

# SCOTTSDALE UPDATE

News for our residents and customers

April/May 2020



United States  
**Census  
2020**

## YOUR PARTICIPATION IN THE 2020 CENSUS IS VITAL

Census notices will begin arriving in Scottsdale mailboxes March 12—a key point in the once-a-decade process to count everyone in the United States.

Data collected via the short questionnaire affects more than \$20 billion in funding annually for Arizona, and responding in Scottsdale helps our community receive its fair share. The city also uses census data to plan services and projects, and to place facilities like fire stations, parks and community centers where they will be most effective - an accurate count is vital!

*What should I know about completing the census?*

**You have three different choices to complete the census questionnaire.** Respond in the method you're most comfortable with -- online, by phone or on paper.

The census will not come in the form of an unsolicited email and it won't ask for money.

*Is it safe to complete my questionnaire online?*

**The 2020 Census website is safe and secure.** Regardless of how you respond, the Census Bureau is bound by federal law to protect your information.

*How long will it take to complete the form?*

**Filling out the census form should only take a few minutes** - the long forms are long gone. There are fewer than 10 questions covering things like age, gender, race and household living arrangements.

*Where can I find free internet access to complete my census?*

**Starting March 16, you can stop by one of Scottsdale's census assistance centers to complete your online questionnaire.** Assistance centers will be located at all Scottsdale library branches, Via Linda and Granite Reef senior centers, as well as Paiute and Vista del Camino community centers.

*What about part-time residents?*

**If you don't live in Scottsdale year-round, you should report your U.S. residency wherever you live and sleep most of the time** - even if you are a citizen of a foreign country. If you aren't sure, report your residency where you are on April 1.

*When do I have to respond?*

**You are encouraged to respond by April 30.** Starting in May, the Census Bureau will begin follow-ups at households who haven't responded. All census responses need to be received no later than July 31.

*When will we know the results?*

**The Census Bureau must deliver a report to the president by Dec. 31.** Local details will be released beginning in March 2021.

Learn more about the 2020 Census and find resources and information at [ScottsdaleAZ.gov](http://ScottsdaleAZ.gov), search "census."

**We're counting on you, Scottsdale!**

## Celebrate the 50th anniversary of Earth Day

Scottsdale has always focused on innovative practices that help the community live in harmony with the environment. From the Indian Bend Wash Greenbelt (the nation's first non-structural flood control solution), to the McDowell Sonoran Preserve (among the largest municipally-owned preserves in the world), to our internationally-recognized Advanced Water Treatment Plant that recycles water for golf courses, Scottsdale's earth-friendly legacy sets us apart.

Earth Day will celebrate its 50th anniversary in April - join your neighbors and your city at these fun and informative events and programs to recognize all of the people and organizations that continue building upon this impressive legacy.

### Scottsdale's 50th Anniversary Earth Day Celebration

**7:30 to 9 a.m. Wednesday, April 22**

*Horizon Park (15444 N. 100th St.)*

Join the Mayor and City Council for light refreshments, a tree planting, information booths, interactive demonstrations and more. The event is free, but please register so we know how many to people to plan for: [bit.ly/ScottsdaleEarthDay](http://bit.ly/ScottsdaleEarthDay)

### Xeriscape Garden Tours featuring our desert trees

**10 a.m. to noon - Friday, April 17 and Saturday, May 2**

*Scottsdale Xeriscape Garden at Chaparral Park (southeast corner of Hayden Road and McDonald Drive)*

One of Scottsdale's certified arborists will lead a walking tour (approx. two hours) through the Scottsdale Xeriscape Garden, where you can experience the beauty of desert plants and have your questions answered by an expert. The tours are free, but please register at [ScottsdaleAZ.gov](http://ScottsdaleAZ.gov), search "workshops" (or call 480-312-5650).

Would you like to learn more about the city of Scottsdale's efforts and accomplishments in environmental sustainability?

Visit [ScottsdaleAZ.gov](http://ScottsdaleAZ.gov) and search "Sustainable Scottsdale" to find more information about the city's efforts and achievements, and resources to help homeowners and businesses live more sustainably.

*The Scottsdale Xeriscape Garden at Chaparral Park*



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Golden Rule Day celebration is April 11

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International Community Affairs promotes Scottsdale as a Golden Rule City where people value kindness, empathy, respect and civility. The event is 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, April 11, at the Scottsdale Center for the Performing Arts Fountain Stage. Performances include the Be Kind People Dance Crew, Arizona Interfaith Choir and Doc Jones' Motown/Jazz band. Our special guest speaker is peace activist Ken E. Nwadike Jr. of the Free Hugs Project. Enjoy food trucks too! For more information visit [ScottsdaleAZ.gov](http://ScottsdaleAZ.gov), search "golden rule."

 @ScottsdaleForAll



**The Scottsdale Seed Library is stocked with plant and herb seeds for Arizona's growing conditions and seasons.**

Scottsdale's Seed Library is located at Mustang Library (10101 N. 90th St.). Library card holders are welcome to check out three seed packets per month (seed availability is dependent on seasonal growing conditions). The seeds you get from the Seed Library are yours to plant and nourish! Presented in partnership with Garden Pool, an Arizona-based international public charity dedicated to the research and education of sustainable ways to grow food. Learn more about seed libraries at [SeedLibrary.info](http://SeedLibrary.info).

## Let's talk about the "F" word...

# FINES!

*(obviously!)*

The Scottsdale Public Library is offering to waive your Fines from **April 1** (no foolin'!) through **May 31!**

Simply return your overdue items to any of the Scottsdale Public Libraries and speak with a staff member, and we'll delete your FINES. It's that easy!

\*Here's the fine print, because, well, there is always fine print: This doesn't apply to replacement costs for lost or damaged items.

Visit [ScottsdaleLibrary.org](http://ScottsdaleLibrary.org) or call 480-312-READ (7323) for details.

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**General city information:**

480-312-3111 or email [questions@ScottsdaleAZ.gov](mailto:questions@ScottsdaleAZ.gov)



CELEBRATE INTERNATIONAL JAZZ DAY & ARIZONA JAZZ APPRECIATION MONTH

# SCOTTSDALE JAZZ FESTIVAL 2020

## EVENTS CANCELLED



**SATURDAY, APRIL 4TH**  
NOON - 6PM

### FREE ADMISSION

SCOTTSDALE CENTER FOR THE PERFORMING ARTS  
FOUNTAIN STAGE  
[BRING YOUR LAWN CHAIRS]

RESERVED SEATING  
DONATIONS \$125 OR MORE



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### MORE THINGS TO DO

For more info, search terms in bold at [ScottsdaleAZ.gov](http://ScottsdaleAZ.gov):

- Learn how to stay cool with radiant cooling at the next **Green Building Lecture** April 2.
- Big things are in store with the **Fortress Little Expo** April 4.
- **McCormick-Stillman Railroad Park's** free summer concert series featuring **John Legend** 7:30-9 p.m. each Sunday, May 3 through July 5. Info at [TheRailroadPark.com](http://TheRailroadPark.com).
- Stroll Old Town galleries and enjoy entertainment and refreshments each Thursday evening at the Scottsdale ArtWalk (learn more at [ScottsdaleGalleries.com](http://ScottsdaleGalleries.com)).
- Enjoy the **Old Town Scottsdale Farmers' Market** 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. each Saturday through May 26.

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