

FIREWORKS LIGHT UP THE TEMPE SKY THIS 4TH OF JULY



Tempe will once again celebrate Independence Day in grand fashion at the 62nd annual July 4th Tempe Town Lake Festival. The event, presented by FOX 10 and produced by the Kiwanis Club of Tempe, will take place on Thursday, July 4, at Tempe Beach Park. Gates open at 5 p.m.

All ages can celebrate the holiday with live local entertainment, a splash zone, kid's activities and games and rock climbing walls. The 35-minute fireworks show will be launched from the Mill Avenue Bridge and choreographed to patriotic and classical music. The 62nd annual fireworks spectacular will benefit the Kiwanis Club of Tempe Children's Charities.

Tickets are on sale now and can be purchased in advance at City of Tempe offices, Fry's and Fry's Marketplace stores, online at www.Tempe4th.com or by calling (480) 306-5845. Children 12 and younger and active military with military ID card receive free general admission. Tickets will also be available day of at the entrance to Tempe Beach Park until the park reaches capacity. Pre-sale tickets will be honored all night.

Check out www.Tempe4th.com for more information including tickets, event schedule, parking, traveling to and from the big bash (street closures, bus routes and detours, and METRO light rail information) and more.

KEEP COOL IN TEMPE'S POOLS & SPLASH PLAYGROUNDS

Whether you want to swim laps, ride the waves or splash and play, your family is sure to stay entertained in Tempe's affordable, fun pools and splash playgrounds.

Escalante Pool

The Escalante Pool features six lanes for lap swimming and a zero-depth entry play pool with play equipment and two slides. Admission is 75 cents for youth ages 6-17 and \$1.25 for adults ages 18 and older. Children younger than 6 are free. The pool is open Monday through Thursday 1 – 5 p.m.; Friday 1 – 7 p.m.; Saturday 1 – 5 p.m.; and Sunday 1 – 6 p.m.

Kiwanis Wave Pool

The Kiwanis Wave Pool is a year-round indoor heated pool featuring a lap pool with six lanes and zero-depth entry. The Wave Pool offers 3-foot waves in varying patterns and a 124' tall, double spiral water slide and splashdown pool. Admission is \$5 for ages 2-12 and \$7 for ages 13 and older. In June, the Wave Pool is open Sunday through Friday from 1 – 5

p.m. On Saturdays in June, the pool will have double waves from Noon – 3 p.m. and 3:30 – 6:30 p.m. In July, the Wave Pool is open daily from 1 – 5 p.m.

Splash Playground at Tempe Beach Park

The Splash Playground at Tempe Beach Park is a one-acre playground featuring play equipment, water buckets and waterfalls. An attendant is on-hand during operating hours; however, children should always be supervised by an adult while enjoying the splash playground. Admission is free. The playground is open daily from 10 a.m. – 7 p.m.

Neighborhood Spray Pads

Tempe offers three neighborhood spray pads at Esquer, Jaycee and Hudson parks, perfect for families and young children to run around and cool off. Children should always be supervised by an adult while enjoying a neighborhood spray pad. No lifeguards or attendants are on duty. Admission is free. Spray pads are open daily from 9 a.m. – 7 p.m.

SPEND YOUR SUMMER ON TEMPE TOWN LAKE



Experience the beauty of Tempe Town Lake from the water. During the summer, there will be scenic kayak events under the moonlight and SUP opportunities. Visit www.tempe.gov/boating or call (480) 350-8069 for more details.

Moonlight Kayaks

Spend an enjoyable evening on Tempe Town Lake while paddling in the moonlight. Kayaks, equipment and personal floatation devices will be provided. Must be 18 years or older to participate. The fee is \$30 per person, per event. Moonlight Kayaks will be held on Saturdays, June 22, July 20 and Aug. 17 from 7:30 – 9:30 p.m. at Tempe Town Lake Marina.

Intro to SUP

Join the fastest-growing water sport in the country! This beginning class will teach you the basics of SUP and everything you need to know to be successful. The class is held Wednesday evenings from June 12 through Aug. 21 from 5:30 – 7p.m. at Tempe Town Lake Marina. Participants must be 18 years or older and the fee is \$27 per person.

SUP Yoga

Students will enjoy paddling on the lake, then anchoring boards and practicing the art of yoga. The class is held Tuesday evenings from June 11 through Aug. 20 from 5:30 – 7p.m. at Tempe Town Lake Marina. Participants must be 18 years or older and the fee is \$40 per person.



JUNE IS WATER SAFETY MONTH IN TEMPE

It's always important to be vigilant around water, but it is especially important during the hot summer months. The [Tempe Fire Department](#) wants to remind people that drowning can happen in an instant and it doesn't only happen in swimming pools. It can happen in canals, lakes, spas or bathtubs. Drowning prevention experts stress that layers of protection are key, including the following tips:

- Never leave a child unattended in or near a lake/canal, swimming pool, hot tub/spa, bathtub, toilet or bucket of water
- Maintain constant eye to eye supervision when a child is in or around water
- Don't consider your children to be "drown-proof" because they have taken swimming lessons or because they are wearing/using flotation devices

- Gates should have self-closing, self-latching mechanisms. Latches need to be out of reach of young children
- Mount life saving devices near the pool
- Check placement of doggie doors; be sure they do not have direct access to pool area
- Learn how to administer CPR, mouth-to-mouth resuscitation, and other lifesaving techniques
- Always empty buckets when they are not in use
- Never leave a child alone while bathing
- Safety latches for toilet seats are recommended

Tempe offers swimming lessons for all ages and skill levels, whether you're looking to introduce your child to the water for the first time or you need a refresher course on swimming skills. Affordable lessons are held at convenient times throughout the week at two Tempe



locations – Kiwanis Recreation Center and Escalante Community Center pools. To see a full schedule of classes, visit www.tempe.gov/brochure.



