



Thursday, Sept. 7

HEADLINES

Scottsdale provides online access to dozens of city datasets. The [city's new open data portal](#) offers public access to many of the same datasets that we use to monitor performance and make decisions. [The site](#) hosts more than 30 datasets – from map-based data like street centerlines, trails and trolley routes to service-level data like graffiti reports, police and fire calls, code violations and building permits.

City hosts open house to gather input on Major General Plan Amendments. The public is invited to an open house to review and comment on four proposed 2017 [Major General Plan Amendment](#) cases. The open house will be from 5 to 7 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 14, in the [Cocopah Middle School](#) cafeteria, 6615 E. Cholla St. [Learn about the proposed cases](#). Get a [public hearing schedule](#).

City launches new preserve videos, revamped website. There are several [new online resources](#) available for those wishing to explore or just learn more about the [McDowell Sonoran Preserve](#).

VIDEO OF THE WEEK

National Hispanic Heritage Month is Sept. 15 - Oct. 15. Scottsdale was settled and continues to be shaped by citizens of Hispanic heritage. [This is the story of one of those pioneers](#) ... Gerbacio "Harvey" Noriega.

EVENTS

Get a behind-the-scenes look at the city during family-friendly event, Saturday. Discover how essential services like water, sewer and trash pickup are provided at Scottsdale [Show and Tell](#). The event takes place in conjunction with the free [Children's Learning and Play Festival](#) from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 9, at [WestWorld](#).

Browse the [city calendar](#) for more events.

FOR YOUR INFORMATION

September is National Preparedness Month. [Create a plan](#) that outlines each family member's responsibilities in case of an emergency. Make a "Go Kit" which can include food and water, medication, money, contact information and locations to meet.

Nonprofits invited to apply for funding. The city's Community Assistance Office is accepting [applications for funding](#) from these programs: Scottsdale Cares, endowment funds, Community Development Block Grants and HOME. Applications will be available Tuesday, Sept. 12. Those interested in applying are encouraged to attend an orientation at 9:30 a.m. Wednesday, Sept. 13, at [Paiute Neighborhood Center](#).

American idle? Not quite! If each of us idles just six minutes a day – in a drive-thru line or while our kids finish soccer practice – we collectively waste 3 billion gallons of fuel every year in passenger vehicles alone. Get more [environmental tips](#).

Pinnacle Peak Park seeks volunteers. Be a steward and protect our beautiful Sonoran Desert and share your knowledge of [our special environment](#). [Apply](#) by the end of September to volunteer. New volunteers are required to complete training in October.

Get City Council [meeting and agenda information](#).

PROGRAMS & SERVICES

Protect your identity by attending "Shred It" event, Sept. 9. Bring your personal and/or commercial documents to the "Shred It" event from 7 to 10 a.m. Saturday, in the [WalMart](#) parking lot, 15355 N. Northsight Blvd. Cost is \$4 per box or bag.

Library presents three discussions on immigration. Hear different points of view. The first program is "[Immigrants and the American Dream: We the People Today and Tomorrow](#)" at 6 p.m. Monday, Sept. 11, at [Civic Center Library](#); The second program, entitled "[Is This Racist? Racial Literacy and Social Media](#)," is at 1 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 21, at [Arabian Library](#); and "[Securing Borders and Stopping Terrorism: A Constitutional Framework](#)" takes place at 6 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 27, at [Mustang Library](#).

Mayor's Constitution Day Contest showcases American pride. Commemorate the [signing of the constitution](#) by submitting art/video or an essay. Prizes will be awarded in both categories for three age groups. Deadline: Sunday, Sept. 17.

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