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Tempe welcomes Ironman Arizona

On Sunday, Nov. 17, more than 2,500 athletes will grab their running shoes, pull out their bikes and put on their wetsuits for the Ironman Arizona. The event happens in and around Tempe Town Lake and features athletes from Arizona and around the globe competing in the world's most rigorous triathlon.

Come to Town Lake and watch as they are challenged through a 2.4-mile swim, a 112-mile bike ride and a 26.2-mile marathon. Athletes will race from 7 a.m. to midnight, when the event officially ends.

Visit www.ironmanarizona.com for more information. Street closures and transit information will be available on that site and at www.tempe.gov/streetclosures.



Tempe Music Revival starts Nov. 1

What goes better with the vibrant atmosphere of Mill Avenue than live music in the streets? Join local musicians for Tempe Music Revival on Friday nights this fall on Sixth Street just east of Mill

Avenue. From 5-8 p.m. on Nov. 1, 8, 15, 22 and 27, community members of all ages can mingle and listen to live music on a closed city street in walking distance to all of Mill Avenue's great restaurants and shopping. The gatherings are free.

Councilmember Joel Navarro and local musicians and businesses are partnering to help downtown Tempe reclaim its reputation as a haven for live music. Mill Avenue gained a storied reputation in the 1980s and 1990s as the starting point for local bands that made it big – think Gin Blossoms, Jimmy Eat World, Dead Hot Workshop and Roger Clyne & the Peacemakers.

After the fall series, organizers will look to plan another series in early 2014.

For more information and to keep track of who has played and who will be playing at the events, search for Tempe Music Revival on Facebook.



Veterans Day Parade is Nov. 11

Families and community groups are welcome to attend the annual Veterans Day Parade in Tempe on Monday, Nov. 11, starting at 10 a.m. at ASU Gammage, on Mill Avenue south of University Drive.

The parade proceeds north on Mill, ending with a short ceremony at Tempe Beach Park, located at Mill Avenue and Rio Salado Parkway. For more information, call 480-968-0634.

Military/veterans email updates

Tempe wants to engage active military and veterans by emailing you community news and information. Sign up at www.tempe.gov/enews and choose "Military/Veterans News."

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Get informed about flood insurance

Anywhere it rains, it can flood, potentially causing significant damage to homes, businesses and other properties. Those located in or near a floodplain are at greatest risk of experiencing a flood and sustaining damage.

The City of Tempe is one of 20,000 cities nationwide that participate in the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP). Consequently, Tempe adopted and enforces floodplain management ordinances to reduce flood damage risk. In exchange, the NFIP makes federally backed flood insurance available to homeowners, renters and business owners in our community.

The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) is responsible for determining the extent to which flooding might threaten an area, with classifications ranging from minimal to severe, categorized as "Special Flood Hazard Areas" (SFHAs).

Properties located in SFHAs, as indicated on Flood Insurance Rate Maps produced by FEMA, are required to carry adequate flood insurance protection. FEMA recently updated flood maps for Maricopa County and Tempe's SFHAs are located primarily in and around the Salt River bed and adjacent to elevated canals and railroads. The new maps are effective beginning Oct. 16.

Even properties located outside of SFHAs can experience flooding, posing potentially significant hazards. In moderate-to-low risk areas, the risk of being flooded is reduced but not completely removed. These areas submit over 20 percent of NFIP claims and receive one-third of disaster assistance for flooding. While flood insurance isn't federally required in moderate-to-low risk areas, the NFIP recommends it for all property owners and renters.

Property owners interested in purchasing flood insurance should contact their personal insurance carriers for coverage and pricing.

