

FOUNTAIN HILLS Insider

FALL 2020



Fountain Hills *On The Move*

The Town of Fountain Hills is an active community. Unlike many other communities in the Phoenix metro, our residents live in a community with incredible vistas, winding roads and hills, and an inviting downtown and Fountain Park.

Since the Town is an active community, the Town is preparing an Active Transportation Plan (ACT) to review the non-vehicular transportation system in the Town and make recommendations for improvements to the bicycle and pedestrian systems to improve safety, functionality, and usability of the system.

Through the planning process, citizens are being asked to help identify key gaps in the sidewalk and bike path systems and where the priorities should be for improvements. The Plan will review safety issues to improve safety in these transportation systems and identify educational material to help people know how to use these modes safely. The Planning process began in August 2020, with the gathering of data, establishing base maps, and outlining the steps to complete the Plan. The goal is to have the Plan completed by June 2021.

Opportunities for citizen involvement, review, and comments are encouraged throughout the Plan development and adoption process. A Zoom meeting was held on September 8 to introduce the plan, and 35 residents participated. You can watch the meeting on YouTube at www.fh.az.gov/activetransportation.

ACT now and take the survey

Your input is essential. Take a short survey to help the Town determine the issues and priorities for the ACT. Go to www.fh.az.gov/activetransportation and complete the on-line survey.

For more information:

Contact John Wesley at jwesley@fh.az.gov to provide comments or receive additional information. Watch this site for dates and times of additional opportunities for input and Planning and Zoning Commission and Town Council meetings where this topic will be discussed.

Panorama Drive Storm Drain Replacement

Beginning in October 2020 the Town will begin the process of replacing a nearly 3,000 foot long, four-foot diameter storm drain along Panorama Drive between Fountainhead Drive and south of E. Via del Oro.

Originally installed in 1988, several holes in the pipe were discovered when sinkholes formed in January of this year. It was determined by engineers that due to erosion caused by sediment flows and corrosion of the pipe liner, it was no longer feasible to perform regular maintenance and repairs. Traffic will be diverted during the 45-day project.

For more information go to www.fh.az.gov/597/public-works.

Downtown Street Paving Planned

Once the roundabout is completed at La Montana Drive and Avenue of the Fountains, the Town of Fountain Hills Public Works Department will continue with a series of street paving projects in the downtown area. As part of the Town's pavement management program, a functional classification is used to prioritize roads that receive more traffic, serve commerce, and deteriorate at a more rapid rate. So in this case, arterials have a higher priority in the pavement management system followed by collectors and local roadways. The pavement segments in the downtown area to be completed this fall are La Montana Drive to El Lago, continuing to E. Palisades Blvd., and Avenue of the Fountains to La Montana Drive then continuing to E. Palisades Blvd. This current street improvement project is set for completion in late fall.



ROUNDBABOUT Nearing Completion

If you had the opportunity to drive towards the intersection of La Montana and Avenue of the Fountains lately you may have seen the advancement in the roundabout under construction. Making improvements at this intersection has been a high priority of the Town Council for several years. The completion of the new roundabout and related median improvements will create safer pedestrian crossing points as well as an improved traffic flow at this location. The improvements at this intersection are a key element of a comprehensive plan to improve overall pedestrian safety along Avenue of the Fountains from Westby to Verde River Drive. The completion of this project is set for October, 2020.



Town Council Meetings

FOUNTAIN HILLS COUNCIL MEMBERS

Mayor Ginny Dickey

Vice Mayor Mike Scharnow

Councilmember Alan Magazine

Councilmember David Spelich

Councilmember Art Tolis

Councilmember Dennis Brown

Councilmember Gerry Friedel

New Councilmember Gerry Friedel was selected by the Town Council to fill the vacated seat of Sherry Leckrone.



