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Which fireworks are legal in Tempe?

Celebrating with sparklers in Tempe this July 4th is allowed, but the Tempe Fire and Police departments remind residents that many other types of fireworks are illegal to use within city limits.

A state law that took effect in 2011 allows for the sale of consumer fireworks at retail and temporary locations, while still allowing Arizona cities and towns to ban their use. In 2010, the Tempe City Council joined several other communities across the state in banning the use of consumer fireworks to prevent injuries and fires.

Novelty fireworks are still allowed to be used in Tempe; they include handheld sparklers, smoke devices, party poppers, snappers and snakes. Consumer fireworks are illegal to use within city limits; they include ground-based sparklers in cylindrical, square, cone or rocket shapes, as well as aerial fireworks like roman candles, firecrackers, sky rockets and bottle rockets. Watch our video about legal fireworks in Tempe at <http://bit.ly/PR22eu>. For a printed list, visit www.tempe.gov/fire and click on "fireworks" in the left bar.

The penalty for violating the city's ordinance is a minimum fine of \$250. The ordinance also allows Tempe to recoup expenses if emergency services are needed in conjunction with the use of consumer fireworks.



Lighting up the Tempe sky this 4th of July

Kiwanis Club of Tempe presents the Fox 10 July 4th Tempe Town Lake Festival on Thursday, July 4, at Tempe Beach Park. Gates open at 5 p.m. There will be live local entertainment, a splash zone, kids'

activities and games, rock climbing walls, and the annual fireworks spectacular.

Tickets will be sold June 3 through July 4 at Fry's and Fry's Marketplace stores for \$6. Several City of Tempe facilities will sell tickets for \$5 through July 3 – see www.tempe4th.com for the list of locations. At the gate, tickets are \$8 each or \$15 for two. Children 12 and under are free. All active military with ID will also be allowed in for free. The event benefits The Tempe Kiwanis Club Children's Charities.

For the sixth year, aspiring singers are invited to participate in the Star Spangled Idol Contest. The winner will perform the National Anthem at the event. Visit www.tempe4th.com for details, including parking, transit, what types of items can be brought into the event and more.

Tempe offers extended bus and light rail service for festival

The City of Tempe Transit program, Tempe in Motion, will make it easy for residents to get to the July 4th Tempe Town Lake Festival with extended bus and light rail service.

Light Rail

Residents are encouraged to ride light rail for \$2 per trip, per person. Or, purchase an all-day pass for \$4 at the start of your trip to avoid having to use busy fare vending machines in the downtown area at the end of the event. Reduced all-day passes are available for \$2 for youth, people age 65 and older and people with disabilities. Valley Metro will offer additional train service, in order to increase capacity and frequency. Service will also be extended with the last trip from the ends-of-line occurring at midnight, rather than 11 p.m. For details, visit www.valleymetro.org. Park-and-ride locations include:

- Apache Boulevard and Price Road
- Apache Boulevard and McClintock Drive
- Apache Boulevard and Dorsey Lane

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Tempe is home to extraordinary opportunities

By City Councilmembers Shana Ellis and Robin Arredondo-Savage

Tempe is a lively and distinctive community brimming with possibilities. We can claim high quality of life, a vibrant downtown, strong schools, an excellent transit system and surging economic activity.

As co-chairs of the City Council's Economic, Downtown, Lake and Advanced Transportation Committee, we're charged with retaining our positions in these areas and moving them forward. Most recently, we are focused on business attraction and retention, and expanding our widely known standing as a city with a robust transit network. In both areas, we're literally and figuratively "going places."

First, let's tackle the business environment in Tempe. There are many proof points that demonstrate how Tempe has emerged among national and international peers as a true knowledge-worker emporium. Every year Arizona State University graduates more than 2,000 Science, Technology, Engineering, Mathematics (STEM)-related students ready to work in those sectors. An estimated 20 percent of our jobs are in technology. With our local K-12 schools providing a high number of college-ready graduates, ASU and community colleges also support the local workforce by offering professional training and certification programs.

What's more, we have welcomed more than 3,000 new jobs to Tempe since February 2012. Recent successes like Union Bank and Direct Energy locating in our city are making it clear that Tempe is the place to start, relocate or expand a business.

