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Register for fall classes beginning Aug. 13

The fall issue of the Tempe Opportunities brochure is full of new and continuing classes and programs for all ages and interests. Class topics include exercise and fitness, educational, sports leagues, foreign languages, music, art, theatre and dance. Our quality programs are offered at convenient times and locations, and at affordable prices.

The brochure can be viewed at www.tempe.gov/brochure the week of Aug. 9. Registration begins Aug. 13 for Tempe residents and Aug. 20 for non-residents. Classes begin the week of Sept. 4. For more information, call 480-350-5200.

Tempe has a Community Services Scholarship Program for youth ages 0-17 who are Tempe or Guadalupe residents or are enrolled in a Tempe school. For scholarship program information, visit www.tempe.gov/brochure.



Mayor Mark Mitchell

Tempe Mayor, Councilmembers take office July 2

As of July 2, the City of Tempe officially welcomes a new Mayor and a new Councilmember into office, and renews the service of two other Councilmembers.

Mark Mitchell, a 12-year veteran of the City Council, won the four-year Mayoral term during the May 15 General Election. Councilmembers Joel Navarro and Corey Woods are beginning their second, four-year

terms – they were re-elected during the March 13 Primary Election. Kolby Granville is beginning his first term on the City Council – he was elected in the General Election.

Two-term Mayor Hugh Hallman, who did not run for re-election, concludes his service July 2.



One Call to City Hall
480-350-4311

**Have a question?
Need to report an issue?
Just remember: Tempe 311**



Do you spot some graffiti on a nearby wall? Is there a streetlight that just went out in your neighborhood? Do you want to ask a question about your recycling service? The City of Tempe has got you covered on these and many other topics through one of the state's first centralized call centers. We call it Tempe 311 and it truly is One Call to City Hall.

Tempe 311, the city's Customer Relations Center, provides a fast and easy way for community members to connect with their city, making life easier and providing greater value and service. Residents no longer need to search for the right number to call. On weekdays between 7 a.m. and 5 p.m., all they need to remember are seven digits: 480-350-4311. Specially trained employees have access to information on just about any area of the city – and if they don't know the answer, they will rapidly find the people who do. The system also streamlines the process for getting requests for service to city employees in the field, making resolution of issues even faster.

But Tempe 311 isn't just a call center. Community members can also submit requests and questions via an online form at www.tempe.gov/311. Starting in July, they can also use a new mobile phone application to request service.

It is important to note that residents should continue to reach the Tempe Police Department in these two ways: 911 for emergencies; and 480-350-8311 for reports of issues like minor property crimes and loud parties.

Eventually, Tempe hopes other Maricopa County communities will join a regional 311 effort that would allow anyone in any part of the county to call 311 and get directed to the community they need.



Tempe provides free youth transit passes

Tempe is continuing to issue transit passes to current and new participants of the Tempe Youth Free Transit Pass program. The new passes are valid until June 30, 2013.

The Tempe Youth Free Transit Pass program allows youth ages six to 18 who live in Tempe to ride all Valley Metro bus routes and METRO light rail free. A parent or guardian must accompany the youth and bring the youth's birth certificate along with proof of Tempe residency when registering for the program.

Special on-site registration will be held at the Tempe Public Library, 3500 S. Rural Road, Aug. 18 from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Free passes are also available at the Tempe Transit Store, 200 E. Fifth St., from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday.

Tempe and Valley Metro offer bus service seven days a week. Most Tempe buses run Monday through Saturday until 1 a.m. and Sunday until 10 p.m., with rush hour service every 15 minutes Monday through Friday from 6-9 a.m. and 3-6 p.m. METRO runs seven days a week every 12 minutes from 7:30 a.m. to 6:30 p.m. (and every 20 minutes during all other times) from 5 a.m. to midnight (2 a.m. on weekends).

For a list of program requirements, including registration forms, contact the Tempe Transit Store at 480-858-2350 or visit www.tempe.gov/tim. For transit routes and schedules, call 602-253-5000 or visit www.valleymetro.org.



Tempe tests bus warning system

The City of Tempe and Veolia Transportation take safety seriously and want to protect passengers and residents, so they have activated a new warning system. In May, the two partners started using an Automatic Pedestrian Warning System (APWS) on nine Tempe-owned buses operated by Veolia. APWS is a newly developed technology that warns pedestrians and bicyclists when a bus is about to turn, in order to help prevent accidents. The test buses will operate on East Valley routes through September.