RECENT TOWN COUNCIL ACTIONS

JUNE

- Approved the Final Budget for the Town of Fountain Hills for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2020, and ending June 30, 2021. TOTAL BUDGET – ALL FUNDS \$33,848,990 (including \$19.3 million in the General Fund)
- Accepted the AZCares Fund program grant from the State of Arizona. Fountain Hills received \$2.9 million from this grant.
- Approved Fountain Hills Small Business Recovery Program to include a variety of measures to assist small businesses
- Approved contract to construct a roundabout at the intersection of La Montana and Avenue of the Fountains.

JULY RECESS

AUGUST

- Approval of the proposed Safety Corridors and double fines for traffic offenses in Safety Corridors.

Below is a list of upcoming meetings by the Town Council. For information on agendas and meeting minutes, please visit www.fh.az.gov/AgendaCenter.

Tuesday, October 6, 2020
Regular Council Meeting – 5:30 p.m.

Tuesday, October 13, 2020
Special Work Session – 5:30 p.m.

Tuesday, October 20, 2020
Regular Council Meeting – 5:30 p.m.

Tuesday, November 3, 2020
Election Night – Meeting Canceled

Tuesday, November 17, 2020
Regular Council Meeting – 5:30 p.m.

Tuesday, December 1, 2020
Regular Council Meeting – 5:30 p.m.

See past and future Town Council agenda items at www.fh.az.gov.

Help Make a Difference. Join a Board or Commission.

The Town Council uses every opportunity to establish community participation programs to allow for citizen involvement and input. Boards and commissions are created to allow Fountain Hills' citizens to take an active role in their Town government.

Board of Adjustment: The Board of Adjustment makes decisions to propose or take legal action with respect to zoning issues and related issues.

Community Services Advisory Commission: The commission acts in an advisory capacity in support of the Town of Fountain Hills Community Services Department's quest to provide exceptional customer service to enhance the quality of life of residents.

McDowell Mountain Preservation Commission: The Fountain Hills McDowell Mountain Preserve, also known as the Preserve, encompasses a scenic area of mountainous, pristine land that will be preserved in its natural state for the benefit of this and future generations.

Municipal Property Corporation: The Town of Fountain Hills Municipal Property Corporation (MPC) has been formed to assist the Town of Fountain Hills, Arizona, in financing, acquiring, constructing and equipping certain real and personal property and leasing, with an option to purchase, such property and the improvements thereon back to the town.

Planning & Zoning Commission: At their regular meetings the commission discusses, propose or take legal action with respect to zoning issues and related applications.

Sister Cities Advisory Commission: The role of the Commission is to act in an advisory capacity to the Town Council in developing and promoting municipal partnerships between the Town and other similar jurisdictions in other nations.

Strategic Planning Advisory Commission: The Strategic Planning Advisory Commission meets monthly to guide the plan and engage the public in dialogue about implementation.

How do I Become a Member of a Board: Vacancy lists and the application form is found online at www.fh.az.gov/299/Boards-Commissions. To be eligible for appointment you must be a resident of Fountain Hills at the time of the appointment and for the full duration of the term. Applicants may be invited to interview with a subcommittee of the Town Council, which will then provide a recommendation to the Mayor. The Mayor makes the final appointment at a Council Meeting, with approval by the Town Council.

