

# SCOTTSDALE UPDATE

News for our residents and customers

October/November 2015



## WELCOME TO THE PRINT EDITION OF THE SCOTTSDALE UPDATE NEWSLETTER

Scottsdale utility customers will receive this newsletter every other month in their bills beginning this September. The city is returning to a print newsletter to help ensure residents receive the information they need to know about important Scottsdale events and programs.

Scottsdale is a world-class city in great part because our residents care deeply about the community and invest their time and energy to keep it special. We want city communications to reflect and support that unique spirit.

We also want your feedback. So tell us what you think and what you want to know more about in our community by emailing [communications@ScottsdaleAZ.gov](mailto:communications@ScottsdaleAZ.gov).

If you want city news each week via email, we offer that as well. Subscribe to Scottsdale Update Weekly by visiting [ScottsdaleAZ.gov](http://ScottsdaleAZ.gov) and searching "Scottsdale Update."

As you'll see from this newsletter, there are a lot of great things taking place in Scottsdale this fall. I hope to see you out and about as we enjoy what is truly one of the world's special places.

*Mayor W.J. "Jim" Lane*

## GATHER WITH FRIENDS AND NEIGHBORS OCT. 24 FOR TWO GREAT COMMUNITY EVENTS



Celebrate our great community on Saturday, Oct. 24, by participating in a pair of events that support Scottsdale, its residents and neighborhoods.

Keep Scottsdale Beautiful Day is an annual citywide litter cleanup sponsored

by the city and the nonprofit Keep Scottsdale Beautiful. Registered Adopt-A-Road groups and "one-time" groups or individuals are encouraged to participate. For more information or to request a road for a one-time cleanup, call 480-312-3111 or visit [ScottsdaleAZ.gov](http://ScottsdaleAZ.gov) and search "Adopt-A-Road."

Getting Arizona Involved in Neighborhoods, or G.A.I.N., is an annual event to unite neighbors and communities to create safer neighborhoods. G.A.I.N. encourages residents to get together in their respective communities to promote safety, neighborhood communication and celebrate the successes of crime prevention through community involvement.

G.A.I.N. will be held in Scottsdale neighborhoods from noon to 8 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 24. Find details at [ScottsdaleAZ.gov](http://ScottsdaleAZ.gov), search "GAIN."

## MCDOWELL SONORAN PRESERVE MONTH

*You're invited to a free celebration Oct. 18*

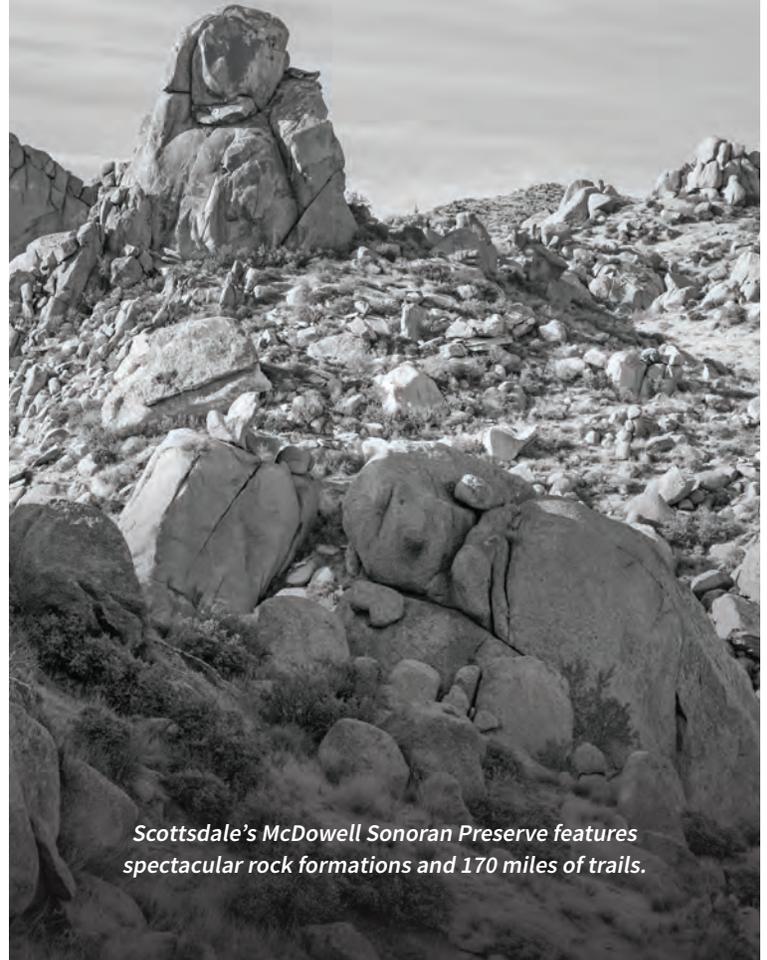
October is McDowell Sonoran Preserve Month – a great time to explore the scenic wonders of Scottsdale's native mountain and desert regions.

To celebrate, Scottsdale is hosting a free community event Sunday, Oct. 18, at the Brown's Ranch Trailhead, 30301 N. Alma School Parkway. Join us for a variety of hikes and informative exhibits focused on the preserve.

Activities begin at 8 a.m. with guided hikes at three distances: 8 miles, 4 miles and the ½-mile Jane Rau Interpretive Trail. Other preserve programs and demonstrations are scheduled at 11 a.m. and 3 p.m. A complete schedule of events is available at [www.mcdowellsonoran.org](http://www.mcdowellsonoran.org).

