



Thursday, Oct. 26

HEADLINES

Keep safety in mind for Halloween fun. The Scottsdale Fire Department shares [the 4 C's of Halloween safety](#):

- **Carving:** Emergency room visits increase about 5 percent in October partly due to pumpkin carving accidents. Use the right tools for the right age.
- **Candy:** Stick with commercially wrapped candy, and discard anything that is opened or has rips or tears. When in doubt, throw it out.
- **Costumes:** Make sure costumes fit properly. Stay away from billowing or long trailing costumes. If wearing a mask, make sure the eyelets are large enough to not block vision. Use reflective tape on dark costumes. This is also a good time to practice "stop, drop and roll."
- **Common sense:** Stay on well-lit streets, bring a cellphone and stay in groups. If driving, watch speed.

Fire Station 605 undergoing renovations. Don't panic if you see a fence around the [fire station](#) near Shea Boulevard and 75th Street. The station was built in 1993 and needs improvements to allow for OSHA-certified areas and efficient use of limited space. Firefighters will work out of neighboring stations during construction. Response times should not be affected. The project is expected to be complete in early 2018.

You can now donate to Scottsdale Cares using PayPal. [Scottsdale Cares](#) is the city's voluntary utility bill donation program. Your generous contributions are granted to [nonprofits](#) that serve neighbors in need in diverse ways. Services may include meals for the elderly, suicide prevention, emergency crisis support and programs for the disabled. Besides PayPal, you can also [donate](#) by:

- Paying the grand total on your city utility bill and \$1 will be automatically routed to the program.
- Writing a check for any amount to Scottsdale Cares and mailing to: City of Scottsdale, Paiute Neighborhood Center, 6535 E Osborn Road, Scottsdale, AZ 85251, Attn: Justin Boyd.
- Designating "yes" on your autopay or surepay forms. Check or change your current designation by calling 480-312-7400
- Donating any amount online

One hundred percent of your tax-deductible donations go toward services (PayPal is an exception because of a required service fee).

VIDEO OF THE WEEK

Sculptor, mask maker and performance artist Zarco Guerrero discusses [Dia de los Muertos](#).

EVENTS

Professional soccer player and equality advocate takes the stage at arts center.

Megan Rapinoe, a FIFA Women's World Cup Champion and Olympic gold medalist, appears from 7 to 10 p.m. Friday, Oct. 27, at the [Scottsdale Center for the Performing Arts](#). [The program](#) is part of the Out@SMoCA series which celebrates Arizona's LGBTQ community and its support of contemporary art in Scottsdale.

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. Don't want to wait in line? Purchase a Fast Pass for \$10 and go to the front of the line. Proceeds benefit [Scottsdale Cares](#). 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.

Two opportunities to celebrate Dia de los Muertos (Day of the Dead). Learn about this [unique celebration](#) at 5:30 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 1, at [Mustang Library](#). The second event, Scottsdale [Dia de los Muertos 2017](#), features art, storytelling and performances. It takes place from 4 to 10 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 2, at the [Old Adobe Mission](#) in Downtown Scottsdale. Both events are free.

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

FOR YOUR INFORMATION

Deadline extended to Dec. 31 for Scottsdale flag design. The city is [seeking design concepts for a new city flag](#) through an open design challenge. Scottsdale hopes a new flag will become an immediately recognizable symbol of the proud and accomplished desert community known around the world for its blend of western heritage, natural beauty and modern art and culture. Designs may be submitted via the [city's website](#) or during business hours at any [Scottsdale Public Library](#).

Enjoy Downtown Scottsdale with free trolley rides. Scottsdale's [Downtown Trolley](#) is a free ride to anywhere you want to go Downtown – shopping, dining, entertainment or the arts district. This trolley runs daily, every 10 minutes from 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. and connects with Scottsdale's other free neighborhood trolley routes and Valley Metro bus routes.

"Scottsdale Shares" program assists with holiday donations. [Scottsdale Shares](#) provides one point of contact for residents, businesses and organizations seeking to assist

those in need through donations or volunteer activities.

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

PROGRAMS & SERVICES

Scottsdale Police host “Drug Take-Back” Saturday. Residents can stop by two Scottsdale locations Saturday, Oct. 28, to dispose of [unwanted, unneeded or expired prescription drugs](#): [Granite Reef Senior Center](#) or the [Foothills District Police Station](#). Both take place from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Residents can also safely dispose of unused and unwanted prescription medication year-round at three Scottsdale Police district locations through the department’s [Safe Drug Disposal Program](#).

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](#).

Popular Services: [brush & bulk collection](#) | [passports](#) | [utility billing](#)

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