

Desert Mountain student helps modernize Scottsdale's smoking ordinance

A high school junior's passion for public health helped drive a major update to Scottsdale's smoking laws.

Concerned about the rise of vaping among teens, Desert Mountain High School junior Siddhanth "Sid" Gupta worked with city staff, public health organizations and the Mayor's Youth Council to propose changes that would better protect residents.



Siddhanth "Sid" Gupta addresses Scottsdale City Council at its regular meeting Sept. 30, 2025.

His year-long effort paid off when the City Council unanimously approved an update expanding Scottsdale's smoking ordinance to include vaping and electronic smoking devices.

Sid hopes the change will promote healthier public spaces and inspire other young people to get involved. "If you care about an issue and work hard, you can make a real impact in your community," he said.

The new ordinance aligns with the Smoke Free Arizona Act and prohibits vaping in public spaces where smoking is already banned, such as restaurants, parks and city facilities.

Fire Station 612 now open near the Scottsdale Airpark



Scottsdale's newest fire station is officially open and serving the community. Fire Station 612, located at Hayden Road and Mayo Boulevard, began operations Sept. 22 to improve emergency response times near the city's growing Airpark area.

The \$13.7 million, 12,000-square-foot facility was funded by voters through the 2019 Bond Election and includes four apparatus bays, living quarters for 12 firefighters, and specialized vehicles to respond to a range of emergencies.

Scottsdale is celebrating 75 years of "The West's Most Western Town"



In 2026, the city of Scottsdale will proudly mark 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 of "The West's Most

Western Town." From community events and historical highlights to opportunities for reflection and fun, this anniversary is more than a celebration — it's a tribute to the city we all call home.

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.



Recycle your natural Christmas Tree Dec. 26 - Jan. 9

Look for the yellow collection bins available at the following city parks:

- Cactus Park: 7202 E. Cactus Road
- Chapparal: 5401 N. Hayden Road
- Eldorado Park: 2301 N. Miller Road
- Horizon Park: 15444 N. 100th St.
- Scottsdale Ranch Park: 10400 E. Via Linda
- Scottsdale Sports Complex: 8081 E. Princess Drive
- Thompson Peak Park: 20199 N. 78th Pl.

Only real, untreated Christmas trees and wreaths (unwired) are accepted for composting, conserving landfill space. Artificial trees, stands, and ornaments aren't accepted.

Single-family home residents can place Christmas trees in their green waste pile — separate from bulk trash — for collection during their scheduled Brush and Bulk service week. Learn more at [ScottsdaleAZ.gov](https://www.scottsdaleaz.gov), search "Christmas Tree Recycling."

Scottsdale named one of Arizona's best workplaces.

Forbes has ranked the city of Scottsdale among Arizona's top employers — and the No. 1 public employer statewide. Scottsdale landed No. 8 overall, joining national brands like Apple, Microsoft and Costco on the list.



Scottsdale offers competitive pay and benefits, strong professional development programs and a culture that values

teamwork, innovation and service. With more than 2,800 employees across hundreds of career paths, it's a great place to build a meaningful career that makes a difference.

Looking for a rewarding career — or know someone who is?

Explore current openings and learn more about working for the city of Scottsdale at [ScottsdaleAZ.gov](https://scottsdaleaz.gov), search “careers.”

You may spot this small ATV on Scottsdale sidewalks — here's what it's doing.

The ADA “profiler” is an ATV outfitted with LiDAR scanners and other sensors that measure sidewalks, curb ramps and intersection features. It's part of the city's comprehensive update to its Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) Transition Plan.



The updated plan will identify barriers, recommend fixes and help Scottsdale prioritize and fund improvements — advancing equal access and a more inclusive community.

Crews anticipate covering about 40 miles per day as they assess individual neighborhoods and larger arterial roadways.

Learn more at [ScottsdaleAZ.gov](https://scottsdaleaz.gov), search “Accessible Scottsdale.”

Recycle your hazardous waste and batteries.

Your batteries, household cleaners, automotive fluids, paint, batteries and lightbulbs should not be put in your trash, recycling containers or added to your bulk trash. They pose serious fire risk if damaged during collection. The city provides scheduled household hazardous waste collection at your home.



Go to [ScottsdaleAZ.gov](https://scottsdaleaz.gov), search “Household Hazardous Waste” or use the QR code for quick access to all your Solid Waste Services.



Things To Do

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

Holiday Lights | Nov. 28-Dec. 30

Holiday Lights takes place 6-9:30 p.m. nightly at McCormick-Stillman Railroad Park. The park is transformed into a festive winter wonderland featuring dazzling light displays and train rides aboard the Paradise & Pacific Railroad. With limited capacity to enhance the guest experience, this popular event offers residents and visitors a chance to enjoy Scottsdale's holiday spirit and create lasting memories with family and friends.

Scottsdazzle | Nov. 29-Dec. 31

Scottsdazzle, the city's month-long winter celebration, kicks off 7 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 29, with the Jingle & Jazz Tree Lighting Spectacular. Experience the West's Most Western Town in a whole new way by discovering the best in dining, shopping and more than 45 incredible events.

Noon Year's Eve | Dec. 31

Celebrate the new year early at McCormick-Stillman Railroad Park's **Noon Year's Eve**, a festive countdown to noon filled with fun and excitement! Bring your friends, family, and neighbors as we welcome not only the new year, but also 50 years in our beloved community. The event is 11 a.m.-1 p.m.

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