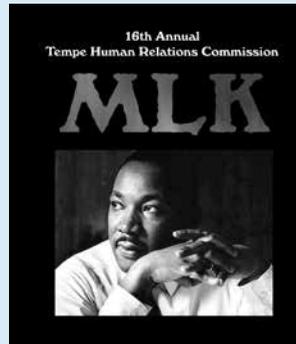
For more information or to find out if your property is located in or near a SFHA, visit www.tempe.gov/floodplain, call 480-350-8288 or visit the City of Tempe's Engineering Division, 31 E. Fifth Street.

Tempe celebrates diversity

Did you know the City of Tempe has a Diversity Office? The office is charged with promoting a fair, equitable and accessible environment for the City of Tempe community and workforce.

Tempe values the wide range of differences in our community and believes that we are more creative, innovative and progressive because of our diversity. Just some of the examples of this diversity: families in the Tempe Elementary School District speak more than 125 languages; more than 15 percent of Tempe residents report having a disability; and Arizona State University serves students from around the world.

The Tempe Diversity Office offers a wide range of programs and events to further the city's commitment to creating an inclusive and welcoming community. We encourage you to participate in the Adult or Teen Diversity Dialogue program or attend the Tempe Tardeada, the Regional Unity Walk, the "Who's Your Neighbor luncheons," or the MLK Diversity Awards Brunch. In addition, you may be interested in sharing your thoughts and ideas as a member of the city's Human Relations Commission, the Mayor's Commission on Disability Concerns or the Tardeada Advisory Board. These are some of the Mayor and Council-appointed Boards and Commissions that partner with the Diversity Office. For more information, call 480-350-2905 or visit www.tempe.gov/diversity.



Call for 2014 MLK Diversity Award nominations

The Tempe Human Relations Commission, together with the City of Tempe Diversity Office, are seeking nominations for the 16th Annual MLK Diversity

Awards. These prestigious awards recognize and honor community members and organizations that selflessly work towards inclusiveness while demonstrating the characteristics that exemplify the spirit of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. – Social Justice, Respect/Courtesy, Leadership, Courage, Inclusion, and serving/representing the marginalized.

To be eligible, nominees must live, work or volunteer in the City of Tempe. Five nominating categories are offered:

- Individual Adult
- Individual Youth (18 years and younger)
- Community Group/Organization
- Educational Organization
- Business

Nominations must be received by 5 p.m. on Dec. 6. For more information or to obtain a nomination form, visit www.tempe.gov/mlk or contact the City's Diversity Office at 480-350-8979.

The MLK Diversity Awards will be presented by the Mayor and Council at the annual City of Tempe MLK Diversity Awards Breakfast on Jan. 20, 2014, at The Buttes Resort.



Honoring those who serve

Tempe Community Council (TCC) is pleased to announce that Kerry Fetherston of Tempe will receive the 2013 Don Carlos Humanitarian Award at an Oct. 16 ceremony. Honors also will be presented to local philanthropists and volunteers who work to provide high quality of life for all in Tempe.

Produced annually by TCC, the Don Carlos Humanitarian Award is considered one of Tempe's most prestigious distinctions, and honors those individuals who give back selflessly to our community. Fetherston will be recognized for her can-do attitude and her way of inspiring others to commit to positive change. She is past president of Kiwanis Club of Tempe, where she supported efforts like the Annual Fourth of July Fireworks Spectacular, back to school shopping with Boys & Girls Club kids and the Fantasy of Lights Parade. For several years, Fetherston organized the Mayor's Run and helped that event raised about \$1.2 million for local charities.

Named for Tempe's pioneer founder Charles Trumbull Hayden, some of the award's past recipients include Lawn Griffiths, Sue Searcy, Linda Spears and Pen Johnson.

For more information or tickets to the ceremony, call 480-858-2300 or www.tempecommunitycouncil.org/don-carlos.



New online bike registration program

Successfully investigating and prosecuting bike theft requires accurate identification. Bike owners who register, photograph, etch and record the serial numbers of their bicycles improve the chances of recovering their property if stolen.

