

SCOTTSDALE UPDATE

News for our residents and customers

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Scottsdale Shares provides one point of contact for residents, businesses and organizations seeking to assist those in need through donations or volunteer activities. Learn more at ScottsdaleAZ.gov, search “Scottsdale Shares.”

Dash, dance and prance your way to Pinnacle Peak Park’s Jingle Hike, Dec. 1. Enjoy a ho-ho-ho hike and a trailside visit with the jolly old guy himself. Various times are available Saturday, Dec. 1, at the park: 9 to 9:30 a.m., 9:30 to 10 a.m. or 10 to 10:30 a.m. The cost per family is \$10 for residents; \$15 for nonresidents. Children must hike with a registered adult; strollers and bikes are not allowed. Register at Recreation.ScottsdaleAZ.gov, search “Jingle Hike.”

“Rides for Toys” is Dec. 1. Children can ride in a fire engine from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 1, at the Loop 101 and Frank Lloyd Wright Boulevard Target store by donating a new unwrapped gift for Scottsdale Fire’s annual holiday toy drive. You can also donate toys at any fire station through Dec. 21. Call 480-312-1817 for more information.

Civic Center Library hosts “Aspenglow: A John Denver Winter Wonderland Concert.” Cottonwood Stone performs John Denver’s holiday songs to bring in the joy of the season 1 to 2 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 15, in the library auditorium. More info on the events calendar at ScottsdaleLibrary.org.

Rock ‘N’ Roll Marathon runs through Scottsdale Jan. 20. The full-marathon course enters Scottsdale along Indian School Road and includes a portion of Old Town. The half-marathon course includes Scottsdale sections of Thomas, McDowell, Hayden and Scottsdale roads. Road closure information will be available on the marathon website: RunRockNRoll.com.

The Barrett-Jackson Collector Car Auction returns to WestWorld Jan. 12-20 bringing hundreds of the world’s finest collector automobiles and thousands of spectators to Scottsdale. The auction also features an exhibitor marketplace and hours of live worldwide television coverage. Get more information and buy tickets at Barrett-Jackson.com.

Old Town’s free Sunday A’Fair minifestivals return Jan. 13 featuring the Valley’s top musicians, an arts-and-crafts market and fun activities for children and families. The concerts are noon to 4 p.m. most Sundays through April 7 on the Civic Center Mall. Information: ScottsdalePerformingArts.org.



Scottsdale’s signature holiday celebration features a sleigh-full of family-friendly activities. Highlights are below; browse the full schedule at Scottsdazzle.com.

Holiday Tree Lighting and Sing-Along – This magical start to the season lights up the Scottsdale night with more than 1 million custom colors on the Scottsdazzle tree. 7 to 9 p.m. Nov. 24 on the Scottsdale Waterfront’s Soleri Bridge.

Feliz Navidad Fiesta – This new event features poinsettias for sale, unique piñatas, tamale tasting and sales as well as live entertainment. Noon to 4 p.m. Dec. 1 in Historic Old Town.

Sugar Plum Avenue – Kids of all ages will be enchanted by sugar plum fairies, princesses, aerial performances, candy land bounce houses, Nutcracker ballet performances each hour and a brand-new tea party in the street. 3 to 7 p.m. Dec. 8 on Old Town’s 5th Avenue.

Gold Palette ArtWalk – This special holiday-themed ArtWalk celebrates the spirit of Scottsdazzle with ice sculptors creating frozen masterpieces, strolling carolers, visits from “elves” and refreshments designed to help get guests in the holiday mood. 6:30 to 9 p.m. Dec. 13 in Old Town.

Santa Wine Around and Ale Trail – Special discounts and a commemorative glass for those who come dressed as Santa, Mrs. Claus or an elf! 6 to 9 p.m. Dec. 15 in Old Town.

Java Jingle Crawl – Another Scottsdazzle “first” this year, the Jingle Java Crawl features tasting stops at several of the popular locally owned coffee shops in Old Town. 8 to 11 a.m. Dec. 22 in Old Town.

Canal Concert Series – Holiday sounds abound featuring the local talent of the Phoenix Boys Choir, Campanillas del Sol Handbell Ensemble, MusicaNova Brass Quintet and more. 7 to 8:30 p.m. Saturday evenings in December near the Waterfront’s Soleri Bridge.



