Scottsdale’s new General Plan - what happens now?

Scottsdale voters approved an update to the General Plan at November’s special election. The updated plan - General Plan 2035 - replaces the 2001 Scottsdale General Plan that was approved by the voters in 2002. Scottsdale General Plan 2035 serves as the community’s new vision and guide for future physical, economic and social development.

The General Plan’s goals and policies are implemented by both the public and private sectors through actions like developing facilities and infrastructure, and by creating specific policies and plans to guide future efforts.

The plan contains 24 elements -- sections that address particular topic areas or aspects of the community. These include Character and Design, Land Use, Environmental Planning, Housing, Recreation, Public Services and Facilities, Safety and Economic Vitality.

Many priority efforts underway in the city will be shaped by the vision, guidance and goals set forth in the voter-approved General Plan. Learn more at ScottsdaleAZ.gov, search “general plan.”

Scottsdale continues work to address short-term rental concerns

The Scottsdale City Council voted unanimously in favor of two proposed updates to the city’s Vacation Rental ordinance and Nuisance Parties and Unlawful Gatherings ordinance at its meeting Dec. 8. The updates to both ordinances went into effect Jan. 7, and will remove loopholes, increase fines and improve the city’s enforcement abilities when handling short-term vacation rental complaints. Learn more about ways Scottsdale is working to alleviate short-term rental concerns at ScottsdaleAZ.gov, search “short-term rental.”

Scottsdale asks residents and businesses to reduce their water use

We’re asking residents, businesses and visitors to use less water and increase conservation efforts to secure the future of water in the city. This comes as a result of the Colorado River Tier One water shortage that went into effect Jan. 1 and reduces the water supply to the Central Arizona Project by as much as a third of its normal allotment.

At this stage, residents will not see a shortage at their tap, but instead are encouraged to evaluate their water use and find ways to use water wisely. The biggest water savings comes by conserving outside; 70 percent of Scottsdale residential water use happens outdoors. Find ways to conserve water at ScottsdaleAZ.gov, search “residential water use.”

Water saving tips for pools

1. Use a pool cover to reduce evaporation and help keep your pool clean.
2. Consider using water restoration systems that eliminate the need to drain the pool.
3. If you have to refill your pool, know the rules related to draining and backwashing.
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