It's Not Too Early to Shop for the Holidays

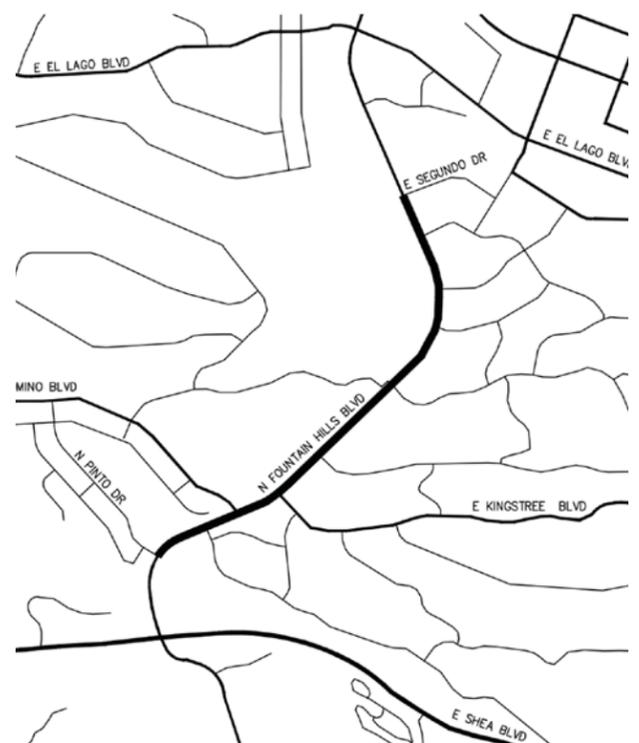
All your friends and family who have visited you here in Fountain Hills have probably told you how lovely our town is. Remind them with a gift they'll cherish. Purchase a State Forty Eight T-shirt and mug as a holiday gift!

The shirts and mug design feature our world-famous fountain with the McDowell Mountains in the background. They are available, while supplies last, T-shirts/Mug are \$25 at Town Hall (Second Floor customer service desk during business hours – Monday through Thursday.)



North Fountain Hills Boulevard Shoulder Widening

Recognized as a high priority for the Town, work has started on widening the shoulder of North Fountain Hills Boulevard between N. Pinto Drive and E. Segundo Drive. The primary purpose of this project is to help prevent future damage to the roadway caused by erosion from storm rainwater runoff. Expect work on this project through the end of the year.



Citizen Input Needed to Improve Parks, Services and Events

Your voice is important in helping to develop a master plan to see how the Town's parks and services may grow to better serve the community. As Fountain Hills grows, so does the demand for our parks and recreation services. To have a better understanding of how to meet the future needs of the community, the Fountain Hills Community Services Department is conducting a Master Plan Community Survey. The Town will use this data to help identify long term planning and strategies to create outstanding recreation opportunities, well-maintained facilities, and a customer-focused and responsive park system.

Why have a master plan?

A Master Plan is the right thing to do. The plan enables decision-makers to prioritize resource allocation decisions for new facilities and rehabilitation projects, programs, and services in a manner that is fiscally responsible, publically supported and environmentally sound.

Having a master plan with your input helps us:

- Evaluate the existing park system with benchmarks of regional and national standards and potential service level improvements.
- Incorporate the vision, goals, and tasks outlined in the recently adopted Community Services Strategic Plan.
- Document priorities, trends and demands of the current population and charting a long-range plan for accommodating anticipated population growth.
- Inform citizens about park needs and their community assets

- Develop an implementation program that outlines projects, anticipated costs, potential funding sources, and operation and maintenance implications.
- Identify capital improvement goals that are needed to assess fiscal requirements and fundraising needs
- Guide critical decisions about parks and recreation facilities, infrastructure, programs, and services
- Develop recommendations and an implementation strategy.

Your voice is important. Please go to www.fh.az.gov/materplan and help us plan our future community services. (This project is being managed by GreenPlay, LLC, with survey and data work done by RRC Associates.)



Photo courtesy of Brian White

Start Stretching for the Turkey Trot

The Town of Fountain Hills' 30th Annual Turkey Trot is scheduled for November 26, 2020. The Town is planning a fun event with safety precautions in place. Be sure to follow events on social media or check out the Town's website for registration information. www.fhturkeytrot.com



Town Over-seeds Fountain Park

If you're new to the desert lifestyle, you may have wondered how many Arizonans keep their lawns so green and lush during the winter months. It helps that it is no longer over 100 degrees, but we seldom freeze, either. The secret to a beautiful lawn is over-seeding.

DEFINITION OF OVER-SEEDING: Over-seeding means the process of spreading seed over an Existing Landscape to increase vegetation, typically turf grass.

