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City Councilmembers take oath of office



Tempe Mayor Mark Mitchell and Councilmembers Joel Navarro, Kolby Granville and Randy Keating were sworn into office by City Clerk Brigitta Kuiper during a July 7 ceremony in the City Council Chambers.

This is Mitchell's second four-year term as Mayor. It is Navarro's third term, Granville's second and Keating's first on the City Council.

The election was held in March.

Vice Mayor Corey Woods did not run for re-election after two terms.

Councilmember Robin Arredondo-Savage was selected by the Council to serve as Vice Mayor for two years. The role includes serving as the presiding officer for Council meetings when the Mayor is not in attendance.

For more information on the Tempe City Council, visit www.tempe.gov/elected.



More funds for neighborhood projects

Several Tempe neighborhoods will see projects come to life this year thanks to a funding increase to the Maryanne Corder Neighborhood Grant Program. The City Council approved an increase of \$25,000 for this year's cycle, which recently concluded.

"These grant projects are inspired by neighbors, for their neighborhoods, which is why the program is so successful," said Mayor Mark Mitchell.

The program awards grants to Tempe HOAs and neighborhood associations to fund neighborhood-initiated enhancements.

Applicants can submit ideas for park and path improvements, art, landscape projects, fencing, signage and more. For more information, visit www.tempe.gov/neighborhoodgrants.



TIM Turns 20

Tempe has a long history of leading the way in making transportation accessible, comfortable and equitable for all. This September marks 20 years of improving public transit, bicycling and pedestrian facilities in Tempe. That's 20 years since Tempe voters approved a half-cent sales tax for public transit, making Tempe the first city in the state to have a tax dedicated to increasing bus, bike, walk and rail options to create a balanced, multi-modal system.

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Shortly after the transit tax passed, the City Council appointed a Transportation Commission comprised of Tempe residents and major stakeholders to provide guidance on implementing the city's transportation plan. Since that time, Tempe has made lots of improvements and additions, including:

- More bus routes, increased frequencies and expanded service to seven days a week with service until at least midnight on most routes
- Orbit – a free neighborhood circulator system with five routes, soon to be six
- More than 300 bus shelters and nearly 90 bus pullouts
- More than 50 miles of new bikeways, including bicycle/pedestrian bridges, multi-use paths, on-street bike lanes (some with state-of-the-art buffered and protected treatments), bringing the total to more than 175 miles
- Bicycle Friendly City designation by League of American Bicyclists – first Silver level, now Gold
- Transportation Master Plan (adopted by City Council in 2015) that focuses on moving people – not just vehicles – through a balanced, multi-modal system
- Six major streetscape projects, making streets like Fifth Street, Broadway Road, College Avenue, University and Hardy drives bicycle and pedestrian friendly
- Tempe's Youth Free Transit Pass Program, allowing kids ages six to 18 who live in Tempe to ride buses and Valley Metro Rail free
- Tempe Transportation Center and East Valley Bus Operations & Maintenance Facility, both LEED certified green buildings, as well as transit centers at Tempe Marketplace and Arizona State University campus
- More than 20 years of community bike events, including Bike to Work Day and Tour de Tempe
- Public art integrated into transportation projects, including streetscapes, multi-use paths, bus shelters and transportation events

Check out our TIM Turns 20 webpage for historic photos and more:
www.tempe.gov/TIMturns20.



#TIMturns20 Photo Contest

To celebrate TIM's birthday, we're holding a #TIMturns20 photo contest with some great prizes – like having your photo displayed on a Valley Metro Rail vehicle or on the side of a Tempe recycling truck. Enter by posting your photo on Instagram or Twitter using #TIMturns20 or email it to TIM@tempe.gov.

Tell us what you love about public transportation in Tempe – how riding the bus, riding your bike, taking light rail and/or walking benefits you and your community. Entries must be received by Sept. 15. See www.tempe.gov/TIMturns20 for rules and information.



Healing Field tribute

Tempe will honor the nearly 3,000 victims of the Sept. 11, 2001 attacks with a display of American flags at the 13th annual Healing Field tribute at Tempe Beach Park. The free event runs Friday, Sept. 9, through Sunday, Sept. 11, from 5 a.m. to 11 p.m. On Sept. 9, there will be a Freedom Concert featuring local school choirs. On Sept. 11, there will be a memorial ceremony at 5:46 a.m. and a candlelight vigil at 7 p.m. A moving display of patriotism and unity, Healing Field is presented by the Tempe Exchange Club.



Downtown Tempe is easy to get to, with lots of parking

Downtown Tempe is full of great restaurants, entertainment and fun things to do. And, with several bus routes, five free Orbit routes, bike lanes and plenty of free and low-cost parking, it's easy to get there! Whether you're headed to dinner and a movie, out for drinks, shopping, catching a yoga class or just strolling Mill Avenue, we've got you covered.