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

Opening night is Friday, Nov. 30, and the event runs through Sunday, Jan. 6. Festivities take place 6:30 to 9 p.m. nightly, with a few exceptions.

The Holiday Lights experience on the Paradise & Pacific Railroad is \$5; children two and younger ride free with a paying adult. Avoid lines by buying a fast pass available beginning Thursday, Nov. 1.

Find details at TheRailroadPark.com.

Work begins to repair, rebuild high-profile Scottsdale bridges

Work will begin this winter to repair Scottsdale's Drinkwater Boulevard Underpass and 68th Street bridge. Emergency funding to repair the damaged infrastructure was approved by the City Council Oct. 16. Portions of both bridges were closed earlier this year due to structural concerns found during inspections.

The money to pay for repairs will come primarily from deferring other planned projects and using savings from recently completed projects.

The 68th Street bridge spans the Arizona Canal just north of Indian School Road. The bridge's inside lanes were closed after a routine inspection discovered deterioration of the structure. Further inspection and testing of the structure determined the entire bridge needed to be replaced – work will occur January through March 2019 and cost approximately \$3.4 million.

The Drinkwater Boulevard Underpass, between Second Street and Indian School Road, was closed after inspections uncovered structural deterioration. The closure also included portions of the Civic Center Mall, a popular event and community space. Work will begin this December to build a new supporting wall below the mall structure and fill in an open area of the bridge deck. Repairs will cost about \$6.6 million and are scheduled to be complete next fall.

The Drinkwater underpass was built in the mid-1980s and allowed expansion of the mall, an open space of grass, shade trees, public art and fountains.



While a small portion of the mall will be closed for about the next year, the balance of the 11-acre site remains open, and Scottsdale's iconic LOVE sculpture is once again accessible. The sculpture was recently relocated closer to the Civic Center Library to an area that provides a

better backdrop and improved lighting for photographs.

The city's tourism and events team is working with Scottsdale Arts and other producers to ensure events such as Scottsdale Arts Festival and Culinary Festival continue at the location with minimal disruption during construction. A pedestrian walkway was recently added linking the east and west portions of the mall.

Learn more at ScottsdaleAZ.gov, search "68th Street" or "Drinkwater bridge."



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General city information:

480-312-3111 or email questions@ScottsdaleAZ.gov

Recycle your Christmas tree. Drop-off bins will be available Jan. 5-13 at Eldorado, Scottsdale Ranch and Thompson Peak parks, or place your tree in your green waste pile, separate from your bulk trash, for collection during your scheduled brush/bulk service week. The recycled trees will be turned into mulch—so please, no artificial trees, stands or ornaments—they cannot be collected.

For more information on Scottsdale recycling programs, visit ScottsdaleAZ.gov and search "recycling."



The city's General Obligation debt is rated AAA—the highest level—according to three separate agencies, making the city one of just 30 in the United States to earn the distinction. Having the highest rated General Obligation debt means Scottsdale can borrow money at very low interest rates, saving taxpayers millions over the life of loans. Learn more at ScottsdaleAZ.gov, search "credit rating."

The free Scottsdale Trolley now serves more of the city. The trolley now goes to the Via Linda Senior Center, Mountain View Community Center, Mustang Transit Center, Mustang Library and the shopping center at Northsight Boulevard and Raintree Drive. Check out the new routes at ScottsdaleTrolley.com.

MLK Jr. Community Dinner Celebration is Jan. 16

Modern-day activist Carmen Perez headlines Scottsdale's 25th Anniversary Martin

Luther King Jr. Community Dinner Celebration. The event takes place Wednesday, Jan. 16. Perez has dedicated 20 years to advocating for many of today's civil rights issues and was named one of Fortune's Top 50 World Leaders and one of TIME's most influential people in 2017. Find more information and purchase tickets at ScottsdaleMLK.org.



THINGS TO DO

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

- **Electronics recycling** takes place Dec. 1
- Learn about "Building Our New Energy Future" at the Dec. 6 **Green Building** program
- Attend the **Cure Corridor** event Dec. 7 to learn about health care and bio-life science innovation happening in Scottsdale
- Don't toss personal info: "**Shred It**" Dec. 8
- Explore Civic Center Library's **Frank Lloyd Wright** exhibit through Dec. 31



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