



Dec. 21 & 28, 2017

Happy everything! Scottsdale Update will be back Thursday, Jan. 4.

HEADLINES

Christmas and New Year holiday information. Most city offices will be closed Monday, Dec. 25, and Monday, Jan. 1, in observance of Christmas and New Year's Day. Here's information you should know about city services and keeping safe:

- [Trash collection](#) for both days will take place one day later than usual. Place your refuse can curbside by 5 a.m. the morning of collection or the night before.
- 'Tis the season to be careful ... Light up your home with festive holiday lights, not a blazing fire. [Get holiday safety tips](#).
- Make sure to [follow these simple tips](#) to avoid costly and stinky grease-related blockages in your sewer lines.
- Although some consumer fireworks use is permitted by state law in Scottsdale during the holidays, their use in and near many sensitive desert areas remains illegal and violators are subject to substantial fines. [Know and follow the law](#).
- [Don't fire a gun](#) to celebrate the New Year. Besides being illegal, it's dangerous ... what goes up, must come down.
- Don't drink and drive.
- [Drowning is a year-round issue](#) in Arizona. Keep children away from pools, spas and any other water features when unattended.

Scottsdale honors employees for performance and commitment to community.

Assisting a disabled resident in need. Expanding law enforcement's ability to address and treat opioid overdoses. Improving the lives of at-risk children and families. [Learn more about](#) the award winners.

VIDEO OF THE WEEK

Experience the delightful ambience of a glowing fireplace that won't hurt the environment or cause a hazard. Gather your family in front of the TV and tune into Scottsdale Video Network (Cox channel 11, Century Link channel 8001). The mesmerizing flames, accompanied by holiday music, will be sure to warm your home. Watch at 11 a.m. Sunday, Dec. 24, through midnight Monday, Dec. 25.

EVENTS

Scottsdazzle events continue in December. Spread the holiday cheer through the end of the year ... Canal concerts, wine tastings, Cowboy Christmas and more. Here's the [Scottsdazzle calendar](#).

Holiday Lights continues through Jan. 7. Festivities take place from 6 to 9 p.m. nightly, with just a few exceptions, at [McCormick-Stillman Railroad Park](#). The Holiday Lights experience on the Paradise & Pacific Railroad is \$5 with children 2 and younger riding free with a paying adult. Avoid lines by buying a fast pass. [Get event details](#).

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

FOR YOUR INFORMATION

Support Operation Fix It at Holiday Lights, tonight. [Operation Fix It](#) provides financial and physical assistance to Scottsdale homeowners needing exterior property improvements. City staff will be on-site at [Holiday Lights](#) from 6:30 to 9 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 21, at [McCormick-Stillman Railroad Park](#), providing refreshments and activities and collecting donations. Those not attending the event can still [donate to Operation Fix It online](#).

Nonprofit group Community Celebrating Diversity selects two Diversity Champions. [Congratulations to Marybell Ramirez-Deeds and André Watkins](#). Ramirez-Deeds is the branch director at the Boys and Girls Club of Scottsdale and a champion for our community youth. Watkins is a Mayo Clinic researcher and co-chair of Arizona Men's Health and Wellness Expo. The honorees will be recognized at the 24th Annual Martin Luther King Jr. Celebration Dinner Tuesday, Jan. 9. See details below.

Register for the Martin Luther King Jr. Dinner Celebration, Jan. 9. This year's event will feature keynote speaker Ken E. Nwadike Jr., founder of the Free Hugs Project. Nwadike is a peace activist, inspirational speaker and video journalist popularly known as the Free Hugs Guy. [The event](#) is Tuesday, Jan. 9, at [The Scottsdale Resort at McCormick Ranch](#). Registration begins at 5 p.m. and the program starts at 6 p.m. Tickets are \$75.

Parks and Rec offers family summer swim pass discount through Saturday. Family swim passes allow unlimited public swim, lap swim and fitness center visits from Memorial Day through Labor Day. [Find out where you can buy yours](#).

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

PROGRAMS & SERVICES

Protect your identity by attending "Shred It" event, Jan. 6. Bring your personal and/or commercial documents to the "[Shred It](#)" event from 7 to 10 a.m. Saturday, Jan. 6, in the [Walmart](#) parking lot, 15355 N. Northsight Blvd. Cost is \$4 per box or bag.

Recycle your Christmas tree at these drop off locations, Jan. 6-14. [Collection bins](#) will be available at three city parks: [Eldorado](#), [Scottsdale Ranch](#) and [Thompson Peak](#). No artificial trees, stands or ornaments. We can also pick up your tree curbside during your regular [brush and bulk collection week](#). Place your tree in the brush pile away from bulk items.

Spring into action with Parks & Recreation classes this January. Are you ready to try something new? Scottsdale Parks and Recreation's [spring session](#) offers everything from A(erobics) to Z(umba) and everything between. You can also sign up for tennis and sports leagues. Most classes start in January.

Resolve to save money and water in the new year. Scottsdale Water has [rebates available](#) to help customers save water and money inside and outside their homes. Funds are limited, and deadlines are approaching, so apply soon.

Register for the 2018 Water Efficiency Workshop Series. Learn ways to enhance the beauty of your landscape while saving water and money. Classes are free for Scottsdale residents. [View class topics](#) and dates, and register.

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

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