

# City of Scottsdale

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS – APRIL 2016

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### **April is Water Awareness Month**

Celebrate Water Awareness Month in April by learning how to save water both indoors and out. There are many fun, hands-on activities and events available throughout April for you to discover the benefits of water conservation:

- Explore the Scottsdale Xeriscape Garden at Chaparral Park to see beautiful examples of colorful, low-water-use plants that thrive in our desert environment
- Request free brochures on landscaping, plant selection and rainwater harvesting
- Attend free landscaping workshops with professional speakers
- Visit [WaterUseItWisely.com](http://WaterUseItWisely.com) for water activities for kids
- Visit [arizonawaterawareness.com](http://arizonawaterawareness.com) for ideas, tips and resources

Find more valuable water conservation information at [ScottsdaleAZ.gov](http://ScottsdaleAZ.gov), search “water conservation” or call 480-312-5650 for more details.

### **Veg out at the Old Town Farmers Market in April**

Enjoy a spring outing to Scottsdale’s Old Town Farmers Market from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. each Saturday through June 11. Fresh vegetables, fruits and creative crafts are just some of the interesting items you’ll find. The market is located in the public parking lot at 3806 N. Brown Ave. For details, visit [ArizonaFarmersMarkets.com](http://ArizonaFarmersMarkets.com).

### **April 2 Run the Runway event offers “plane” old fun**

Take off for a morning run at the annual Run the Runway 5k/10k and the Kids 1 Mile Mascot Dash at Scottsdale Airport Saturday, April 2. Participants will run on the Scottsdale Airport runway while being surrounded by beautiful planes and entertainment along this one-of-a-kind route. Post-race festivities will include bounce inflatables, a disc jockey, vendors, interactive activities, photo opportunities with planes, awards and much

more! This run benefits Playworks Arizona, a nonprofit which transforms recess and play into a positive experience. Register at [runtherunwayaz.com](http://runtherunwayaz.com). Use promo code “plane” and get a 15 percent discount.

### **Get your green thumb April 2 at library’s Garden Expo**

Grow your plant knowledge Saturday, April 2, at the Scottsdale Public Library’s Garden Expo. This free event takes place from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Mustang Library, 10101 N. 90<sup>th</sup> St. A variety of free programs and exhibits will be available from local nurseries, master gardeners and the city of Scottsdale. Get details at [ScottsdaleLibrary.org](http://ScottsdaleLibrary.org).

### **Libraries host water conservation programs this spring**

Scottsdale Public Libraries will play host to a variety of water conservation programs this spring. They are free and open to Scottsdale residents. However, participants must register.

- “Find and Fix Leaks that are Draining your Budget:” 6 to 7 p.m. Thursday, April 21, Civic Center Library - Fixing leaks can save water and money! Learn from a water conservation professional how to read a water meter and use it to find leaks in and around your home. You'll also get tips for locating sneaky leaks with your appliances and fixtures, in your irrigation system and your pool. Locating leaks can be tricky – let the experts simplify the process.
- “Water-Wise Edible Gardening:” 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Saturday, April 2, Mustang Library - Master Gardener Carol Stuttard will teach you how to grow your own edibles while saving water.

Visit [ScottsdaleLibrary.org](http://ScottsdaleLibrary.org), search “events” for more information.

### **Enjoy season’s final Sunday A’Fair April 3**

Enjoy the season’s final Sunday A’Fair – an event that features free outdoor concerts by the Valley’s top musicians, an arts-and-crafts market and fun activities for children and families. The free afternoon events take place from noon to 4 p.m. Sunday, April 3, on Scottsdale Civic Center Mall. Enjoy docent-led sculpture tours on the mall and free admission to Scottsdale Museum of Contemporary Art. Visit [ScottsdalePerformingArts.org](http://ScottsdalePerformingArts.org) for more information.

### **Neighborhood College classes wrap up April 4**

Registration is available for Scottsdale’s Neighborhood College, a series of free classes where residents can receive the information, resources and tools needed to become effective neighborhood leaders. The final class, “Budgeting within your HOA,” runs from 6 to 8 p.m. Monday, April 4, at the Community Design Studio, 7506 E. Indian School Road. Registration is required; call 480-312-2342. Get a complete class description at [ScottsdaleAZ.gov](http://ScottsdaleAZ.gov), search “Neighborhood College.”