Fall is here which means it's time for the traditional over-seeding of Fountain Park. With more than 60 acres of turf, this process takes several weeks including weeks of scalping the existing Bermuda grass, applying the Rye seed, and then sufficiently watering to germinate and allow the Ryegrass to become established. As some may know, Bermuda grass is heat-loving and sun-seeking. The shorter days and cooler temperatures of the fall and winter months cause Bermuda grass to go dormant. By over-seeding with Ryegrass, we enjoy green grass within Fountain Park all winter long, however, Ryegrass requires different maintenance. During over-seeding, the seed must remain moist during the day to germinate in the warm sunshine. Thus, our over-seeding watering schedule operates throughout the day, beginning just after sunrise at 7:00am and continues through the afternoon until 7:00pm. To cover more than 60 acres of turf, our irrigation system operates dozens of cycles through numerous park zones which takes several hours. As a result, it is likely irrigation will be in operation during peak usage times and may impact the walking path. This schedule is only temporary and staff hopes to resume standard irrigation cycles by mid- November. During over-seeding, the Town encourages park users to walk carefully, remembering that wet sidewalks can be slick. It also important that park users remain on pathways and non-turf areas only to allow the over-seeding process to be effective.

Fountain Park Over-seeding: October 5th – November 6th

Be sure to check out all the parks in Fountain Hills.

Fountain Park | Golden Eagle Park | Desert Vista Park | Four Peaks Park

Learn more at www.fh.az.gov/695/Fountain-Hills-Parks

Fountain Hills ranks above the county, state, and US in Census response rate

With 70% of residents responding, the Town of Fountain Hills' U.S. Census response rate is 10% higher than Arizona's and bests Maricopa County and the US as a whole with 64% and 63% respectively. Response rates for individual Census tracts within the town range from 61% to 78%. The Town is encouraging all residents to respond to the Census as the data collected is used to apportion representation in the House of Representatives as well as to make decisions on the distribution of federal funding.

Due to COVID-19, the self-response process will continue until October 31, 2020. If your household has not been counted, please respond today! It has never been easier as you can respond online, by phone or by mail. <https://icount2020.info/>

Growing Over the Years

1980	.....	2,771
1990	.....	10,030
2000	.....	20,235
2010	.....	22,489
2019	.....	est. 25,200

(U.S. Census Bureau)

GENERAL PLAN

The Town's Vision as Seen by Residents

The Fountain Hills General Plan 2020, has been adopted by the Town Council and will be on the November 3, 2020, ballot for ratification by the voters.

Every 10 years, Arizona law requires that municipalities update their General Plan. The Plan is a decision-making framework for Town elected and appointed officials and staff to follow for future actions of our town. The General Plan provides the basis for development while supporting the quality of life desired by its constituents.

Residents helped determine the vision of the Fountain Hills General Plan 2020 through a series of community engagement events. Starting with Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) and Stakeholders Team Visioning Meetings on January 24, 2019, community engagement events included open houses, youth outreach events, attending events and festivals, as well as email comments and advertising and public notifications. As more input from the community was gathered, the General Plan evolved to address the current wants and needs of our residents for the next decade.