We're focused internally, too, on ensuring that we provide top-notch services to small- and medium-sized businesses. Tempe recently created the position of Business Project Coordinator. This employee walks businesses through city permitting processes from start to finish, whether they are opening for the first time or expanding.

When it comes to transportation, getting around Tempe has never been easier. Our comprehensive system includes 15 bus routes, four express routes, five free Orbit neighborhood circulators, light rail, 175 miles of bikeways, and transportation options for seniors and people with disabilities. Light rail and bus ridership continue to grow beyond expectations, and Tempe has one of the highest percentages of bicycle commuters in the country.

The Tempe Streetcar is the next step in improving our community and helping to lead the region with a new first in transportation. The Council continues to move forward, in partnership with Valley Metro, to build a streetcar starter line that will be funded through regional Proposition 400 money and federal grants. The streetcar will link assets like ASU, Gammage, historic neighborhoods, Mill Avenue, Tempe Beach Park, Hayden Butte and Town Lake. It's a great next step for Tempe because it will be built on existing roadways, and compared to light rail or freeways, it takes much less time and money to construct. It carefully preserves buildings and neighborhoods while encouraging thoughtful redevelopment. Future streetcar opportunities include further studies and phases to link our strong downtown with Rio Salado Parkway, Sun Devil Stadium and Tempe Marketplace.

Finally, Tempe has you. As community members, you're essential to our economic vitality. We encourage you to engage with us in taking Tempe to the next level. Sign up for email updates on the committee's work at www.tempe.gov/enews. Visit www.tempe.gov/clerk for committee agendas and minutes.

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Bus & Orbit

On July 4, Tempe buses will run according to Sunday schedules until 5 p.m. After 5 p.m., many Tempe bus routes will run every 15 minutes northbound to the Tempe Transportation Center until 8 p.m. with return service until midnight on designated routes. Many downtown Tempe bus and Orbit routes will drop off and pick up at the Tempe Transportation Center on the northeast corner of Fifth Street and Forest Avenue. Due to street restrictions, several downtown Tempe routes will be detoured and may not serve their normal stops. Regular fares apply. Residents are encouraged to ride the bus for \$2 per trip, per person. Or, purchase an all-day pass for \$4 at the start of your trip. Reduced all day passes are available for \$2 for youth, people age 65 and older and people with disabilities.

Several bus detours and street closures will be in effect all day on July 4, due to the event. For details, visit www.tempe.gov/streetclosures.

There is no bus service to cities outside of Tempe after the event. Service to and from other cities will operate according to Sunday schedules. For information, call 602-253-5000 or visit www.valleymetro.org.

Ditch the paper

Tempe's residential and commercial water and wastewater customers have the option to go paperless and not receive hardcopy bills in the mail. To make the change, simply log in to your account at www.tempe.gov/waterutil and change your profile information, checking the "opt out of paper copy" box.

Customers who go paperless also can sign up to get email alerts when bills are ready for viewing and payment online. To get those emails, simply provide your email address on the same screen as above.

Both changes also can be made by calling 480-350-8361.

Customers who wish to keep receiving hardcopy bills do not need to make any changes.

Changes to bulk and green waste collection

Tempe is changing the way it collects bulk and green waste in order to increase efficiency and sustainability. Starting in July, the city will move from monthly collection of uncontained waste to every other month, with four collections dedicated to green waste and two collections for mixed waste (bulky items and brush).

The majority of bulk waste Tempe residents put out for collection (70 to 80 percent) is green waste – tree trimmings, yard clippings and brush. The new collection schedule is designed so that green-waste collection coincides with those months when residents tend to do the most landscape trimming and maintenance.

The amount of green and bulk waste allowed for each collection will be limited to approximately 10 cubic yards – picture a pile about 15 feet long, six feet high and three feet deep. Residents with bulk waste needs that exceed that amount will have monthly access to two transfer stations where they can bring their bulk materials as necessary, as well as other service and disposal options.

Benefits of these changes include:

- Cutting annual miles driven in half – reducing fuel usage, saving fuel costs and reducing greenhouse emissions by more than 100 metric tons per year.
- Eliminating need for at least six collection vehicles, resulting in savings of approximately \$1.5 million over the next few years.
- Keeping costs of providing solid waste collection services as low as possible.