### **Senior Services’ Entertainment Extravaganza takes place April 6**

Scottsdale Senior Services' signature variety show returns at 1 p.m. Wednesday, April 6, at the Scottsdale Center for the Performing Arts. This popular free event showcases the talents of Scottsdale's senior community. Donations of canned food are requested for Vista Del Camino's Food Bank. For more information, call 480-312-1700 or visit [ScottsdaleAZ.gov](http://ScottsdaleAZ.gov), search "senior talent show."

### **Celebrate the season at the Golden Palette ArtWalk April 7**

The Scottsdale Arts District celebrates a new event, Golden Palette ArtWalk, from 6:30 to 9:30 Thursday, April 7. This event presents a popular new trend in the visual arts with video artworks. Images and shows will be displayed on the exterior walls of buildings, in vacant storefronts and in galleries. Pop street musicians and entertainers will perform along the ArtWalk to capture the new age of visual and performance mediums. Learn more at [ScottsdaleGalleries.com](http://ScottsdaleGalleries.com).

### **Reflectivity and energy efficient roofing topic of April 7 Green Building Lecture**

Examine the use of reflectivity as the measure of a roof's energy efficiency, including the pros and cons of this approach at a Green Building Lecture. The free program takes place from 7 to 8:30 p.m. at the Granite Reef Senior Center, 1700 N. Granite Reef Road. After surveying the world of energy efficient roofing, we'll discuss the concept of thermal insulative products including new and innovative products for use in our Sonoran desert climate. For more information, visit [ScottsdaleAZ.gov](http://ScottsdaleAZ.gov), search "Green Building."

### **Pitch in! Citywide litter pickup event is April 16**

Volunteers are invited to keep Scottsdale "Clean and Scenic" as part of the Keep Scottsdale Beautiful event Saturday, April 16. Residents and businesses that have adopted a road are encouraged to do their litter pick up on this day. Not part of the city's Adopt A Road program? You're welcome to join in the effort on a one-time basis! Trash bags, safety vests and cotton gloves are provided to all groups that register for the event. To participate, register at [ScottsdaleAZ.gov](http://ScottsdaleAZ.gov), search "Adopt a Road" or call 480-312-3111.

### **Please your palate at the Scottsdale Culinary Festival April 16 & 17**

Get set for crave-worthy cuisine and exciting entertainment. The annual Scottsdale Culinary Festival brings another round of the nation's longest running food festival to Scottsdale's Civic Center Mall Saturday-Sunday, April 16-17. Expert chefs, scrumptious food creations and enthralling entertainment are all part of the mix, culminating with the Great Arizona Picnic. For more information, visit [ScottsdaleFest.org](http://ScottsdaleFest.org).

### **Parks & Rec's summer brochure hits the streets April 20**

Don't miss the endless opportunities to have fun and stay fit ... or learn a new hobby! The Parks & Recreation brochure includes details on summer camps, recreation programs and classes, special events, senior programs, fall afterschool programs, facility and pool schedules, park listings and more. Get a sneak peek at all the

offerings Monday, April 4, at [ScottsdaleAZ.gov, search "Recreation."](#) Class registration begins in early May.

### **Drowning is no joke - April Pools Day April 24**

Scottsdale's free "April Pools Day" event takes place from 1 to 4 p.m. Sunday, April 24, at Eldorado Aquatic and Fitness Center, 2301 N. Miller Road. The event features a mock rescue scenario with the Scottsdale Fire Department and emergency medical services, interactive booths, games, raffles and most important, drowning prevention awareness. This is an important way for families to kick off the summer season and practice safe behavior in and around water. For more information, visit [ScottsdaleAZ.gov, search "April Pools Day."](#)

### **Hear Pulitzer Prize winner Steve Benson April 26**

Arizona Republic's Editorial Cartoonist Steve Benson will share his experience as a Pulitzer Prize winner. The free program is from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, April 26, in the Civic Center Library Auditorium, 3839 N. Drinkwater Blvd. The Republic describes Benson as "Irreverent. Left-leaning. Searing. And not always politically correct. That's our political cartoonist, Steve Benson." Benson also was a Pulitzer finalist in 1984, 1989 and 1994. He has received a variety of other awards in his distinguished career. He has served as president of the Association of American Editorial Cartoonists. For more information or to register, go to [ScottsdaleLibrary.org](#).

