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Enjoy your holiday! We will not issue Scottsdale Update on Thanksgiving, Thursday, Nov. 23. We'll be back Thursday, Nov. 30.

HEADLINES

The people have spoken and say Scottsdale's economy is excellent. Scottsdale earned the [2017 Voice of the People Award for Excellence in Economy](#). This award is for communities that earn the highest ratings among those participating in the National Citizen Survey. Scottsdale last conducted the survey in November and December 2016. Residents rated seven of eight aspects of "economy" higher than national benchmarks, and they feel that economy is one of the most important facets of community livability.

Most city offices will be closed Thursday, Nov. 23, and Friday, Nov. 24, for Thanksgiving.

- The [city will not pick up trash or recycling](#) on Thanksgiving Day, Nov. 23. Thursday's collection moves to Friday, and Friday's collection moves to Saturday.
- Thanksgiving is the peak day for home cooking fires. [Take these precautions](#).
- Make sure to [follow these simple tips](#) to avoid costly and stinky grease-related blockages in your sewer lines.

Scottsdazzle holiday celebration kicks off Nov. 25. The Scottsdazzle Holiday Tree Lighting and Holiday Sing-A-Long starts at 7 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 25, on the [Soleri Bridge](#). Join us for sweet treats and entertainment. The monthlong Scottsdazzle festival incorporates several signature events, ongoing activities and specialty artwork. Get a [complete list of events](#).

VIDEO OF THE WEEK

The weather's ripe for hiking. Check out the half mile [Bajada Nature Trail](#). It provides a desert adventure for hikers of every age and ability and is easily accessible from the Gateway Trailhead.

EVENTS

Hot rods roar into WestWorld, this weekend. [WestWorld](#) turns from horses to horsepower at the [Goodguys Fall National Hot Rod Show](#), Friday-Sunday, Nov. 17-19. The event showcases hot rods, customs, muscle cars, trucks, classics and sports cars.

Get hooked on fishing at Eldorado Park's Fishing Expo, Saturday. Tackle family fun at Eldorado Park's free [Fishing Expo](#) from 8 to 11 a.m. Saturday, Nov. 18, at the [fishing lake](#), 2311 N. Miller Road.

Attend free Scottsdale Philharmonic concert Sunday. Hear a professional [symphony orchestra concert](#) at 4 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 19, at [Scottsdale Bible Church](#), 7601 E. Shea Blvd. The group receives support through the city's Community Event Funding program.

Interactive artwork PRISMATICA comes to Scottsdale Waterfront, Nov. 24-Jan. 7. Scottsdale Public Art and Scottsdazzle present this series of 25 [kinetic, glowing prism sculptures](#) that play bell music when rotated. Each prism is 6 feet tall and has panels covered with film that reflects colors of the rainbow throughout the day and night.

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

FOR YOUR INFORMATION

"Shop Small" on Small Business Saturday, Nov. 25. Small businesses make up 99.7 percent of U.S. employer firms. What's more, for every \$100 spent locally, \$73 stays in the economy; compared with \$43 from non-local stores. [Learn more](#) about Small Business Saturday.

Alli Ortega Empty Bowls raises funds to fight hunger. [This year's event](#) takes place from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 29, at the [Scottsdale Community College](#), Student Center Cafeteria. Local artisans sell hand-crafted bowls – proceeds benefit [Vista del Camino](#) social service agency.

Thanks to popular demand, Holiday Lights will expand. This year's [McCormick-Stillman Railroad Park](#) event runs for five weeks, kicking off Friday, Dec. 1, and running most nights through Sunday, Jan. 7. The Holiday Lights train ride on the Paradise & Pacific Railroad will require a special ticket. Tickets can be purchased in advance, during the park's normal hours. Another exciting element – you can avoid long lines by [buying a Fast Pass](#). Get details about [this year's event](#).

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. Those not attending the event can still [donate to Scottsdale Cares](#).

Stay in shape through the holidays. [Registration is open](#) for city programs providing a wide variety of active classes for tots, youth and adults.

LimeBike launches in Scottsdale, making it the city's first bike-share program.

You'll see lime green smart bikes popping up throughout the city. Locals and visitors will now be able to rely on the bike-share service as a sustainable, convenient transportation option. LimeBike partners with cities, colleges and local businesses to provide dockless, subsidy-free bike-share services. (AZBigMedia, Nov. 13)

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

PROGRAMS & SERVICES

Pitch in at "I Recycle Scottsdale" Saturday. Drop off a variety of items at "[I Recycle Scottsdale](#)" from 8 a.m. to noon, Saturday, Nov. 18, at the [Pima Center](#), 9200 E. Pima Center Parkway. Cardboard, clothing, electronic devices, prescription drugs and more will be accepted at this annual event.

Get a head start on holiday shopping at Arts and Crafts Fair, Saturday. The [Granite Reef Senior Center](#) hosts this [annual event](#) from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 18. Choose items from more than 180 vendors selling original artwork and handmade crafts.

Mustang Library presents "The Bizarre Human History of the McDowells," Saturday. Discover the unusual and sometimes tragic history that befell visitors to these mysterious mountains. The [free program](#) is from 1 to 4 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 18, at [Mustang Library](#).

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