Scottsdale’s signature holiday celebration will return for a fifth year

Scottsdale is a monthlong holiday celebration that occurs throughout Old Town Scottsdale from late November through December. This year’s holiday festivities will likely look a little different than previous years. The city is working on programming events and décor that will spread the same merriment and cheer as years past, while adhering to federal, state and CDC safety guidelines.

Mark your calendars for Friday, Nov. 27, as Scottsdale kicks-off its month-long holiday celebration.

Begin the season with Scottsdazzle Stroll – a community event at the Scottsdale Waterfront that welcomes guests to take a stroll along the canal, view magical holiday décor and listen to lively holiday tunes.

Scottsdazzle Stroll is just one of the 16 reimagined Scottsdazzle events that allow residents and visitors to safely revel in the magic of the holidays.

Details for all the fun and festive Scottsdazzle events can be found at Scottsdazzle.com.

Ticket registration opens Monday, Nov. 16, for events that are not free to attend. Seating for ticketed events will be limited to adhere to CDC guidelines and proper social distancing between participants.

Net proceeds from events that include a cost will benefit Scottsdale’s Vista del Camino Community Center. The nonprofit provides food, rent and utility assistance, seasonal programs and a variety of other services to underserved individuals and families in our community.

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

Experience the magic of the holiday season – safely – on board the Paradise & Pacific Railroad as the park lights up Scottsdale with a winter wonderland of holiday lights and displays. There are several big changes to this year’s event that will provide a safe and physically distanced environment.

Tickets for Holiday Lights are $15, with free admission for children two years old and younger. Learn more at therailroadpark.com/holidaylights.
A Healthy Scottsdale Starts with You.

The success of our community in the battle against COVID-19 relies on the collective efforts of individual people and organizations. We’ve made it easy for you to spread the word with free, downloadable images and print material to show that you support a healthy Scottsdale.

Request a free poster pack for your business or organization ScottsdaleAZ.gov, search “healthy Scottsdale.”

Look for the Healthy Scottsdale campaign at Scottsdale Quarter, or ask for a Healthy Scottsdale mask at any city library or recreation center.

Recycle your Christmas tree at these drop off locations, Jan. 2-10.

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.”


Innovative. Helping. Steadfast. These three words form a common theme around the stories and actions highlighted in the city’s recently-released Resilience and Recovery Report and corresponding video.

As the COVID-19 pandemic and economic crisis disrupted our daily professional and personal lives — here in Scottsdale and across the world — city employees remained dedicated in their roles to provide safe and simply better public service.

The report provides updates and highlights of Scottsdale’s resilience and pandemic recovery accomplishments. Its sections cover Community Assistance, Business Assistance, Communication and Outreach, Workforce Support and Safety/Operational Enhancements. Read the report and watch the video at ScottsdaleAZ.gov, search “recovery report.”

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. View a list of open galleries and safety measures at scottsdalegalleries.com.

Make a resolution to start saving water – Try these winter watering tips.

Water your landscape less frequently during the winter. Dormant Bermuda grass needs water only about every 30 days. If you planted rye grass in the fall, it requires water about once every two weeks. Watering less means it might be harder to spot leaks, so follow our handy checklist to perform a mini irrigation check at ScottsdaleAZ.gov, search “irrigation audit.”

Sewer fees based on December, January and February usage.

Sewer charges are recalculated annually in July based on your average water use billed in December, January and February. If your water usage during these months is not a true reflection of the actual water discharged to the city’s sewer system — you filled a pool or planted a winter lawn — you may appeal your sewer charges by completing a sewer charge adjustment request. ScottsdaleAZ.gov, search “sewer charge.”

Nominate a person or organization that embodies the Scottsdale spirit.

Scottsdale’s Neighborhood Advisory Commission wants to showcase the people and organizations that embody the “Spirit of Scottsdale.” This award recognizes residents and organizations/businesses that help to strengthen and build Scottsdale’s community through their commitment to and involvement in neighborhoods. Fill out your nomination by Dec. 31, at ScottsdaleAZ.gov, search “spirit awards.”

Old Town Farmers Market in full swing.

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