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## SUMMER ADVENTURES FOR THE WHOLE FAMILY



Summer is the perfect time to get adventurous and try something new, and the [Summer 2014 Opportunities Brochure](#) is filled with lots of great opportunities. Dive in and you'll find everything from Arts and Crafts courses to Health and Fitness classes, Boating programs to Special Interest activities.

This issue is also filled with lots of great options for [Summer Camps](#)! Tempe's variety of camps allow kids to experience art, theater, sports, science, engineering, foreign languages, field trips and much more – all while having fun! Camps are available in full-day, part-time and week-long options.

The [Summer 2014 Opportunities Brochure](#) is available online or can be picked up at any City of Tempe facility. Most classes, programs and camps begin the first week of June. Space is still available. Registration can be completed [online](#), by fax, by mail or in-person at many Tempe community centers. For more information, call the Recreation Administration Office at 480-350-5200.

### Ready to register? Here's how:

1. Online at [www.Tempe.gov/Brochure](http://www.Tempe.gov/Brochure)
2. In-person at one of the following City of Tempe facilities:  
[Recreation Administration Office](#)  
[Edna Vihel Activities Center](#)  
[Escalante Community Center](#)  
[Kiwanis Recreation Center](#)  
[North Tempe Multi-Generational Center](#)  
[Pyle Adult Recreation Center](#)
3. Fax in a registration form with credit card number to 480-350-5058
4. Mail your registration to:  
Class Registration, 3500 S. Rural Road,  
Tempe, AZ, 85282



# MOVIES IN THE PARK CONTINUES THRU MAY

The 37th annual [Movies in the Park](#) free family movie series opened this past Friday with the showing of Disney's latest box office hit, *Frozen*.

The May movies series is presented by the City of Tempe and the [Tempe Diablos](#). Be sure to join-in on the fun at each of the four remaining Friday showings in May.

- May 9 - Cars (G)
- May 16 - Finding Nemo (G)
- May 23 - Monster's University (G)
- May 30 - Peter Pan (G)



Movies begin at dusk, approximately 7 p.m. on the north soccer fields at Kiwanis Park, Baseline Rd. and Ash Ave. (just west of Mill Ave.).



## PADDLE LIKE A PRO AT THE YOUTH PADDLING EXPO

Youth can grab their paddles and head out to Tempe Town Lake for the annual Youth Paddling Expo from 10 a.m. – 1 p.m. on Saturday, May 10 at the [SRP Tempe Town Lake Marina](#).

The event provides youth ages 10-17 the opportunity to try a variety of paddling sports including Kayaking, Dragon Boating and Stand-Up Paddleboarding. This is the perfect way for kids and teens to try out something new and enjoy a beautiful Saturday on the lake!

Registration is \$15 and can be completed online, in-person at a City of Tempe Recreation Facility, or the day of the event. Use class code 38380 to register at [www.Tempe.gov/Brochure](http://www.Tempe.gov/Brochure).

For more information, visit [www.Tempe.gov/Boating](http://www.Tempe.gov/Boating).



## MAY IS WATER SAFETY MONTH

Governor Brewer has proclaimed May 2014 as Water Safety Month in Arizona. It serves as a reminder that water safety is incredibly important – especially during hot summer months when many are heading to swimming pools, lakes and splash playgrounds to cool off in the Arizona heat.

Make it a point to be more aware around water and improve swimming skills this month. Whether you are new to swimming or just looking for a refresher course, Tempe offers a variety of [swim lessons](#) for kids and adults of all ages. There are plenty of classes to choose from!

In addition to making sure your whole family knows how to swim, it is also important to keep an eye on children whenever they are around water. Children can drown in as little as two inches of water and it can happen in a matter of seconds. Here are a few lifesaving tips to prevent drowning:

- Never leave a child unattended around water

- Maintain constant eye-to-eye supervision when a child is in or around water
- Keep toys, tricycles and other children's play items away from the pool or spa
- Make sure your pool or spa has an effective barrier
- Mount life-saving devices near the pool
- Learn how to administer CPR, mouth-to-mouth resuscitation and other life-saving techniques



# TEMPE CELEBRATED ARBOR DAY WITH MULTIPLE TREE PLANTINGS

Mayor Mark Mitchell and the Tempe City Council proclaimed Friday, April 25 as Arbor Day in Tempe. To celebrate Arbor Day and the City's 18th year of recognition as a [Tree City USA](#), two trees were planted in Tempe.

The first tree was planted at Arredondo Elementary School by members of the school's running team and 2013-14 kindergarten class. Even the school mascot, Rocky the Roadrunner, took part in the festivities. Later that same day, nearly 30 students from Arredondo Elementary participated in the three-quarter mile Arbor Day 5K Kids Dash around Kiwanis Lake.

The second tree was planted at Kiwanis Park as part of the 5th Annual Arbor Day 5K.

Nearly 300 people laced-up their running shoes and participated in Tempe's [5th Annual Arbor Day 5K](#), presented by [SRP](#). This 5K fun run/walk remains a perfect event for the whole family to enjoy, while bringing the community together for a great cause. All of the proceeds benefit the [Trees for Tempe](#) program, which aims to replenish Tempe's urban forest. Since the inaugural event in 2010, nearly \$40,000 has been generated by this annual fundraiser.

