



Thursday, Aug. 3

## HEADLINES

**Desert Discovery Center proposal is online.** The community can [learn more](#) by accessing the document and attending a [series of meetings](#). The City Council will address the project at a late September study session.

**Focus on safety as students head back to school.** [School starts](#) next week and that means more cars, bicyclists and pedestrians will be on the streets. Remember, it's everyone's responsibility to know the rules of the road whether you're walking, bicycling or driving.

**McCormick-Stillman Railroad Park closed for maintenance, Aug. 7-11.**

Enhancements include painting many outdoor shade structures, deep cleaning public facilities, repairing trains and making several other improvements. [The park](#) will reopen at 9 a.m. Saturday, Aug. 12.

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## VIDEO OF THE WEEK

[Learn about plants](#) that are suitable for Arizona's desert.

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## EVENTS

**Hula to the Safety Luau Saturday.** Learn practical [tips on water safety](#) all while having fun. The event takes place from 4 to 8 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 5, at [Eldorado Aquatic Center](#). Highlights include games, a mock rescue, and live hula and fire dancers. Regular pool admission fees apply.

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

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## FOR YOUR INFORMATION

**August is Drowning Impact Awareness Month.** Arizona consistently ranks among the worst states for drowning. But drowning is preventable. Show your support and commitment to [water safety](#) by wearing a purple ribbon during August. Get one at any Scottsdale [fire station](#) or [aquatic center](#).

**Picking up children from school?** Toxic vehicle emissions are more concentrated at ground level where children breathe. [Avoid idling](#). While waiting, turn off your engine and roll down your window.

**Creative ideas needed for Downtown Scottsdale space.** The city is [requesting proposals](#) for a creative and attractive, tourism-driven use for the space at the Noriega Livery Stable, 3806 N. Brown Ave.

**City launches innovative new web tool designed to attract and grow business.** The ground-breaking mapping tool on [ScottsdaleSites.com](#) allows users to access powerful business information for research and market analysis. Data such as real estate, demographics and industry breakdowns for sites within the city are available free and instantly.

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

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## PROGRAMS & SERVICES

**Learn how to create engaging, relevant marketing.** Discover the secrets of selling your products and services without being overt. This [free class](#) is at 6 p.m. Wednesday, Aug. 9, in [Civic Center Library's Eureka Loft](#).

**"Using Infrared to Remotely Control Robots" - a "50 Forward" program, Aug. 12 and 17.** Get hands-on instruction on how to remotely control a robot. "50 Forward" is a grant-funded series that invites those 50 and older to experiment, learn and play with new technology. Two free sessions are available: 10:30 to noon [Saturday, Aug. 12](#), at [Appaloosa Library](#); and 1:30 to 3 p.m. [Thursday, Aug. 17](#), at [Civic Center Library](#).

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