Downtown Tempe has plenty of free and low-cost parking options, including:

The 201 S. Ash Garage

Drivers can access this garage from Second Street west of Mill Avenue, Ash Avenue between Rio Salado Parkway and Second Street, and Rio Salado Parkway west of Mill Avenue. The first hour is always free on weekdays from 6 a.m. to 6 p.m. The garage is completely free when entering after 6 p.m. and exiting before 6 a.m. Monday through Friday. It is also free all day Saturday and Sunday, excluding special events, when event rates are posted.

Tempe City Hall Garage

Drivers can access this garage on the southwest corner of Fifth Street and Forest Avenue by entering from Fifth Street. The first hour is always free, and there is no charge at all when entering after 8 p.m. Monday through Friday. The city is introducing a pilot program beginning Aug. 1, every Monday through Friday, when the second hour is also free (in addition to the first hour) after 5 p.m. with your same-day downtown business receipt. The garage also is free all day Saturday and Sunday, excluding special events, when event rates are posted.

For more information and a map of these parking garages, visit www.downtowntempe.com/get-here/parking, www.tempe.gov/tim and www.tempe.gov/parking.

Adaptive reuse program brings successes

In its first two years, Tempe's Adaptive Reuse Program has allowed several older buildings to be given a new purpose.

About 10 projects have taken advantage of the program since 2014. It allows building owners greater flexibility in modifying parking, restrooms, lighting and more, in order to help an older structure to be used for a new purpose. An industrial warehouse became a curling club. A worn-out strip mall is being given new life with new shops and a pedestrian-friendly flavor.

Here are some examples of our Adaptive Reuse program in action. All these buildings are accessible to the public for business or will be once they are open:

- Coyote Curling Club: 2202 W Medtronic Way
- Postino and Snooze: 615 S. College Ave.
- Corepower Yoga: 1004 S. Mill Ave.
- Blaze Pizza: 105 W. University Drive
- Four Peaks Brewing expansion: 1340 E. Eighth St.
- The Wedge: 1015 S. Rural Road
- Dog and Pony Brewing: 922 W. First St.
- First Watch: 111 W. University Drive

To be eligible for the program, buildings must be within Tempe and at least 20 years old. They must be within 100 feet of an arterial street and not exceed 5,000 square feet when modified. For more details, visit www.tempe.gov/adaptivereuse.



Glow Paddles

Join us for the wildest and brightest paddles on Tempe Town Lake! In addition to all necessary kayaking

equipment, you will receive glow-in-the-dark accessories to wear while paddling. Feel free to wear other glow-in-the-dark clothing items or accessories that you don't mind getting wet. Glow Paddles light up the lake from 7-9 p.m. on Sept. 9, Sept. 30 and Oct. 14. These sessions are open to ages 10 and older; those up to age 17 must be accompanied by an adult. Registration is \$20 for ages 10-17 and \$35 for adults. Space is limited. Register at www.tempe.gov/brochure. Call 480-350-8069 or visit www.tempe.gov/boating for more information.

J.A. Jance

New York Times Bestselling mystery author J.A. Jance will discuss her new thriller, *Downfall*, the newest in the Arizona sheriff Joanna Brady series, from 1-2:30 p.m. on Tuesday, Sept. 6, at the Tempe Public Library, 3500 S. Rural Road. Books will be available for purchase and signing.

City Council calls Special Bond Election for Nov. 8

The City Council has called a Special Bond Election for Nov. 8.

Tempe has estimated the costs of projects necessary to maintain the public's assets over the next five years and will ask residents to decide whether to authorize the issuance of bonds to support those projects. Tempe registered voters will decide five separate bond questions that provide authorization to issue bonds in these categories and amounts: Water and Sewer Improvements, \$148 million; Street Improvements/Storm Drains, \$25 million; Public Safety, \$20 million; Park Improvements/Community Services, \$34 million; and Municipal Infrastructure Preservation, \$27 million. The total principal amount will not exceed \$254 million.

The election is being held in conjunction with the statewide and national elections on Nov. 8. These questions will appear on the same ballot.

Information about the election is available at www.tempe.gov/election. For questions, call 480-350-4311.

Emergency grants help maintain safe homes



Grants of up to \$15,000 are available to financially qualified homeowners who need to make repairs to keep their homes safe and sanitary.

The city's Emergency Repair Program, which is run by the Housing

Services Division of the Human Services Department, provides financial assistance to help homeowners make their homes safe, sanitary and accessible. Certain city code violations also can be corrected. The program also aims to protect and preserve the integrity and stability of Tempe neighborhoods.

To be eligible, each applicant must be a Tempe resident who has owned and occupied the home to be rehabilitated for at least the last six months. Total gross (before tax) household income must be less than 80 percent of the area median income. Property taxes must be current to within one year and mortgage payments must be current to within one month. Applicants cannot have received assistance in the previous three years under the same program.

