



October 2017 Events, Activities & General Information

Celebrate Scottsdale's McDowell Sonoran Preserve Month in October. The [preserve](#) spreads across more than 30,000 acres of spectacular desert and is home to diverse wildlife, lush flora and jaw-dropping topography. [View](#) October preserve events. [ScottsdaleAZ.gov](#), search "preserve"

Library presents three programs in October to commemorate "American Archives Month." Scottsdale Public Library highlights the Scottsdale Heritage Connection including its digital image collection. Find out about this [unique resource](#). In addition, attend three photo-rich programs that focus on the history of public art, McCormick Ranch's evolution and the old hometown paper, the Scottsdale Progress/Tribune. [Get specific dates, times and locations](#).

Neighborhood College classes continue into October. 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. Get a list of topics, dates, times and locations. [ScottsdaleAZ.gov](#), search "Neighborhood College"

Learn about the economic value of green, Oct. 5. If you're considering retrofitting your home for energy efficient features, learn which ones might be important for your home. This [free Green Building program](#) runs from 7 to 8:30 p.m. at the [Granite Reef Senior Center](#). [ScottsdaleAZ.gov](#), search "Green Building"

Don't be a victim of identity theft; shred event takes place Oct. 7. Bring your personal and/or commercial [documents to be shredded](#) from 7 to 10 a.m. in the [Wal-Mart](#) parking lot. Cost is \$4 per box. [ScottsdaleAZ.gov](#), search "shredding"

Electronics recycling takes place Oct. 7. Scottsdale residents can [drop off unwanted electronics](#) from 7:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the [city's Corporation Yard](#). Recycling these items prevents them from reaching landfills ... creating less waste and providing usable items to organizations that can recapture their value. [ScottsdaleAZ.gov](#), search "electronics recycling"

Bacon and Beer Classic sizzles Oct. 7. Sample more than 50 craft beers, eat 25 bacon-infused dishes, play giant Jenga, battle it out on the bungee run and compete in a bacon-eating contest. [This unique event](#) begins at noon, Saturday, Oct. 7, at [Scottsdale Stadium](#). [Baconandbeerclassic.com](#)

Celebrate all things railroad at Railfair, Oct. 7-8. This [free event](#) includes model train displays, exhibits of seldom seen vintage railroad equipment and presentations about Arizona's railroad history. The fun takes place from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. both days, at the [McCormick-Stillman Railroad Park](#). [TheRailroadPark.com](#), search "Railfair"

Find fall break fun, Oct. 9-13. School's barely started, but it's not too early to think about fall break. The city [hosts a camp](#) that offers various activities including sports, crafts and games. It runs from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. at both [Mountain View](#) and [Horizon](#) parks community centers. [ScottsdaleAZ.gov](#), search "Recreation's Online Registration System"

Denim, diamonds and dancin' at senior center's Western Dance, Oct. 10. Mosey down for live music, dance instruction, food and raffle prizes. The fun starts at 6 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 10, at the [Via Linda Senior Center](#). Cost is \$3 for residents. Call 480-312-5810 to register or for more information.

Office of Diversity presents "American Lives: The Impact of Islamophobia" Hear personal stories and authentic perspectives about the [impact of Islamophobia](#) at this free program – 6 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 12, at [Civic Center Library](#). [ScottsdaleLibrary.org](#), go to Events tab then Online Calendar

Wag your way to Dogtoberfest, Oct. 21. Get local resources for your furry friend. The event takes place at 9 a.m. Saturday, Oct. 21, at the [Granite Reef Senior Center](#). Admission is free with one dog food donation to support the [Vista Del Camino P.E.T. Pantry](#). Call the center at 480-312-1700 for details.

Library presents program on Frankenstein, Oct. 24. Anthropologist Sharonah Frederick presents tales of this 16th century alchemist. The [free program](#) begins at 6:30 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 24, in the [Civic Center Library Auditorium](#). [ScottsdaleLibrary.org](#), go to Events tab then Online Calendar

You won't lose with G.A.I.N – Getting Arizona Involved in Neighborhoods takes place Oct. 28. The goal of the program is to unite communities to create safer neighborhoods. [Register your neighborhood block party](#) or get more information. [ScottsdaleAZ.gov](#), search "block party"

Have a frighteningly fun time at Scottsdale's Fall Festival. Take a trip through the Haunted Forest, win candy at the game booths and tot area, and enter into one of the many costume contests! End the evening with a bang by staying for our fireworks show. The [free event](#) takes place from 5 to 9 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 28, on the [Eldorado Park ballfields](#). [ScottsdaleAZ.gov](#), search "Fall Festival"

Forget bobbing for apples; try dunkin' for a pumpkin. Pumpkins float! Join us from 1 to 3 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 29, at the heated [McDowell Mountain Ranch](#) pool. [Pick a pumpkin](#) then decorate it. Admission is \$10 per person and includes a pumpkin – while supplies last. [ScottsdaleAZ.gov](#), search "pumpkins"

Every second counts— plan two ways out. In a fire, [seconds count](#) and can mean the difference between life and death. Draw a map of your home marking two exits from each room and a path to the outside from each exit, conduct fire drills, and once you're out of a burning house don't go back in. [Nfpa.org](#)

Free loaner tools available for neighborhood cleanups

Take advantage of the cool(er) fall weather and plan a [neighborhood cleanup](#). The city provides use of a roll-off container and landscape tools – at no charge. A minimum of five households or five volunteers is required. [ScottsdaleAZ.gov](#), search "neighborhood cleanup"

City provides equipment to borrow for block parties. Get to know your neighbors. The city provides [party equipment](#) like pop-up canopies, ice chests, microphones, water coolers, game ideas and more. [ScottsdaleAZ.gov](#), search "block parties"

Curb address painting kits available for loan. Is your [house number](#) hard to read, unlit or obscured by landscaping? Borrow this kit which includes stencils, masking tape, brushes and instructions. You supply the paint and elbow grease. [ScottsdaleAZ.gov](#), search "curb address painting"

Get fit for fall at Scottsdale's Club SAR Boxing & Fitness Center. [Club SAR Boxing & Fitness Center](#) is a multisports instructional facility that can help you meet your physical conditioning goals. Take a fitness class or

use the abundant exercise equipment. Various membership types are available at affordable prices.

ScottsdaleAZ.gov, search “Club SAR”

Attend free landscape classes this fall. Learn how to attract humming birds and butterflies to your yard. Also, discover a new generation of irrigation controllers in a smart controller class. Workshops will meet at the Civic Center Library. [Get the schedule and register](#). ScottsdaleAZ.gov, search “workshops”

Cooler temperatures mean less water. Adjust your irrigation/sprinkler controller to match cooler fall temperatures. Bermuda grass only needs water about once a week this time of year. [Save even more](#) by not over seeding for a winter lawn. ScottsdaleAZ.gov, search “plant care in the desert”

Volunteer Downtown Ambassadors needed. You’ll get to share the 411 on where to eat, shop and play. Ambassadors are asked to volunteer three-hour shifts at one of our information sidewalk carts. ScottsdaleAZ.gov, search “Downtown Ambassadors”

Doing the drive-thru? Don’t! [Avoid idling](#) and turn off your engine. Park the car and get some exercise. Afdc.energy.gov, search “idle”

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