THE PUBLIC VISIONING AND OPEN HOUSE MEETINGS HELD TO GAIN CITIZEN INPUT

TAC and Stakeholder Visioning Meetings – January 24th

Public Open House – April 4th

Public Open House – April 10th

Youth Outreach – Fountain Hills High School

Youth Outreach – Fountain Hills Middle School

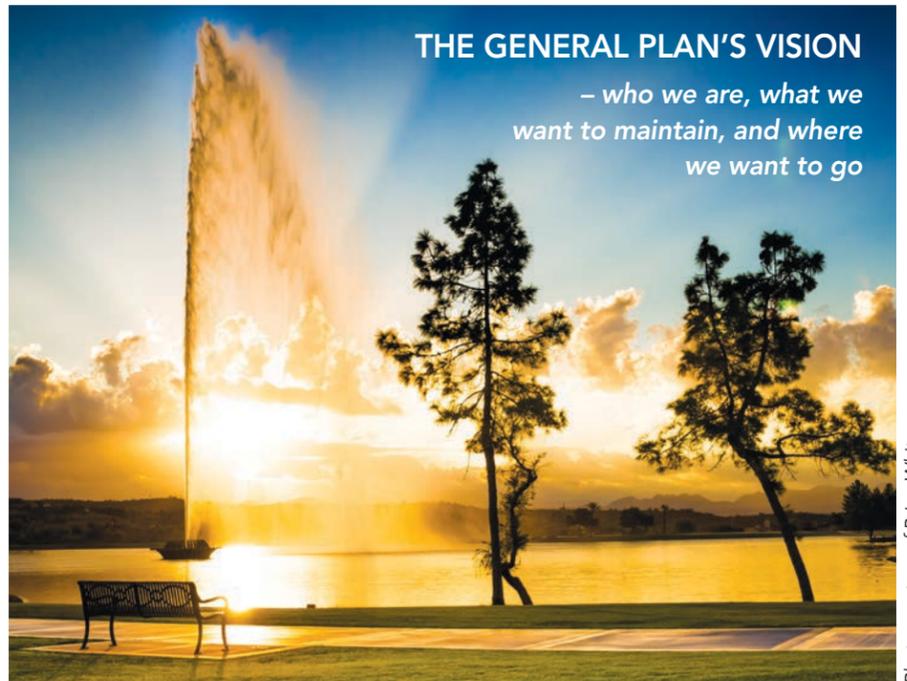
Youth Outreach – McDowell Mountain Elementary School

Dark Sky Festival – March 30th

Music Fest – April 6th

Online and Email Comments

Advertising and Notification



THE GENERAL PLAN'S VISION

– who we are, what we want to maintain, and where we want to go

Picture an inviting desert oasis in the Phoenix metropolitan region, a place where:

- Native desert vegetation, topography, and natural resources are valued and preserved
- Distant mountains by day and countless stars by night offer a memorable setting
- Neighbors and visitors gather at special events and festivals
- Residents enjoy a walkable community that is conducive to civic involvement and activities
- Unique dining and shopping options abound
- Multiple recreational opportunities support healthy and active lifestyles
- A stable economy invites innovation and creativity and delivers meaningful employment options to an engaged, active, and diverse population
- A variety of housing options are available in safe, quiet, pleasant, and enjoyable neighborhoods

Fountain Hills' Future by Following the Plan

CHARACTER AREAS

A character area is a portion of the Town with distinct development patterns, land uses, densities or intensities, and shared identity and characteristics that differ from neighboring areas.

"The character area approach used in the Fountain Hills General Plan 2020 achieves and maintains the high quality of life valued by the community by seamlessly integrating Fountain Hills' built and natural environments and supporting memorable public spaces."



CONNECTIVITY, ACCESS, AND MOBILITY

A transportation and circulation system that supports connectivity, access, and mobility contributes to the quality of life.

"The Connectivity, Access and Mobility Element provides a comprehensive framework for the maintenance and enhancement of an integrated transportation system that includes the Town's roadway, transit, bicycle, and pedestrian systems supporting the needs of the character areas included in the Character Areas Plan Map."



Fountain Hills' Future by Following the Plan *(continued)*

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Creating a thriving community by managing the costs associated with continued growth and development as well as long term maintenance costs.

"Maximize economic development opportunities in Fountain Hills; Continue to provide safe and well-maintained infrastructure; Attract families and younger working professionals to Fountain Hills; Ensure that Fountain Hills finances are stable and sustainable; And, support strong public/private partnerships to strengthen the community, ensure long-term viability, and improve the Town's quality of life."



