



March 1, 2018

HEADLINES

Catch a family-friendly "double header" Saturday. Celebrate the first Saturday in March with a pair of family-friendly events. The [Scottsdale Giant Race](#) begins at 7 a.m. at [Scottsdale Stadium](#). The Scottsdale Public Library's [Ultimate Play Date](#) follows, which includes a variety of activities designed to teach through interactive play. The free fun takes place from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. just outside the [Civic Center Library](#).

Scottsdale Chamber of Commerce hosts annual economic development symposium, Scottsdale Forward. This event, held at [Scottsdale Community College](#), will be packed with timely, valuable information to help business leaders, developers and others learn where Scottsdale's economy is headed. [The program](#) is Wednesday, March 14, beginning with a 6:45 a.m. registration and breakfast followed by a 7:30 a.m. program. Cost is \$25 for chamber members; \$35 for nonmembers.

Comment on draft Downtown Plan update, Downtown Overlay and text amendments. Register to attend one of three open houses to review and comment on the draft Downtown Plan update and updates to the Downtown sections of the Zoning Ordinance. The Downtown Plan and Zoning Ordinance work together to set planning and development guidelines and regulations. [Get specific dates, times and location, and register.](#)

VIDEO OF THE WEEK

Take a minute to [learn some safety tips](#) before you hike in the McDowell Sonoran Preserve.

EVENTS

Canal Convergence lights up the Waterfront this weekend. Visitors will experience [cutting-edge public art](#) installations suspended above and placed throughout the [Arizona Canal at the Scottsdale Waterfront](#). Scottsdale Public Art will present a range of educational activities and engaging events throughout this weekend, March 2-3.

Arizona Sun Circuit Quarter Horse Show starts Saturday at WestWorld. Watch more than 1,000 of the country's [best quarter horses and riders](#) compete in reining, ranch riding, versatility, trail, roping, working cow horse and cutting. The action takes place Saturday,

March 3, through Sunday, March 11, at [WestWorld](#).

Sunday A'Fair concerts continue on the Civic Center Mall during March. Listen to the Valley's top musicians and experience an arts-and-crafts market. The [free afternoon events](#) take place from noon to 4 p.m. most Sundays through April 8, on the Civic Center Mall. Bring a blanket and picnic basket, or buy food on-site.

Via Linda Senior Centers hosts annual barbecue Tuesday. [Get fired up](#) for hamburgers, hotdogs and refreshments in the [Via Linda courtyard](#), 10440 E. Via Linda. Games and live entertainment are also on the menu. Cost is \$5 for residents and \$7 for nonresidents. [Register here](#).

Scottsdale Arts Festival takes place March 9-11. Explore the works of nearly 200 nationally-acclaimed exhibiting artists at the annual [Scottsdale Arts Festival](#) Friday-Sunday, March 9-11, on Scottsdale's Civic Center Mall. Enjoy toe-tapping Arizona bands and entertainers, mouth-watering gourmet food trucks and lots of other fun.

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

FOR YOUR INFORMATION

Scottsdale Resort hosts Operation Fix It benefit. Every Thursday in March, the [Scottsdale Resort](#) will donate 5 percent of all Bar Six40 and Kitchen West proceeds, from sales after 4 p.m., to [Operation Fix It](#). The city program secures volunteers and local businesses to provide labor and materials to help eligible, low-income residents maintain their properties.

World Open Data Day is Saturday, and Scottsdale has it covered - every day. Open data ... it's the idea that data should be freely available and accessible to everyone. It's also a tool for Scottsdale to promote openness, transparency and accountability. For example, you can view [active building permits](#) for your neighborhood, [plan your commute](#) or [locate public amenities](#) such as libraries, parks and trails. [Discover other ways the city uses data](#) to make decisions and deliver services.

Students invited to register for Scottsdale Youth Town Hall. The Scottsdale Mayor's Youth Council will be hosting a discussion on substance use and addiction from 5 to 7 p.m. Monday, March 5, in the [Civic Center Library](#) Auditorium. [Get details and register](#).

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

Teens invited to apply for Public Safety Teen Academy. About 40 teens will gain life skills while learning about future careers in law enforcement and fire services June 4-8 at the Scottsdale Public Safety Teen Academy. Scottsdale Police and Fire departments collaborate to offer a total public safety experience, which includes exposure to both police and fire training. [Learn more and apply](#).

Stop idling. Start breathing. Fact: Tailpipe emissions can lead to decreased lung function

and more air pollution. Get more [environmental tips](#).

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

PROGRAMS & SERVICES

Scottsdale Water participates in SRP Water Conservation Expo. Stop by Scottsdale Water's booth at this [free expo](#) from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday, March 3, at the [SRP Pera Club](#). Visitors can get valuable information on how to save water and money, in addition to receiving discounts on various water-savings equipment such as smart irrigation controllers.

Library hosts Women's HERstory Month in March. Learn about the unique contributions by women of different cultures who [shaped early Arizona](#). Various programs, including book discussions and a film series, take place throughout the month.

Protect your identity by attending "Shred It" event, Saturday. Bring your personal and/or commercial documents to the "[Shred It](#)" event from 7 to 10 a.m. Saturday, March 3, in the [Walmart parking lot](#), 15355 N. Northsight Blvd. Cost is \$4 per box.

Rid your home of household hazardous wastes Saturday. Bring them to [Household Hazardous Waste Collection Day](#) from 7:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, March 3, at the city [Corporation Yard](#), 9191 E. San Salvador.

Eldorado Park hosts annual Wedge Skate Jam, March 10. The [fun rolls](#) from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, March 10, at the skate [park](#). Entry fees are free, but participants must fill out a waiver to compete. Competitors younger than 18 must have a legal guardian with them to register.

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

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