The preserve covers more than 30,000 acres in Scottsdale and features roughly 170 miles of non-motorized, multi-use trails. No matter your level of fitness or mobility, there is a trail to match your ability.

Access to the preserve is available at 11 maintained city trailheads. Find more information at [ScottsdaleAZ.gov](http://ScottsdaleAZ.gov), search "preserve."



*Scottsdale's McDowell Sonoran Preserve features spectacular rock formations and 170 miles of trails.*

## NOV. 3 SPECIAL ELECTION

Scottsdale voters will go to the polls Nov. 3 to consider a variety of bond-funded civic improvements totaling nearly \$100 million.

Dates to remember for the Nov. 3 Scottsdale Special Election:

- Oct. 5 is the last day to register to vote in the election
- Oct. 7 is when early ballots are mailed
- Oct. 23 is the last day to request to receive an early ballot in the mail
- Oct. 30 is the last day to cast an early ballot at an early voting site

Scottsdale's Nov. 3 Special Election asks voters to consider approval of bonds for a number of public projects in an amount not to exceed \$95,960,000. The estimated average annual tax rate for the proposed bond authorization is \$0.11 per \$100 of net assessed valuation used for secondary property tax purposes.

For more information, in both English and Spanish, on Scottsdale's Special Election go to the city's home page at [ScottsdaleAZ.gov](http://ScottsdaleAZ.gov) and search "elections."

Federal election law requires that this information also appear in Spanish  
Ley electoral federal requiere que esta información también aparece en español

## ELECCIÓN ESPECIAL DEL 3 DE NOVIEMBRE

El 3 de noviembre los votantes de Scottsdale acudirán a las urnas para una variedad mejoramientos cívicos financiados con bonos sumando casi \$100 millones.

Fechas que recordar de la Elección Especial de Scottsdale del 3 de noviembre:

- El 5 de octubre es el último día para inscribirse para votar en al elección
- El 7 de octubre es cuando las boletas tempranas se enviarán por correo
- El 23 de octubre es el último día para pedir recibir una boleta temprana por correo
- El 30 de octubre es el último día para votar una boleta temprana en un sitio de votación temprana

La Elección Especial de Scottsdale del 3 de noviembre les pide a los votantes considerar aprobación de bonos para un número de proyectos públicos en una cantidad que no exceda \$95,960,000. El calculado promedio de la tasa de impuestos anual de la autorización propuesta de bonos es \$0.11 por \$100 de la valuación neta tasada que se usa para propósitos de impuestos secundarios sobre la propiedad.

Para información adicional, en ambos Inglés y Español, tocante la Elección Especial de Scottsdale visite la página inicial de la ciudad al [Scottsdale AZ.gov](http://ScottsdaleAZ.gov) y busque "elections." ("elecciones")

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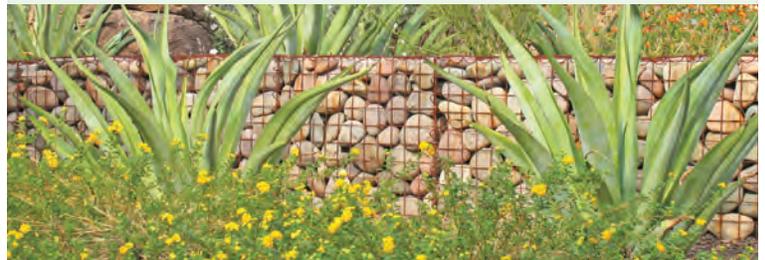
480-312-3111 or email [questions@ScottsdaleAZ.gov](mailto:questions@ScottsdaleAZ.gov)

## EARN UP TO \$250 FOR REMOVING YOUR SALT-BASED WATER SOFTENER

Did you know Scottsdale recycles nearly 100 percent of our wastewater for future beneficial use, including groundwater recharge? It's an invaluable, renewable resource, but high levels of salinity in our recycled water – caused in large part by salt-using water softeners – can be harmful for people and the environment and are expensive to remove. You can help reduce the amount of salt in our wastewater by removing or upgrading your salt-based water softener, and, as part of a limited time pilot program, Scottsdale Water is offering rebates to help you do so. Check your eligibility and learn more by calling 480-312-5650 or visit [ScottsdaleAZ.gov](http://ScottsdaleAZ.gov) and search "rebates."

## OCTOBER IS THE PERFECT TIME TO VISIT SCOTTSDALE'S XERISCAPE GARDEN

Scottsdale's 5.5-acre Xeriscape Garden at Chaparral Park contains more than 7,000 plants from more than 200 species. Enjoy our fantastic fall weather, see beautiful fall-bloomers and take the self-guided tour to learn about proper plant care. The garden is located on the southeast corner of Hayden and McDonald roads, adjacent to the dog park at the north end of Chaparral Park. Find more information by calling 480-312-5650 or visit [ScottsdaleAZ.gov](http://ScottsdaleAZ.gov) and search "Xeriscape."



## THINGS TO DO

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

- "**Beyond Right and Wrong**: Stories of Justice and Forgiveness" at Civic Center Library Oct. 1
- Enjoy **Date Night** at Scottsdale Stadium Oct. 3
- **Electronics Recycling** Collection Day is Oct. 10
- Railroad Park **Railfair** takes place Oct. 10-11
- Go **Dunkin' for Pumpkins** at aquatic centers on Oct. 24
- Boo! Scottsdale's **Fall Festival** at Eldorado Park Oct. 31
- Honor bravery at the annual **Veterans Day Commemoration** at McCormick-Stillman Railroad Park Nov. 11



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