

SCOTTSDALE UPDATE

News for our residents and customers

February/March 2021



HOW WE'VE CHANGED OVER THE PAST YEAR

Most of our lives have been upended since last March due to the COVID-19 pandemic. We live differently. We play differently. And we work differently. Here at the city of Scottsdale, we strive to create, reimagine and alter our programs and services so we can continue to provide “Simply Better Service for a World-Class Community.” Here are just a few ways we’ve been able to accomplish that:

Community Investment

Launched rental assistance programs, supplemented existing rent and utility assistance, expanded virtual services for job seekers, visited homebound seniors, increased food donation programs, met rising requests for maintenance projects for income-eligible residents.

Business Assistance

Expanded Shop Scottsdale campaign, created a Small Business Assistance Center, provided arts and culture program grants to support reopening, created program for business customers to receive relief from delinquent license fees, extended grace period for water customers, developed the Scottsdale Small Business Reimbursement Program to assist with pandemic-related health and safety costs.

Communication and Outreach

Produced virtual public meetings, increased information available on a digital platform, created the “Healthy Scottsdale” campaign to encourage safe practices to prevent the spread of COVID-19, upped city communications via newsletters and videos.

Workforce Support

Redeployed staff to fill service gaps, enabled a mobile workforce for the safety of employees and residents.

Safety/Operational Enhancements

Upgraded buildings to improve air flow and non-touch equipment for doors, sinks, etc., manufactured hand sanitizer in-house.



SOME SCOTTSDALE SPECIAL EVENTS RETURN WITH NEW GUIDELINES

While many restrictions on gatherings and activities remain in place as part of statewide efforts to curb the spread of COVID-19, some special events in Scottsdale have been approved under guidelines established by Arizona Governor Doug Ducey.

Public health and safety is Scottsdale’s top priority. A safety plan is required as part of the city’s special event permit application per the Governor’s Executive Order 2020-59.

Here’s what we know about some of Scottsdale’s spring signature events at time of publication:

2021 WM Phoenix Open tees off Feb. 1-7, at the TPC, with or without fans. Tournament host organizers, The Thunderbirds, are hopeful fans will be welcome onsite this year. Members are working with state and local health officials to determine what is an acceptable number of spectators if fans are allowed. In a recent GolfWorld article, WM Phoenix Open Tournament Chairman Scott Jenkins said, “It’s fluid. I’ve stopped trying to predict the future in our COVID world. We’d love to have fans. We’re the ‘Peoples’ Open.’ We also understand that the safety of our fans, players and volunteers is the most important thing.” Get updates at wmphoenixopen.com.

Spring training set for Feb. 27-March 27. Spring Training baseball under the warm Arizona sun has been a tradition for devoted fans since 1947. The San Francisco Giants play in the heart of Old Town Scottsdale at Scottsdale Stadium. Like many events, this one might look and feel a little different this year due to COVID-19. Get updates at cactusleague.com.

Scottsdale Arts Festival is planned for March 12-14, at Scottsdale Civic Center. Organizers are working with experts on health and safety protocols that include reducing artist participation, adding more space between booths, sanitizing stations and limiting attendance. Learn more closer to the date at scottsdaleartsfestival.org.

Barrett-Jackson moves to March. The company announced that their auction, which was scheduled to be held in January, will be moved to March to safeguard everyone’s safety. Learn more at barrett-jackson.com.

Western Week postponed. We’ve made the difficult, but necessary decision to postpone February’s Western Week. For now, we’ve moved Western Week to April 11-18. Western Week activities include the Hashknife Pony Express, Parada del Sol parade and Trails End and the Arizona Indian Festival. Event organizers are discussing ways to deliver the event with proper safety protocols in place. Discussions are currently underway to determine how Western Week events can be delivered under CDC and ADHS guidelines to keep everyone attending safe. Look for details this spring.

Congratulations to the city's newly-elected mayor and city council members

The city welcomes Mayor Dave Ortega and Council members Tammy Caputi, Tom Durham and Betty Janik. They join Kathy Littlefield, Linda Milhaven and Solange Whitehead. The four new members were seated in January and will each serve a four-year term.



COVID-19 UPDATE

As we've learned with COVID-19, things change day-to-day. Find the latest city updates, links to resources and other information at ScottsdaleAZ.gov.

Masks: Under a Maricopa County emergency order adopted June 19, face coverings are required in most public places in Scottsdale. Under the countywide order, face coverings remain required in public places including grocery stores, pharmacies, restaurants and similar facilities, retail stores, special events and public transit.



Events: While many restrictions on gatherings and activities remain in place as part of statewide efforts to curb the spread of COVID-19, some special events in Scottsdale have been approved under guidelines established by Arizona Governor Doug Ducey. Learn more about how we're monitoring for compliance and have upgraded operating and systems at city venues. ScottsdaleAZ.gov, search "events in COVID."

Remember, a Healthy Scottsdale Starts with You. Stay home when you can, practice physical distancing, cover your nose and mouth and wash your hands frequently. Find downloadable graphics for social media and request a poster pack for your business or organization. ScottsdaleAZ.gov, search "Healthy Scottsdale."

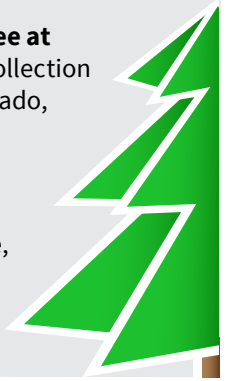
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480-312-3111 or email questions@ScottsdaleAZ.gov

Date Correction: Recycle your Christmas tree at these drop off locations, Jan. 8-19. Yellow collection bins will be available at three city parks: Eldorado, Scottsdale Ranch and Thompson Peak.

We don't accept artificial trees, stands or ornaments. Single-family home residents can place Christmas trees in their green waste pile, separated from bulk trash, for collection on their scheduled brush/bulk service week. ScottsdaleAZ.gov, search "solid waste."



THINGS TO DO

Enjoy Scottsdale ArtWalk – an American original. From 7-9 p.m. every Thursday, Old Town galleries open their doors to collector and casual patrons alike to enjoy featured artists, a cultural environment and refreshments. COVID-19 protocols are in place. Visit scottsdalegalleries.com.

Veg out at the Old Town Farmers Market. Buy food and specialty items supplied by locals. There is a large variety of organic and pesticide-free produce, as well. COVID-19 protocols are in place. The market runs from 8 a.m.-1 p.m. Saturdays, through May, at 3806 N. Brown Ave.

Here's an outlet for your unwanted electronics, Feb. 6. Electronics make up the bulk of waste that threatens our environment because of the potentially dangerous elements contained in them. Properly dispose of your unwanted electronics at Scottsdale's Electronics Recycling Collection Day from 7:30 a.m.-2 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 6, at the city's North Corporation Yard, 9191 E. San Salvador Drive.

Find a Smartscape-trained landscaper. Smartscape is a landscape training program specifically designed to educate landscape professionals on appropriate practices for the Sonoran Desert. A well-designed desert-friendly landscape will add beauty and value to your home and minimize water use. Hire a Smartscape-trained landscape professional to design, install and maintain your landscape. Find a list of Smartscape professionals at smartscape.org.



Most Scottsdale offices closed Presidents Day, Feb. 15. While most city offices will be closed for Presidents Day Monday, Feb. 15, your trash will be collected as scheduled. Please place your containers in their normal spot by 5 a.m. the morning of collection or the night before.



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