

NOVEMBER 22, 2013

'TIS THE SEASON FOR HOLIDAY HAPPENINGS IN TEMPE

The holiday season is officially in full swing! Now through the New Year, the City of Tempe's calendar is filled with holiday-themed events for residents and community members of all ages. Whether you want to revel in music and gleaming lights, shop for unique gifts or treat the kids to holiday activities, read on to discover how you can celebrate the season.



FAMILY FUN FACTORY

The annual [Family Fun Factory](#) will be held from 6:30-9 p.m. on Friday, Dec. 6 at the Tempe Community Complex, southwest corner of Southern Ave. and Rural Rd. The free, family-friendly event features holiday music, make-and-take arts and crafts projects, the opportunity to visit with Santa and much more!



Visitors will be immersed in seasonal holiday décor and adornments from a time gone by, as they celebrate An Old Fashioned Holiday at the [Edna Vihel Center](#).

The vintage theme will be reflected through a variety of art projects like snowy villages, mini poinsettia plants, 3D Christmas trees, elf cards and wreath ornaments. A holiday sing-a-long, cookie decorating station and a visit from the jolliest old elf himself will complete the evening's festivities! Bring your camera to capture photos with Santa and save the memories.

[Mariachi Pasion](#) will spice up the season with their performances of both Mariachi and traditional holiday tunes from 7-9 p.m. across the complex at the [Tempe History Museum](#).



GET YOUR TICKETS TO SWIM WITH SANTA

Santa and Mrs. Claus will start their post-holiday vacation off with a splash in Tempe! Families looking for a fun and memorable way to thank Santa for his holiday cheer are invited to the 9th annual [Swimming with Santa](#) event on Friday, Dec. 27 and Saturday, Dec. 28 from 1-5 p.m. at the [Kiwanis Recreation Center](#).

The young and young-at-heart are invited to join Santa and Mrs. Claus in the Kiwanis Recreation Center's heated, indoor wave pool. Ride the waves with Santa and thank him for his hard work from 1-3 p.m. Take a break and enjoy complimentary cookies and milk while listening to Mrs. Claus tell stories. The waves will continue from 3-5 p.m.

Tickets purchased in advance, between Nov. 20 and Dec. 21 at the Kiwanis Recreation Center's front desk will be \$5 for children ages 2-12 and \$7 for ages 13 and older. Tickets purchased after Dec. 21 will be \$6.25 for children ages 2-12 and \$8.50 for ages 13 and older. Children younger than 8 years old must have an adult within an arm's length at all times while in the water.



DENNIS J. CAHILL SENIOR HOLIDAY TEA

Adults ages 50 and older are invited to the annual Holiday Tea at the [Cahill Senior Center](#) at 1 p.m. on Friday, Dec. 6. Attendees will sample a variety of teas and savor delicious pastries and finger sandwiches. The Dickens Carolers will provide an accompaniment of holiday songs. The cost is \$9 for RTA members and \$10 for non-members. You can register [online](#) - use class code 36236 or by calling 480-858-2420.



LARRY CAMPBELL TREE OF LIGHTS

The 12th annual [Larry Campbell Tree of Lights](#) will cast a warm glow in the lobby of the [Tempe History Museum](#) once again this holiday season.

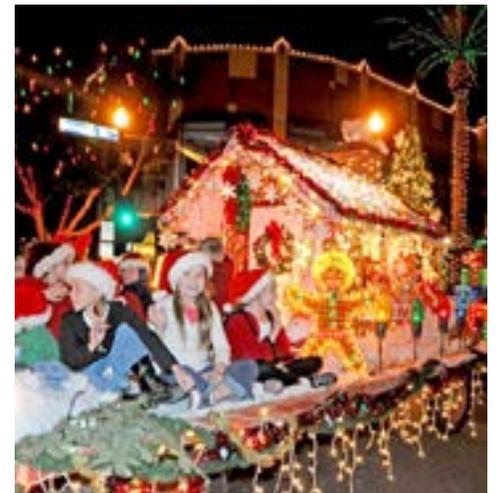
The Larry Campbell Tree of Lights gives you the opportunity to honor or remember someone special in a unique and personal way. A \$5 donation will place a light on the tree, or a \$10 donation will place a light on the tree and provide the donor with a "take home" ornament. Presented by the Tempe Historical Society, this fundraiser is named in memory of Larry Campbell, a past president of the Society and benefits the Museum's Oral History Program.

FANTASY OF LIGHTS OPENING NIGHT PARADE

Kick off the holiday season at the 19th annual [Fantasy of Lights Opening Night Parade](#) starting at 6 p.m. on Friday, Nov. 29. This year's parade theme, "Santa's Workshop," is sure to delight spectators of all ages with the beautifully decorated shops and restaurants of the Mill Avenue District as a backdrop.

The Opening Night Parade launches the beginning of the holiday season on the night after Thanksgiving each year. It starts at Third Street and Mill Avenue, heads south to Seventh Street before arriving at the Centerpoint Plaza. The parade boasts as many as 40 units including festive floats, marching bands, the arrival of Santa Claus and much more!

