

Scottsdale Water operators refresh critical technology to keep the desert flowing

Scottsdale Water operators recently completed a major technology refresh at the city's Advanced Water Treatment facility by replacing hundreds of reverse osmosis membrane sections, a critical component of its award-winning



water purification system. The facility uses 24 reverse osmosis skids, with membranes typically replaced every seven years, and the work is done in phases to ensure uninterrupted water production and responsible long-term financial planning. Reverse osmosis is a key step in transforming treated wastewater into highly purified water by filtering out salts, dissolved solids, organics and microorganisms. The process is part of a multi-layer treatment system that includes ozonation, ultrafiltration and final ultraviolet disinfection. The purified water is either delivered to northern Scottsdale golf courses or injected into the city's drinking water aquifer for future use.

Learn more at ScottsdaleAZ.gov, search "Scottsdale Water."



Stay safe on the trails this spring

The cooler spring mornings can be deceiving, and even mild, but they often lead to warmer, sunny afternoons that can pose risks for hikers who aren't properly prepared.

To stay safe on the trails, it's crucial to carry enough water, wear appropriate footwear and clothing, and bring a cell phone.

Also, be sure to check the weather, understand your limitations and let someone know where you'll be.

For more safety tips and information, visit ScottsdaleAZ.gov and search for "hiking safety."

Celebrate spring and Scottsdale's 75th anniversary at Bunnanza!

Saddle up and head on down to the Scottsdale Civic Center from 9 a.m. - noon on Saturday, April 4, for the spring event of the season.

Bunnanza is packed with good ol' western fun for all ages. Enjoy egg hunts, delicious bites from food trucks, unique vendors, hands-on activities, and crafts. Mosey on over to the Cocktail Garden for some refreshing sips or take in the sights and sounds of live entertainment. Kids will also get the chance to meet Sheriff Jack! In honor of Scottsdale's 75th anniversary, there will be 75 golden eggs hidden throughout the event and participants can turn in their eggs to receive a larger prize from one of the vendors.

In 2026, the city of Scottsdale is proudly marking its 75th anniversary – a milestone honoring the people, progress and spirit that shaped our community since its incorporation in 1951. Throughout the year, we invite you to join us in celebrating the vibrant history, unique culture, and exciting future through community events, historical highlights, and more.

Visit Scottsdale75.com for updates, event details, stories from the past and ways you can be part of Scottsdale's 75th year.





City expands investment in Old Town. Scottsdale continues to build on its \$47 million committed investment in Old Town with additional paving, infrastructure upgrades, business support and

a new, coordinated economic development and tourism strategy designed to strengthen the area's long-term vitality.

Recent pavement improvements to roads and alleys throughout Old Town are improving safety, accessibility and aesthetics while supporting daily business operations and major events.

Additional Old Town enhancements are either underway or proposed as part of the city's FY 2026/27 budget, including a second phase of streetscape beautification with expanded tree planting, street furniture and wayfinding, along with new Fifth Avenue monument signs to strengthen district identity. Plans also include improvements to the Horseshoe Falls installation at Marshall Way and Indian School Road and landscape and lighting upgrades at Solstice Park.

Old Town improvements and strategic planning efforts will continue to advance through 2026, with additional updates provided as projects move forward and budget decisions are finalized.

Stay informed with Scottsdale's RAVE Alert System. Scottsdale residents have a tool to remain informed during large scale events and emergency situations.

The RAVE Alert System, a free service managed by the Scottsdale Police Department, delivers urgent alerts during incidents such as severe weather, public safety concerns, evacuations, missing persons and special events.

Alerts are sent via text, email, or voice message and can be tailored to individual preferences. The system is part of a statewide initiative to enhance public safety through modernized emergency communication.

To sign up, visit the Arizona Department of Administration's 9-1-1 Program page: az911.gov/rave-citizen-info-registration.



Bond 2019 projects continue across Scottsdale. In 2025, major projects were finished, including Fire Station 612, a new splash pad at McCormick-Stillman Railroad Park, Ashler Hills Park and new police and fire training facilities, representing significant investments in public safety and community amenities. Nine additional projects are currently under construction, such as citywide fiber optic infrastructure, repairs to Vista del Camino Park lakes and irrigation systems, and renovation of the Via Linda Police Station. The city's FY 2025/26 budget authorizes \$134.7 million to continue moving bond projects through planning, design and construction phases. Eleven projects are in design, including new fire stations, parking structures and roadway improvements, while others remain in planning or scheduled for future years under the long-term implementation plan.

Learn more at ScottsdaleAZ.gov, search "Bond 2019."



Things To Do

Visit Scottsdale's event calendar at Community.ScottsdaleAZ.gov for a full list of activities.

Arizona Bike Week | April 8-12

Located at WestWorld of Scottsdale, this celebration of motorcycles and music features two stages of live music, vendors, stunt shows, contests and demos – there are plenty of entertainment options for everyone.

Junk in the Trunk Vintage Market | April 24-26

This popular event at WestWorld will feature a variety of exhibitors, offering vintage treasures, unique antiques and one-of-a-kind artifacts. Whether you're a collector or simply love exploring nostalgic items, this market is a must see.

Old Town Scottsdale Farmers Market | Saturdays

The market offers more than 100 local growers and specialty food vendors at 3806 N. Brown Ave. Shoppers can enjoy the market every Saturday through April 25 from 8 a.m. - 1 p.m. In May, the hours will change from 8 a.m. - noon.

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