

## Where we've been and where we're going

Fifty years ago, Scottsdale celebrated the opening of City Hall. Completing a project of that scale required cooperation between a renowned architect, residents and city staff. Thousands celebrated its grand opening, an opportunity that will be recreated this fall with 'Scottsdale Celebrate '68.'

Like constructing a building, operating a city is a collaborative effort. Voters elect a mayor and six council members to govern. Nearly 2,700 employees and more than 5,100 volunteers serve our nearly 250,000 residents.

As residents, your tax dollars support city services. Read this annual report to learn how. Please contact the City Manager's Office if you have comments or suggestions on how we can improve this report: 480-312-2800 | [citymanager@ScottsdaleAZ.gov](mailto:citymanager@ScottsdaleAZ.gov)



## Value Scottsdale's Unique Lifestyle and Character



### Highlighted Accomplishments

- ▶ The city launched a rebranding effort to focus attention on Old Town Scottsdale and its unique character.

### Looking Forward

- ▶ Scottsdale Arts, with additional financial support from the city, will continue to grow Canal Convergence, a destination event that brings increasing amounts of people and attention to Scottsdale.

WestWorld hosted **280 days** of special events



More than 9,000 people dug into the 42nd **Mighty Mud Mania**



### Get Involved

Looking for a way to contribute your skills? Volunteer as an Old Town Ambassador.

 **Learn more at [ScottsdaleAZ.gov](http://ScottsdaleAZ.gov), search "about"**



## Seek Sustainability

### Highlighted Accomplishments

- ▶ Residents diverted 28 percent of household waste to recycling, rather than shipping it to the landfill.
- ▶ The city recycled 8.3 million gallons of wastewater per day, treating it to a high standard and delivering it to turf irrigation at 24 golf courses, a service paid for by users of the recycled system.
- ▶ The city recharged 4.8 million gallons per day of ultra-pure, advanced-treated recycled water back into our local aquifer, replenishing our groundwater.

### Looking Forward

- ▶ Scottsdale's solid waste team will continue to work with residents to increase the residential recycling rate to 30 percent by 2020.



Mechanized residential trash collection with standardized containers was **invented in 1969 by Scottsdale city staff**.

The average Scottsdale household **pays less** for monthly water, wastewater, trash and recycling pickup than residents in most other Valley cities.



**\$66**  
Gilbert



**\$79**  
Scottsdale



**\$87**  
Average



**\$123**  
Mesa

Actual bills may vary based on actual usage and size of property.

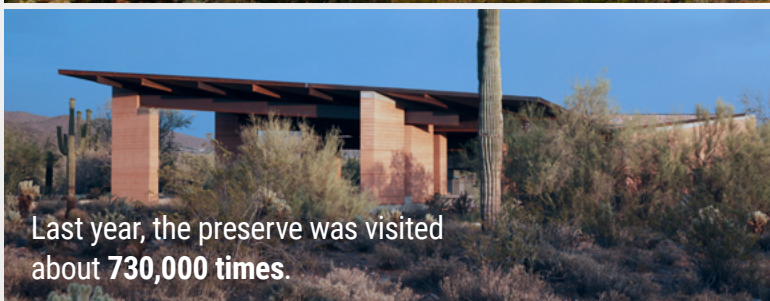
Source: City of Tempe



## Preserve Meaningful Open Space



At nearly 48 square miles, Scottsdale's **McDowell Sonoran Preserve** is larger than San Francisco, covering one-third of Scottsdale's land area.



Last year, the preserve was visited about **730,000 times**.

Photos: McDowell Sonoran Conservancy/Michael Burns, Chris Brown

### Highlighted Accomplishments

- ▶ New trailheads at Granite Mountain and Fraesfield will improve access into the northern reaches of Scottsdale's McDowell Sonoran Preserve.

### Looking Forward

- ▶ Community Services will begin a new master plan for Vista del Camino Park and the adjacent Indian Bend Wash to improve park amenities, open spaces and functionality of this key storm water conveyance system.



### Get Involved

Protect the beauty of the Sonoran Desert by volunteering at Pinnacle Peak Park.





## Advance Transportation

### Highlighted Accomplishments

- ▶ The city completed the Mustang Transit Center, which improved access to Mustang Library and HonorHealth Shea Medical Center, added connections to regional transit lines with additional capacity for future routes and provided better access for bicyclists and pedestrians using the Camelback Walk.
- ▶ Thanks to voter-approved bond financing, the city is well over halfway to resurfacing 20 streets, which will improve driving conditions and lower maintenance costs. By summer of 2019, over 194 lane miles will have been replaced—54 more than the original estimate.
- ▶ The city added bicycle lanes on Chaparral Road and bicycle signal detection at 16 intersections.