The Tempe City Council voted July 30 to implement a free bicycle registration program for all Tempe residents. It went

into effect Aug. 29. Full-time residents, as well as students and winter visitors, are encouraged to register their bicycles online or in person at Police Department Headquarters, 120 E. Fifth St., the Apache Police Substation at 1855 E. Apache Blvd., or the Hardy Police Substation, 8201 S. Hardy Drive.

Officers from Tempe's Crime Prevention Unit will be visiting local bicycle retail shops to provide information about the new program, and to request businesses to encourage everyone who purchases a bike to register it at www.tempe.gov/registeryourbike.

Registering your bike takes only a few minutes, and requires name, phone number, street address and email address, make, model, serial number, color of bicycle and any other identifiers.

Tempe has established a national reputation as a community that prioritizes multi-modal transit and is home to over 175 miles of bikeways. Since 1997, Tempe consistently has been designated a "Bicycle Friendly Community" by the League of American Bicyclists.

Don't be a turkey – recycle your grease

Whether you stuff, roast or deep-fry the bird, holiday cooking can create a significant amount of grease. You can help put that grease to good use – and keep it from ruining your pipes – by having it recycled. The City of Tempe is partnering with Rev Biodiesel, the Valley's only cooking-grease-to-biodiesel recycling facility, to provide a convenient way for residents to recycle turkey grease and other used cooking oil.

From Nov. 21 to Jan. 15, Tempe residents can bring used cooking oil from deep fat fryers and other holiday cooking for recycling to four convenient locations:

- Household Products Collection Center – 1320 E. University Dr.
- Fire Station #2 – 1450 E. Apache Blvd.
- Fire Station #3 – 5440 S. McClintock Dr.
- Fire Station #4 – 300 E. Elliot Rd.

Residents can pour fryer and cooking grease directly into barrels at the collection locations, or simply place containers of grease on a spill-proof surface next to the barrels.

Fats, oils and grease can wreak havoc on residential plumbing and municipal sewer systems. By recycling cooking grease, residents can help divert thousands of pounds of cooking oil away from drains and sewers, creating more sustainable sewer infrastructure and reducing greenhouse gas emissions by displacing the consumption of fossil fuels.

For more information, visit www.tempe.gov/turkeygrease or call 480-350-4311.

Free grease collection canisters

Residents who participate in the Tempe's Zero Waste Day recycling event can receive free grease collection canisters for conveniently capturing and storing cooking grease. The canisters come with disposable liners so they can be reused. Zero Waste Day will be held Nov. 16 from 7 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Tempe's Fire Training Facility, 1340 E. University Drive.

**Adopt-A-Street,
Path or Park!**
www.tempe.gov/adopt

Calendar

This is the tentative October/November schedule for Tempe City Council meetings.

October 3, 2013

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

October 24, 2013

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

November 7, 2013

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

November 21, 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

Tempe Chamber visits military bases

The Tempe Chamber's Military Affairs Committee is hosting a trip to Prescott and Las Vegas in November. It is open to all and will include exclusive access to military bases and facilities that are normally off limits to the public. The three-day, two-night adventure takes place Nov. 13-15 and features a visit and tour of Ruger's manufacturing facility in Prescott, a guided tour of Nellis Air Force Base just outside of Las Vegas and a tour of Creech Air Force Base in Indian Springs, Nevada. The cost of the trip is expected to be \$250 including all tours, lodging and transportation. For more details or to RSVP, visit <http://bit.ly/MACtrip13> or contact Ed Scannell at 480-345-2026.

Resident survey outreach coming in November

The City of Tempe will be conducting its annual survey of residents this fall. Survey vendor ETC Institute will conduct the research into how residents feel about everything from facilities and programs to public safety and code enforcement. Surveys will be mailed at random to residents in November; follow-up calls will be made for those who may prefer to take the survey by phone. An online component will be available as well. To see the results of the 2012 Community Attitude Survey, visit www.tempe.gov/residentsurvey.

