

### Scottsdale Civic Center wins top award



Arizona Forward honored the Scottsdale Civic Center with a Crescordia, the highest honor given in each category of its Environmental Excellence Awards program.

In 2023, Scottsdale unveiled a comprehensive renovation of the area that has served as the city's civic and signature special event and gathering space for 55 years. The project was designed and built with sustainability in mind by adding planted bioswales to collect and capture stormwater, permeable pavements with underground water conveyance, targeted roof water collection to supply existing trees with an extra boost of water, reducing turf lawn and water features and incorporating new low water use plants.

In addition to the Crescordia, Scottsdale Water earned an Award of Distinction for water conservation communications. Learn more: [ScottsdaleAZ.gov, search "Crescordia."](https://www.scottsdaleaz.gov/search/Crescordia)

### Important information about Scottsdale's upcoming elections

With the candidate field set for Scottsdale's July 30 primary election, voters should take note of important deadlines. The voter registration deadline for the primary election is July 1. Early voting begins July 3. The last day to request an early ballot is July 19. Early ballots should be mailed back no later than July 23; however, you may vote early in person through July 26.

**If you are registered as Independent or Party Not Declared, you must request a party or city-only ballot to participate in the July 30 primary election.**

Visit [BeBallotReady.Vote](https://www.scottsdaleaz.gov/BeBallotReadyVote) to verify your registration status and ensure your information is correct. Visit [Scottsdale.Vote](https://www.scottsdaleaz.gov/Scottsdale.Vote) to learn more about the candidates for mayor and City Council.

#### Nov. 5 General Election information

The City Council referred two items to the November ballot for Scottsdale voters to consider - a city proposal to replace and reduce an expiring sales tax, and an adjustment to the city's state-imposed spending limitation. Learn more about these ballot items and the argument filing process at [Scottsdale.Vote](https://www.scottsdaleaz.gov/Scottsdale.Vote).

### The Scottsdale Fire Department is preparing to launch municipal ambulance service early next year



Why create a city ambulance service? Scottsdale Fire Chief Tom Shannon emphasized the critical need for comprehensive "door-to-door" care, considering that more than 18,000 residents and visitors were transported to hospitals by third-party ambulance services last year alone.

The rollout will occur in phases. The first three ambulances staffed by trained City of Scottsdale firefighter paramedics and emergency medical technicians are being equipped now; the first patient transport is expected to occur in January 2025.

Subsequent phases are slated for implementation over the next 2-4 years.

Eventually, nine Scottsdale Fire Department ambulances will cover the entire service area. Over the phase-in period, Scottsdale will continue to rely on third-party ambulance services as needed.

Listen to Chief Tom Shannon and Battalion Chief Brian Joseph talk about implementing this new service on Podsdale, a city of Scottsdale podcast available on most streaming apps.

For more information, including frequently asked questions, visit [ScottsdaleAZ.gov, search "ambulance."](https://www.scottsdaleaz.gov/search/ambulance)



### Save water, get rewarded

It's time for Scottsdale Water's highly popular rebate program. Residents and businesses can take advantage of water saving opportunities and get financial incentives for conservation efforts.

Find water conservation tips and rebate details at [ScottsdaleAZ.gov, search "water rebates."](https://www.scottsdaleaz.gov/search/water_rebates)

**Investing in Our Scottsdale: Railroad Park improvements are underway.** Scottsdale is adding features to the much beloved McCormick-Stillman Railroad Park which will make it even more popular during the hot summer months, including an indoor train-themed play structure and splash pad. Construction will take approximately a year to complete.

The new Roundhouse building will focus on train-themed play, its centerpiece a huge play structure shaped like a locomotive. Other improvements include a splashpad play area and new restrooms, pathways, lighting and trees.

The indoor play structure is being purchased by the Scottsdale Railroad & Mechanical Society, the park's non-profit partner. The remainder of the project is funded by the city's general fund, park revenues and tourism funds. Learn more at [ScottsdaleAZ.gov](http://ScottsdaleAZ.gov), search "railroad park improvements."



### Ready, Set, Go for summer monsoons.

Monsoon season often brings thunderstorms with heavy rain, flash flooding and lightning, which can cause wildfires.

In the event of an emergency, look for messages on social networks and in the news media.

Be **READY**: always be prepared for potential emergencies; get **SET** by maintaining awareness of events that may force evacuation; and **GO**, evacuate immediately as instructed by emergency authorities.

Visit [EIN.AZ.gov/Ready-Set-Go](http://EIN.AZ.gov/Ready-Set-Go) for preparedness tips.



### Scottsdale's Juneteenth event returns June 15.

Enjoy community and culture at Scottsdale's Juneteenth Event presented by Mayo Clinic: Celebrating a Culture of Resiliency.

The event is 2 to 7 p.m. Saturday, June 15, at the Scottsdale Center for the Performing Arts and Scottsdale Civic Center. Enjoy indoor and outdoor activities, educational speakers, food, music, entertainment, family fun, art, wellness information and more. This event is free and open to the public. Everyone is welcome! Search "Juneteenth" at [ScottsdaleAZ.gov](http://ScottsdaleAZ.gov) for more information.



**Join the June Days Summer Spectacular.** June Days is a celebration of all the things that make Old Town Scottsdale unique. There are daily activities and events all month long, including art exhibits, wine tastings, crafting workshops, live performances and family-oriented outings. June

Days leaves visitors with suntans and sunny memories! Visit [OldTownScottsdaleAZ.com](http://OldTownScottsdaleAZ.com) to see the full calendar of fun!



**The largest fireworks show in Scottsdale's history takes place Thursday, July 4, at WestWorld of Scottsdale.** This family-friendly patriotic celebration unites everyone's summertime favorites: fantastic food, phenomenal fireworks and fabulous fun. Enjoy old event favorites and experience new ones this year including a Winter Wonderland with a snowman making contest, toboggan runs and ice skating; and a Be Healthy Scottsdale village with 50 health and wellness booths. 5-9 p.m. Thursday, July 4. Learn more at [Scottsdale4th.com](http://Scottsdale4th.com).

Find park closures and firework restrictions at [ScottsdaleAZ.gov](http://ScottsdaleAZ.gov), search "July 4 information."

## Things To Do

For complete details, search event names in **bold** at [ScottsdaleAZ.gov](http://ScottsdaleAZ.gov):

- **ArtWalk** runs 7-9 p.m. Thursdays year 'round in Old Town's Arts District.
- McCormick-Stillman Railroad Park's **Summer Concert Series** is 7-8:30 p.m. Sundays through June 23. Pack a picnic, bring a blanket or chair, and relax in the park. Find scheduled performers at [TheRailroadPark.com](http://TheRailroadPark.com).
- The Story of Scottsdale's **Green Building Program** begins at 5 p.m. Tuesday, June 25, Mustang Library.
- **Red, White & Choo Choo** chugs along 4-9 p.m. Sunday, June 30, at McCormick-Stillman Railroad Park.

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