### Looking Forward

- ▶ Trolley routes to change this fall will reduce travel times and expand service, including free 20-minute service frequency to neighborhoods from Roosevelt and Raintree.



More than 2 million people used public transit in Scottsdale last year on both Valley Metro buses and the **Scottsdale Trolley**.



You can explore Scottsdale's public art through **Cycle The Arts ride**, held each spring.



## Enhance Neighborhoods



4:46 minutes for average fire response time



4:57 minutes for average police response time



1,282 number of families with children under five served at Paiute Neighborhood Center



447 volunteers with Vista del Camino and Paiute Neighborhood Center



1.1 million visitors to five library branches

### Highlighted Accomplishments

- ▶ An all-inclusive playground was installed at Chaparral Park, serving both able-bodied children and those with disabilities.
- ▶ The city developed Scottsdale EZ, a single, mobile-optimized system to report issues that need to be fixed.
- ▶ Thanks to bond financing approved by voters in 2015, Fire Station 605 on Shea Boulevard was renovated to modern standards, and Fire Station 613 in Desert Foothills was built, replacing a "temporary" modular building that was used for more than 20 years.

### Looking Forward

- ▶ The treatment systems at all four city aquatic centers will be modernized by the end of 2018. The advanced systems will improve water quality and swimming conditions while eliminating the need to store and handle large amounts of chemicals, making things safer for the public and staff.



## Support Economic Vitality

### Highlighted Accomplishments

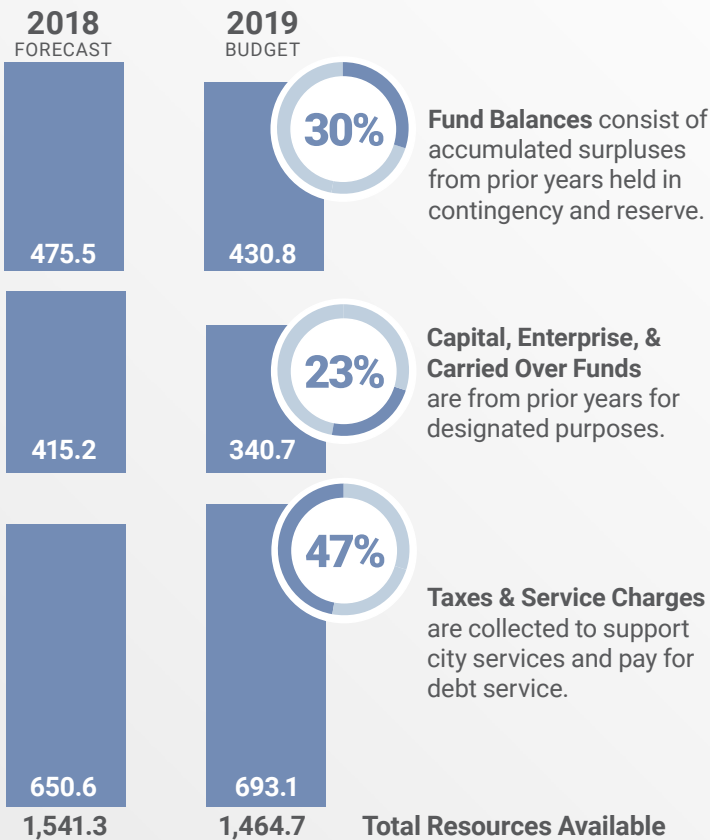
- ▶ Scottsdale Economic Development attracted new companies and helped others expand, resulting in 1,183 new jobs with an average wage of more than \$67,000.
- ▶ The city completed building two 30,000 square foot hangars at Scottsdale Airport, part of the \$27 million Terminal Area Redevelopment Project, which will include a new Aviation Business Center.
- ▶ The Scottsdale Job Board was launched, helping companies advertise open positions and workers find jobs. So far, more than 30 companies have posted around 300 openings.
- ▶ Scottsdale is required by law to adopt a budget each year and cannot spend more than that total amount. This includes all city funds for the fiscal year ending June 30. These numbers are as adopted by the City Council in June 2018. The city's financial statements are audited annually by an independent auditor. The most recent audit for 2017 received a clean opinion.



### Looking Forward

- ▶ Proposed Museum Square and Southbridge expansions could, if approved, bring more than \$700 million in new mixed-use development to Old Town Scottsdale.

### Resources (in millions of dollars)



### Expenses (in millions of dollars)

