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Tempe creates holiday magic

It's the most wonderful time of the year in Tempe, some may say, as the city lights up and provides the setting for lasting family memories. Here are just a few of the holiday happenings. Find more on pages 2, 3 and 4.

Fantasy of Lights Opening Night Parade

Join the thousands of people who flock to Tempe for this post-Thanksgiving kickoff to the holiday season. The Fantasy of Lights Opening Night Parade Presented by Wells Fargo is Friday, Nov. 29, starting at 6 p.m. The parade starts at Third Street and Mill Avenue and proceeds south to Seventh Street. Admission is free for spectators.

At the end of the parade, a ceremonial tree will be lit and Santa will take a seat to hear gift requests and take photos. Families, neighborhoods and community groups are invited to enter the parade with floats, bands, marching units, equestrian units and other marching units. For more parade information or to download a parade entry application, visit www.downtowntempe.com and click on "Entertainment and Events."

Fantasy of Lights Boat Parade

A truly unique Tempe tradition happens Saturday, Dec. 14, when Tempe Town Lake hosts a dazzling display of lighted, decorated boats. Get a good seat at Tempe Beach Park, at Mill Avenue and Rio Salado Parkway, for Santa's 6 p.m. arrival and the parade's launch at 7 p.m. Bring the family for this free event and be amazed at the holiday boat displays as they float down the lake in a glittering row. Individuals, families and groups are invited to add to Tempe's holiday tradition by entering their people-powered, wind-powered or motorized boats. To enter a boat in the parade or for more information, visit www.downtowntempe.com and click on "Entertainment and Events."



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.

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HAPPY NEW YEAR
Block Party on Mill
December 31, 2013



New Year's Eve Block Party on Mill Avenue

Dec. 31, 2013 – 6 p.m. to 1 a.m.

Tempe residents are eligible to purchase up to four tickets per household at \$10 each for the **Circle K Block Party**.

Please bring this voucher to the following locations to purchase your tickets starting Dec. 2.

Locations: Tempe Transportation Center; Escalante Community Center; Cahill Senior Center; Kiwanis Recreation Center; North Tempe Multi-Generational Center; Pyle Adult Recreation Center; and Tempe Parks and Recreation

Offer expires Dec. 24, 2013 at 5 p.m. (Kids 12 & under free with adult.)

NAME _____

ADDRESS _____

TEMPE, AZ ZIPCODE _____ Phone: _____

of Tickets (limit 4) _____ x \$10 = TOTAL _____

PAYMENT: Cash Check Credit Card



www.blockpartyonmill.com

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25th Annual Buffalo Wild Wings Bowl

Teams from the Big 12 and Big Ten will face each other on Saturday, Dec. 28, at 8:15 p.m. at Sun Devil Stadium for the 25th Annual Buffalo Wild Wings Bowl. This is always an exciting event in Tempe, so join the fun! Tickets are available at www.fiestabowl.org.

Circle K New Year's Eve Block Party on Mill Avenue

A few days after the big game, it'll be time for a big party in downtown Tempe! Join thousands of revelers at the Circle K New Year's Eve Block Party on Mill Avenue, on Tuesday, Dec. 31, from 6 p.m. to 1 a.m. Tickets are on sale online and at all Circle K stores. Tempe residents can buy discounted tickets – see the cover of this newsletter for a voucher. For more event details, visit www.blockpartyonmill.com.



Tempe offers counseling for individuals, couples and families

For more than 25 years, the city has provided counseling for residents who cannot get these services through their health insurance or AHCCCS. Individuals,

couples and families can come to the counseling offices located on the second floor of the Tempe Public Library, 3500 S. Rural Road, to address issues like depression, anxiety, stress, parent/child issues, partner relationship problems, sexual abuse, grief, trauma, domestic violence, substance abuse, and others. The city's therapists are Licensed Professional Counselors and Master's level counselors. Fees are \$5 to \$40 per session based on family size and income. Counseling is strictly confidential. Call Social Services at 480-350-5400 for more information or to make an appointment.



Catch a big one at the Trout Release!

