



Thursday, Oct. 19

HEADLINES

Cities & Towns Week is celebrating its 16th year. Cities and towns work 24/7, 365 days a year to provide services to our citizens. Arizona cities and towns ensure safety, protection, well-being, convenience and enrichment for all citizens to live, work and play in their communities. Take time this week to [learn about the services and programs](#) cities and towns provide.

Police Crisis Response canine Fozzie dies. [Fozzie](#) holds the distinction of being the nation's first full-time Police Crisis Response dog and was a pioneer for public safety agencies. During his career, Fozzie responded to homicides, suicides, fatal crashes, sexual assaults, domestic violence scenes and other critical incidents, providing comfort for people experiencing their worst day imaginable.

VIDEO OF THE WEEK

[Behind the Badge](#): Scottsdale Police Chief Alan Rodbell discusses the complexities of the administration of a police department.

EVENTS

HGTV's "Property Brothers" showcase Maricopa County Home Show: Oct. 20-22. [Experience](#) Pinterest-inspired workshops, a holiday shopping marketplace, and more than 1,000 booths showcasing flooring, closets, shutters, lighting, doors, landscaping, pools and more. The show takes place at [WestWorld](#).

Scottsdale Arts celebrates Family Day Oct. 21. Explore and learn, and create and celebrate at this year's free [Family Day](#) from noon to 4 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 21, at the [Scottsdale Museum of Contemporary Art](#). Activities will include pop-up family yoga, a look-and-touch table; arts-and-craft activities and a photo booth. Visitors also can explore the museum galleries and installations using a see-and-sketch activity sheet.

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 one of the many costume contests! End the evening with a bang by staying for a fireworks show. The [free event](#) takes place from 5 to 9 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 28, on the [Eldorado Park](#) ballfields.

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.

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

FOR YOUR INFORMATION

New video series celebrates and promotes downtown small business in Scottsdale. The new pilot video series, "[Downtown Spotlight](#)," was created to bring more value and awareness of local small business in the community. It will feature unique small businesses in 90-second video promotions. [Get a glimpse of Sips](#).

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.

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.

Scottsdale and Cairns, Australia, commemorate 30 years of Sister Cities partnership. Celebrate with a gourmet dinner prepared by Scottsdale Community College Culinary Arts students. The dinner will be Thursday, Oct. 26. Get details and buy tickets by emailing [Sister Cities](#).

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

PROGRAMS & SERVICES

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.

Longtime journalists share inside stories on covering Scottsdale and the state of journalism. Even before Scottsdale was a city, it had competing newspapers that wrote the first draft of Scottsdale's history, gave residents a voice and helped shape public debate. Join us for this [free panel discussion](#) at 5:30 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 25, at the [Civic Center Library](#).

Attend free Landscape Workshop: Smart Irrigation Controllers. Discover a new generation of [irrigation controllers](#) that heeds local weather conditions or soil moisture levels and waters accordingly. The class takes place from 10:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 28, at [Civic Center Library](#).

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