Orchestra set to open 39th season

Douglas Akey begins his fourth season as conductor as The Tempe Symphony Orchestra opens its 39th season at 7:30 p.m. on Oct. 21 at the Tempe Center for the Arts Theater, 700 W. Rio Salado Parkway. Free tickets will be available at the door on a first-come, first-served basis. The symphony will perform: Symphony Nr. 2 in B Minor, Alexander Borodin (1833-1887); Three Slavonic Dances, Antonin Dvorak (1841-1904); Capriccio Italien, Op. 45, Pyotr Ilyich Tchaikovsky (1840-1893). Other concerts this season will be Dec. 2, Feb. 17 and April 7. For information, call 480-350-2883 or visit www.tempe.gov/tempesymphony.

Home repair clinic at Tempe Public Library

Bring your plumbing and home repair questions to the library on Saturday, Oct. 26, from 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Expert tradespeople will be available to advise you at this drop-in clinic. Library staff will be ready with books, DVDs and other resources to help you repair what isn't working quite the way you want. Meet author John Smith of the Arizona Green Plumbing Coalition, a variety of handymen and get information on city processes. Do you need a permit for that? Find out. This is a free event and no registration is required. For more information contact kris_baxter@tempe.gov or call the Tempe Public Library at 480-350-5500. The Tempe Public Library is located at 3500 S. Rural Road.

Medicare open enrollment event

Tempe Community Council and the City of Tempe are pleased to host a free Medicare Open Enrollment Event on Saturday, Nov. 16, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., at Pyle Adult Recreation Center, 655 E. Southern Ave. Area Agency on Aging will present on the changes to Medicare benefits and provide one-on-one support to help you find the best coverage for your needs. Senior service providers will also be on hand to share the opportunities and services available. RSVPs are appreciated; please call 480-858-2309. Learn more at www.tempecommunitycouncil.org/aging.

Whole Foods healthy cooking demonstration

Chefs from Whole Foods Tempe will bring a healthy food item and demonstrate how to cook it in a tasty and nutritious way while discussing its health value. Attendees can enjoy a sample of the food. The one hour class is free and no registration is required. The class happens at 5:30 p.m. on Tuesday, Oct. 29. Contact amber.gough@wholefoods.com for information or call the Tempe Public Library at 480-350-5500. The Tempe Public Library is located at 3500 S. Rural Road.



Fall Festival of the Arts

The Tempe Fall Festival of the Arts is Friday, Dec. 6, through Sunday, Dec. 8, from 10 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. in the Mill Avenue District from Third Street to University Drive. Admission is free. About 400 artists will display original arts and crafts, while live musicians and street entertainers add to the festival atmosphere. There are activities for kids and a lot of great food, beer and wine. For more information, visit www.tempefestivalofthearts.com.

Families can get free testing kits

The Tempe Coalition, a partnership between the City of Tempe and Tempe Community Council, works to reduce underage drinking and youth drug use in Tempe. Now that kids are back in school, it's important for parents and families to be aware of the temptation and pressure youth face to use drugs and alcohol.

Since it's not always easy for youth to say "no" when asked to try drugs or alcohol, the Tempe Coalition is currently offering free, easy-to-use home drug testing kits to families as a tool to empower teens to avoid using drugs or alcohol. Having the kits and the option of drug testing at home can give youth a concrete excuse not to try drugs.

The Tempe Coalition has a limited supply of kits so there is a limit of one per family. To receive a free kit, families must live in Tempe or have a student attending a public, private or charter school in Tempe.

Kits can be picked up at the Tempe Community Council office located at 34 E. 7th St. on weekdays between 9 a.m. and 4 p.m. For questions, contact Cassidy Olson at 480-858-2301 or cassidy_olson@tempe.gov.

Tempe Police host shredding day Nov. 16 in south Tempe

Safely dispose of up to 50 pounds of personal documents at the Tempe Police Shred It Event, on Saturday, Nov. 16, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., at the Tempe Police substation at 8201 S. Hardy Drive.