Photo courtesy of Brian White

NATURAL RESOURCES & OPEN SPACE

Addressing open space, topography, storm water management, desert landscapes, vegetation, wildlife habitat, scenic value, dark skies, water, and air quality, and clean energy.

"Fountain Hills stands apart from other communities for many reasons: its signature fountain, its geography and scenery, its small-town feel in a major metropolitan area, its adjacency to parks, preserves, and a national forest, as well as its dark skies."



PUBLIC FACILITIES & SERVICES

Addresses those public services and facilities owned, managed, and operated by the Town of Fountain Hills.

"Much of the Town's infrastructure was built in the early 1970s. The Town prioritizes regular maintenance of the aging infrastructure to ensure it is of adequate quality. Services include Water and Sewer, Law Enforcement, Fire Protection, and Emergency Services, Utilities, Other Public Facilities, and Community Services including Town Hall, Community Center, Fountain Hills's Library, and more."



SOCIAL ENVIRONMENT

The Town of Fountain Hills' built public spaces as areas for community interaction and networking.

"Such public spaces include community and regional parks as well as public gathering spaces like plazas and courtyards in association with compact or urban development. Fountain Hills supports the three pillars of a thriving social environment: Improve the Health and Wellness through parks and recreation that inspire personal growth and healthy lifestyles; Enhance Connectivity by expanding and strengthening outdoor experiences that connect residents and visitors to nature and each other; And, improve Social Interaction by offering safe, quality public spaces such as parks, plazas, and courtyards."



THRIVING NEIGHBORHOODS

A key component of a thriving community that helps define Fountain Hills, and support the economic vitality of the long-term resilience of the Town.

"To meet the needs of current and future residents of Fountain Hills, the Plan seeks to improve the variety of housing available to meet the needs of a diverse population and attract more young families. Increase and enhance neighborhood amenities such as neighborhood parks, schools, and other services, including appropriate commercial activities. Additionally, any future development will continue to support neighborhood safety by applying safe-by-design best practices."



50 Years' Worth to Celebrate

When developer Robert McCulloch had the idea of installing the world's tallest water fountain in his new project, Fountain Hills, he must have known the fountain would be one of the most photographed in the state. Today, the iconic fountain and mountain backdrops are a beautiful testament to the quality lifestyle McCulloch envisioned.

So, as part of the activities for The Fountain at 50 celebration, it is only fitting to include a Photography Exhibition and Contest. The Exhibition will be held from November 2 to November 19, 2020, and will be displayed at the Fountain Hills Community Center.

The community is encouraged to be a part of this fun photo contest that features our beloved fountain. Registration must be done via email to fhphotoclub@cox.net beginning at 8:00am Monday, Sept. 14, and no later than 8:00pm Friday, Oct. 16. Registration is the date-stamp for eligibility. Only 100 photographs will be eligible. Registration is restricted to Fountain Hills' residents.

There are four categories for entries: Category 1 is for black and white photos of the Fountain; Category 2, color photos of the Fountain; Category 3, color photos of a Fountain Hills special event and the Fountain; Category 4, 18-and-under age group using any of the first three categories. Each photographer is limited to one registered entry.

Each category of entries will be judged by two volunteer professional photographers who are often-contributors to Arizona Highways magazine. Prizes will be awarded to the winner of each category, and a prize to the Best of Show.

Find registration form and other details at www.fh.az.gov/celebrate



(Left to right) Fred Schumacher, C.V. Wood and Robert McCulloch overseeing plans for their master designed community of Fountain Hills.



Photo courtesy of Brian White

What you need to know:

Judging criteria will include technical excellence, artistic merit, and creativity. A prize will be awarded to one picture in each category, and a "Best of Show" prize will be awarded. Picture Requirements Your picture should feature the Fountain Hills Fountain, and should not contain any recognizable faces. For all Categories, no photo manipulation is allowed (e.g., taking a full moon or a foreground subject from one image and placing it in another image, or creating a montage). Focus stacking or HDR processing of an image is okay as long as the stacked image components are taken with the same camera and same field of view. Panoramas are also okay. If you are considering using a drone to take pictures of the Fountain, the Town requires a permit to fly a drone above Fountain Park and the Fountain for any purpose.

