 - the Pfizer vaccine and limited supplies of the Johnson & Johnson vaccine will be administered
- Don’t toss personal info: “**Shred It**” Dec. 11 and Jan. 8



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