



Thursday, Dec. 1

VIDEO OF THE WEEK

Shhh. It's a secret. [Explore](#) these not-so-well-known spectacular spots in Scottsdale. Then go ahead . . . spread the word!

HEADLINES

We want to hear from you. Would you like more useful information about city of Scottsdale services and programs? We'd like to give it to you! Please [complete this brief feedback form](#), and we will use the results to better serve your information needs.

City Council will interview two more city manager candidates. Queen Creek Town Manager John Kross and former Casa Grande City Manager James V. Thompson are [additional candidates who will be considered for Scottsdale city manager](#). The City Council will host a special public meeting Thursday, Dec. 8, during which each candidate will make a brief presentation. The council may extend a job offer to their top choice at that time.

Scottsdale launches citizen survey. Some Scottsdale residents have been randomly selected to [participate in a survey](#) to measure their views on the community and city programs and services. Feedback will be used to measure the quality of city services and considered in prioritizing future programs and services.

"Scottsdale Shares" campaign assists with holiday donations. The [Scottsdale Shares](#) campaign provides one point of contact for residents, businesses and organizations seeking to assist those in need through donations or volunteer activities.

EVENTS

Scottsdazzle kicks off with holiday tree lighting; celebrations continue. The tree, complete with more than 1 million customizable lighting options, will glow nightly throughout the holidays on Soleri Bridge and Plaza. [Scottsdazzle](#) is made up of several signature events throughout December, including a weekly concert series, the Santa Wine Around and the I Spy Santa ArtWalk.

Senior centers are hosting gallery-themed art shows Dec. 2 & 9. Artwork by the

[Granite Reef](#) and [Via Linda senior centers](#)' students and instructors will be on display. Admission is free with one canned food item to benefit the Vista del Camino Food Bank.

STARS is hosting "Movie Under the Stars." This [free event](#) is from 4 to 8 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 3, at Chaparral Park, 5401 N. Hayden Road. [STARS](#) is a Scottsdale nonprofit whose mission is to improve the lives of people with cognitive and developmental disabilities.

Holiday Lights returns to McCormick-Stillman Railroad Park, Dec. 9-Jan. 1. Take a train ride through festive holiday lights and displays which turn the [McCormick-Stillman Railroad Park](#) into a winter wonderland. Opening night festivities begin at 6:30 p.m. Friday, Dec. 9, and include a tree lighting, entertainment and a visit from a special guest – you know who!

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

FOR YOUR INFORMATION

Donate a toy and get a free truck ride Saturday. The [Rides for Toys](#) holiday donation program runs from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 3, at Target, Loop 101 and Frank Lloyd Wright Boulevard. Can't make it Saturday? We're accepting new, unwrapped toys and gift cards at all [fire stations](#) through Friday, Dec. 23.

Register for the MLK Jr. Dinner Celebration. Author and two-time aviation hall of fame inductee William "Bill" Norwood will be the keynote speaker at the 2017 [Martin Luther King Jr. Dinner Celebration](#). The annual event is Wednesday, Jan. 11. Registration and a reception begin at 5 p.m., followed by dinner and recognition at 6 p.m. This year's event will be held at Henkel Corporation, 7201 E. Henkel Way.

Take control of your irrigation controller. Adjusting your irrigation controller to match the weather is one of the easiest ways to save water. At a minimum, adjust your controller seasonally. Get a [free watering guide](#).

Valley youth soared through Scottsdale skies at an event just for them. Children with disabilities and life-threatening illnesses recently gathered at Scottsdale Airport to [experience the wonders of flight](#) on a private airplane or helicopter. More than 130 children and 200 family members were treated to a 20-minute flight over Scottsdale and Phoenix thanks to [SkyKids, a nonprofit organization that recruits pilots and businesses](#) to donate their time and aircraft.

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

PROGRAMS & SERVICES

Scottsdale residents can recycle their electronics. This [program](#) takes place from 7:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 3, at the city's Corporation Yard, 9191 E. San Salvador. Items accepted include computer, office and entertainment equipment.

Put the 'spring' back in your step and register for Parks and Recreation classes, Dec. 5. 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. 5; nonresidents can register at 7 a.m. Tuesday, Dec. 6. Classes run January through May.

Learn about acoustic guitar history and watch a demonstration. Valley favorite Jack Alves will provide a look at the [history of the acoustic guitar](#) at 3 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 8, at Palomino Library, 12575 E. Via Linda. The free program concludes with instrumental guitar versions of Christmas and holiday songs.

City hosts fourth annual Cure Corridor event Dec. 9. Discover the accomplishments and innovations of emerging health care and bio-life science companies at the Friday, Dec. 9, [Cure Corridor event](#). The program runs from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. at The Scottsdale Resort at McCormick Ranch, 7700 E. McCormick Parkway.

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