Please see Exhibition Instructions for more information regarding picture requirements at www.fh.az.gov/670/FH-Anniversary-Celebration.

11 SEASONS OF ART ON THE AVENUE

Art on the Avenue is opening its 11th season on Wednesday, October 28, 2020. The weekly Wednesday event runs from 10:00am - 4:00pm through April 14th and is located on the East portion of Avenue of the Fountains, 16858 Avenue of the Fountains, Fountain Hills, AZ.

The park-like setting is adjacent to the Town's famous 560 ft Fountain, which is the area's biggest tourist attraction for locals and seasonal visitors. Art on the Avenue is free and plenty of parking is available for shoppers.

Art on the Avenue was established to provide our numerous valley artists the opportunity to share and promote their one-of-a-kind pieces in the unique outdoor gallery that is – the Avenue of the Fountains. Pottery, furniture, wall art, fiber, and jewelry are just a glimpse of the works available.

Come browse the offerings of more than 60 different artists during Art on the Avenue on any given Wednesday!

Some of our returning artists will be:

- Vortex Art Glass
- Birch Bark Designs
- Susan Fairbanks Water Colors
- Spence Fairbanks Photography
- Cheri Vissichelli-Kimbajul
- Designs by Judi Yates
- Colors by Connie Metal Art
- Paleface Creations
- Cactus Clocks
- A Touch of Renaissance
- Molly Willson Perry Jewelry
- Boho Accents
- That Sew YaYa
- Cinjo Handmade LLC
- Kev'vin Bowers Fine Art
- MA Designs
- Charles Skiera Jewelry
- Wool and Spice

Visit us on Facebook ART ON THE AVENUE

Any additional information please contact judyates@cox.net

*Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, times and events are subject to change.



DID YOU KNOW?

Fountain Hills has the world's fourth-tallest fountain. It was built in 1970 in Zürich, Switzerland by Robert P. McCulloch, the year before the reconstruction of the London Bridge in Lake Havasu City, another of McCulloch's projects.



The McDowell Mountains are a chain of extinct volcanic mountains.

A plan for the construction of a dam near the Granite Reef (Orme Dam), which would have led to the creation of a lake at Fort McDowell Yavapai Nation, led to the creation of Fountain Hills. Robert P. McCulloch planned a community around the lake. Fountain Hills has the world's fourth tallest fountain. It was built in 1970 in Zürich, Switzerland for Robert P. McCulloch, the year before the reconstruction of the London Bridge in Lake Havasu City, another of McCulloch's projects.

WHO DO I CALL?

THREAT TO LIFE OR PUBLIC SAFETY EMERGENCIES – Call 911

Town Hall – (480) 816-5100

Town Website – www.fh.az.gov

Town Tourism and Events Website – www.experiencefountainhills.org

Community Center – (480) 816-5200

Activity Center – (480) 816-5226

Public Library – (602) 652-3000

Community Services – (480) 816-5100

Sheriff's Department – (602) 876-1869

Sheriff's Dispatch – (602) 876-1011

Call 911 for Emergencies

Fountain Hills Fire Department –

Station 1 – 480-837-9820

Station 2 – 480-837-0804

Call 911 for Emergencies

Fountain Hills School District – (480) 664-5000

Fountain Hills Municipal Court – (480) 816-5103

Municipalcourt@fh.az.gov

www.fh.az.gov/court

Century Link –

Residential customers, (866) 642-0444;

Business customers, (877) 744-4416.