There is no repayment obligation. The City of Tempe reserves the right to determine the eligibility of requested emergency repairs.

For more information or to request a pre-application, contact the Housing Services Division at 480-858-2154 or 480-350-8961 (TDD: 480-350-8913) or visit the office on the second floor of the Tempe Public Library, 3500 S. Rural Road, Suite 202. Information is also available at www.tempe.gov/housing.

Calendar

This is the tentative August/September schedule for Tempe City Council meetings. Check www.tempe.gov/clerk for updated schedules.

August 4, 2016

4 p.m., Executive Session
6 p.m., Regular Council Meeting

August 11, 2016

4 p.m., Work Study Session

August 18, 2016

4 p.m., Executive Session
6 p.m., Regular Council Meeting

September 1, 2016

4 p.m., Work Study Session

September 8, 2016

4 p.m., Executive Session
6 p.m., Regular Council Meeting

September 15, 2016

4 p.m., Work Study Session

September 22, 2016

4 p.m., Executive Session
6 p.m., Regular Council 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, times and locations with the City Clerk's Office, 480-350-8241 or at www.tempe.gov/clerk.

Meetings are aired live on Tempe 11 and www.tempe.gov/tempe11.

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Vice Mayor

Kolby Granville
Councilmember

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Councilmember

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News you can use

Residents to receive new "smart" water meters

Water meters throughout Tempe will be upgraded over the next several years with new, "smart" technology that can track water use in real time. Currently water meters are read manually, once a month, making it challenging to identify leaks or unusual water use in a timely manner. Once the new meter end points are installed, city staff will be able to see water use in real time and notify residents quickly of potential leaks or other issues. Residents will be notified on their bills when their water use is being tracked in real time. Tempe's contractor, Metering Services Inc., will be installing the upgrades over the next several years.

33rd Don Carlos Humanitarian Awards

Tempe Community Council is proud to host the 33rd annual Don Carlos Humanitarian Awards on Wednesday, Sept. 28, at the SRP PERA Club, in Tempe. Held since 1984, the Don Carlos Humanitarian Award is considered Tempe's most prestigious distinction. The award embodies the legacy, character and spirit of Tempe's founder Charles Trumbull Hayden, who spent his life working to help those in need. A Tempe humanitarian, along with other extraordinary community members, will be recognized for their outstanding generosity, commitment and service to improve the lives of others. The 2016 award recipients will be announced in early August. Sponsorships are available. Tickets go on sale Aug. 3. For more information, visit www.tempecommunitycouncil.org or call 480-858-2300.

Free Art Friday returns with new adventures

Free Art Friday is a free, family-friendly interactive art series that gives preschoolers and caregivers the opportunity to create art, learn about music and movement, and spend quality time together. This popular series took a short break during the summer and is returning with a new lineup of monthly events from August through October. Registration is not required. Check out www.tempe.gov/FamilyFun for more information, or contact the Edna Vihel Center at 480-350-5287.

Punt Pass & Kick

Long before they became big stars, Pro Football Hall of Fame quarterbacks Troy Aikman and Dan Marino participated in the NFL's Punt, Pass & Kick skills competition. From 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Saturday, Sept. 3, Tempe kids will have the chance to do the same

at Escalante Park, 2150 E. Orange St.

The NFL Punt, Pass & Kick program is a free, national football skills competition for youth ages 6 to 15. Scores are based on accuracy and distance of punting, passing and placekicking. Boys and girls will compete separately in five age divisions: 6-7, 8-9, 10-11, 12-13 and 14-15. Top finishers advance to further rounds.

Registration will be taken on-site at the event. Participants must provide proof of age and are required to wear gym/tennis shoes; no metal cleats allowed. For more information, visit www.tempe.gov/FamilyFun or contact Keynon Cornejo at 480-350-5222.

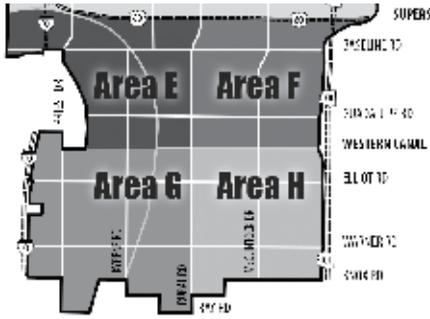


SEPTEMBER 2016

Mixed Bulk Trash & Green Organics

Area	Collection Week	Collection Type
Area E	SEP 5-9	MIXED BULK TRASH AND GREEN ORGANICS
Area F	SEP 12-16	
Area G	SEP 19-23	
Area H	SEP 26-30	

Items may be placed for collection no earlier than 10 days prior to Monday of your collection week and no later than 6 a.m. on Monday of your collection week.



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