Collection schedule information is available at www.tempe.gov/recycling.

City Council appointments

In April and May, respectively, the Tempe City Council appointed Andrew Ching as City Manager and Judi Baumann as City Attorney.

Ching had been serving as Interim City Manager since shortly after the January termination of former City Manager Charlie Meyer. Prior to his appointment as Interim City Manager, Ching had served for six years as City Attorney. For most of the last 20 years, Ching has served in various roles in the Tempe City Attorney's Office.

Baumann had been serving as Interim City Attorney since early February. She has worked for the City of Tempe since 2008, first as an Assistant City Attorney and then as Deputy City Attorney.

According to the City Charter, the City Council has the authority to hire and manage the employment of four appointed positions: City Attorney; City Manager; City Clerk; and the Presiding Judge of the Tempe Municipal Court. All other city employees are managed by one of those appointees.



Chuck Malpede Neighbor of the Year award recipient Karyn Gitlis. Left to right: Vice Mayor Onnie Shekerjian, Councilmember Shana Ellis, Mayor Mark Mitchell, Karyn Gitlis, Councilmember Kolby Granville and Councilmember Corey Woods

2013 Neighborhood Workshop and Awards

At the April 13 Neighborhood Workshop and Awards, residents joined the Mayor and City Council at the Escalante Community Center to recognize neighbors who help foster connected, beautiful neighborhoods. Several workshops allowed neighbors to meet and interact, while learning new information about topics like sustainability and ASU-Tempe collaboration. During the awards portion, several residents were honored:

Karyn Gitlis, Chuck Malpede Neighbor of the Year – for 26 years of continuous and devoted service to the Maple Ash Neighborhood Association, including six years as chair.

Katharine Zeiders, Neighbor of the Year Honorable Mention – for reawakening the Tempe Gardens Neighborhood Association and shepherding its neighborhood grant for art and seating to completion.

Ellertson-Wilson Street Community Garden, Property Beautification Award – for the garden's founders, who had the vision to create an inviting place to meet, build community and promote sustainability in the Mitchell Park Neighborhood.

Dr. Cody and Dr. Tricia Youngbull Residence, Property Beautification Award – for including their Alameda Estates neighbors in the re-design of their front yard, which has become a beautiful gathering area.

Pastor Rick Jordan, Southwest Bible Fellowship, Property Beautification Honorable Mention – for improving the curb appeal of the property with new roofing, paint and updated landscaping and for meticulously caring for the grounds.

Trevor Barger, Alley Upkeep Award – for taking pride in the alley by keeping it free of weeds and trash, and by planting drought-tolerant landscaping.

For more information about the resources available through the city's Neighborhood Services Division, call 480-350-8234 or email neighborhoods@tempe.gov.

Calendar

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

June 11, 2013

4 p.m. City Council Strategy Session

June 13, 2013

6 p.m., Issue Review Session

7:30 p.m., Council Meeting

June 27, 2013

6 p.m., Issue Review Session

7:30 p.m., Council Meeting

July 30, 2013

6 p.m., Issue Review Session

7:30 p.m., Council Meeting

Meetings are aired live on Tempe 11 and 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.

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News you can use

Water for fines

How can you help hydrate people in need and pay your library fines at the same time? Through July 27, for every bottle of water or item of non-perishable food you bring to the Tempe Public Library, the City of Tempe will take a dollar off your tab for overdue materials. A case of water will be counted as \$30. Donated items will go to the Tempe Community Council. The organization will use the water and food to help the homeless and less fortunate over the summer. For program details, visit www.tempe.gov/library.

Rural Road and University Drive intersection restricted

The City of Tempe is continuing to install new and upgrade aging water infrastructure around the ASU campus. This includes the installation of 17 new water meters (seven on University Drive, two on Mill Avenue, five on Apache Boulevard and three on Rural Road), as well as installation of a 16-inch water main on Rural Road from Apache Boulevard to University Drive.

The installation of the water meters and water main will continue through October. Some of the meter installations may have minimal impact to the roadways with work taking place behind the curb line. Other meters will have significant impacts and cause major delays. Construction of the 16-inch water main will result in significant impacts and major delays on Rural Road for the duration of the project.

