



Thursday, Sept. 28

## HEADLINES

**We're circling back to roundabouts.** Data continues to support [roundabouts](#) as the safest, greenest and most efficient option for many intersections.

**Bill Walton and the Wash.** Scottsdale's first park, Eldorado, celebrates its [50th anniversary Saturday](#), Sept. 30 (See information below). [Eldorado](#) is more than a park, however. It was the first piece of a visionary project that not only transformed Scottsdale, but also the science of flood control. [Learn the story of a greenbelt pioneer.](#)

**The Housing Choice Voucher Program waitlist opens Tuesday, Oct. 2.** The program, funded through the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, offers rental assistance based upon eligible household income. It provides affordable and safe housing opportunities for lower-income families, senior citizens and persons with disabilities. [Applications may be completed online or in person](#) through 5 p.m. Friday, Oct. 13.

**Office of Diversity presents "American Lives: The Impact of Islamophobia"** Hear personal stories and authentic perspectives about the [impact of Islamophobia](#) at this free program – 6 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 12, at [Civic Center Library](#).

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## VIDEO OF THE WEEK

[Explore](#) new worlds in this behind-the-scenes look at the Scottsdale Public Library card.

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## EVENTS

**Celebrate Scottsdale Parks at Grand Old Picnic, Saturday.** Several city parks have milestone anniversaries in 2017. Each will [celebrate](#) in its own way through the year. But Scottsdale's oldest park, [Eldorado](#), will [celebrate](#) with free games, food and entertainment from 4 to 7 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 30.

**Bacon and Beer Classic sizzles Oct. 7.** Sample more than 50 craft beers, eat 25 bacon-infused dishes, play giant Jenga, battle it out on the bungee run and compete in a bacon-eating contest. [This unique event](#) begins at noon, Saturday, Oct. 7, at [Scottsdale Stadium](#).

**Celebrate all things railroad at Railfair, Oct. 7-8.** This [free event](#) includes model train displays, exhibits of seldom seen vintage railroad equipment and presentations about Arizona's railroad history. The fun takes place from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. both days, at the [McCormick-Stillman Railroad Park](#).

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

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## FOR YOUR INFORMATION

**Do you know a Diversity Champion?** Nominations are open for [Diversity Champions](#) – individuals who have enriched the Scottsdale community through their work and/or volunteerism by empowering others. They will be honored Tuesday, Jan. 9, at the 2018 [MLK Jr. Dinner Celebration](#). Eligible nominees must work, live or volunteer in Scottsdale. The nomination deadline is noon Friday, Nov. 10.

**Planning Commission to hear 2017 major General Plan amendment cases.** The remote meeting takes place at 5 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 4, in the [Cocopah Middle School](#) cafeteria, 6615 E. Cholla St. No formal action will be taken but public comment is welcome. Review the proposed [Major General Plan Amendment](#) cases. Get a [public hearing schedule](#).

**Scottsdale featured in Thrillist and Toronto Sun.** *Thrillist* included Scottsdale on its list of "9 Surprisingly Great U.S. Food Cities You Have to Visit." The Old Town Farmer's Market, FnB, Cowboy Ciao and more were highlighted. Read the *Thrillist* list [here](#). Culinary also was the focus of Kevin Hann's article in the *Toronto Sun*, "From desert to dessert: Weather not the only thing that sizzles in Scottsdale." The Old Town Farmer's Market gets another shout-out, along with The Mission, Fat Ox and Virtú Honest Craft. Read his article [here](#).

**Canal Convergence and the Scottsdale Arts Festival win multiple awards.** These events won a combined 10 awards for excellence in event creation and execution from the International Festivals & Events Association. [Canal Convergence](#) has its roots in an early 2013 mix of art and maintenance, created through a partnership between Scottsdale Public Art and Salt River Project. The annual [Scottsdale Arts Festival](#) takes place each March and features about 175 artists, food, entertainment and activities.

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

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## PROGRAMS & SERVICES

**Learn about the economic value of green, Oct. 5.** If you're considering retrofitting your home for energy efficient features, learn which ones might be important for your home. This [free Green Building program](#) runs from 7 to 8:30 p.m. at the [Granite Reef Senior Center](#).

**Don't be a victim of identity theft; shred event takes place Oct. 7.** Bring your personal and/or commercial [documents to be shredded](#) from 7 to 10 a.m. in the [Wal-Mart](#) parking lot. Cost is \$4 per box.

**Electronics recycling takes place Oct. 7.** Scottsdale residents can [drop off unwanted](#)

[electronics](#) from 7:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the [city's Corporation Yard](#). Recycling these items prevents them from reaching landfills ... creating less waste and providing usable items to organizations that can recapture their value.

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