After the parade, prepare to be dazzled by the ceremonial Fantasy of Lights Tree Lighting. Tempe's festively-decorated tree will illuminate right before your eyes! Stay for Santa Claus' encore appearance, where he will listen to children's wishes and pose for free photos.





HELPFUL HOLIDAY TIPS AND FUN AT THE TEMPE PUBLIC LIBRARY

Join a wide array of fun events and helpful tips this holiday season at the [Tempe Public Library](#). From learning how to schedule your time to decorating gifts with perfectly-crafted holiday bows, the Library has workshops and events to brighten your season. All events are free; registration is not required.

Manage your time and have more fun

Dec. 2; 4 p.m.

Parties, family events, shopping and baking make the month of December a busy one. Arizona State University faculty member Emily Schwartz, founder of The Time Diet, will teach a free, one-hour session on how to enjoy the season without being overwhelmed by it.

Put a Bow on It

Dec. 10; 6 p.m.

Even the most awkwardly-wrapped packages look gorgeous with the right bow. Join Jan Campbell of Tempe-based Bobbie's Flowers to learn how to make beautiful bows and package toppers.

Writing Family History for Special Occasions

10:30 a.m.; Dec. 14

Learn how to write your family's holiday stories in time to present them as gifts this season. Library staff member Rolf Brown will lead a series of writing exercises to get you started, as well as share techniques to help your stories come alive.



DANISH CHRISTMAS AT THE PETERSEN HOUSE MUSEUM

Take a tour through the historic [Niels Petersen House](#) to see what life was like in 1892 when it was constructed and discover how Tempe residents celebrated their holidays in the 1800s. The Petersen House, located at 1414 W. Southern Ave., will be open from 10 a.m.-3 p.m. on Saturdays Dec. 7, 14 and 21, and 1-4 p.m. on Sundays Dec. 8, 15 and 22. Admission to the home and tour is free.

The significance of the house goes beyond its beautiful exterior; along with being the oldest Queen Anne style brick residence in the Salt River Valley, it was design by James Creighton a well-known Arizona architect. The home is on the National Register of Historic Places and has received the Governor's Award for Historic Preservation.

This holiday season, the Petersen House Museum will honor its Danish history through festive décor and traditions surrounding the nisse, the magical, sometimes mischievous gnome-like creatures from Scandinavian lore associated with Christmas.

TEAM TEMPE RETURNS TO THE RINK, COURT AND FIELD

Team Tempe is gearing up for Special Olympics of Arizona's winter season of programs. [Tempe's Adapted Recreation Program](#) is excited to offer Speed Skating beginning Monday, Dec. 2; Basketball hitting the court on Saturday, Dec. 7 and Cheerleading starting on Tuesday, Dec. 10. Youth 8 years and older are welcome to join in the fun, camaraderie and sportsmanship.



PYLE'S HOLIDAY TOY DRIVE

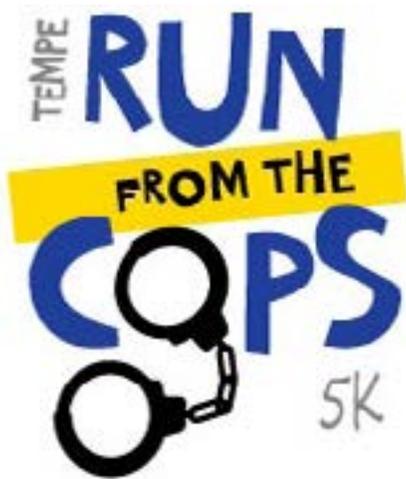
During your holiday shopping, please remember to pick up a toy for the Pyle Holiday Toy Drive, benefiting families in need. All new, unwrapped toys, wrapping paper, bows, ribbons and tags will become part of [Tempe Community Action Agency's Holiday Toy Shoppe](#) at IKEA-Tempe, where local parents in need will be able to find gifts for their children. Donated gift cards will be used to buy gifts for those hard-to-shop-for teenagers. Donations can be dropped off at the [Pyle Adult Recreation Center](#) through Friday, Dec. 13.

For more information on TCAA, visit www.tempeaction.org. For more information on donating items at Pyle Adult Recreation Center, contact Jennifer Campbell at 480-350-5220.



Be a part of Team Tempe by volunteering as a coach and/or assistant. Opportunities are available year-round. For more information, please contact Josh Bell at 480.350.2469 or joshua_bell@tempe.gov.





WITH ALL THE HOLIDAY FUN, DON'T FORGET TO RUN FROM (AND WITH) THE COPS

[The Tempe Police Foundation](#) and the [City of Tempe](#) are teaming up to present the return of the [Run from the Cops 5K](#). This is the community's chance to run from (and with) police officers without any repercussions!