We'd like to extend a special thanks to all of the 2014 participants, as well as our great partners – [SRP](#), [Arizona 811/Arizona Blue Stake](#) and [Whole Foods Market](#) for making this year's event a huge success!



## A RACE ACROSS THE PACIFIC THAT'S FOR THE BIRDS

Mary Rose, a native of Tasmania, Australia and Arizona resident of 10 years is embarking on a journey across the Pacific Ocean that is, literally, for the birds. One of two female contenders in the [Great Pacific Race](#) beginning June 7, 2014, Rose will navigate her own Ocean Rowing Boat "Dippers" from Monterey Bay, California to Honolulu, Hawaii – a journey that is expected to take 90 days.

Rose, a lover of exotic birds since owning her first Eclectus Parrot 25 years ago, has been interested in exotic bird conservation for many years. According to Rose, there are between 10 and 40 million captive birds in the United States, many of which wind up at bird rescues and sanctuaries that receive little to no funding. Rose has always wanted to generate awareness and raise money for the cause in a big way, and the Great Pacific Race seemed like the perfect fit. It was then that [Project Flight Plan](#) was born.

With no prior rowing experience, Rose began intense training in February 2012 that includes 30 hours per week of

endurance and strength training, in addition to learning how to row and improving her skills on the water. Rose took her first paddle stroke on [Tempe Town Lake](#), and has since been training in a sculling boat, as well as in her Ocean Rowing Boat in both Tempe and in California.

Rose founded the [Chirping Central Conservation Fund](#), an organization dedicated to raising money for avian conservation projects worldwide. Current sponsors for Rose's journey include the [Subaru Superstore of Chandler](#), the [Maricopa Audubon Society](#) and more. Mary's story has even landed her on the

cover of [Australian Aviary Life](#). "Avian conservation is my passion. I couldn't think of a better way to dedicate myself and my time to something that means so much to me."

Mary will stay connected during her journey by posting videos and uploading messages to her website. People are encouraged to send questions and messages of support to Mary during her 90-day voyage. If you'd like to learn more about tracking or messaging Mary, her training, the race and much more, visit [www.MaryRows.com](http://www.MaryRows.com).



# TEMPE GEARS UP TO RENEW FREE TRANSIT PASSES FOR YOUTH



Beginning May 12, the City of Tempe will begin issuing new transit passes to current and new participants of the [Tempe Youth Free](#)

[Transit Pass](#) program. The new passes are valid July 1, 2014 through June 30, 2015.

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](#) on May 17 and Aug. 16 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.

For a list of program requirements including registration forms, contact the

Tempe Transit Store at 480-858-2350 or visit [www.Tempe.gov/YouthPass](http://www.Tempe.gov/YouthPass). Watch our video at <http://bit.ly/SUwbwW>. For transit routes and schedules visit [www.ValleyMetro.org](http://www.ValleyMetro.org).



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

**Friday**  
**May 9**

**[Movies in the Park](#)**  
Dusk (approx. 7 p.m.);  
[Kiwanis Park](#) – North soccer fields

**Saturday**  
**May 10**

**[Neil G. Giuliano Park Dedication](#)**  
9:30 a.m.; Tempe Town Lake – South Bank

**Saturday**  
**May 10**

**[Youth Paddling Expo](#)**  
10 a.m. – 1 p.m.; [SRP Tempe Town Lake Marina](#)

**Sat. & Sun.**  
**May 10 & 11**

**[Weekend Waves & Theme Days](#)**  
1-5 p.m.; [Kiwanis Recreation Center](#)

**Saturday**  
**May 10**

**[Performances at the Museum; Jaleo](#)**  
7 p.m.; [Tempe History Museum](#)

**Thursday**  
**May 15**

**[Third Thursday at the Museum](#)**  
7 p.m.; [Tempe History Museum](#)

**Friday**  
**May 16**

**[Free Art Friday](#)**  
9:30-11:30 a.m.; [Edna Vihel Activities Center](#)

**Friday**  
**May 16**

**[Movies in the Park](#)**  
Dusk (approx. 7 p.m.);  
[Kiwanis Park](#) – North soccer fields

**Saturday**  
**May 17**

**[Java with Joel](#)**  
9-10 a.m.; [Gold Bar Espresso](#)

**Sat. & Sun.**  
**May 17 & 18**

**[Weekend Waves](#)**  
1-5 p.m.; [Kiwanis Recreation Center](#)

**Friday**  
**May 23**

**[Movies in the Park](#)**  
Dusk (approx. 7 p.m.);  
[Kiwanis Park](#) – North soccer fields

**Sat. & Sun.**  
**May 24 & 25**

**[Weekend Waves & Theme Days](#)**  
1-5 p.m.; [Kiwanis Recreation Center](#)

**Friday**  
**May 30**

**[Movies in the Park](#)**  
Dusk (approx. 7 p.m.);  
[Kiwanis Park](#) – North soccer fields

**Saturday**  
**May 31**

**[Saturday Storytime](#)**  
10:30-11 a.m.; [Tempe Public Library](#)