The first phase of the project was completed in May. The second phase includes the following closures and restrictions:

- Rural Road will be restricted to one lane in each direction from Apache Boulevard to just north of University Drive until October. One lane will be maintained for northbound Rural to westbound University left turns. One lane will be maintained for southbound Rural to eastbound University left turns. Right turns will be permitted.
- University Drive will be restricted to one lane in each direction from McAllister to just east of Rural Road until June 24. Right turns will be allowed on all four approaches to Rural Road. There will be no left turns allowed northbound or southbound onto Rural Road.
- 8th Street will be closed in both directions between Dorsey and Rural until June 24.

The restrictions will be in place 24 hours a day and significant delays are likely. The project hotline is 480-898-4110.

Video shows impact of Tempe decisions from 1960s and beyond

The Tempe City Council has made major decisions about Tempe Town Lake, Mill Avenue and Tempe City Hall since the late 1960s. In a new video produced by Tempe 11, three of Tempe's earliest elected women share their memories of serving during those times and reflect on how their decisions have had impacts on Tempe today.

Former Councilmembers Dottie Cooper Nelson, Pat Hatton and Barbara Sherman, and current Vice Mayor Onnie Shekerjian, provide a look at Tempe's past in the new video. It will air on Tempe 11 for Cox cable subscribers and can be viewed on Tempe 11's YouTube channel, www.youtube.com/tempe11video. For more information about how the past has shaped our present and future, visit the Tempe History Museum in person at 809 E. Southern Ave. or online at www.tempe.gov/museum.

Changes coming to Tempe transit system

On July 22, changes to bus routes 56 and 108 will occur in Tempe, Phoenix and Chandler. Route 56 will now provide service on Priest Drive from Elliot Road to Ray Road and in Chandler and Phoenix along Ray Road between 56th Street and 48th Street. Route 108 will be extended to serve the Ahwatukee area on Elliot Road and 48th Street to Frye Road, with peak trips extended to serve the 40th Street & Pecos Park and Ride. To view the modified route maps, visit www.tempe.gov/tim.

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 roof rats travel at night so they are more prone to fall victim of traps or consume recommended poisons. Residents are advised to check their bait stations and refresh the contents. The bait needs to be changed every six months to be most effective. Call Neighborhood Services at 480-350-823 or visit www.tempe.gov/roofrats or for more information.



Thinking about going to back to school already?

Summer break may have just begun but it is never too early to think about starting the next school year off on the right foot! Tempe's school districts want to let you know when their 2013-14 school years begin. The Kyrene School District begins Aug. 5, and the Tempe Elementary School District and Tempe Union High School District begin Aug. 6.

Run through your morning routine for at least one week prior to the start of school, so the whole family is ready on the first day. Meeting your child's teacher is also a great way to prepare your child for the first day. For information about "Meet the Teacher" nights and other ways to prepare your child for the new school year, visit the district websites at www.tempeschools.org, www.kyrene.org and www.tuhsd.k12.az.us.

Be on the lookout for back to school messages from the city starting in July. This citywide awareness campaign addresses everyone from kindergartners through college-age students. Topics include transportation options, library resources, safety tips and advice on being a good neighbor. Visit www.tempe.gov/backtoschool.

Play continues to be a priority in Tempe

For the fifth time in as many years, Tempe has been recognized as a Playful City USA community by KaBOOM!, a national non-profit organization dedicated to promoting play in children's lives.

Created in 2007, Playful City USA advocates for local policies that increase play spaces and opportunities for children. Today's youth spend less time playing outside than any previous generation, creating what KaBOOM calls a Play Deficit. According to the American Academy of Pediatrics, play is important to healthy brain development and allows children to use creativity while developing their imagination, dexterity and physical, cognitive and emotional strength.

KaBOOM! selected Tempe as a Playful City USA community for its outstanding dedication to play.

To further promote play, Tempe hosts annual play days to allow community members of all ages to get out and get active. PlayDay 2013 was held on March 2 and featured structured and un-structured play activities including kayaking, softball, football, dance and movement and much more. Tempe's next PlayDay will be held in March 2014. Visit www.tempe.gov/familyactivities for more information.

