

november
EAST VALLEY

November 2026 happenings



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NOVEMBER IN THE EAST VALLEY

Everything worth leaving the house for this month across Gilbert, Queen Creek, Chandler, Mesa and San Tan Valley, plus a few big nights in Scottsdale and Downtown Phoenix.

Each section runs in date order. Every listing is checked against the organizer's own page, with the time, the address and a link.



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Photo: Scottsdale Arts (Canal Convergence)



CANAL CONVERGENCE ·
SCOTTSDALE WATERFRONT

save the date SPECIAL EVENTS + THANKSGIVING

Canal Convergence

DATE Nov 6 to 15
TIME Fri-Sat 6 to 10pm, Sun-Thu 6 to 9pm
LOCATION Scottsdale Waterfront, Old Town
COST Free
DETAILS scottsdalearts.org

East Valley Veterans Parade, Downtown Mesa

DATE Wed Nov 11
TIME 11am to 1pm
LOCATION starts at Center St and University, Downtown Mesa
COST Free
DETAILS evvp.org

Turkey & Pie Raffle

DATE Sat Nov 14
TIME 9am to 2pm
LOCATION Schnepf Farms
COST Free
DETAILS queencreekfamilymarket.com

Gilbert Days Festival

DATE Sat Nov 21
TIME 4 to 9pm, rain or shine
LOCATION Gilbert Regional Park
COST See gilbertaz.gov; activities inside are free
DETAILS gilbertaz.gov



Photo: Visit Mesa (East Valley Veterans Parade)

EAST VALLEY VETERANS PARADE,
DOWNTOWN MESA · STARTS AT
CENTER ST AND UNIVERSITY



Photo: Queen Creek Family Market

TURKEY & PIE RAFFLE · QC FAMILY
MARKET



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save the date SPECIAL EVENTS + THANKSGIVING

(cont.)

Gilbert Days Parade, Heritage District

DATE Sat Nov 21
TIME 8:30 to 11am
LOCATION Gilbert Rd between Elliot Rd and Juniper Ave
COST Free
DETAILS gilbertaz.gov

Gilbert Turkey Trot

DATE Thu Nov 26
TIME 1-mile 8:30am, 5K 9am
LOCATION SanTan Village, check-in at the south door of Macy's
COST Registration \$21.95 to \$33.95
DETAILS gilbertturkeytrot.com

Mesa Turkey Trot

DATE Thu Nov 26, morning
LOCATION Red Mountain Park, E Brown Rd
COST Registration required; start times at the link
DETAILS raceroster.com

Tree Lighting

DATE Fri Nov 27
TIME 5 to 6pm, live music 6 to 9pm
LOCATION Mesa's Christmas tree, Macdonald north of Main St, Downtown Mesa
COST Free
DETAILS merrymainst.com



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GILBERT DAYS PARADE, HERITAGE DISTRICT