The chip-timed community fun run/walk will be held at 9 a.m. on Saturday, Dec. 7 at the [Arts Park at Tempe Town Lake](#). In addition to the scenic 5K loop around Tempe Town Lake, there will be a free 1/2K Fuzz Run for children ages 10 and younger at 8:30 a.m. Participants of the 5K will receive commemorative T-shirts and Fuzz Run participants will receive play badges. The 5K entry fee is \$25 through Dec. 6 or \$40 on Dec. 7. Day-of registration and packet pickup begins at 7:30 a.m.

The Run from the Cops 5K is the Tempe Police Foundation's fundraiser to help support the programs and personnel of the Tempe Police Department.



SONGWRITERS SHOWCASE X

The Tempe-based roots-rockers, The Pistoleros, will join host Walt Richardson for a night of original music at [Songwriters' Showcase X](#) on Friday, Dec. 6 at 7:30 p.m. at the [Tempe Center for the Arts](#). The show features performances by some of the Valley's best singers and songwriters. Tickets are \$10 at the door or by phone and \$12 online.



UGLY SWEATER RUN

Rummage up the ugliest sweater you can find and join in the least fashionable 5K of the year – the [Ugly Sweater Run](#) – at 10 a.m. on Saturday, Nov. 23 at Tempe Beach Park. This is a great way to burn some calories, from laughing and running, before receiving hot chocolate and your choice of Sam Adam's Winter Lager, Boston Lager or Angry Orchard Hard Cider (ID required). Register online to take part in the fun.



TEMPE FESTIVAL OF THE ARTS

Visit Mill Avenue between Third Street and University Drive from Friday, Dec. 6 through Sunday, Dec. 8, to experience the 45th annual [Fall Tempe Festival of the Arts](#). Arizona's finest art and craft show is an award-winning holiday tradition ideal for the whole family.

Browse through almost 400 artist booths for unique and original pieces ranging from woodwork to photography, ceramics and wearable items. There will be entertainment from a variety of performers including musicians like Walt Richardson, Spooky Kool, James Reams & The Barnstormers, as well as street performers, exhibits and more. Children can create their own masterpieces to take home at the free Kids Innovation Station, while adults can relax in the Arizona Wine Festival and The Art of Beer microbrewery gardens. The festival is open from 10 a.m.-5:30 p.m. (dusk) each day and admission is free.

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

TIPS FOR SAFE DEEP FRYING

The [Tempe Fire Department](#) recommends following these safety guidelines for frying turkeys:

- Follow the fryer instructions.
- Only deep-fry small turkeys using peanut, canola or safflower oils.
- Fryers should always be used outdoors, on a flat surface, away from buildings.
- Keep children and pets away from fryer as oil inside the pot can remain dangerously hot for hours.
- 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.
- If oil begins to smoke, immediately turn gas supply off because the oil is overheated and can result in a fire.
- Keep an all-purpose fire extinguisher nearby. Never use water to extinguish a grease fire. If a fire occurs, call 911 immediately.



DON'T BE A TURKEY - RECYCLE YOUR HOLIDAY COOKING GREASE

Whether you stuff, roast or deep-fry, holiday cooking can create a significant amount of grease. You can help put that grease to good use – and keep it from ruining your plumbing – by having it recycled. The City of Tempe is partnering with Rev Biodiesel 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 to four convenient locations:

- **Household Products Collection Center**
1320 E. University Drive
- **Fire Station #2**
3025 S. Hardy Drive
- **Fire Station #3**
5440 S. McClintock Drive
- **Fire Station #4**
300 E. Elliot Road

SAVE THE DATE

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| Nov. 23-Dec. 22 | The Velveteen Rabbit
1 and 4 p.m. – Weekend performances
Tempe Center for the Arts | Friday, Dec. 6 | Adapted Rec Karaoke & Game Night
6:30–9 p.m.; \$3
Pyle Adult Recreation Center |
| Thursday-Friday,
Nov. 28-29 | Thanksgiving Holiday
City of Tempe offices closed | Saturday, Dec. 7 | Suzy Foundation 3rd Annual Boutique
9 a.m.–3 p.m.; Tempe High School |
| Saturday, Nov. 23 | Music on the Menu:
Foodraiser for Urban Outreach
7 p.m.; Tempe History Museum
Free; Bring non-perishable food item | Sunday, Dec. 8 | Reindeer Hustle 5K and 1-Mile Fun Run
9 a.m.; Kiwanis Park |
| Monday, Dec. 2 | Winter 2014 Tempe Opportunities
Brochure Available Online
www.tempe.gov/brochure | Monday, Dec. 9 | Winter 2014 Registration
Begins for Tempe Residents
9 a.m.; www.tempe.gov/brochure |
| Monday, Dec. 2 | Tempe Symphony Orchestra
Holiday Concert
7:30 p.m. Boyle Auditorium –
McClintock High School | Friday, Dec. 13 | Adapted Rec Winter Wonderland
Social Dance
6:30–9 p.m.; \$4
Edna Vihel Center |
| | | Saturday, Dec. 14 | Fantasy of Lights Boat Parade
5 p.m.; Tempe Beach Park |