Scottsdale’s General Plan defines the community’s goals for growth, development, character, mobility and a variety of other community aspects. The city is required to update and ratify the plan every ten years, per state statute. However, because voters declined to ratify updates, the current Scottsdale General Plan adopted in 2001 and ratified in 2002 still stands as the city’s guiding document.

The community is working to update General Plan 2035. Learn how you can participate and get details about the plan at ScottsdaleAZ.gov, search “General Plan 2035.”

INVESTING IN OUR SCOTTSDALE: HIGHLIGHTS OF TWO BOND PROJECTS

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

Fire station 603: This recently-completed fire station includes crew quarters and facilities, office space, OSHA-certified decontamination area, safety gear storage and two apparatus bays. The original station was located on McDonald Drive just east of Scottsdale Road. Studies confirmed that location no longer provided optimal coverage to the city so this new station was built near Indian Bend and Hayden roads.

Indian School Park and Scottsdale Ranch tennis courts: The city replaced 36 asphalt tennis courts at Indian School Park and Scottsdale Ranch tennis center with post-tension concrete. This modern procedure dramatically increases the court’s life and reduces ongoing maintenance and operating costs. These improvements will save an estimated $3-$4 million in maintenance and repair costs over the 30-year life of the concrete courts and keep revenue-generating events and programs at city tennis facilities.

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

SCOTTSDALE WATER INTRODUCES WATERSMART CUSTOMER PORTAL PROGRAM

This free service provides water customers more tools to monitor and manage their water use. Log into the portal to review your water use, complete the water-use survey and set up alerts based on your preferences. WaterSmart has several features available to customers including:

- High usage or bill notifications
- Comparisons to previous years
- Interactive leak check tutorial

Visit scottsdale.watersmart.com and start taking control of your water use!
**THINGS TO DO**

**Get drawn into Scottsdale ArtWalk - an American original.** Stroll at your own pace, wander into galleries through a festive area enjoying dramatic statues, bubbling fountains, tree-covered courtyards, famed restaurants and live music. ArtWalk runs from 7-9 p.m. Thursdays, year-round in Old Town. COVID-19 protocols are in place. ScottsdaleGalleries.com

**Veg out at the Old Town Farmers Market.**

Buy fresh vegetables, fruits and creative crafts at Scottsdale’s Old Town Farmers Market. It’s held 8 a.m.-1 p.m. Saturdays through May. The market is in the public parking lot at 3806 N. Brown Ave. COVID-19 protocols are in place. ArizonaCommunityFarmersMarkets.com

**Tents by the Tracks.**

Experience a night of fun and adventure while camping at the McCormick-Stillman Railroad Park. We will have a variety of activities suitable for all ages, including a full dinner, a movie, breakfast, and train and carousel rides. Hartley’s General Store will be open for ice cream and other treats. The event runs from 4 p.m.-8 a.m. April 10-11. Cost varies by space and number of people in your party. TheRailroadPark.com

**Plug into Electronics Recycling Collection Day, May 1.** Scottsdale residents can recycle unwanted electronics from 7:30 a.m.-2 p.m. Saturday, May 1, at the city’s Corporation Yard, 9191 E. San Salvador. Items accepted include computer, office and entertainment equipment.

**Stamp out hunger May 8.** More than ever, we need your help to restock Scottsdale’s Vista del Camino Food Bank. Participate in the National Association of Letter Carriers’ Stamp Out Hunger Food Drive by placing nonperishable food near your mailbox Saturday, May 8. Your letter carrier will pick up items and deliver to food banks.

**Most Scottsdale offices closed Memorial Day.** While most city offices will be closed for Memorial Day, Monday, May 31, your trash will be collected as scheduled. Please place your containers in their normal spot by 5 a.m. the morning of collection or the night before.