The trout are making their annual pre-Thanksgiving comeback to Tempe! On Tuesday, Nov. 26, the City of Tempe and Arizona Game and Fish will release thousands of trout into Tempe Town Lake. Families and community members are welcome to attend the free event from 3-5 p.m. at the SRP Tempe Town Lake Marina. Arizona Game and Fish will provide fishing gear, bait and instruction for all ages to try their hand at fishing for free. No fishing license will be required for those registered at the event. Visit www.tempe.gov/lake for details.

Register for winter classes and programs

The winter 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 programming, sports leagues, music, art, dance and more. All of these quality programs are offered at convenient times and locations, at affordable prices.

The winter brochure is full of activities and classes happening from January through March. The new brochure will be available in all City of Tempe facilities and can be viewed online starting in early December. Registration begins in December and the first classes begin the first week of January. For more information, visit www.tempe.gov/brochure or call 480-350-5200.

Interested in volunteering in Tempe?
Check out the "Get Involved" tab on the city's homepage at www.tempe.gov

Tempe Fire offers holiday safety tips

Make sure your holiday season is as safe as possible by following the tips in these videos, produced by Tempe 11 and the Tempe Fire Department:

- Find out what it takes to properly care of your Christmas tree. Learn about the different types of lights and the proper way to install them at <http://bit.ly/19wIDuy>.
- Cooking fires are the biggest cause of fires in the home. Avoid them this holiday season by checking out the tips at <http://bit.ly/rApUSw>.
- Don't let your candles become a hazard. Learn how to prevent candle fires at <http://bit.ly/r17COZ>.
- Learn what fireworks are legal in Tempe at <http://bit.ly/PR22eu>.
- Get information about heating and fireplace safety at www.tempe.gov/fire.



Songwriters' Showcase at Tempe Center for the Arts

The Tempe-based, roots-rockers The Pistoleros join host Walt Richardson for a night of original music in Songwriters' Showcase X at 7:30 p.m. on Friday, Dec. 6, at the Tempe Center for the Arts, 700 W. Rio Salado Parkway. Tickets are \$10 at the door or by phone, or \$12 online. The show features performances by some of the Valley's best singer/songwriters and is taped for television and Internet broadcast. Visit www.tempe.gov/TCAshowcase for more information.



Swimming with Santa

Santa is going to be exhausted from delivering toys all over the world, and Mrs. Claus is always so busy archiving the naughty/nice list, so they have decided that the best place for a post-holiday vacation will be the Kiwanis Recreation Center, 6111 S. All-America

Way. On Friday, Dec. 27, and Saturday, Dec. 28, you can ride the waves with Santa or play with Mrs. Claus on the pool deck. Guests can enjoy free cookies and milk, too.

Swimming with Santa runs from 1-3 p.m. each day, but the waves continue until 5 p.m. Advance discounted tickets are available Nov. 20 to Dec. 21 for \$5 for those 12 and under and \$7 for 13 and older. From Dec. 22 through Dec. 28, tickets will be \$6.25 for those 12 and under and \$8.50 for 13 and older. For more information, visit www.tempe.gov/kiwanis or call 480-350-5201.



Tempe Symphony performs holiday classics

The Tempe Symphony Orchestra performs its annual free Holiday Concert at 7:30 p.m.

on Monday, Dec. 2, in Boyle Auditorium at McClintock High School, 1830 E. Del Rio Drive. The program features music by Aaron Copland, Sergei Rachmaninoff, Christofer Theofanidis, Edward Madden and John Williams, and the popular Christmas Tidings with the TSO, a traditional sing-a-long. For more information, visit www.tempe.gov/TempeSymphony.



Danish Christmas at the Petersen House

Once again, the Petersen House Museum will be filled with Danish Christmas decorations and traditions for the holiday season. This year, decorations will be based on the Danish story, Nisse, Gnomes and Elves. In Denmark, elves are known as nisse. They are thought to live in the attic, cellar or barn, and their behavior toward the residents depends on whether the family was naughty or nice that year. The house will be open on three Saturdays (Dec. 7, 14, 21) from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. and three Sundays (Dec. 8, 15, 22) from 1-4 p.m. Admission is free, though donations will be accepted. The house is located

at 1414 W. Southern Ave. For more information, visit www.tempe.gov/museum or call 480-350-5100.

