

Scottsdale parks and McDowell Sonoran Preserve see early improvements from voter-approved Prop 490



Scottsdale is already delivering visible improvements across parks, trails and the McDowell Sonoran Preserve through the dedicated 0.15% sales tax. Since July

2025, crews have installed more than 240,000 square feet of sod, planted hundreds of plants and trees, completed storm damage repairs and upgraded amenities like sport courts, ballfields and park facilities. Investments have also enhanced maintenance efficiency and accelerated planning for future improvements, with a focus on aging parks and high-use areas like the Indian Bend Wash.

In the Preserve, funding is supporting wildfire risk reduction through fuel management projects, including mechanical thinning along key trails, as well as invasive species treatment across more than 700 acres. Trail safety and visitor experience have improved with repairs along Sunrise Trail, new signage and ongoing safety messaging, while additional trail connections and reroutes are planned. The city has also expanded staffing, adding roles such as a park planner and urban forester to support long-term sustainability. City leaders say these early results reflect the community's investment in maintaining high-quality parks and open spaces, with more improvements planned as the program continues.



Extreme heat is dangerous. Stay safe with these tips.

- **Stay hydrated** – don't wait until you are thirsty
- **Limit outdoor activity**, especially between 10 a.m. - 4 p.m.
- **Dress smart** – light-colored, loose-fitting clothing and a hat
- **Stay cool** – take cool showers or baths and remain in an air-conditioned place
- **Know the signs of heat illness** – dizziness, nausea and headache = get help fast

Featured Events



A monthlong celebration in Old Town Scottsdale that features wine tastings, art exhibits, stadium tours, morning yoga and more. Visit [OldTownScottsdaleAZ.com](https://www.OldTownScottsdaleAZ.com) to join the fun!



Enjoy food, games, entertainment and the largest fireworks display in Scottsdale history at this year's 4th of July Celebration from 5 – 9 p.m. on July 4 at WestWorld. Purchase your tickets at [Scottsdale4th.com](https://www.Scottsdale4th.com).



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 our vibrant history, unique culture, and exciting future through community events, historical highlights, and more.

Visit [Scottsdale75.com](https://www.Scottsdale75.com) for updates, event details, stories from the past and ways you can be part of Scottsdale's 75th year.



Scottsdale wants to help you catch hidden leaks and save water

Outdoor irrigation systems can quietly waste water and money, especially with underground leaks. Even small issues can add up to thousands of gallons over time.

Watch for soggy spots, unusually green patches or a sudden spike in your water bill. These can signal a leak that needs attention.

Water is one of Scottsdale's most valuable resources, and every gallon saved supports our long-term supply. Residents play a key role in protecting it.

Get started with free tools and services: sign up for [WaterSmart leak alerts](#), attend a [water workshop](#), explore [online publications](#) or schedule a free outdoor water efficiency check by calling 480-312-5650.

See water flowing in the street? Report it through [ScottsdaleEZ](#). Learn more: [ScottsdaleAZ.gov](https://www.ScottsdaleAZ.gov), search "water."

Scottsdale urges safe disposal amid rise in trash truck fires. Scottsdale has seen a recent increase in trash and recycling truck fires caused by improperly disposed hazardous materials, many of which are preventable. Officials say these fires pose serious risks to sanitation workers, first responders, neighborhoods and nearby desert areas, especially during hot, dry conditions. When fires occur inside collection trucks, drivers may need to dump loads onto streets to prevent the fire from spreading, creating additional disruption and safety concerns.

Investigations show common causes include lithium-ion batteries, rechargeable devices, household chemicals, propane tanks, hot ashes and other flammable items. City leaders are urging residents to take simple precautions, such as using proper recycling locations, scheduling hazardous waste pickups and avoiding placing dangerous materials in curbside bins. Proper disposal practices can significantly reduce fire risk and help protect the community, environment and city crews.

Learn more at [ScottsdaleAZ.gov](https://www.scottsdaleaz.gov), search "HHW."

Scottsdale rolls out one-stop portal for permits and planning.

Scottsdale has launched the new SPUR (Smart Planning, Use and Regulations) portal, an online platform designed to simplify permitting, planning and city approvals for residents, businesses and developers. Funded through a \$2.9 million investment approved as part of the 2019 Bond program, SPUR integrates multiple city departments into one streamlined system to improve efficiency and customer experience.



The platform manages the full lifecycle of development services, allowing users to submit applications, upload plans, make payments and track project status online through a user-

friendly interface. All new plan and permit applications are now processed through the SPUR portal, marking a significant step forward in how the city delivers services.

Learn more at [ScottsdaleAZ.gov](https://www.scottsdaleaz.gov), search "Scottsdale SPUR."

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Learn to swim and stay safe this summer. As temperatures rise and more people head to the water, learning how to swim is one of the most important steps in preventing drownings. Swimming is not just a recreational skill, it's a life-saving one. Drowning can happen quickly and silently, but strong swim skills, water awareness and proper supervision can significantly reduce the risk, especially for young children.

Scottsdale is committed to keeping residents safe by offering swim lessons for all ages and skill levels. Lessons focus on essential safety skills like floating, breath control and safe entry and exit techniques, while also helping participants become stronger, more capable swimmers. Visit [ScottsdaleAZ.gov](https://www.scottsdaleaz.gov), search "swim lessons" to register.



Things To Do

Visit Scottsdale's event calendar at [Community.ScottsdaleAZ.gov](https://www.scottsdaleaz.gov) for a full list of activities.

Summer Reading Challenge - June 1 – Aug. 1 through Scottsdale Public Library.

Sunset Swim events – June 12 and July 17 at McDowell Mountain Ranch Aquatic Center and June 20 and July 18 at Eldorado Aquatic Center.

Old Town Scottsdale Farmers Market - 7 - 10 a.m. Saturdays in June at 3806 N. Brown Ave.

75th Anniversary Birthday Bash – 9 – 11 a.m. June 25 at The Fieldhouse at Scottsdale Stadium.

City Holidays

Scottsdale city offices will be closed June 19 for Juneteenth and July 3 for Independence Day. Trash and recycling services will continue as scheduled.



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