The system automatically triggers an audible warning to nearby pedestrians and bicyclists any time the bus steering wheel is turned or when the turn signals are activated below 15 MPH. The warning system can be programmed to make a single announcement or to repeat the announcement several times. The volume on the system can also be adjusted to ensure warnings are loud enough to alert pedestrians and bicyclists.

The cost per bus is approximately \$1,000, which is paid by Veolia. After the test period, the city and Veolia will evaluate the system's performance as well as any public feedback to determine if the system should be expanded to the rest of the fleet by the end of 2012.

American Express no longer offered as city payment option

In an effort to reduce city expenditures related to credit card processing fees, the City of Tempe is no longer offering American Express as a payment option. MasterCard, Visa and Discover are still accepted. The change applies to payments made at the Tempe Municipal Court and at Tempe community centers, as well as to water, wastewater and solid waste/refuse customers. The change is effective July 1; utilities customers who have set up recurring payments on American Express will need to transition to another card type online or by phone at 480-350-8361. For more information on the citywide change, call the Accounting Division at 480-350-8972.



Did you know this can be recycled? (The carton – not the teenager.)

Cardboard milk and juice cartons are recyclable. Just rinse them out and put them in the bin.

For a complete list of recyclable items, visit www.tempe.gov/recycling.



KID ZONE



See why kids love Kid Zone

Kid Zone operates before- and after-school programs at 17 Tempe and Kyrene Schools to assist the increasing number of children who need safe, enriching places to spend time outside of school.

Children in kindergarten through eighth grades are able to develop their cognitive, social and physical skills through a variety of structured enrichment activities. Kid Zone operates on all days that school is in session, and offers programs during fall, winter, spring and summer breaks. Kid Zone also offers preschool programming for children 2 years through pre-kindergarten. Schedules and curriculum vary by age. For information on fees, registration and site tours, call 480-350-5400 or visit www.tempe.gov/kidzone.



Hayden Flour Mill reopening date has changed

Tempe will reopen the Hayden Flour Mill on Friday, Oct. 5, with a community celebration worthy of one of the city's best-loved icons. The grounds of the mill have been restored as an event venue, a recreation site and an interpretive museum. The site includes a stage and concert lawn, as well as a small grove of trees for shady picnics. From 5-10 p.m. on Oct. 5, there will be a free grand opening event with music and family activities. The Hayden Flour Mill is located at the southeast corner of Mill Avenue and Rio Salado Parkway. For more information, visit www.tempe.gov/haydenflourmill.



Tempe Center for the Arts

TCA releases results of perception survey

As part of ongoing efforts to enhance the operations of the Tempe Center for the Arts (TCA), the city has completed a study to gain an increased understanding of community attitudes and opinions about the TCA facility, the services it provides and its operational priorities.

Significant findings from the survey indicate that there is overwhelming community support for the TCA as a quality of life amenity and that visitors to the TCA greatly enjoy the experience. In addition, results show significant support for an arts tax to foster the opportunity for Tempe-based arts organizations to use the TCA.

TCA staff is moving forward to address suggestions including offering a broader variety of events and implementing increased marketing and publicity strategies. Complete results are available at www.tempe.gov/TCAsurvey.

Watch kids around water

With temperatures rising, cooling off in the water is tempting to everyone, including children. The City of Tempe offers these tips for keeping your loved ones safe from drowning, one of the leading causes of death for children under the age of four in Arizona:

- Never leave a child unattended in or near any body of water. This includes pools, bathtubs, buckets, toilets, hot tubs, ponds and lakes.
- Install barriers around your pool and spa, and install childproof locks on doors, but don't let them give you a false sense of security. Nothing can take the place of adult supervision.
- Check placement of doggie doors. Be sure they do not lead to the pool area.
- Learn how to administer CPR or CCR.

In case of an emergency, pull the person out of the water, call 9-1-1 immediately and begin CPR or CCR. The 9-1-1 operator will assist you with instructions until help arrives. For more information, call Tempe Fire Prevention at 480-858-7230.

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of Tempe, visit:
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Calendar

**This is the tentative
July/August schedule
for Tempe City
Council meetings.**

July 2, 2012

7:30 p.m., Mayor and Council
Swearing In Ceremony

August 9, 2012

6 p.m., Issue Review Session
7:30 p.m., Council Meeting

**Meetings are aired live on
Tempe 11 and the Internet at
www.tempe.gov/tempe11.**

City Council meetings are held in the Council Chambers at City Hall, 31 E. Fifth St. Agendas are posted 24 hours before each meeting outside the Council Chambers and on the second floor of City Hall. Meetings are subject to change. Confirm dates and times with the City Clerk's Office, 480-350-8241 or at www.tempe.gov/clerk.