### **New Senior Services fitness membership options**

Monthly, quarterly and annual membership options are available for Scottsdale Senior Services' state of the art fitness centers. Daily drop-in use is also available for \$3 for Scottsdale residents and \$5 for nonresidents. The Granite Reef and Via Linda fitness facilities feature an extensive variety of exercise equipment including treadmills, ellipticals, stationary bikes, cardio equipment and free weights. For more information on pricing or hours of operation, call Granite Reef at 480-312-1700 or Via Linda at 480-312-5810.

### **Borrow landscape equipment for neighborhood cleanups**

It's spring and the weather's great! Grab a pair of work gloves and your neighbors, and borrow a trailer loaded with landscape tools for a neighborhood cleanup. There's also a roll off dumpster available to put yard waste in – and we'll haul it away for free. With your approved application, the city will deliver the equipment on a Friday and pick it up Monday. You must have a minimum of five households or at least five volunteers involved, and we require two weeks advance notice. Look for program information at [ScottsdaleAZ.gov, search "Neighborhood Cleanup Program"](#) or call 480- 312-3111. Equipment reservations are on a first-come, first-served basis ... so get your weekend cleanup planned now.

### **Organize a neighborhood block party**

Neighborhood block parties are a great way to get to know your neighbors, build relationships, promote

neighborhood safety, create a sense of community and ... have fun! To help neighborhoods get together, we've created tips to make it easy for you to get started hosting your event. The city loans block party equipment such as ice chests, traffic cones and pop-up canopies for free. We can even suggest games to play, civic visitors, guests and party planning tips. Visit [ScottsdaleAZ.gov](http://ScottsdaleAZ.gov), search “block parties” or call 480-312-3111 for more information.

### **Recycling makes cents**

Recycling benefits us all by preserving landfill space and by recovering and reusing non-renewable resources. It also makes economic sense. By participating in Scottsdale's Curbside Recycling Program, residents can lower the city's cost of providing residential solid waste services. Lower costs mean lower service fees to residents. Since its inception in 1996, the recycling program has diverted more than 491,513 tons of material from the landfill. The cumulative savings to our residential customers through the sale of recyclables and the avoided cost of discarding this material is \$20.2 million. To learn more about the program, contact Solid Waste Management at 480-312-5600 or visit [ScottsdaleAZ.gov](http://ScottsdaleAZ.gov), search “recycle.”

### **Curb address painting kits available for loan**

Is your house number hard to read, unlit or obscured by landscaping? Add painted house numbers to your curb by borrowing a free curb painting kit from the city. The kit is free to use and includes stencils, masking tape, brushes and instructions. You supply the paint and elbow grease. Get details at [ScottsdaleAZ.gov](http://ScottsdaleAZ.gov), search “curb address painting” or call 480-312-3111.

### **City information is just a phone call away by dialing 480-312-3111**

When you need details on city of Scottsdale programs, services or events, help is just a phone call away. The city's Call Center has live operators who can provide the information you need or will forward your call to the correct department – from where to pay a traffic fine to where to park at a city event. The line is open from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday. So the next time you have a question about the city, dial the city's Call Center at 480-312-3111.

### **Caution ... native wildlife active in spring**

Desert wildlife like our springtime weather, too! That means urban animals such as bobcats, coyotes, javelina, raccoons and skunks can sometimes be seen in neighborhoods. Neither the city nor the Arizona Game & Fish Department trap or relocate wildlife under normal circumstances. But you can help to discourage urban wildlife from living in your area by removing essentials of wildlife habitat such as water, food and shelter. Learn more by visiting [AZGFD.gov](http://AZGFD.gov), search “urban wildlife.”

### **Try these turf watering tips for April**

Remember to do a detailed check of your irrigation/sprinkler system in April to ensure it's working properly. Look for blown or misaligned sprinkler heads and missing or malfunctioning drip emitters. Also, water your turf areas deeply and thoroughly for best results. This time of year, Bermuda grass needs water only once a week and rye grass once every four to five days. Get more watering tips at [ScottsdaleAZ.gov, search "turf watering."](#)

### **Deadline nears for water softener rebates**

Help reduce the amount of salinity in our reclaimed water while saving money and protecting the environment. Receive \$50 for upgrading from a time-clock-based water softener to a demand-based unit, or get \$100 for subscribing to a portable exchange service. Applications must be received by Saturday, April 30. Learn more at [ScottsdaleAZ.gov, search "rebates."](#)

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