Volunteers care for their city

Tempe's Adopt-A-Street, Adopt-A-Park and Adopt-A-Path programs allow individuals, businesses and organizations to help maintain Tempe's streets, multi-use paths and parks. While Tempe does its best to clean up litter, pull weeds and remove graffiti, we could use your help. You and your friends can get out there and do something good for the environment and for your community.

Adopt-A-Street

Adopting a street includes things like pulling weeds, reporting graffiti and damaged light poles and picking up litter. The length of an adoptable street is a minimum of one mile, but no more than two miles. The commitment is a few hours each cleaning with a minimum of one cleanup every three months for two years.

Adopt-A-Path

Adopt-A-Path volunteers help with removing litter, pulling weeds, reporting graffiti and damaged city property on the multi-use path system. It's a great way to get out and enjoy the day while helping to clean up Tempe paths. The length of an adoptable path is a minimum of one mile, but no more than two miles. Most Tempe multi-use paths are also available for adoption. The commitment is a few hours each cleaning with a minimum of one cleanup every three months for two years.

Adopt-A-Park

Tempe's parks help increase the visual appeal of neighborhoods and provide safe places for neighbors to gather, friends to meet and kids to play. Cleanup duties include picking up trash and litter, raking leaves, pulling weeds, fluffing playground sand, sanitizing playground equipment and more.

Applications are accepted year-round. To adopt a street, path or park, call 480-350-4311 or visit tempe.gov/adopt for a volunteer agreement and request form.

Holiday giving opportunities

During the holiday season, please remember the less fortunate in your gift giving. To find out what our local nonprofits are doing for those in need, and how you can help, click "Give Help" on the Tempe Community Council website for a listing of service projects and donation ideas. Visit www.tempecommunitycouncil.org.

Zero Waste Day is Nov. 16

Tempe residents are invited to the annual Zero Waste Day on Nov. 16, from 7 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Tempe Fire Training Facility, 1340 E. University Dr. Bring just about anything for recycling, including textiles, scrap metal, household hazardous waste, documents for shredding, plastic shopping bags and more. Free compost and recycled exterior paint will be available. Bring a can of food for Tempe Community Action Agency's food pantry. Bring a driver's license or utility bill to show proof of Tempe residency. No business or commercial waste will be accepted.

Holiday season chefs: stay safe

Every year, people using deep fryers start fires and cause hundreds of injuries. And the kitchen is often one of the busiest and most dangerous places in the home. Sixty five percent of all residential fires are related to the kitchen, and more injuries occur in the kitchen than any other room in the home. Be safe this holiday season when preparing your holiday meal by following these safety tips.

When using a deep fryer:

- Follow the fryer instructions.
- Only deep fry small turkeys up to 12 pounds.
- Use peanut, canola or safflower oils.
- Fryers should always be used outdoors at a safe distance from buildings.
- Never use fryers on wooden decks or in garages.
- Make sure fryers are used on flat surfaces to reduce accidental tipping.
- Never leave a fryer unattended.
- Since most fryers do not have thermostat controls, if you don't watch the fryer carefully, the oil will continue to heat until it catches fire.
- Never let children or pets near the fryer when in use or after use. The oil inside the pot can remain dangerously hot for hours.
- To avoid oil spillover, do not overfill the fryer.
- Use well-insulated potholders when touching pot or lid handles. If possible, wear safety goggles to protect your eyes from oil splatter.
- Make sure the turkey is completely thawed. Oil and water don't mix and water causes oil to spill over leading to a fire or even an explosion.
- Keep an all-purpose fire extinguisher nearby. Never use water to extinguish a grease fire.