Beginning in July, Tempe is changing the way it [collects bulk and green waste](#) in order to increase efficiency and sustainability. The city is moving from monthly collection of uncontained (bulk) waste to [six collections per year](#), with four collections dedicated to green waste and two collections for mixed waste (bulky items and green waste).

The majority of bulk waste Tempe residents put out for collection (70 to 80 percent) is green waste – tree trimmings,

TEMPE CHANGING BULK TRASH AND GREEN WASTE COLLECTION

yard clippings and brush. These changes will allow the city to divert residents' green waste from the landfill and use it to create nutrient-rich compost. This will help Tempe to save money and valuable landfill space, while increasing efficiency and helping the environment.

Green waste collection includes:

- Tree trimmings and brush (tree limbs, branches, trunks and stumps must be cut into four-foot lengths or shorter and less than 19 inches in diameter)
- Leaves, cactus and hedge clippings (must be placed in a cardboard box)
- NO oleanders, palm fronds, grass, weeds or bagged items, as they don't compost well

Mixed waste includes:

- Those materials that cannot be placed in residents' black/green

garbage containers or recycled in blue recycling containers

- Furniture, non-Freon appliances, such as washers and microwaves, and other items too large to fit in the trash bin
- Oleanders, palm fronds, bagged grass and weeds, other bagged items and green waste

The amount of green and mixed waste allowed for each collection will be limited to approximately 10 cubic yards – or a pile about 15 feet long, 6 feet high and 3 feet deep, about the size of a standard pickup truck bed. Residents with bulk waste needs that exceed that amount will have free use of two convenient transfer station locations, on-call services starting at \$31 per quarter hour, and assistance with neighborhood cleanups.

WARM WEATHER TIPS: AVOID GETTING OVERHEATED THIS SUMMER

Each year the [Tempe Fire Department](#) responds to a number of medical calls related to Arizona's high temperatures. The body normally cools itself by sweating, but under some conditions, sweating isn't enough and high body temperatures may cause damage to the brain or other vital organs.

To help avoid heat-related illnesses, remember these warm weather tips:

- Increase your fluid intake regardless of your activity level
- Drink two to four glasses of cool liquids each hour during heavy exercise

- Avoid drinks that contain alcohol
- Wear lightweight, light-colored, loose-fitting clothing and a wide-brimmed hat
- Use sunscreen that is SPF 15 or higher and reapply regularly
- Avoid hot foods and heavy meals as they add heat to your body
- Do not leave infants, children or pets in a parked car
- Limit sun exposure during the mid-day hours

Those at greatest risk of heat-related illness include infants and children,



people 65 years of age or older, people who are overweight, people who overexert themselves during work or exercise and people who are ill or on certain medications.

TEMPE HOSTS “REMEMBERING OUR FALLEN” EXHIBIT



Valley residents are invited to view a moving tribute to the 144 Arizonans who gave their lives in Iraq and Afghanistan. [The Honor Walk Foundation](#), the City of Tempe and Tempe Marketplace are proud to bring the “Remembering Our Fallen” exhibit to the community from June 29 through July 7. Made of five 10-foot panels, the traveling exhibit features photos, biographical information and personal mementos of the 144 Arizona residents who died serving in Operation Iraqi Freedom and Operation Enduring Freedom.

“It is a tremendous honor to host this tribute in Tempe and the timing around July 4th could not be more fitting,” said Tempe City Council member Robin Arredondo-Savage. “As a veteran myself, I find this exhibit to be incredibly moving and a way to remember those who gave so much for our country.”

The exhibit will be located in an air-conditioned space on the west side of the Tempe Marketplace District, directly across from Gap. Visitors can view the exhibit during mall hours,



from 11 a.m. to 9 p.m. Monday through Saturday, and 11 a.m. – 6 p.m. Sunday. Hours on July 4 are 11 a.m. – 5 p.m. An opening ceremony for the exhibit will be held Friday, June 28, from 5 – 7 p.m. at Tempe Marketplace, 2000 E. Rio Salado Parkway. A color guard and brief program will begin at 6 p.m.

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To receive up-to-date information about exciting events and opportunities happening between Connecting Tempe newsletters, become a fan of Tempe Opportunities on [Facebook](#).

SAVE THE DATE

June 22 **[Writing your own Family History](#)**
10:30 a.m. – 1 p.m.
[Tempe Public Library](#)

June 22 **[Moonlight Kayak](#)**
7:30 – 9:30 p.m.
[Tempe Town Lake Marina](#)

June 26 **[Wild Wednesdays](#)**
[Plant and Plant Fossils](#)
10 a.m. – 3 p.m.
[Tempe History Museum](#)

June 26 **Summer Special Event**
Arizona Rick, The magical Balloon
Making Cowboy
10:30 – 11:30 a.m.
[Westside Community Center](#)
1 – 2 p.m.
[Escalante Community Center](#)

June 27 **[Youth & Toddler Tea Time](#)**
[It's Peanut Butter Jelly Time](#)
11 a.m. – Noon / Parent & Toddler
12:30 – 1:30 p.m. / Youth
[Edna Vihel Center](#)

July 4 **[City of Tempe Offices Closed](#)**
[in Observance of 4th of July](#)

July 4 **[July 4th Tempe Town Lake Festival](#)**
5 - 11 p.m.
[Tempe Beach Park](#)