THE COMMUNITY CONTINUES ITS WORK TO UPDATE GENERAL PLAN 2035

Scottsdale’s General Plan defines the community’s goals for growth, development, character, mobility and a variety of other community aspects.

Opportunities continue to provide feedback.

- Wednesday May 12 - Planning Commission Recommendation Hearing
- Tuesday June 8 - City Council meeting to consider the draft plan for possible adoption

Learn more about General Plan 2035 and how to provide feedback at ScottsdaleAZ.gov, search “General Plan.”

SCOTTSDALE ADOPTS ANTI-DISCRIMINATION ORDINANCE

The Scottsdale City Council voted unanimously to adopt an anti-discrimination ordinance, which prohibits discrimination based on actual or perceived race, color, religion, sex, national origin, age, sexual orientation, gender identity, or disability.

The ordinance represents the city of Scottsdale’s commitment to anti-discrimination and fair treatment of residents, visitors and employees in the Scottsdale community, and the City Council’s support and value for diversity and inclusiveness.

The ordinance provides a clear and comprehensive mandate for the prevention of discrimination in employment, housing, places of public accommodation, and city services, programs and activities. The ordinance provides a mechanism for responding to complaints, and violators are subject to civil prosecution.

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While some COVID-19 state requirements have changed, the medical advice has not: we should all continue to do things to keep ourselves, our neighbors and our families healthy: mask up when you can’t keep your distance, avoid crowds and get vaccinated.

Face coverings are still required inside the city’s municipal buildings and facilities, including libraries, One Civic Center and City Hall.

The city encourages residents to stay informed about the level of spread of COVID-19, and to take advantage of opportunities to be vaccinated against the disease. A healthy Scottsdale starts with you! ScottsdaleAZ.gov, search “COVID-19.”

INVESTING IN OUR SCOTTSDALE: HIGHLIGHTS OF TWO BOND PROJECTS

Scottsdale voters approved these projects as part of recent bond elections.

Aquatics Chemical System Replacement: The updates to the chlorination systems at McDowell Mountain Ranch, Cactus and Eldorado pools are complete. The project brings the city’s aquatics operations into compliance with federal Homeland Security guidelines by replacing the existing chemical treatment systems in all city pools with an onsite chlorine generation system. The project reduces/eliminates the need for bulk chemical storage and handling, reducing the threat to public safety.

Install High Efficiency Sports Lighting: Ballfield lights at Horizon Park, and Laguna and Pima schools have been upgraded with new, high efficiency sports lighting. The new lights meet current sports lighting standards, will minimize light spillage into adjacent neighborhoods and are more energy efficient which will reduce operating costs.

Learn about other city construction projects at ScottsdaleAZ.gov, search “construction.”

COVID-19 UPDATE

VACCINATION SITE OPENS AT WESTWORLD

Scottsdale partnered with the Arizona Department of Health Services and Cigna to open a large-scale vaccination distribution site at WestWorld that will operate through June 30. The indoor site, located at 16601 N. Pima Road, runs from 7 a.m.-5 p.m. daily, offering 3,000-4,000 daily appointments to the public. Schedule an appointment online at podvaccine.azdhs.gov.

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SCOTTSDALE UPDATE

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Donate items to help seniors “Beat the Heat.” Bring summer relief to homebound seniors. Items most needed include: reusable water bottles, ice packs, toilet paper, Kleenex, paper towels, shampoo, conditioner, toothbrushes, toothpaste, soap, hand sanitizer, small fans, book of forever stamps, and $35 Fry’s gift cards. Drop off items between 8 a.m.-4 p.m. Monday-Friday, through May 28, to the Via Linda Senior Center, 10440 E. Via Linda. Monetary donations can be made directly through Scottsdale Community Partners. ScottsdaleAZ.gov, search “Beat the Heat.”

Veterans AZ spotlights local veterans. Hundreds of thousands of veterans call Scottsdale and other Arizona communities home, but many do so with little attention or fanfare. Veterans AZ is a new video and podcast series that will share their stories, and focus attention on the many organizations and programs that serve veterans in the Valley of the Sun. Find video episodes at VeteransAZ.org, and listen in your favorite podcast app.

Grants available to spruce up neighborhoods. The Neighborhood Enhancement Grant Program provides assistance in maintaining and revitalizing Scottsdale’s mature neighborhoods. Eligible projects include landscape maintenance, landscape enhancement, perimeter wall maintenance, limited alley improvements and neighborhood signage. Scottsdale’s Neighborhood Advisory Commission will review and approve application funding. Learn more and submit an application: ScottsdaleAZ.gov, search “enhancement grant.”

Fireworks restrictions in place for July 4th. Although use of some consumer fireworks is permitted by state law, in Scottsdale for the Fourth of July holiday, their use in and near many sensitive desert areas remains illegal and violators are subject to substantial fines. Fireworks are prohibited in Scottsdale’s McDowell Sonoran Preserve, Pinnacle Peak Park and all properties located within 1 mile of these fragile desert lands. The use of fireworks is also prohibited on all publicly-owned properties, which include but are not limited to, city buildings, parking lots, streets and parks, and public schools.

Violation of these restrictions is a civil offense punishable by citations and fines. For more information about firework restrictions and a variety of safety tips, visit ScottsdaleAZ.gov, search “fireworks.”

Monsoons and wildfires - are you prepared? Monsoon season will soon be upon us, 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. 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. ScottsdaleAZ.gov, search “emergency.”

THINGS TO DO
Adventure awaits at Scottsdale’s 70th Anniversary Legacy Quest. Scottsdale is turning 70! Everyone is invited to this family-friendly celebration of Scottsdale’s incorporation as a city taking place from 6:30 - 8:30 p.m. Friday, June 25, throughout Old Town Scottsdale. Guests will participate in an adventurous expedition gathering facts about Scottsdale’s history along the way. Attendance is free. More details are coming soon! Visit ScottsdaleAZ.gov, search “70th anniversary.”

The show will go on for Summer Concert Series; but not for Mighty Mud Mania. McCormick-Railroad Park’s Summer Concert Series will take place this year, starting Sunday, May 30. We’re limiting attendance, and those wanting to participate must purchase tickets to assigned seating. Info: TheRailroadPark.com.

Celebrate June Days in Old Town Scottsdale. Spring might be over, but summer fun is in full bloom in Old Town Scottsdale. Come celebrate June Days with us! All month long in June, Old Town Scottsdale will be abuzz with colorful activities and events ranging from crafting workshops to outdoor movie nights to scavenger hunts and live performances. Check out OldTownScottsdaleAZ.com.