Calendar

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

November 4, 2013

4 p.m., Committee of the Whole
Hatton Hall, 34 East 7th St.

November 7, 2013

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

November 18, 2013

4 p.m., Committee of the Whole
Hatton Hall, 34 East 7th St.

November 21, 2013

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

December 12, 2013

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

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.

IRS and Formal meetings are aired live on Tempe 11 and www.tempe.gov/tempe11.

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News you can use

Library complex transforms into holiday village

On Friday, Dec. 6, the Tempe Community Complex, 3340 S. Rural Rd., will be transformed into a vintage village as you step back in time to celebrate An Old Fashioned Holiday. The Family Fun Factory will offer an evening of festive holiday activities for the whole family. Be sure to stop by the Edna Vihel Center, between 6:30 and 9 p.m. to create make-and-take art projects, participate in sing-alongs, decorate cookies and grab a cup of hot cocoa. Listen to holiday-themed songs performed by a female mariachi group at the Tempe History Museum at 7 p.m. While you are there, be sure to make a Danish holiday ornament. Don't forget to bring your camera because Santa will be visiting the vintage village and you won't want to miss a photo opportunity! For more information, visit www.tempe.gov/familyactivities or call 480-350-5287.

Larry Campbell Tree of Lights

The 12th Annual "Larry Campbell Tree of Lights" will shine again this holiday season. Presented by the Tempe Historical Society, this fundraiser is named in memory of Larry Campbell, a past president of the group. Honor a loved one with a light on the special tree. Give a donation of \$5 to place a light or \$10 to place a light and receive a "take home" ornament on the holiday tree. Proceeds help support the museum's oral history program. For more information, visit www.tempe.gov/museum or call 480-350-5100.

Tempe Community Chorus show

The 100-member Tempe Community Chorus presents "A Holiday Festival of Song" on Friday, Dec. 13, at 7 p.m. at King of Glory Lutheran Church, 2085 E. Southern Ave. From holiday classics like "Carol of the Bells" to cool jazz like "Ain't Misbehavin'" to contemporary hits like Queen's "Bohemian Rhapsody," there's something for everyone. You'll also enjoy the Mill Street Singers and Harmony Rain quartet. Tickets are \$10 for ages 12 and over at www.tempecommunitychorus.org or at the door.

Painting classes at Tempe Center for the Arts

Gather friends and co-workers and unwind at the beautiful Gallery at Tempe Center for the Arts. One Wednesday each month, art teacher Laura Hukill leads a fun, laid-back class that requires no art experience. The price is \$35 online and includes a 16- x 20-inch canvas and a \$7.50 food and beverage voucher. Art materials provided. Classes are from 6-8 p.m. For more information, visit www.tempe.gov/ArtAfterWork.

Enjoy "Storytime with Sparky" on Dec. 7

Arizona State University alumni and supporters with children under age 13 are invited to "Storytime with Sparky," from 9-11 a.m., on Saturday, Dec. 7, at Old Main on ASU's Tempe campus. The event is hosted by Sun Devil Generations, the Alumni Association's program for ASU families. Children can enjoy stories, hot chocolate, cookies and special holiday photo opportunities with Sparky the Sun Devil that won't be found anywhere else! To enroll a child in Sun Devil Generations so they can attend, sign up at <http://alumni.asu.edu/groups/generations>. To RSVP for the event, visit <http://bit.ly/18sAhog>.

High school district offers classes for parents

The Tempe Union High School District's "No Parent Left Behind University" is offering several upcoming workshops. All classes are from 6-8 p.m.:

- Dec. 5 is "Helping Your Teens Develop Healthy Sleep Patterns," at the Compadre Main Multi-Purpose Room.
- Jan. 16 is "Acing the Test: How to Be Successful in Test Taking," at the Tempe High School Lecture Hall.
- Jan. 21 is "The Epidemic of Opiates," at Marcos de Niza's POD 601.
- Jan. 29 is "Top Tips for College Success," at the Compadre Main Multi-Purpose Room.

For more information on the classes, visit www.tuhsd.k12.az.us and click on "Parents."