



# COPP News

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## **An Update on the 2009 Major General Plan Amendments**

Even though both Major General Plan Amendments that were a great concern to COPP Members and residents of the area have been withdrawn, it is very likely we will see them again.

With the encouragement of Planning Services staff, we understand the applicant in the Pima/Dynamite case plans to return with a proposal to modify the Desert Foothills Character Area Plan and a Text Amendment to the Foothills Zoning Overlay to allow the proposed uses. This, despite the fact that the residents of the area and many of those who participated in the planning process that resulted in the implementation of both the Character Area Plan Zoning Overlay, have made it very clear that they do not support modifying either the Character Area Plan or Zoning Overlay.

If you still have signed petitions opposing the two General Plan Amendments and supporting maintaining the boundaries and provisions of the Foothills Overlay intact, please send them to COPP at 8912 East Pinnacle Peak Road, PMB 275, Scottsdale, Arizona, 85255. We will need them if the applicant proceeds with a Text Amendment or modification of the Desert Foothills Character Area Plan.

## **Electronics Recycling Day**

Discard your unwanted electronics in a safe and environmentally friendly way from 7:30 am to 2:30 pm on Saturday, October 10<sup>th</sup> at the City's Corporation Yard, 9191 East San Salvador. Items that will be accepted include:

- Computers/Peripherals such as PC's, printers, keyboards, scanners, mice, monitors, circuit boards and hard drives;
- Office equipment such as telephones, cell phones, answering machines, pagers, typewriters and calculators;
- Entertainment equipment such as cameras, televisions, recorders, DVD players and stereo equipment.

For a list of acceptable/unacceptable items go to [www.scottsdaleaz.gov/recycle](http://www.scottsdaleaz.gov/recycle) or call 480 312-5600.

## **Celebrate McDowell Sonoran Month at the Gateway to the Preserve**

The Preservation of the Sonoran Desert and the McDowell Mountains will be the topic of a special outdoor Mayor and City Council Breakfast on Thursday, October 15, at the Gateway to the Preserve, 18333 North Thompson Peak Parkway (east side of Thompson Peak, north of Bell Road).

The Mayor/Council breakfast is one in a series of special events planned through October in celebration of McDowell Sonoran Month and the 15<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Scottsdale's McDowell Sonoran Preserve. Coffee and juice will be available at 7:30 am and the program begins at 8:00 am.

If you haven't already done so, this is a great opportunity to visit Scottsdale's award-winning Gateway to the Preserve, which had its grand opening this past May.

For a list of communitywide events in celebration of this milestone, go to [www.mcdowellsonoran.org](http://www.mcdowellsonoran.org) or call 480 998-7971,

### **Help Keep Scottsdale Beautiful at the Scenic Drive Clean-up**

Saturday, October 24, is Help Keep Scottsdale Beautiful Day. Do your part by participating in the Scenic Drive Clean-up sponsored by Friends of the Scenic Drive.

Sign in at 7:45 am at the northern Scenic Drive entry sign located on the west side of Scottsdale Road just south of Carefree Highway or at the Scenic Drive monument sign on the east side of Scottsdale Road, ¾ mile north of Happy Valley Road. New volunteers are welcome.

Safety vests, pickup "sticks", and plastic trash bags will be provided. Complimentary coffee, donuts and water are available. Gloves and long pants are recommended. If you have questions contact [preserve@scenicdrive.org](mailto:preserve@scenicdrive.org).

### **The New Appaloosa Library Opens Soon**

Scottsdale's newest library, Appaloosa, located at the former Rawhide side is opening in early November. A grand opening celebration will be held on Wednesday, November 4. Drop by the library anytime from 9:00 am to 9:00 pm to tour North Scottsdale's newest treasure and participate in the grand opening celebration.

### **Message From the Scottsdale Police Department**

When it comes to crime prevention, one of the best things we can do is make it inconvenient and difficult for criminals to commit crime. We continue to see a high number of property crimes committed where desirable property was in plain view. We have seen a sizeable increase in the number of GPS devices attached to dashboards. When the items are left in plain view they become a desirable target for vehicle burglars.

Please pass the word to remove valuables from vehicles or place them out of sight, lock your vehicle and roll up your windows, park in well lit areas, use an anti-theft device (steering wheel lock and alarm system) and enroll your car in the Watch Your Car Program [www.azwatchyourcar.com](http://www.azwatchyourcar.com).

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