

SCOTTSDALE UPDATE

News for our residents and customers

December 2020/January 2021



Events in Scottsdale in the COVID-19 environment

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.

Under Governor Executive Order 2020-43, organized public events of more than 50 people are prohibited unless the city has approved the event, and only if adequate safety precautions are implemented, including physical distancing measures.

The city's events team has created a specific process to evaluate events proposed during COVID-19 restrictions. Applicants provide specific safety and operations plans that must include enhanced hygiene and cleaning practices, limits on crowd capacity and gathering areas, and appropriate physical distancing measures. Staff reviews these submissions and addresses any issues prior to authorizing events.

Learn more about how we're monitoring for compliance and have upgraded operating and systems at city venues. [ScottsdaleAZ.gov](https://scottsdaleaz.gov), search "events in COVID."

As we've learned with COVID-19, things change day-to-day. Find the latest city updates and links to resources and other information at [ScottsdaleAZ.gov](https://scottsdaleaz.gov).



A city employee safely preps supplies for Scottsdale's Back-to-School event, which took place in July 2020.



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

Scottsdazzle 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 Scottsdazzle 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](https://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.



Meet your new mayor and city council.

The November General Election results were not available at print time. Please visit ScottsdaleAZ.gov for more information.

City accepting donations for holiday giving programs.

Sign up now to help those in need for the holiday Adopt-a-Senior and/or Adopt-a-Family programs. Recipients must meet eligibility requirements. Learn more at ScottsdaleAZ.gov, search “Scottsdale Shares.”

Most city offices closed Dec. 25 and Jan. 1 and 18.

Please note that trash and/or recycling collection for Christmas and New Year’s moves from Friday, Dec. 25, to Saturday, Dec. 26; and Friday, Jan. 1, to Saturday, Jan. 2, respectively. Collection does not change for the Martin Luther King Jr. Holiday Monday, Jan. 18. ScottsdaleAZ.gov, search “holiday collection.”

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.

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.”



Scottsdale releases COVID-19 Resilience and Recovery Report.

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.”

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.



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