GILBERT TURKEY TROT · SANTAN VILLAGE



MESA TURKEY TROT · RED MOUNTAIN PARK

live music LIVE MUSIC + DATE NIGHTS

Dan + Shay

DATE Thu Nov 5

LOCATION Talking Stick Resort Amphitheatre · 2121 N 83rd Ave, Phoenix

COST Ticketed

DETAILS talkingstickresortamphitheatre.com

Canal Convergence stroll, Scottsdale Waterfront

DATE Nov 6 to 15, evenings

LOCATION Scottsdale Waterfront, Old Town

COST Free

DETAILS scottsdalearts.org

Movements

DATE Fri Nov 13

TIME doors 5pm, show 6pm

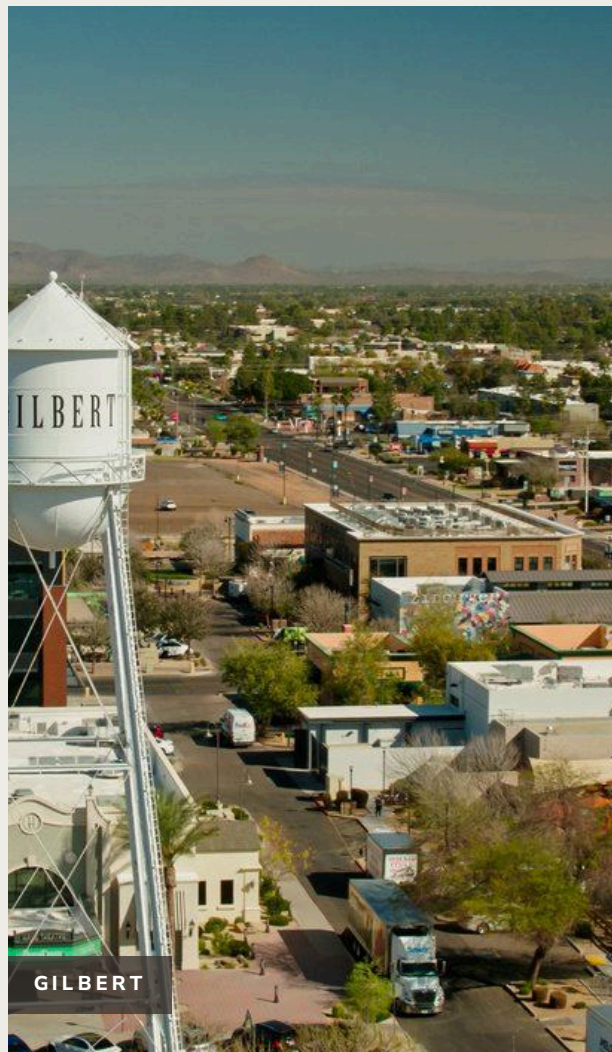
LOCATION Mesa Amphitheatre, Downtown Mesa

COST Ticketed

DETAILS mesaamp.com



DAN + SHAY · TALKING STICK
RESORT AMP



GILBERT



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Photo: Fairmont Scottsdale Princess



CHRISTMAS AT THE PRINCESS,
SCOTTSDALE · FAIRMONT
SCOTTSDALE PRINCESS

live music LIVE MUSIC + DATE NIGHTS (cont.)

Christmas at the Princess

DATE Nov 20 to Jan 2
LOCATION Fairmont Scottsdale Princess
COST Ticketed
DETAILS scottsdaleprincess.com



Photo: Three Days Grace

Three Days Grace

DATE Sat Nov 21
LOCATION Talking Stick Resort Amphitheatre · 2121 N 83rd Ave, Phoenix
COST Ticketed
DETAILS talkingstickresortamphitheatre.com

Mannheim Steamroller

DATE Sat Nov 28 (2pm and 7:30pm) and Sun Nov 29 (2pm)
LOCATION Mesa Arts Center · 1 E Main St, Mesa
COST Ticketed
DETAILS mesaartscenter.com



Photo: Mannheim Steamroller

MANNHEIM STEAMROLLER · MESA
ARTS CENTER



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FAMILY FUN AREA · GILBERT DAYS
FESTIVAL

must visits HOLIDAY LIGHTS + FAMILY FUN

Family fun area

DATE Sat Nov 21
TIME 4 to 9pm
LOCATION Gilbert Regional Park
COST Activities inside are free
DETAILS gilbertaz.gov

ZooLights

DATE Nov 25 to Jan 15
TIME 5:30 to 10:30pm
LOCATION Phoenix Zoo
COST Ticketed
DETAILS phoenixzoo.org

Merry Main Street, Downtown Mesa

DATE From Fri Nov 27
LOCATION Downtown Mesa
COST Free
DETAILS merrymainst.com



ZOOLIGHTS · PHOENIX ZOO

must visits HOLIDAY LIGHTS + FAMILY FUN (cont.)

Mesa Tree Lighting

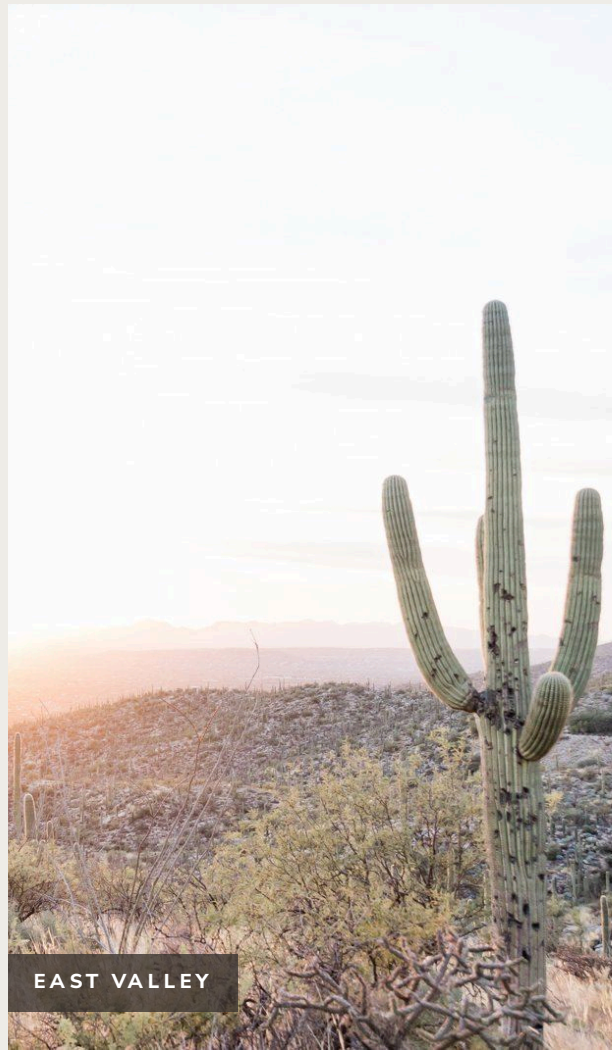
DATE Fri Nov 27
TIME 5 to 6pm
LOCATION Downtown Mesa
COST Free
DETAILS merrymainst.com

