



Nov. 30, 2017

HEADLINES

Donate a toy and get a free engine ride Saturday. Children can ride free in a fire engine from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 2, at the [Target store](#), Loop 101 and Frank Lloyd Wright Boulevard. To participate in Rides for Toys, donate a new unwrapped gift for Scottsdale Fire's annual holiday toy drive. Call 480-312-1817 for more information.

City Council hosts adoption hearing for Major General Plan Amendments. The public is invited to review and provide comment on three proposed 2017 [Major General Plan Amendment](#) requests at the Monday, Dec. 4, City Council meeting. It starts at 5 p.m. in the City Hall Kiva, 3939 N. Drinkwater Blvd. The cases include:

- [1-GP-2017](#)- Siena Estates, 5814 N. Cattletrack Road, 5811 and 5805 N. Sundown Drive. Request to change ± 3.8 acres from Rural Neighborhoods to Suburban Neighborhoods.
- [3-GP-2017](#)- 7676 E Pinnacle Peak Road, northeast corner of Pinnacle Peak and Miller Roads. Request to change ± 19.7 acres from Office to Suburban Neighborhoods.
- [4-GP-2017](#)- Bell Group Self Storage, southeast corner of Shea Boulevard and 116th Street. Request to change ± 2.8 acres of a ± 4.6 -acre site from Rural Neighborhoods to Commercial.

These projects are defined as Major General Plan Amendments per the 2001 Scottsdale General Plan Major Amendment criteria. Arizona law requires one City Council hearing be designated each calendar year to consider all Major General Plan Amendment applications.

Support Scottsdale Cares at Holiday Lights, Dec. 7. [Scottsdale Cares](#) supports a variety of social service agencies that, in turn, assist thousands of Scottsdale residents. City staff will be on-site at [Holiday Lights](#) from 6:30 to 9 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 7, providing refreshments and activities and collecting donations. Those not attending the event can still [donate to Scottsdale Cares](#).

VIDEO OF THE WEEK

Scottsdale's [Angel Initiative](#) offers compassion in the wake of the opioid epidemic.

EVENTS

Arizona Asian Festival takes place this weekend. Bring the entire family to the 22nd [Arizona Asian Festival](#) from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday and Sunday, Dec. 2-3, on [Scottsdale Civic Center Mall](#). There is free admission to this event that features live entertainment, food demonstrations are more.

Scottsdazzle Canal Concerts take place through Dec. 23. Various artists will perform live music from 7 to 9 p.m. Saturdays through Dec. 23, on the [Soleri Bridge](#). [More Scottsdazzle events](#) continue in December.

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

FOR YOUR INFORMATION

Ramp closures on Loop 101 Pima Freeway Sunday for annual charity run. The north- and southbound on and off ramps at [Via de Ventura Drive and Loop 101](#) will be closed from 5 a.m. to noon Sunday, Dec. 3. Drivers can use Indian Bend Road/Talking Stick Way or Pima Road/90th Street as alternate routes. [Get real-time highway conditions statewide](#).

Attend the Fifth Annual Cure Corridor program. [This event](#) features keynote speaker Andrew Hessel, a futurist and catalyst in biological technologies. He helps people better understand the rapid changes happening in life science. The program is from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Friday, Dec. 8, at the [Scottsdale Resort at McCormick Ranch](#). Cost is \$40 per person. [Register here](#).

Pancake breakfast fundraiser to assist Scottsdale Historical Museum. Proceeds from the [breakfast](#) will go toward the repair and restoration of the museum and its collection. A flood from a broken water pipe caused the damage. The event runs from 8 to 10 a.m. Saturday, Dec. 9, at the [Scottsdale Historical Museum](#). The suggested donation is \$20 a person.

Put the 'spring' back in your step and register for parks & rec classes, Monday. From A(erobics) to Z(umba), we've got you covered. Spring into a variety of [parks and recreation classes](#) and team sports to keep you healthy and happy! Residents can register beginning at 7 a.m. Monday, Dec. 4; nonresidents can register at 7 a.m. Tuesday, Dec. 5. Classes for the spring session run January through May.

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

PROGRAMS & SERVICES

Protect your identity by attending "Shred It" event, Saturday. Bring your personal and/or commercial documents to the ["Shred It"](#) event from 7 to 10 a.m. Saturday, Dec. 2, in the [Walmart](#) parking lot, 15355 N. Northsight Blvd. Cost is \$4 per box or bag.

Plug into Electronics Recycling Day Saturday. Scottsdale residents can [recycle electronics](#) from 7:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 2, at the city's [North Corporation Yard](#), 9191 E. San Salvador. Items accepted include computer, office and entertainment equipment.

Hooking New Readers: Presenting Your Work in Public, Wednesday. Sharon Skinner's workshop is designed for writers seeking to develop a professional presence and increase their audience through personal appearances, eye catching table displays, a quick reader's pitch and more. The [free program](#) is from 6:30 to 8 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 6, in the [Civic Center Library](#) Auditorium.

Learn about solar energy and storage batter systems at Dec. 7 Green Building lecture. Hear about the latest energy storage technologies and the city's largest solar photovoltaic installation using battery storage to reduce peak demand. This free [Green Building](#) lecture will be from 7 to 8:30 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 7, at the [Granite Reef Senior Center](#), 1700 N. Granite Reef Road.

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