

One year ago, Scottsdale adopted its anti-discrimination ordinance

Adopted unanimously by the City Council in April 2021, the ordinance is part of the city's

commitment to a Scottsdale free from discrimination based on actual or perceived race, color, religion, sex, national origin, age, sexual orientation, gender identity or disability anywhere within city limits.

“Our anti-discrimination ordinance aligns with long-standing



community values: we welcome diversity, affirm true equality and embrace everyone who visits, works or lives here,” said Mayor David D. Ortega. “Together, we are Scottsdale.”

The ordinance protects people in Scottsdale from discrimination in the sale or rental of housing, in businesses that serve the public, and in employment.

“Mayor Ortega and the Scottsdale City Council took a strong stance against discrimination by unanimously passing this ordinance,” Diversity Program Director Jackie Johnson said.

“It is an important part of making sure everyone in Scottsdale enjoys our community. Together, we value the rich contributions of all people and understand that embracing diversity makes us a stronger and more resourceful.”

Learn more about the ordinance at [ScottsdaleAZ.gov](https://www.scottsdaleaz.gov), search “anti-discrimination.”

Meet Scottsdale’s new sustainability director

Lisa McNeilly will set the strategic direction for Scottsdale’s sustainability efforts, with a focus on protecting the city’s natural resources for future generations through the development of Scottsdale’s first sustainability plan. Most recently, she held a similar role in Baltimore, Maryland, leading its sustainability efforts and overseeing work on equitable climate action, floodplain management and community resiliency hubs.

Learn more at [ScottsdaleAZ.gov](https://www.scottsdaleaz.gov), search “Sustainable Scottsdale.”



Scottsdale captures top environmental awards

Arizona Forward honored **McDowell Sonoran Preserve’s Fraesfield and Granite Mountain trailheads** with Crescordia awards in two categories: “Natural Environment Preservation” and “Civic Buildings, Structures, and Landscape Design.” The Fraesfield and Granite Mountain trailheads were disturbed trailhead sites in need of restoration. A preservation project restored the natural habitat while expanding and facilitating access into the McDowell Sonoran Preserve, allowing the natural environment to guide the design of sustainable amenities that provide refuge, shade and shelter. The eco-friendly trailheads use desert-appropriate materials and limit their environmental impact while blending into the surrounding landscape.

June Days Summer Spectacular is coming

In addition to city-produced signature events, Old Town Scottsdale businesses, retailers, restaurants and galleries are getting into the spirit with special activities and deals of their own.

Learn more at [OldTownScottsdaleAZ.com](https://www.OldTownScottsdaleAZ.com)



Fraesfield Trailhead (photo by Lynn Russell)

Celebrate Independence Day safely in Scottsdale

Subaru presents Scottsdale 4th of July Celebration at WestWorld. This event returns for the ninth year, from 5-10 p.m. Monday, July 4. The patriotic celebration takes place in the cool, air-conditioned comfort of the Tony Nelszen Equestrian Center at WestWorld, giving rise to the slogan “Be Red, White & COOL.” Learn more and get tickets: Scottsdale4th.com

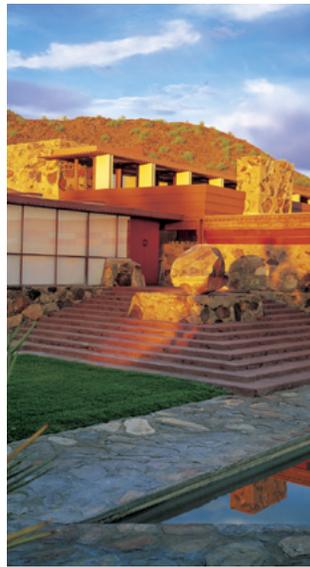
Preserve closes early July 4. To reduce the threat of wildfire, Scottsdale’s McDowell Sonoran Preserve will close at noon. The preserve will re-open around 5 a.m. Tuesday, July 5. Pinnacle Peak Park, 26802 N. 102nd Way, will be open from 5 a.m.-8 p.m. Monday, July 4.

Fireworks restrictions in place. Use of fireworks is 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, city parking lots, city parks, public schools and city streets. Violation of these restrictions is a civil offense punishable by citations and fines.

Get more information about firework restrictions and safety tips at ScottsdaleAZ.gov, search “fireworks.”

Investing in Our Scottsdale: Raintree Drive extension

Construction continues on this project, which will provide a direct connection through the Scottsdale Airpark between Loop 101 and Scottsdale Road. This extension will simplify the route from Hayden to Scottsdale roads and help to relieve some of the traffic congestion on Frank Lloyd Wright Boulevard. The first phase of the project from 76th Place to Hayden Road is scheduled to be complete in summer 2023. Funding is provided through various sources including Proposition 400 regional transportation sales tax dollars and 2000 voter-approved bonds. ScottsdaleAZ.gov, search “construction”



More to explore at Camp Taliesin West

Located at Frank Lloyd Wright’s home in Scottsdale, Camp Taliesin West encourages participants to explore, create and design with fun and educational activities in a setting like no other. Taliesin West is one of two UNESCO World Heritage sites in Arizona. Several camp sessions, open to students ages 7-15, are scheduled for June-July, both online and in-person. No prior experience or

membership is required, and camp fees vary. The Frank Lloyd Wright Foundation strives to make Taliesin West available to everyone, particularly students from diverse socio-economic backgrounds. Through the Foundation’s Community Access Program, qualifying students can attend a camp for free. Info: FrankLloydWright.org

Things To Do

For complete details, search events names 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

Find out about the latest green building trends at a **Green Building webinar** June 2

Discover the people, policies and programs that shape our community June 9, 23 and July 7 as part of **Scottsdale 360**

Scottsdale’s **Juneteenth Freedom Celebration** is June 19 at Scottsdale Stadium

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