

## Volunteers play crucial roles in Scottsdale



Thousands of people volunteer in Scottsdale, lending energy and expertise for the good of the community. Volunteers fill hundreds of different roles, doing things like helping keep our streets and sidewalks clean, our food bank stocked, and the beautiful trails of the Scottsdale McDowell Sonoran Preserve safe and friendly.

Last fiscal year, nearly 5,000 people volunteered for the city of Scottsdale, donating more than 126,000 hours of service. That is the equivalent of 60 full-time employees!

If you'd like to join this incredible effort, we have a spot for you. There are so many ways to donate your time with the city in a way that is particularly rewarding for you. Choose from opportunities with Scottsdale's fire or police departments, on one of the city's boards and commissions, inside our libraries, as an Old Town Ambassador, and more.

No matter your skillset or interest, there is a place for you here among Scottsdale's amazing volunteers.

Visit [ScottsdaleAZ.gov](https://www.scottsdaleaz.gov) and search "volunteer" for a list of current opportunities.

## Scottsdale's popular Grass Removal Program is returning soon

Thinking about transforming your yard into a desert-friendly landscape? Scottsdale's most popular rebate program for grass removal is making a comeback, which means this water and money saving investment could be even more affordable.

The program encourages residents to replace thirsty grass with Arizona-friendly alternatives that thrive in the desert climate. Not only does this reduce water use, it also lowers long-term maintenance costs and supports a more sustainable Scottsdale.

Demand for this rebate is high, and funding is limited. To ensure you don't miss out, sign up for the city's early notification email list so you'll be among the first to know when applications re-open in early summer 2025.

Visit [ScottsdaleAZ.gov](https://www.scottsdaleaz.gov) and search "rebates" to learn more about this and all of the city's water-saving programs.



Before



After

## Scottsdale Stadium gets facelift for 2025 spring training season

Spring Training is just around the corner and Scottsdale has just completed upgrades to Scottsdale Stadium to enhance the fan experience.

Renovation and reconstruction of the park's left-field berm adds patio space, more shade and more grass seating. The area will also feature multiple concessions, standing areas and additional restrooms.

The city also plans to open Scottsdale Stadium to the public on non-game days with a new, mixed-use day park scheduled to open in April 2025.

Spring Training games begin Feb. 22 and run through March 25 at Scottsdale Stadium. To purchase tickets, visit [ScottsdaleAZ.gov](https://www.scottsdaleaz.gov), search "Scottsdale Stadium."



# Scottsdale Regional Fire Training Facility opens



Scottsdale firefighters have a new place to train, thanks to a new, state-of-the-art facility which will prepare them for a wide range of emergencies and ensure they have the skills needed to respond with excellence in any situation.

The new facility features cutting-edge training structures, including a five-story burn tower, a three-story basic skills building, and a comprehensive outdoor skills area with props for hazardous materials, technical rescue, and aircraft rescue and firefighting scenarios.

It also features a 30,000-square-foot training building that includes a large classroom-style auditorium. This multifaceted facility not only supports the department's training needs but also contributes to firefighter wellness, helping to recruit, train, and retain a dedicated workforce for years to come.

This new facility, which was built largely with voter-approved bond financing, opens at a critical juncture for the Scottsdale Fire Department because more than one-third of the department's workforce is eligible to retire in the next five years. This new training facility will be the key to effectively and safely train the next generation of Scottsdale firefighters.

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## Mark your calendars

- **Scottsdale Western Week**, Jan. 25 – Feb. 2 in Old Town Scottsdale. Visit [OldTownScottsdaleAZ.com/Events](http://OldTownScottsdaleAZ.com/Events)
  - Free entry to Museum of the West: Jan. 30 – Feb. 1
  - Gold Palette ArtWalk: Jan. 31
  - Pony Express: Jan. 31
  - Parade del Sol Parade: Feb. 1
  - Trail's End Festival: Feb. 1
  - Arizona Indian Festival: Feb. 1-2



- **Electronics recycling**, Feb. 1 at 9191 E. San Salvador Drive. Visit [ScottsdaleAZ.gov](http://ScottsdaleAZ.gov), search "electronics recycling."
- **WM Phoenix Open**, Feb. 3-9 at TPC Scottsdale. Purchase tickets: [wmphoenixopen.com](http://wmphoenixopen.com).
- **Scottsdale Arabian Horse Show**, Feb. 13-23 at WestWorld. Learn more: [WestWorldAZ.com/Events](http://WestWorldAZ.com/Events).
- **Presidents' Day**, Feb. 19, most city offices/facilities closed. Trash and recycling will be collected as scheduled.
- **Rhythm & Rails Spring Kick-Off Concert: Justin Timberlake Tribute**, March 1 at McCormick-Stillman Railroad Park. More info: [TheRailroadPark.com/Events](http://TheRailroadPark.com/Events).
- **Sun & Sounds free concert series**, March 2, 9, 16 and 23 at the Scottsdale Civic Center. Details: [ScottsdaleArts.org/Events](http://ScottsdaleArts.org/Events).
- **Scottsdale Family ArtsFest**, March 21-22 at SkySong: Free event: [SkySong.com/ArtsFest](http://SkySong.com/ArtsFest).



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