When cooking in the kitchen:

- Turn handles inward when using pots and pans on the stove.
- When cooking, wear tight-fitting clothing and shirts with short sleeves.
- Do not leave food unattended on the stove.
- Clean vent filters regularly.
- Place hot dishes on center of table or counter, not close to the edge.
- Do not store snack foods above the stove as this may encourage climbing.
- Do not allow electrical cords to dangle over the edge of counter or table.
- Keep items that catch fire easily away from stove, toasters and hot plates.
- Use only appliances which have a laboratory testing label, i.e.; UL or FM.
- Do not overload electrical outlets.
- Unplug electrical appliances when not in use.
- Keep stoves clean and free of grease and oil.
- When cooking in a microwave, after the food is cooked, stir and let sit for a few minutes.
- Popcorn can burn easily in a microwave so follow package directions carefully.
- Do not cook food in metal containers in the microwave.

In case of a fire:

- Cover the pan or fryer with a tight-fitting lid. Slide the lid over the fire from the side. Turn the appliance off.
- Do not pour water onto a grease fire.
- Do not carry the burning pan or fryer to the kitchen sink or outdoors.
- If a fire starts in a microwave, close the door and unplug the cord.
- If the fire spreads rapidly, call 9-1-1.

To treat a burn:

- Cool a burn/scald with cool running water. Get medical attention immediately if burn area is charred, red and blistered.
- Do not put butter, ointments or other types of creams or liquids on the burn.

Yoga lecture and book signing at the library

Learn to stretch your mind and body at the library. At this Oct. 16 lecture and book signing, authors Maren and Jamie Showkeir explore the benefits that yoga's ancient wisdom offers in today's modern workplace. Combining lessons from their longtime yoga practices with their expertise as workplace consultants, they offer ways to develop personal practices that can be integrated at work to increase well-being, sanity and job satisfaction.

Their book, *Yoga Wisdom at Work: Finding Sanity Off the Mat and On the Job*, is filled with stories from practicing yogis who have transformed their work experience by using yoga's principles and practices.

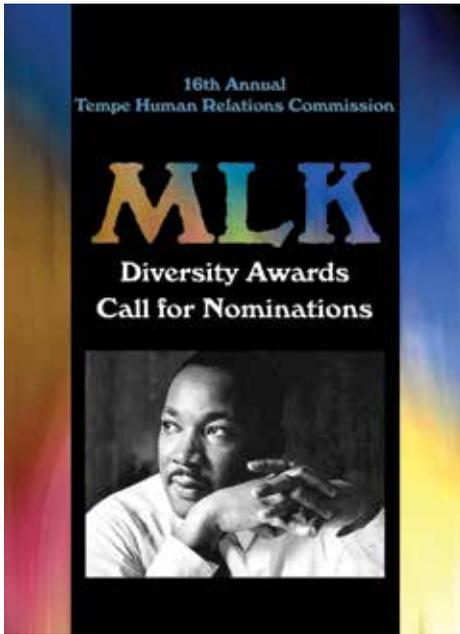
This free lecture and book signing happens from 5:30 to 7 p.m. on Oct. 16. Light stretching and simple yoga poses will be part of the evening. No yoga clothes or mats are required.

No registration is required. For more information contact kris_baxter@tempe.gov or call the Tempe Public Library at 480 350-5500. The Tempe Public Library is located at 3500 S. Rural Road.

Maroon & Gold Professionals to host Nov. 20 networking event

Arizona State University alumni and supporters are invited to expand their professional networks at an upcoming mixer hosted by the ASU Alumni Association's Maroon & Gold Professionals group. The event will take place from 5:30 to 7 p.m., on Wednesday, Nov. 20, at Bar Louie, 2000 E. Rio Salado Parkway, Suite 1220.

The Maroon & Gold Professionals group is a network that encourages professionally minded ASU graduates to connect with other Sun Devils! Bring plenty of business cards and be prepared for great food, fun and networking. For information or to RSVP, visit <http://alumni.asu.edu/services/career-resources>. The event is free for group members and \$10 for nonmembers.



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