Tempe City Council

Mark W. Mitchell
Mayor

Robin Arredondo-Savage
Councilmember

Shana Ellis
Councilmember

Kolby Granville
Councilmember

Joel Navarro
Councilmember

Onnie Shekerjian
Councilmember

Corey Woods
Councilmember

Charlie Meyer
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News you can use

Get roof rats under control this summer

Local roof rat expert Barry Pacey advises that summer is the best time to combat roof rats. During the hot weather, their food sources decrease and the rats travel at night, so they are more prone to fall victim to traps or to consume recommended poison. Residents are advised to check their bait stations and refresh the contents. The bait needs to be changed every six months to be effective. Visit www.tempe.gov/roofrats or call Neighborhood Services at 480-350-8234 for more information.



Sun Devil Football 2012 City of Tempe Night

Don't miss a minute of head Coach Todd Graham's inaugural season in Tempe. Be there, be loud and wear gold as your Sun Devil Football team takes the field in their season-opener versus Northern Arizona. The 2012 home schedule includes Illinois, a visit from new Pac-12 conference foe Utah and defending Pac-12 champions, Oregon.

On Thursday, Aug. 30, the team hosts its annual City of Tempe night, with discount ticket prices for Tempe residents and city employees. Tickets will be discounted 25 percent to 35 percent, depending on location within the stadium. Discounted tickets for this game can only be purchased by calling 480-727-3521. Be sure to mention the Tempe Today newsletter to get the exclusive discount. Each person who purchases tickets will be entered into a drawing to win an authentic Sun Devil football helmet.

Visit www.thesundevils.com for more information on games, individual tickets, season tickets, groups and suites.

Sun Devil Football Kickoff Luncheon

The Tempe Chamber of Commerce, ASU Alumni Association and the Sun Devil Club are proud to present the 12th Annual Sun Devil Football Kickoff Luncheon on Friday, Aug. 24. Jump-start the ASU football season with new Head Coach Todd Graham, Sun Devil football players, coaching staff, Sparky and other special guest speakers including voice of the Sun Devils, Tim Healey. Tickets are available now. To RSVP or for more information, visit www.tempechamber.org and click on the "Events" tab.

Spend Saturday afternoons watching classic cartoons

Cool off and enjoy a classic Disney film each Saturday in August at 2 p.m. at the Tempe History Museum, 809 E. Southern Ave. These classic Disney films were popular in the 1940s through the 1980s. Bring your kids to experience these timeless classics:

August 4: Fun and Fancy Free (1947)

August 11: Lady and the Tramp (1955)

August 18: The Sword in the Stone (1963)

August 25: The Great Mouse Detective (1986)

For more information, visit www.tempe.gov/museum or call 480-350-5100.

Free Family Financial Education Workshops

During difficult economic times, taking charge of your financial situation and being prepared for the future is more important than ever! Tempe Community Council and the City of Tempe are offering free financial education classes for adults and children ages 6-17. A three-part workshop series will include sessions on budgeting, taking charge of your credit and home buying. All classes are tailored specifically to each age group. The upcoming series will be held on Sept. 11, 18 and 25, from 5:30-7:30 p.m. at Escalante Community Center, 2150 E. Orange St. Dinner will be served. Register online at www.eventbrite.com/event/3140235529 or via email at diane_bennett@tempe.gov. For more information, call Diane Bennett at 602-291-2202.



Healing Field remembers those lost on Sept. 11, 2001

Tempe will honor the nearly 3,000 victims of the Sept. 11, 2001 attacks at its ninth annual Healing Field tribute at Tempe Beach Park. The public is invited to view the display of American flags representing victims of that terrible day. A moving display of patriotism and unity, Healing Field is a free event presented by the Valley of the Sun Exchange Healing Clubs Foundation and the City of Tempe. It is open to the public Sunday, Sept. 9, through Tuesday, Sept. 11. On Sept. 11, there will be a 5:40 a.m. ceremony and a 7 p.m. candlelight vigil.



Class begins Aug. 7 at Tempe Elementary Schools

Meet the Teacher Night for the Tempe Elementary School District is Friday, Aug. 3. Elementary schools are 4:30-6:30 p.m.

and middle schools are 3:30-5:30 p.m. Meeting your child's teacher is a great way to prepare your child for the first day. For more information about enrollment and registration, visit www.tempschools.org/enrollment.

