

Sustainable Scottsdale: City crews save and salvage foliage as part of Civic Center renovation



The trees were relocated to other public spaces, like McCormick-Stillman Railroad Park, and some will be returned to the Civic Center next year. Several were used to replace mature trees lost during the last during monsoon. One major benefit in saving these trees is the amount of shade they provide in comparison to a newly planted tree. Smaller plants from the site, like flowers and shrubs, were added to medians and rights-of-way throughout the city. Scottsdale's commitment to conservation extends into every aspect of how city parks are maintained. Nearly all parks in Scottsdale are equipped with irrigation control systems that shut down when rain is detected, recognize mainline breaks and allow crews to remotely address issues and adjust water levels with the touch of a button for unparalleled response times under changing conditions. Additionally, rainwaters gathered from impoundment lakes at five city parks serve as a no-cost source for irrigation water. There are several turf-to-xeriscape conversions underway at Scottsdale parks to ensure the city uses even less water in the years ahead. These conservation efforts save hundreds of millions of gallons of water each year, and model Scottsdale's commitment to using water wisely.

Search "[Park Irrigation Usage](#)" at [ScottsdaleAZ.gov](#) and select your favorite park to see a graph of the city's water usage to maintain that public space over time.



Investing in Our Scottsdale: The city replaced Public Safety's aged-battery backup system

Despite the challenges created by COVID-19, the Information Technology Radio Engineering team completed the project, approved by voters in the 2019 Bond Election, within budget and on schedule. These batteries are used when there is a commercial power interruption and provide the critical link between commercial power and generator power, ensuring police and fire radios continue to transmit life-critical and time-sensitive information during power interruptions. The old batteries were installed in 2010 and had an average lifespan of seven years. The team maintained the health of these battery systems for 12 years through specialized maintenance and management providing considerable savings while ensuring these units were functional and not vulnerable to a power outage.



Scottsdale implements E-Qual for August council election



Scottsdale will go digital in its August primary election process with the city's launch of E-Qual – a system provided by the Arizona Secretary of State's Office that allows candidates for office to collect their signatures electronically. E-Qual verifies voter information against the statewide voter registration database and provides the voter with a list of nomination petitions eligible for them to sign.

Scottsdale will hold a primary election on Tuesday, Aug. 2, to elect three councilmembers. City Council candidates are required to obtain 1,000 signatures from Scottsdale registered voters in order to be placed on the ballot. In the past, these signatures had to be gathered using hard-copy petition sheets.

Step-by-step PDF guides on how to use E-Qual for candidates and voters, along with other documentation about running for office, can be found on [ScottsdaleAZ.gov](#), search "[Campaign Forms](#)."



Adopt-a-Road program is back Saturday, April 23. Save the date for the next citywide cleanup Saturday, April 23, in conjunction with National Make A Difference Day. You can join an existing group or start your own. Registered groups will receive trash bags, cotton gloves and safety

vests a couple weeks before the event. Get details and register at ScottsdaleAZ.gov, search “adopt-a-road.”

Get property information 24/7. Users can immediately access zoning information, find an interactive map, connect with the County Assessor, and search for associated development cases, plan reviews and permits for a property. Users can also request more custom information, such as site-specific setbacks, land uses and information regarding signage. ScottsdaleAZ.gov, search “property request”

Lions and tigers and bears, oh my. You likely won’t see these wondering our streets, but it’s not uncommon to see other native wildlife such as coyotes around town. Fortunately, taking a few simple steps can prevent many of the most common wildlife-related problems around your home. Visit the Arizona Game & Fish website to get information on coexisting with Arizona’s wildlife, especially in urban areas at AZGFD.com.

Help residents in need through Scottsdale Cares. Simply pay the “grand total” on your monthly city utility bill and a dollar will go toward Scottsdale Cares, the city’s voluntary utility bill donation program. One hundred percent of the proceeds are distributed to nonprofits that help thousands of neighbors in need. ScottsdaleAZ.gov, search “Scottsdale Cares”

April is Safe Digging Month. Have you ever wondered what the different colored markings on roads or in yards are? They’re a sign that a homeowner or contractor has put safety first and had utility lines identified prior to excavation. Utility lines that serve the community with vital services such as natural gas, electricity, sewer and water can be buried anywhere. Striking a utility line not only poses a safety risk but can also cause an interruption of service to customers.

May is Stroke Awareness Month. The signs are “FAST” to learn. F is for face - Have the person smile. If one side of the face droops call 911 immediately; A is for arms - Ask the person to raise both arms. If one arm drifts downward, call 911 immediately; S is for speech - Ask the person to repeat a simple phrase. If the speech is slurred or strange, call 911 immediately; T is for time - Get help immediately. StrokeAssociation.org

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Tents by the Tracks

Pitch your tents by the tracks and 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. Saturday, April 9-10. Cost varies by space and number of people in your party. TheRailroadPark.com

Things To Do

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

Learn about the city’s public art pieces; ride along our award-winning bike paths at **Cycle the Arts**, April 3

Recognize **National Library Week**, April 3-9; use the hashtag #ScottsdaleLibraryWeek2022

Protect your identity by bringing your documents to the “**Shred It**” event, April 9

Celebrate **Earth Day** with a series of activities and events, April 22-29



Plug into **Electronics Recycling Collection Day**, May 7

Restock Scottsdale’s Vista del Camino Food Bank during the **Stamp Out Hunger Food Drive**, May 14

Support Spring **Arizona Restaurant Week**, May 20-29



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