Scottsdazzle kickoff, Old Town Scottsdale

DATE Kicks off Sat Nov 28; schedule posts soon
LOCATION Old Town Scottsdale
COST Free events; some ticketed
DETAILS scottsdazzle.com



SCOTTSDAZZLE KICKOFF, OLD TOWN
SCOTTSDALE



EAST VALLEY

markets

WEEKEND MARKETS

Gilbert Farmers Market

DATE Every Saturday in November
TIME 8am to 12pm (winter hours)
LOCATION Chandler-Gilbert Community College campus · 2626 E. Pecos Rd., Chandler, AZ 85225
COST Free
DETAILS gilbertmarket.com

Queen Creek Family Market

DATE Sat Nov 14 and Sat Nov 28
TIME 9am to 2pm
LOCATION Schnepf Farms
COST Free
DETAILS queencreekfamilymarket.com

Grateful Gathering Market

DATE Sat Nov 21
TIME 10am to 5pm
LOCATION Scottsdale Civic Center · 3939 N Drinkwater Blvd, Scottsdale, AZ 85251
COST Free, free parking
DETAILS merchantilemarket.com

Holiday Market

DATE Fri Nov 27 and Sat Nov 28
TIME 10am to 4pm
LOCATION Arizona Athletic Grounds, Field House A · 6321 S Ellsworth Rd, Mesa, AZ 85212
COST \$5 plus fees
DETAILS visitmesa.com



GILBERT FARMERS MARKET ·
CHANDLER-GILBERT CC



GRATEFUL GATHERING MARKET ·
SCOTTSDALE CIVIC CENTER



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new in town

NEW + EXPECTED OPENINGS

OPEN NOW

Black Lagoon Pop-Up

Through Wed Nov 4 · Epicenter, Gilbert, Gilbert · discovergilbert.com

OPENING

Jack Frost's Food Truck Forest

From Fri Nov 27 · Pioneer Park, Downtown Mesa, Mesa · merrymainst.com

OPENING

Maeva, Downtown Gilbert

Now open · Heritage District, Downtown Gilbert, Gilbert · meetatmaeva.com

OPENING

Rosewood + Bad Honey, Downtown Gilbert

New this fall · Downtown Gilbert, Gilbert · rosewoodaz.com



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BLACK LAGOON POP-UP · UNDERTOW



MAEVA, DOWNTOWN GILBERT · HERITAGE DISTRICT



ROSEWOOD + BAD HONEY, DOWNTOWN GILBERT

where to MY LOCAL FAVORITES



"The Coffee Shop at Agritopia. The cozy atmosphere, amazing lattes, and let's be real, their cupcakes are dangerously good."

COFFEE

THE COFFEE SHOP AT AGRITOPIA
BLACK ROCK COFFEE BAR
FOUR SILOS
JOLT N' BOLT COFFEE

DINNER, CASUAL

ZINBURGER
THE PORCH
JOE'S REAL BARBECUE
NORTH ITALIA

BREWERIES

SANTAN BREWING COMPANY
THE BEER RESEARCH INSTITUTE
CIDER CORPS
O.H.S.O. BREWERY

BREAKFAST

SNOOZE AN A.M. EATERY
THE COFFEE SHOP AT AGRITOPIA
EGGSTASY
LIBERTY MARKET

SWEET TREATS

HANDEL'S ICE CREAM
FROST GELATO
PETERSON'S ICE CREAM
SALT & STRAW

COCKTAILS

THE OLIVE MILL
DIERKS BENTLEY'S WHISKEY ROW
THE WHITE RABBIT
THE BLUE HERON



things to do in

HIKES THIS MONTH

Riparian Preserve at Water Ranch

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The easy one. Flat loops around seven ponds and a floating boardwalk, with the birds back for winter. Trails open dawn to dusk.