Cox Communications – (602) 277-1000

EPCOR Water – (480) 837-9522

Republic Services – (Garbage removal) (602) 237-2078

Salt River Project – (Electric utility)

General information, (602) 236-8888; emergency (24 hours), (602) 236-8811

Sanitary District – (480) 837-9444

Maricopa County Sheriff's Office (non-emergency) – (602) 252-7840

Maricopa County Animal Control – (602) 506-7387

Maricopa County Air Quality Dept. – (602) 506-6010

Arizona Game and Fish Dept. – (602) 942-3000

Code Enforcement Hotline – (480) 816-5193

COMMON QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

Is the Fountain operating today?

Our World Famous Fountain runs every hour on the hour for 15 minutes from 9am – 9pm everyday of the week! The Fountain is extended to its full height on special occasions. When winds speeds in Fountain Park are above 10 miles per hour, the Fountain pump shuts off, temporarily prohibiting the Fountain from coming on or reaching its normal height.

For everyday viewing the Fountain reaches a height of 330 feet! For more information on the Fountain please visit: www.experiencefountainhills.org/thefountain

What should I do if I lost/found a dog?

Help a lost furry friend find their way home. Maricopa County Animal Care and Control provides a website that assists in finding your dog or helping to reunite a lost pet with its family. Go to www.maricopa.gov/162/Lost-Found-Pet.

Where is the town's lost and found location?

You can visit our Community Center located at 13001 N La Montana Drive to inquire about lost and found articles.

Where can I find information on council meeting agendas, dates/times?

Town Council meetings are held on the first and third Tuesdays of each month at 5:30pm in the Town Hall Council Chambers. If you can't attend the meetings, you may live stream regular session meetings on our website at: www.fh.az.gov/live-stream or watch on local Channel 11.

Are reservations available for the park, ball fields, or tennis courts?

To reserve a ball field, tennis court, ramada or park space, please call (480) 816-5100.



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Want to Make a Difference in Our Town?

Be a Volunteer for Make a Difference Day

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 24, 7:30AM

Volunteers are what make Fountain Hills so special. The Make a Difference Day is your opportunity to give back to our great community and help our neighbors.

This year, only outdoor and exterior home projects will be done. Example projects include yard clean up, removal of dead landscaping, building a wheelchair ramp on the exterior of a home, exterior fence painting, minor exterior home repairs, weed control, trimming, and pruning.

More details and registration are found at www.fh.az.gov/madd or call Kim at 480-816-5108.



High-end Hotel Opens in Fountain Hills

Inspired by the Sonoran Desert, ADERO is the Region's First Dark Sky Zone Resort

Marriott International's Autograph Collection Hotels will celebrate the grand opening of ADERO Scottsdale on October 15, 2020. With its elevated views of Arizona's famed Four Peaks and McDowell Mountain Range, ADERO will be the region's only Dark Sky Zone resort with a modern guest experience inspired by the surrounding Sonoran Desert.

Named after the iconic canyon that surrounds the resort, ADERO will intentionally connect guests to the wonder of its natural setting in the heart of the Sonoran Desert with an invigorating offering of outdoor adventure, fitness activities, nature experiences, art, wellness cuisine, and culture.

Rising from the desert foothills, the stunning summits of the Four Peaks wilderness frame the resort's view. The six-story, newly developed resort offers 177-rooms including 16 oversized suites, outfitted with the latest technology, custom furniture, a simple design palette that reflects the colors of

sunrise, thoughtful trailhead-inspired dreamcatchers, and expansive balconies. With an incredible 95% of the accommodations positioned to take in the panoramic mountain vistas, views are a major focus.

With ADERO's location at the crossroads of some of Arizona's best golfing, hiking and mountain biking routes, the conservation-focused resort offers nature adventurers and cyclists the raw, rugged energy of the desert and a place of respite at its Serpentine Pavilion. The one-of-a-kind art installation will be open to the public and serves as a rest stop, air, and water point while paying homage to one of the region's most iconic desert creatures. The resort also maintains an exclusive sustainability trail, characterized by an abundance of indigenous flora.

For more information about ADERO, go to www.aderoscottsdale.com.

