

All aboard! Scottsdale's railroad park welcomes amazing new features as it turns 50



For 50 years, McCormick-Stillman Railroad Park has been where joy takes shape – on carousel rides, school field trips and train tracks that wind through generations of memories. But this year, it's more than nostalgia – it's a whole new experience.

What was already a community favorite will become bigger, bolder and cooler when we open fun new features that promise to elevate every visit later this summer:

The Roundhouse – A massive, 10,000-square-foot indoor play space featuring a one-of-a-kind locomotive-shaped climbing structure, perfect for summer fun (and air-conditioned relief).

A 5,000-square-foot splashpad – Our most-requested feature is finally here! Kids can cool off and burn energy in a refreshing, interactive water zone built for adventure.

Redesigned entry plaza – Enjoy shaded seating, new pathways, vibrant landscaping and public art as you arrive through our beautiful new gateway.

All made possible by the support of Scottsdale voters through 2019 bond funding, totaling \$13.1 million in improvements that ensure the park's next 50 years are even brighter.

Celebrate the past and launch into the future

Mark your calendar for the park's free Golden Jubilee Celebration. It's happening from 3 – 8:30 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 4. Celebrate with wonder and excitement for all ages that will include bounce houses, face painting, delicious eats, live music and a drone light show. And of course, rides aboard the beloved Paradise & Pacific Railroad – the track that started it all.



It's our heartfelt thanks to the families, friends, staff and volunteers who've made McCormick-Stillman Railroad Park the treasured destination it is today.

The train is ready. Are you? Plan your next adventure at TheRailroadPark.com.

Regional collaboration is bringing improvements to Pima Road



This comprehensive improvement project, taking place from McDowell Road north to Via Linda, will enhance more than just the road. It will also improve pedestrian and bicycle access and modernize flood control infrastructure.

Pima Road serves as a vital connector in Scottsdale, linking nearly 12,000 daily drivers to their commutes, local businesses, neighborhoods and regional

freeways. The road serves as a border between Scottsdale, on the west, to our neighbors on the east – the Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community (SRPMIC).

SRPMIC is leading the project with collaboration from Scottsdale, the Federal Highway Administration, Maricopa Association of Governments and the Flood Control District of Maricopa County.

To minimize disruption, one lane of traffic in each direction on Pima Road will remain open throughout most of the project. While no long-term closures are expected, short-term closures at major intersections may occur.

Learn more at pimaroadimprovements.com.



FYI: How your sewer rate is calculated

Sewer rates include a base fee based on your water meter size and a monthly charge based on 90% of your average water use from the previous December, January, and February. Learn more at ScottsdaleAZ.gov, search "sewer rates."

Around the city



Scottsdale City Hall has new security measures to enhance safety for employees, visitors and the public. The upgrades include security screenings at designated entry points, bag checks and increased security personnel.

These enhancements align with the city’s summer schedule, when visitor volume and meeting activity tend to be lower.

Scottsdale has created a new **Transportation and Infrastructure Department** – a modernized structure that combines capital project management and transportation services into one coordinated team.



This alignment brings together the city’s engineers with its transportation team to plan, design and deliver Scottsdale’s critical infrastructure and mobility projects. Previously, these responsibilities were divided between two separate divisions, Capital Project Management and Transportation & Streets.

To streamline operations and enhance neighborhood safety, the city has transitioned its **Code Enforcement** team from Planning & Development Services to the Scottsdale Police Department.

The realignment allows for a more coordinated response to quality-of-life issues such as property maintenance, zoning violations and public nuisance complaints.



When it comes to protecting and serving the city, the **Scottsdale Police Department** doesn’t go it alone — they have some furry, four-legged partners helping them out.

From powerful patrol horses to sharp-nosed K-9s and comforting crisis dogs, the department’s service animals play a key role in keeping the city safe, secure and supported. They’re also trusted companions who help foster stronger connections between the department and the public. Learn more about them at [ScottsdaleAZ.gov](https://scottsdaleaz.gov), search “police animals.”

State law expands hours for construction activities. The new state law, [ARS §9-500.52](https://legis.wisconsin.gov/statutes/statute/ars/9/500/52), now permits construction activity from 5 a.m. to 7 p.m. weekdays and 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. Saturdays from May 1 – Oct. 15. It also allows concrete to be poured one hour before general construction activities begin, at 4 a.m. weekdays and 6 a.m. Saturdays.

From Oct. 16 to April 30, construction activity is permitted from 7 a.m. to 5 p.m. weekdays and 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturdays. Concrete pour hours are not adjusted during the winter/spring months.

Construction activity is not permitted on Sundays.

New Hours for Construction Activity

ARS §9-500.52, passed in 2025, expands the hours in which cities must allow construction activity.

Summer Hours
May 1 – October 15

| Days | Times | Concrete Pours May Begin |
|---------------|-----------------|--------------------------|
| Monday–Friday | 5 a.m. – 7 p.m. | 4 a.m. |
| Saturday | 7 a.m. – 7 p.m. | 6 a.m. |

Winter Hours
October 16 – April 30

| Days | Times | Concrete Pours May Begin |
|---------------|-----------------|--------------------------|
| Monday–Friday | 7 a.m. – 5 p.m. | 7 a.m. |
| Saturday | 8 a.m. – 5 p.m. | 8 a.m. |

Things To Do

For complete details, search [ScottsdaleAZ.gov/events](https://scottsdaleaz.gov/events):

- Enjoy featured artists and refreshments at **Scottsdale ArtWalk**, 7 - 9 p.m. Thursdays.
- Slide into the new school year at **Slide the Rails**, 9 a.m.- 1 p.m. Aug. 2, at McCormick-Stillman Railroad Park.
- Saddle up for the **Arizona Black Rodeo**, Friday and Saturday, Aug. 29 and 30, at WestWorld.
- Hunt, gather and style at **Junk in the Trunk Vintage Market**, Sept. 12 – 14, at WestWorld.

City Holiday

Scottsdale city offices will be closed Sept. 1 for Labor Day. Trash and recycling services will continue as scheduled.

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