Bond projects bringing fire stations; ball fields being designed

Scottsdale's newest fire stations are nearing completion. Station 603, on Indian Bend Road just east of Hayden Road, serves the McCormick Ranch area. Station 616, currently operating from a “temporary” modular facility, will open at 10905 E. Loving Tree Lane. The facilities will provide improved response times, as well as modern working and living spaces for personnel and their equipment. The stations were funded with general obligation bonds approved by Scottsdale voters in 2015.

Preliminary design is also underway to build six full-sized multi-use sports fields at the Bell Road Sports Complex located on Bell Road, just east of 94th Street. This project was approved by Scottsdale voters as part of the 2019 Bond Election. See a location map here.

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

Primary Election results; important dates for General Election

Maricopa County Elections provided the final results from Scottsdale’s Aug. 4 Primary Election. No candidates received enough votes to be elected outright at the Primary, so the top two candidates for mayor and the top six candidates for council move on to the city’s Nov. 3 General Election.

See Scottsdale’s complete Aug. 4 Primary Election results and find additional election information at Scottsdale.Vote.

Important dates and deadlines for the General Election:

- Oct. 5 – Voter registration deadline
- Oct. 7 – Early ballots mailed, in-person voting available
- Oct. 23 – Last day to request a ballot in the mail
- Oct. 24 – Weekend voting available
- Oct. 28 – Suggested last day to mail back your ballots. The county must receive your voted ballot by Tuesday, Nov. 3, regardless of the postmarked date. Consider delivery time when mailing.
- Nov. 3 – Election Day

Get details at Maricopa County Elections by visiting Maricopa.Vote.

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.

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 at ScottsdaleAZ.gov, search “healthy Scottsdale.”

CARES Act funding is being put to work for Scottsdale.

Helping residents and businesses that have been hit hard economically top the list of ways that the City Council has approved more than $29 million in federal CARES Act funding be put to work in Scottsdale.

Programs and services for Scottsdale residents in need will receive $3 million, which will be used to provide things like meals and services for seniors and low-income families, rent and utility assistance, and programs for individuals experiencing homelessness.

The council’s action also provides $5 million to support local businesses including loans, grants, commercial utility assistance and expanded marketing campaigns to help Scottsdale businesses get back on their feet.

In addition to those programs, event venues like Scottsdale Center for the Performing Arts, Scottsdale Stadium, and WestWorld are among 30 city buildings slated to receive health-friendly upgrades including automatic doors and faucets, ultraviolet disinfection of air handling systems and expanded technology systems for remote work. Facilities to be upgraded also include libraries, senior centers, community centers and City Hall.

With the sudden decline in economic output during the COVID-19 pandemic, the U.S. Congress introduced and passed the CARES Act. The act provides funding to state, local and tribal governments dealing with the impact of the COVID-19 outbreak. Arizona cities and counties received about $441 million in COVID-19 relief funding, known as the AZCares Fund. City and county populations determined the specific amounts each would receive.

Learn more about Scottsdale’s COVID-19 response at ScottsdaleAZ.gov.
Celebrate Scottsdale’s McDowell Sonoran Preserve Month in October

On Oct. 3, 1994, the Scottsdale City Council formally dedicated the first lands for the preserve. The “Day One” preserve was 4.5 square miles consisting of three parcels of city-owned land. Today, this permanently protected, sustainable desert habitat encompasses 47 square miles … about one-third of Scottsdale’s land area. Read more about the preserve in the special insert included with your utility bill, or visit ScottsdaleAZ.gov, search “preserve.”

National Fire Prevention Week is Oct. 4-10. This year’s theme is “Serve Up Fire Safety in the Kitchen.” Cooking is the No. 1 cause of home fires and home fire injuries. Get kitchen fire prevention tips at www.nfpa.org.

Take control of your irrigation timer. Adjust your irrigation controller to match the weather and save water. Get monthly watering adjustment reminders from the Arizona Municipal Water Users Association by texting “WhenToWater” to 33222. Or consider purchasing a self-adjusting irrigation controller that qualifies for a rebate. ScottsdaleAZ.gov, search “rebates.”

Veg out at Old Town Scottsdale Farmers Market. The market is set to reopen Saturday, Oct. 3. Buy food and specialty items supplied by locals. Hours are 8 a.m.-1 p.m. Saturdays, through May, at 3806 N. Brown Ave. Check arizonacommunityfarmersmarkets.com for updates.

Veterans Day Commemoration

The city will honor Veterans this year as we have in the past. However, we are still working on how we can commemorate those who’ve served in a safe way that meets city, state and federal guidelines. Please check our website periodically in the next month so we can share our plans.

Parks & Recreation cancels October events

In an effort to mitigate the spread of COVID-19 in our community, Scottsdale Parks and Recreation made the difficult decision to cancel October events; including Fall Festival, McCormick-Stillman Railroad Park’s Railfair and Halloween Spook-Track-Ula.

In the meantime, Scottsdale will focus on experiences and programs where physical distancing and safety protocols can be properly enacted and enforced. We understand these cancellations are disappointing, and this decision was not made easily. Decisions regarding future events will be made and communicated in the coming months.

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