Scottsdale Water issued Arizona’s first permit for direct use of recycled water

Earlier this year, Scottsdale’s Advanced Water Treatment Plant became the state’s first permanent water treatment facility permitted to treat recycled water for potable (drinkable) water uses.

To celebrate, Scottsdale used a unique approach to introduce recycled water to the public -- beer!

Nov. 8 and 9, Scottsdale Water and Canal Convergence – the city's premier arts and education event – hosted the world’s first beer festival featuring only craft beers brewed with recycled water. The One Water Brewing Showcase at Canal Convergence spotlighted 10 Valley breweries who crafted and served beer made from water delivered directly from Scottsdale’s Advanced Water Treatment Plant.

The city’s Advanced Water Treatment Plant has performed indirect potable reuse - recharging ultrapure water into the drinking water aquifer - for more than 20 years but until 2018, there was a regulatory prohibition in Arizona against using recycled water for direct potable use.

While Scottsdale has the technical ability to treat recycled water to a level exceeding drinking water quality standards, the city will not send recycled water into the drinking water system. However, Scottsdale’s groundbreaking permit establishes a model for cities across Arizona to begin working toward reusing their precious water resources for future, long-term water sustainability.

For more information about the Advanced Water Treatment Plant and a water quality report for the DPR water used at the One Water Brewing Showcase, visit ScottsdaleAZ.gov and search “recycled water.”

Scottsdale’s signature holiday celebration features a sleigh-full of family-friendly activities throughout December. Highlights are below; browse the full schedule at Scottsdazzle.com.

**Holiday Tree Lighting and Sing-Along** - This magical start to the season lights up the Scottsdale night with more than 1 million custom colors on the Scottsdazzle tree. 7 to 9 p.m. Nov. 30 on the Scottsdale Waterfront's Soleri Bridge.

**Sugar Plum Avenue** – Kids of all ages will be enchanted by sugar plum fairies, princesses, aerial performances, candy land bounce houses, Nutcracker ballet performances each hour and a brand-new tea party in the street. 3 to 7 p.m. Dec. 7 on Old Town's 5th Avenue.

**Gold Palette ArtWalk** – This special holiday-themed ArtWalk celebrates the spirit of Scottsdazzle with ice sculptors creating frozen masterpieces, strolling carolers, visits from “elves” and refreshments designed to help get guests in the holiday mood. 6:30 to 9 p.m. Dec. 12 in Old Town.

**Santa Wine Around and Ale Trail** – Special discounts and a commemorative glass for those who come dressed as Santa, Mrs. Claus or an elf! 6 to 9 p.m. Dec. 14 in Old Town.

**Sweet Treat Trail** – This new event features a delicious dessert tasting experience that takes place at local sweet shops around Old Town. Complete the Sweet Trail to be entered to win one of several fun “Treat Yourself” prize packages valued at $300! 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Dec. 15 in Old Town.

**Canal Concert Series** – Holiday sounds abound featuring the local talent of the Scottsdale Chorus, Phoenix Girls Chorus and Campanillas del Sol Handbell Ensemble. 7 to 8:30 p.m. Dec. 7, 14 and 21 near the Waterfront’s Soleri Bridge.

Steam into the holiday season with McCormick-Stillman Railroad Park’s Holiday Lights

Opening night is Friday, Nov. 29, and the event runs through Sunday, Jan. 5. Festivities take place 6:30 to 9 p.m. nightly, with a few exceptions.

The Holiday Lights experience on the Paradise & Pacific Railroad is $5; children two and younger ride free with a paying adult. Avoid lines by buying a fast pass available beginning Friday, Nov. 1.

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.”

Alli Ortega Empty Bowls raises funds to fight hunger Dec. 4. Local artisans sell hand-crafted bowls to benefit Vista del Camino social services. 11 a.m. at Scottsdale Community College, Student Center cafeteria. Information: ScottsdaleArtsLearning.org.

Civic Center Library hosts “Begged and Borrowed” duo. Join Shannon Schumann and Rick Boyle for an afternoon of traditional Celtic holiday music and favorite holiday tunes from 2 to 3 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 8, in the library auditorium. More info on the events calendar at ScottsdaleLibrary.org.

Most city offices will be closed Dec. 25, Jan. 1 and 21 for the holidays. Please note that trash and recycling collections for Christmas Day and New Year’s take place one day later than normal for the week. Collection for the MLK holiday will not be affected. More info: search “holiday pickup” at ScottsdaleAZ.gov.

Check out Scottsdale’s 2019 annual report to you … our citizens. This document provides an overview of the city’s priorities, strategic initiatives and performance measures. It is organized around the six guiding principles the city uses to achieve its mission. Visit ScottsdaleAZ.gov, search “annual report.”

Old Town’s free Sunday A’Fair minifestivals return Jan. 12. featuring the Valley’s top musicians, an arts-and-crafts market and fun activities for children and families. The concerts are noon to 4 p.m. most Sundays through March 29, at Scottsdale Civic Center. Information: ScottsdalePerformingArts.org.


Rock ‘N’ Roll Marathon runs through Scottsdale Jan. 19. 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.

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General city information: 480-312-3111 or email questions@ScottsdaleAZ.gov

Recycle your Christmas tree. Drop-off bins will be available Jan. 4-12 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.”

Scottsdale City Council adopts amendment, ordinance protecting neighborhoods. The Scottsdale City Council recently adopted an amendment to an existing code that requires owners of short-term or vacation rentals to provide emergency and complaint contact information including names, email addresses and phone numbers. The amendment also emphasizes that these rentals may not be used for non-residential purposes such as restaurants, event centers, commercial business, etc. The City Council also voted to adopt a citywide “Nuisance Parties and Unlawful Gatherings” ordinance. The ordinance specifically addresses unruly parties or gatherings. Get more information about short-term vacation rentals at ScottsdaleAZ.gov, search “vacation rentals.”

MLK Jr. Community Dinner Celebration is Jan. 16
ASU football coach Herm Edwards headlines Scottsdale’s 26th Annual Martin Luther King Jr. Community Dinner Celebration. Edwards has been recognized by many organizations for his work in the community. The event takes place Thursday, Jan. 16, at the Embassy Suites, 5001 N. Scottsdale Road. Registration begins at 5 p.m. and the program begins at 6 p.m. Find more information and purchase tickets at ScottsdaleMLK.org.

THINGS TO DO
For details, search terms in bold at ScottsdaleAZ.gov/events:

- Learn more about bio-life science innovation happening in Scottsdale at the Cure Corridor event Dec. 4
- Learn about “dirty electricity” at the Dec. 5 Green Building lecture
- Electronics recycling takes place Dec. 7
- Attend the Ultimate Play Date- enjoy a play-filled day of interactive art, science, sports and building activities for kids up to 8 years old, Dec. 7 at the Civic Center Library