gilbertaz.gov

Wind Cave Trail at Usery Mountain

MESA

The classic East Valley climb to the cave at 2,840 feet, with views across the whole Valley. Winter park hours start in November: 6am to 8pm.

maricopacountyparks.net

Lost Dutchman State Park

APACHE JUNCTION

Trails at the base of the Superstition Mountains, from easy desert loops to the steep Siphon Draw. Entrance fee per vehicle.

azstateparks.com

San Tan Mountain Regional Park

QUEEN CREEK

Over 10,000 acres of saguaro forest right off the edge of Queen Creek. Pick a short loop by the visitor center or go long.

maricopacountyparks.net

Hieroglyphic Trail

GOLD CANYON

About 3 miles round trip into the Superstitions, ending at ancient petroglyphs carved into the canyon rock.

arizonahighways.com



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date night

MORE DATE NIGHTS

Annie at Hale Centre Theatre

DOWNTOWN GILBERT • THROUGH
NOV 21

Dinner downtown, then the show in the round. Adults \$65.

haletheatrearizona.com

The White Rabbit

DOWNTOWN GILBERT

One of my favorite cocktail spots for a night out downtown.

Culinary Dropout

GILBERT

One of my upscale dinner picks for a real date night.

Dierks Bentley's Whiskey Row

DOWNTOWN GILBERT

My night out: great drinks, live music, and a little two-steppin'. Bonus points if there's a good country band playing.

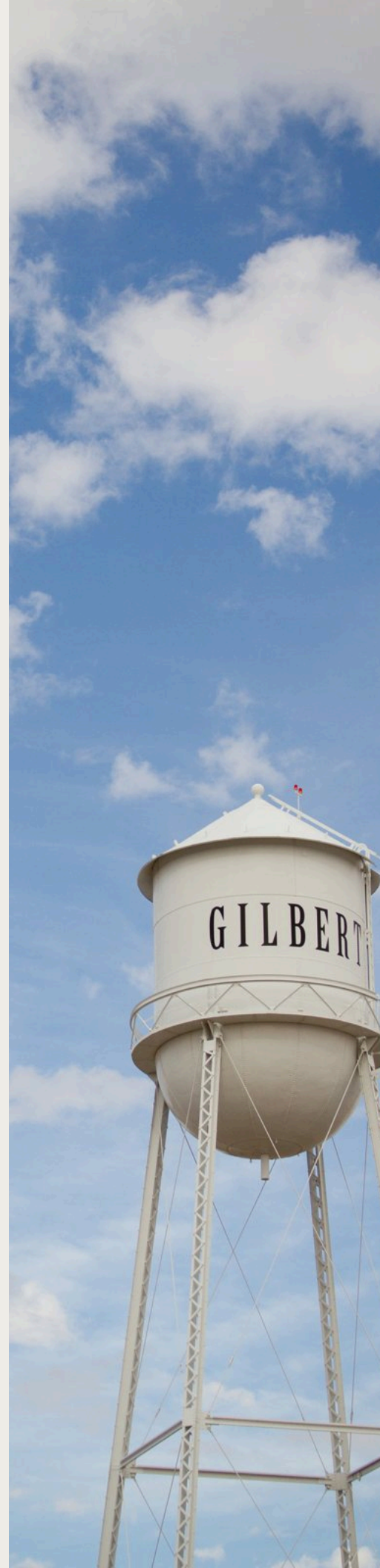
The Olive Mill

QUEEN CREEK

One of my favorite spots for cocktails, out on the patio once it cools off.



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bucket list
**THIS
MONTH**

A FAMILY EVENT

- ☐ Gilbert Days Festival
Sat Nov 21 · 4-9pm

A DATE NIGHT

- ☐ Canal Convergence stroll,
Scottsdale Waterfront
Nov 6-15 · evenings

A FREE NIGHT OUT

- ☐ Canal Convergence
Nov 6-15 · evenings

A HOLIDAY OPENER

- ☐ Merry Main Street, Downtown Mesa
From Fri Nov 27



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let's dive in THINKING ABOUT A MOVE?

You don't have to be ready to buy or sell to reach out. If a move is anywhere on your radar this year, here's how I can help right now.

SELLING

What's my home worth?

A real number for this month from someone who knows your street, not an online guess. I'll send it within 24 hours.

BUYING

First look at homes

Homes across Gilbert, Queen Creek, Chandler, Mesa and San Tan Valley, including Compass Coming Soon listings before they hit the big sites.

JUST CURIOUS

Ask me anything

A neighborhood, a school zone, what homes on your block went for. No pressure and no sales pitch.



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