Smoke alarms and fire extinguishers go hand in hand

Smoke alarms and fire extinguishers can save lives. Here are some important facts about each type of device:

Smoke alarms

Fire, smoke and toxic gases move swiftly and silently through a home, reducing visibility and your ability to escape safely. Every home needs a device that can wake people up in time to escape. Install at least one working smoke alarm outside each sleeping area and one on each level of the home. Smoke alarms are not recommended for: kitchens because of false alarms from cooking vapors; garages because of automobile exhaust; or attics because temperature or humidity extremes might affect their operation.

Because smoke rises, each alarm should be mounted high on a wall or on the ceiling to detect traces of smoke. Wall-mounted alarms should be no less than four inches or nor more than 12 inches from the ceiling. Ceiling-mounted detectors should be at least four inches from a wall. Smoke alarms should not be mounted near air vents.

When purchasing a smoke alarm, be sure it has the label of an independent testing lab. It is important to test and clean all detectors monthly and you should never paint over your smoke alarm. Replace the batteries at least once a year if the alarm is battery operated, and replace the entire smoke alarm every 10 years.

Fire extinguishers

There are three basic classes of fires: Class A, Class B, and Class C. All fire extinguishers are labeled using standard symbols for the classes of fires they put out. A slash through any of the symbols tells you the extinguisher cannot be used on that class of fire. Portable fire extinguishers are also rated for the size of fire they can handle. The larger the numbers, the larger amount of fire that the extinguisher can put out, but also the heavier they become. Make sure you can hold and operate an extinguisher before you buy it. Multipurpose fire extinguishers labeled ABC can be used on all three classes of fire.

It is important that you learn how to correctly use your extinguisher. The instructions are displayed on the extinguisher so take time to read over these several times a year to remain familiar with them. While trying to extinguish a fire with a fire extinguisher, always keep your back to an unobstructed exit, stand six to eight feet away from the fire and remember the PASS-word: PULL the pin, AIM at the base of the fire, SQUEEZE, and SWEEP from side to side.

Remember, a small fire can quickly become a large one. The first step in fighting a fire of any size is to call 9-1-1. If the fire is bigger than you are, don't try to put it out. Instead, go outside immediately. For more information, visit www.tempe.gov/fire.

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Tempe named one of Top 50 cities for bicycling

Bicycling Magazine named Tempe the 18th Best Bike City in the country. Being named a top bicycle town confirms Tempe's commitment to being a sustainable, environmentally-friendly, vibrant and creative place to live. With 3 percent of Tempe residents biking to work, Tempe has one of the highest percentages of bicycle commuters in the country.

Tempe integrates bicycling and bicycle infrastructure into all levels of city planning. The city's urban design plans include accommodations for bicycling as part of the culture of Tempe and to assist in the enhancement of a balanced transportation system. Because of support from the Tempe City Council, Arizona State University, the community and non-profit organizations like the Tempe Bicycle Action Group, Tempe is on the right track to becoming one of the leading bike communities in the country.

For information about Tempe's bicycle program or for a map featuring all 175 miles of dedicated bikeways, call 480-350-8810 or visit www.tempe.gov/tim. For more information about the designation, visit www.bicycling.com/ride-maps/featured-rides/18-tempe-az.

Impressive achievement numbers at TUHSD

The Tempe Union High School District has assembled impressive statistics about the achievements of its students. The district is the proud home of some of the top academic, athletic and fine arts achievers students in Arizona. Check out a short video clip at www.tinyurl.com/tuhsd-numbersvid1.

Resources for residents dealing with stray and feral cats

Maricopa County Animal Care and Control provides resources for residents and neighborhoods affected by feral cats. In addition, the agency has a foster program for people who want to look after abandoned infant kittens. For more information on county programs, call 602-506-PETS (7387) or visit www.maricopa.gov/pets. In addition, the Animal Defense League of Arizona operates a spay-neuter hotline for cats at 602-265-7729.

Classic Disney Films

Hot August Summer Saturdays



Fun and Fancy Free (1947)

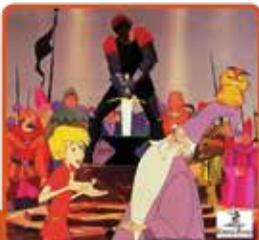
Sat. August 4, 2 p.m.

Air-Conditioned and Free



Lady and the Tramp (1955)

Sat. August 11, 2 p.m.



The Sword in the Stone (1963)

Sat. August 18, 2 p.m.



The Great Mouse Detective (1986)

Sat. August 25, 2 p.m.

TEMPE HISTORY MUSEUM

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