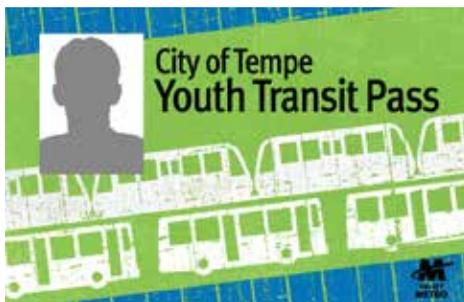


It's a big country

Scottish band Big Country crosses the pond to perform at the Tempe Center for the Arts (TCA) with new songs, a new album and the familiar songs that

earned it three Grammy® nominations. The concert happens June 18 in the 600-seat theater, where no seat is more than 55-feet from the stage. Tickets start at \$23 plus fees.

Big Country released its first studio recording in 14 years last month. It debuted among the Top 40 albums for the week, according to the Official Charts Company. The band's first album, *The Crossing*, with its signature song, "In A Big Country," sold more than 2 million copies in 1983. Since that time, the band has toured Europe extensively, with many hits and has sold more than 5 million albums. The band performed at Live Aid, and has been a favorite opening act in the UK for the Rolling Stones and for Led Zeppelin's Jimmy Page and Robert Plant. For tickets to this and other TCA events, visit the box office in person, order online at <http://tca.ticketforce.com/> or call 480-350-2TCA (2822).



Tempe provides free transit passes for youth

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, 2014.

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 the 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. 24 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 to 9 a.m. and 3 to 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 requirement 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.





Final two LEED Platinum certified Habitat homes dedicated June 1

Tempe proudly welcomes three new families who have received the keys to their brand new Habitat for Humanity homes near Price Road and University Drive.

In January, the City of Tempe and Habitat for Humanity Central Arizona (HFHCAZ) teamed up with local organizations to provide three families with homes certified as LEED Platinum for their environmental efficiencies.

The Acuna home was sponsored and built by the East Valley Catholic Coalition. The Andrade home was sponsored by the Ramsey Social Justice Foundation and was a community-driven build, as Tempe organizations, church groups, college students and local businesses volunteered each week to hammer nails, mount roofing, install drywall and paint. The Acuna and Andrade homes were dedicated June 1. The Palomares home was dedicated in April; it was sponsored and built by SRP.

“There’s a sense of pride and commitment that comes with owning your own home,” said Mayor Mark Mitchell. “Not only does owning a home provide shelter and security to families, but it also creates a sense of community and partnership.”

Tempe’s partnership with HFHCAZ is part of the city’s focused neighborhood revitalization effort to help stabilize neighborhoods. By partnering with organizations like HFHCAZ, the City of Tempe is able to leverage its resources to maximize the positive impact on the community. Converting vacant lots and abandoned properties into affordable housing options also reduces opportunities for illegal dumping and graffiti.

The city is proud to offer several affordable housing options, including the Community Assisted Mortgage Program (CAMP). CAMP is an affordable homebuyer program for moderate-income, first-time buyers. It provides financial incentives to homebuyers and encourages reinvestment in Tempe’s neighborhoods. There is currently not a waiting list for the CAMP program. For additional information on eligibility for the program or for questions about other affordable housing options, visit www.Tempe.gov/housing.

Smoke alarms and fire extinguishers go hand in hand

Smoke alarms sense smoke long before fire has had time to spread. Used properly, a portable fire extinguisher can save lives and property by putting out a small fire or containing it until the fire department arrives.

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 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 that might cause false alarms), or attics or other unheated spaces (because temperature or humidity extremes might affect their operation.)

When purchasing a smoke alarm, be sure it has the label of an independent testing lab. It is recommended to have a combination ionization/photoelectric smoke alarm, and it is extremely important to test and clean all detectors monthly. Never paint over your smoke alarm. Replace the batteries at least once a year if the alarm is battery operated, and smoke alarms need to be replaced 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 extremely important that you learn how to correctly use your extinguisher. 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.” That stands for: 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 – go outside immediately. For more information visit www.tempe.gov/fire.



Dig Into READING

May 30 – July 27

Tempe Public Library Summer Reading Program keeps student skills sharp; makes reading fun!

