

LOCAL News

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Letter carriers host drive

Scottsdale letter carriers will collect non-perishable food donations along their routes on Saturday, May 9 for delivery to local food banks. This effort is part of the annual "Stamp out Hunger" food drive conducted by the National Association of Letter Carriers. Residents wishing to participate may place nonperishable food donations by their mailbox on May 9 before mail is delivered. Visit www.helpstampouthunger.com.

BGCGS hosts donation event

The Boys & Girls Clubs of Greater Scottsdale's Thrift Shop hosts its "Fill the Truck" donation event 9 a.m.-2 p.m. Saturday, May 9 at the club's Vestar Branch, 3975 E. Lockwood Drive.

Personal and household items including clothing, shoes, jewelry, furniture, electronics sports equipment, artwork, rugs and other household items that are still in good, workable condition will be accepted. The items will then be sold at the thrift shop, which helps support youth developmental programs for children and teens in the local community.

Call 480-949-5787.

Festival seeks applicants

Application deadline for the fourth annual Cave Creek Film and Arts Festival is 5 p.m. Friday, May 15. The competition is open to residents statewide with two age divisions per category: youth (ages 12 to 18) and adults (ages 19 and older).

Categories include film, visual arts, photography, poetry, short stories, original song and choreography. Entry fees are \$10 for youth or \$25 for adults. Visit www.cavecreekfilmandartsfestival.com.

Share Scottsdale with photos

Scottsdale Sister Cities is seeking photographs for its "Face of a Sister City" exhibition on display Sept. 21-Oct. 21 in Cairns, Australia.

Twenty photos that best portray the diverse spectrum of the lives of Scottsdale residents will be selected for the exhibition. Photographs must be taken in Scottsdale during the 24-hour period from noon Saturday, May 2 to noon Sunday, May 3. Photos can be in color or in black and white. The deadline for submissions is May 15. For details, visit www.scottdalesistercities.com.



Submitted photo/Donna Lloyd

Pony rides were just one activity of many enjoyed by more than 130 seriously ill children and family members at the "Best of the West Carnival" held April 4 at MacDonald's Ranch in Scottsdale.

Children, families enjoy 'Best in West' carnival

Thanks to The Frank Edward Piccolo Foundation, more than 130 seriously ill children and family members had the chance April 4 to experience a "Best in the West Carnival" at MacDonald's Ranch, 26540 N. Scottsdale Road.

The Frank Edward Piccolo Foundation sponsored the Great Escape, a Starlight Children's Foundation program designed to give families with seriously ill children a chance to have some fun and recharge outside of the hospital environment. They also meet others who are facing similar challenges.

Volunteers attended from all across the United States to help with the event. Attendees participated in hayrides, square dancing, face painting, caricature drawings, pony rides along scenic trails (a first time for many children), races and games (including lasso roping, penny pitching, cowboy hat toss and stick-horse racing).

The children were also entertained with live performances by Maricopa Mike,

the magician; a strolling cowboy singer; and Earl Grey, the trick pony. In addition, the group enjoyed a cowboy cookout, snow cones and cotton candy.

"The daily emotional and financial struggles that come with caring for a sick child are often so overwhelming that the thought of leaving the house for a family event seems impossible," said Jo Ann Yeo, community development officer for Starlight Children's Foundation.

"But Starlight understands what families go through when a child is sick, and the importance of breaking the cycle of depression and loneliness. With the help of sponsors like The Frank Edward Piccolo Foundation, we can provide these families with the chance to have fun together away from the hospital, so they can relax, regroup and return home with a renewed sense of strength and hope."

Visit www.starlight.org/arizona or call 480-280-5289.

Public Meetings This Week

The following is a partial listing of meetings open to the public in Scottsdale.

City meetings:

- **Energy Advisory Committee** meets 7:30-10 a.m. Wednesday, May 6 at Scottsdale Civic Center Library, 3839 N. Drinkwater

- Blvd. Call Chuck Skidmore at 480-312-7606.

- **Parks and Recreation Commission** meets 5 p.m. Wednesday, May 6. Location varies. Call Trina Clemens at 480-312-7943.

- **Board of Adjustment** meets 6 p.m. Wednesday, May 6 at City Hall Kiva, 3939 N. Drinkwater Blvd. Call Teri Gleason at 480 312-2611.

- **Development Review Board** meets 1 p.m. Thursday, May 7 at City Hall Kiva, 3939 N. Drinkwater Blvd. Call Lorraine Castro at 480-312-7620.

- **McDowell Sonoran Preserve Commission** meets 5 p.m. Thursday, May 7. Location varies. Call Don Meserve at 480-312-2523.

Union Hills has become Legacy Blvd.

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A section of Union Hills Drive between Pima Road and Thompson Peak Parkway has been renamed Legacy Boulevard.

The change is designed to avoid confusion for drivers and to create consistency between Scottsdale and Phoenix roadways, according to a city of Scottsdale news release.

There are several sections of the Union Hills alignment that cross through both cities. Creating a new name, Legacy Boulevard, for the entire stretch of road reduces confusion for drivers and residents, the news release stated.

Signs displaying both the Union Hills and Legacy names at the Pima Road and Thompson Peak Parkway intersections, as well as temporary signs posted along this stretch of road, are informing drivers of the name change.

A new section of Legacy Boulevard will soon be open between Scottsdale and Hayden roads. The section between Hayden and Pima roads will be completed in the next several years.



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Celebrating Arbor Day

The Grand Canyon Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution assisted the city of Scottsdale April 2 in a tree planting ceremony in celebration of Arbor Day at the Eldorado Park, 2311 N. Miller Road. Back row, from left, Paradise Valley residents Betty Heenan, Tochia Levine and Jean Howell; Mayor Jim Lane and Kandy Wagenbach. Front row, Ann Curry.