

SCOTTSDALE UPDATE

News for our residents and customers

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HOLIDAY LIGHTS BRIGHTEN McCORMICK-STILLMAN RAILROAD PARK STARTING DEC. 11



All aboard for one of Arizona's most unique holiday events! Take a train ride through festive holiday lights and displays turning the McCormick-Stillman Railroad Park into a winter wonderland.

Opening night festivities begin at 6:30 p.m. Friday, Dec. 11, and include a tree-lighting, entertainment and a visit from a special guest – you know who! The train ride is \$4 and the carousel ride is \$2 with children younger than three riding free with a paying adult. Holiday Lights runs 6:30 to 9 p.m. nightly from Friday, Dec. 11, through Saturday, Jan. 2, excluding Dec. 24, 25 and 31.

The park is at 7301 E. Indian Bend Road. For more information, call 480-312-2312 or visit therailroadpark.com.

SCOTTSDALE WATER EARNS NATIONAL RECOGNITION

The Association of Metropolitan Water Agencies presented Scottsdale with the Platinum Award for Utility Excellence. The award is bestowed upon utilities that have a record of exceptional performance and demonstrate nationally recognized attributes of effective utility management.



“(These) awards recognize the extraordinary performance of water agencies where management vision and employee commitment create a sustainable utility producing ample supplies of clean, safe drinking water,” said association president Chuck M. Murray.

In addition to providing exceptional quality drinking water and service, Scottsdale Water operates one of the most advanced recycled water facilities in the nation, recharging billions of gallons of ultrapure water into the aquifer since the facility came online in 1998. Through aggressive recharge and water supply stewardship, Scottsdale was the first city in Arizona to reach safe yield – putting more water in the aquifer than we take out – and has been doing so every year since 2006.

Learn more by visiting ScottsdaleAZ.gov and searching “water.”

SERVICE SPOTLIGHT: HAULING A CITY'S WORTH OF GARBAGE AND RECYCLING

While most people are at work, at school or taking care of the day's business, 50 Scottsdale solid waste trucks move through the city, collecting trash and recycling from 80,000 homes.

In a year, they will log more than 1 million miles and collect more than 150,000 tons of garbage and recycling (about 10 times the weight of the Brooklyn Bridge).

Solid waste trucks working south of Shea Boulevard take their loads directly to the Salt River Landfill and Recycling Facility. Collections north of Shea go first to a transfer station, where loads are combined and hauled in 18-wheelers.

Solid waste services are paid for by those who use them (rates and fees are set to recover costs), so efficiency is important – and recycling is, too.

Since we pay for every pound of trash we bury, recycling helps the bottom line two ways: every pound recycled is a pound we don't pay to bury, plus we earn money back by selling recyclables at market rates.

Average monthly residential utility bill

Trash, recycling, water and wastewater. Source: City of Tempe



Chandler



Scottsdale



Average



Mesa

Last fiscal year city residents recycled more than 25,000 tons, which generated \$422,000 to help pay for the service.

In addition to curbside pickup, Scottsdale provides solid waste services for residences, businesses, apartment and condo complexes. To learn more, visit ScottsdaleAZ.gov and search “recycling.”

HOLIDAY TRASH & RECYCLING NOTES

City offices are closed Friday, Dec. 25, and Friday, Jan. 1, so solid waste collection moves to Saturday.

Place Christmas trees out for collection the week of Jan. 4, or drop trees off at two locations Jan. 9 so we can turn them into mulch or compost. Visit ScottsdaleAZ.gov and search “Christmas Tree Roundup” for information.



DON'T GET LOST IN THE "FOG" — TIPS TO AVOID COSTLY SEWER BACKUPS

Ham, turkey, gravy, mashed potatoes ... all part of the perfect holiday meal! Unfortunately, they're also sources of fats, oil and grease – also known as FOG – and some of the leading causes of sewer damage and backups.

Every day, FOG from people's homes is released into the sewer system, leading to line blockages that can cause sewer overflows, odors, pipe damage or worse. FOG washed down the drain can quickly result in a partial or complete backup of your home's sewer system, causing a messy and costly plumbing emergency.

Don't let this happen to your holiday meal. Here are helpful tips to prevent FOG:

- Pour cooking oils and grease into a small container with absorbent material, such as a paper towel or coffee grounds, and dispose of it in the trash.
- Scrape food from dishes into the trash (not the garbage disposal) and wipe down greasy plates, pots and pans with a paper towel before washing.
- Prevent food from entering your sewer by covering your kitchen sink drain with a strainer.
- Limit your use of the garbage disposal to reduce food particles that contribute to blockages.
- Using hot water to wash grease down the drain is not a solution. The grease will eventually cool and solidify in your sewer pipes.

For more information, call 480-312-8723 or visit us at ScottsdaleAZ.gov and search "FOG."

PLUG INTO ELECTRONICS RECYCLING DAY

Need a place to discard your unwanted electronics? Scottsdale residents can recycle electronics from 7:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 5, at the city's Corporation Yard, 9191 E. San Salvador.

Items accepted include computer, office and entertainment equipment. For a full list, visit ScottsdaleAZ.gov and search "electronics recycling" or call 480- 312-5602.



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General city information:

480-312-3111 or email questions@ScottsdaleAZ.gov

PICKLEBALL EXPANDS IN SCOTTSDALE



Residents now have more places to play pickleball, a combination of badminton, table tennis and tennis.

Cholla Park, 11320 E. Via Linda, has eight outdoor courts available for free drop-in play. Club SAR Fitness Center, 8055 E. Camelback Road, also offers open pickleball play from 8:30 to 10:30 a.m. Wednesdays. The cost to use the Club SAR facilities is \$3 per person, or free with membership.

For more information, call 480-312-2598.

PUT THE 'SPRING' BACK IN YOUR STEP: REGISTER FOR PARKS & REC CLASSES

Spring into a variety of parks and recreation classes and team sports to keep you healthy and happy! Residents can register beginning at 7 a.m. Monday, Dec. 7; nonresidents can register at 7 a.m. Wednesday, Dec. 9.

Classes for the spring session run January through May. Visit ScottsdaleAZ.gov and search "classes" to register.

THINGS TO DO

For details search terms in bold at ScottsdaleAZ.gov:

- City hosts third annual **Cure Corridor** event Dec. 4
- **Donate a toy** and get a free fire engine ride Dec. 5
- Dash, dance and prance your way to Pinnacle Peak Park's **Jingle Hike** Dec. 5
- Experience music and culture of Arizona's original residents at **Native Trails** Jan. 9
- Rock 'n' Roll **Marathon** & Half Marathon Jan. 17
- Bring your 4-legged friends to **Paws in the Park** Jan. 23
- **Barrett-Jackson** Classic Car Auction Jan. 23-31



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