



Thursday, June 29

HEADLINES

Independence Day information. We wish you a safe, enjoyable Fourth of July holiday. Most city offices will be closed Tuesday, July 4, in observance of the holiday. Below is information about holiday activities, safety tips and city services.

- Cool holiday event options:
 - [Scottsdale's Fourth of July Celebration](#) – The event starts at 3 p.m. indoors at WestWorld and includes a kids' zone, pony rides, a petting zoo, BMX show, stunt dogs and a bull riding competition. Fireworks begin at 9 p.m.
 - [City aquatic centers](#) – The Cactus, Chaparral, Eldorado and McDowell Mountain Ranch aquatic centers are open Tuesday, July 4, for public and lap swimming. You can enjoy the fitness centers too! Regular pool admission fees apply.
- [Fireworks restrictions](#) in place. Use of fireworks is prohibited in Scottsdale's McDowell Sonoran Preserve and Pinnacle Peak Park and all properties located within 1 mile of these fragile desert lands. They're also prohibited on all publicly owned properties. Violation of these restrictions is a civil offense punishable by citations and fines.
- [Preserve](#) to close at 3 p.m. Tuesday, July 4, to reduce the threat of wildfire. Scottsdale police, staff and volunteer stewards will patrol the area to advise visitors about the closure and fire threat. Violating the closure is a misdemeanor punishable by up to four months in jail and a \$750 fine. The preserve will re-open at 4:52 a.m. on Wednesday, July 5.
- [Pinnacle Peak Park](#) remains open July 4. The park, 26802 N. 102nd Way, will be open on Independence Day from 5 a.m. until 8 p.m. For more information about the park, contact park staff at 480-312-0990.

2017 Spirit of Scottsdale award winners showcase community soul. [The awards](#), sponsored by the city's Neighborhood Advisory Commission, recognize people and places that embody the spirit of our community by preserving, improving and strengthening neighborhoods.

Candid camera critters. The new watering basin at [Pinnacle Peak Park](#) is becoming a popular draw for animals looking for a drink and a break from the heat. The camera

recently snapped photos of a bobcat, raccoon, roadrunner, a couple of rabbits and a covey of thirsty quail. [See the photos.](#)

VIDEO OF THE WEEK

Be red, white and cool at Scottsdale's Fourth of July Celebration from 3 to 9:30 p.m. Tuesday, July 4. [Get event details.](#)

EVENTS

Listen to the music at railroad park's last free Sunday night concert of the season. Mogollon brings its high energy country sound [to the stage](#) at 7:30 p.m. Sunday, July 2, at [McCormick-Stillman Railroad Park](#). Bring a blanket, chairs and snacks – or buy munchies on site. Train and carousel tickets are \$2 each with kids 2 and younger riding free with a paying adult.

Senior center hosts cool ice cream social. This free event is from noon to 2 p.m. Friday, July 7, at the Via Linda [Senior Center](#), 10440 E. Via Linda. Call 480-312-5810 to register or for more information.

Star-studded moonlight swims take place July 7, 21 & 22. Did you know that the sun's UV rays can damage skin in as little as 15 minutes? Avoid the danger by swimming under the stars Fridays, July 7 and 21, at [McDowell Mountain Ranch](#) and [Eldorado](#) aquatic centers; and Saturday, July 22, at [Eldorado](#). All events are from 5 to 9 p.m. Regular pool admission fees apply.

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

FOR YOUR INFORMATION

Public invited to comment on text amendment changes to "care homes/group homes." The city is hosting another in a series of [open houses](#) to discuss amending definitions to this category and modifying criteria for these homes in single-family residential districts. It takes place from 5:30 to 7 p.m. Thursday, June 29, at [Mountain View Park](#), 8625 E. Mountain View Road.

Scottsdale public art piece named among the best in America. "Blooms" by British artist Bruce Munro is one of 49 projects recently singled out by Americans for the Arts. [Read the New Times story.](#)

Host a cool birthday party at city pool. Book your child's (or your own!) [birthday celebration](#) at [McDowell Mountain Ranch](#), [Eldorado](#) or [Chaparral](#) pool. Various packages are available.

Rent a facility for a private event. McDowell Mountain Ranch offers [private facility](#)

[rentals](#) from 6 to 9 p.m. Saturdays. Eldorado Aquatic Center also has areas to rent through August.

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

PROGRAMS & SERVICES

Learn about the benefits of raising backyard chickens. Fowl Play author Rachel Bess will present this [free program](#) from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Friday, July 7, at [Mustang Library](#).

Learn ways to enhance the beauty of your home while saving water and money. Attend a [Water Efficiency Workshop](#) or Scottsdale Xeriscape Garden tour. The next class is "Take Control of your Landscape Watering." It takes place from 6 to 8 p.m. Thursday, July 13, at the [Civic Center Library](#).

Western Spirit: Scottsdale Museum of the West showcases movie poster exhibit. Hundreds of [film posters](#) dating back to the 1800s are on display through September at the [museum](#).

Kids can learn to paint a masterpiece. Two programs at the Scottsdale Library encourage youths 12-18 years to be master painters. Under the direction of a professional artist, the original creations will be finished by the end of the program. Two programs to choose from:

- ["Create a Knock-Off"](#) based on the look of Van Gogh's Starry Night at 4 p.m. Wednesday, July 12, at the Civic Center Library.
- ["Paint Your Own Selfie"](#) creating a Picasso vibe to your own image at 11 a.m. Wednesday, July 19, at Palomino Library.

For more information or to get registration details, call 480.650.READ.

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