A summer slide sounds like a lot of fun, but to teachers, it refers to the loss of learning that happens during summer vacation for children who don't engage in learning activities during the break from classes. The Summer Reading Program at the Tempe Public Library, which begins May 30, can curb that loss and instill a lifelong love of reading in kids and teens.



Free for everyone from infants to adults
Earn toys and books for participating
www.tempe.gov/summerreading

Tempe Public Library's program encourages parents to read to their infants and young children by offering prizes for completing fun reading activities. Older children and teens also can read to reach benchmarks to win prizes, reading a certain number of pages, minutes or books throughout the program. Adults can win free books as well to keep them interested in lifelong learning. Get the details at tempe.gov/library

"The Summer Reading Program at the Tempe Public Library allows people to read anything they want and earn prizes. The practice of reading itself is rewarding, whether people choose popular books such as *The Hunger Games*, the literary works of Charles Dickens or a how-to book," Library and Cultural Services Director Barbara Roberts said. "I would encourage everyone to participate. And remember that reading electronically on-line or via a mobile device counts too!"

Beyond reading for prizes, there are many fun activities throughout the summer, such as performances by circuses, zookeepers and their animals, balloon artists and more. There are arts and crafts and storytimes for kids, too.

Sign up at the Tempe Public Library starting May 30. It's free; just have a library account in good standing. Age-appropriate incentive prizes are awarded at different accomplishment points. The final incentive prize is a free book. The program ends eight weeks later on July 27.

11 Ways to Encourage Reading in Your Home

1. Get a free library card at your local public library
2. Sign up for the Summer Reading Program to earn prizes
3. Start a project using a how-to book as a guide, such as repairing an old bicycle, growing a plant or even building a robot
4. Always have a book with you when riding light rail or the bus
5. Learning a language? Check out a novel written in that language for fun and practice
6. Keep a list on the refrigerator of the books everyone in the family has read during the summer and talk about them over meals
7. Going somewhere on vacation? Check out a travel book and learn about your destination together
8. Bring books or a Kindle on vacation for quiet times between activities
9. Storytime at the library makes books feel more like adventures. Visit www.tempe.gov/calendar to find out when the next one happens
10. Learn about the place you call home – read a book about Tempe or Arizona, then visit the Tempe History Museum to bring the book to life
11. Make reading a family activity beginning with reading to infants regularly.

You can find even more ways to encourage reading by visiting the Tempe Public Library at 3500 S. Rural Road, Tempe or go online at www.tempe.gov/library.





History Museum gives families a chance to experience everything from prehistoric artifacts to space rocks

Museums collect all kinds of crazy stuff and from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Wednesdays this summer, the Tempe History Museum offers free arts, crafts, puzzles and games related to different kinds of collections as part of its Wild Wednesdays kids series.

Each week has a different theme, so kids can come every Wednesday for a new experience.

There is no pre-registration needed for family groups who want to attend this free program series. Summer camp groups of 10 or more should call for a reservation. Children must be accompanied by an adult.

The Tempe History Museum is located at 809 E. Southern Avenue, Tempe, just west of Rural Road and north of US60. Visit www.tempe.gov/museum for details.

June 12: Ancient Artifacts

Prehistoric Hohokam artifacts and archaeology related activities provided by the Archaeological Research Institute at ASU.

June 19: Wonderful Weavings

Beautiful and elaborate weavings from Southeast Asia provided by the Museum of Anthropology, School of Human Evolution and Social Change at ASU.

June 26: Plants and Plant Fossils

Samples of plants and plant fossils provided by the Herbarium at ASU.

July 10: Wild About Bugs

Insects from the entomology collection at ASU.

July 17: Out of This World

Cool photos, space rocks and other stuff from the Lunar Reconnaissance Orbiter Camera Facility, Mars Space Flight Facility, Ronald Greeley Center for Planetary Studies, Center for Meteorite Studies.

July 31: What Can I Collect?

Members of the community will bring in their own private collections to showcase and discuss with the visitors.

About the Tempe History Museum

The Tempe History Museum explores Tempe's identity and builds connections between residents and their community. The museum comprehensively shares Tempe history through exhibits, activities, speakers, collections, research services, music and programs that captivate, connect with and delight audiences. The museum is located adjacent to the Tempe Public Library at 809 E. Southern Ave., just west of Rural Road. Admission is always free. www.tempe.gov/museum