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PROGRAMS

FIREWORKS LIGHT UP THE TEMPE SKY THIS 4TH OF JULY

Tempe will once again celebrate Independence Day in grand fashion this year by hosting the largest fireworks display in Arizona. The 61st annual CBS 5 July 4th Tempe Town Lake Festival, produced by the Kiwanis Club of Tempe, will take place on Wednesday, July 4, at Tempe Beach Park. Gates open at 5 p.m.

All ages can celebrate the holiday with live local entertainment, a splash zone, kid's activities and games, rock climbing walls and face painters.

The 35-minute fireworks show will be launched from the Mill Avenue Bridge and choreographed to patriotic and classical music. The 61st annual fireworks spectacular begins at dusk. Net proceeds will benefit the Kiwanis Club of Tempe Children's Charities.

Tickets can be purchased in advance at City of Tempe offices, Fry's and



Fry's Marketplace stores, online at www.Tempe4th.com or by calling: (480) 306-5845.

Children 12 and younger and current military with military ID card receive free general admission. Tickets will also be available day of at the entrance to Tempe Beach Park.

Check out www.Tempe4th.com for information including tickets, event schedule, parking, traveling to and from the big bash (street closures, bus routes and detours, and METRO light rail information) and more.



BEAT THE HEAT AT TEMPE'S POOLS AND SPLASH PLAYGROUNDS

Swim season is officially underway in Tempe! Keep your family entertained and beat the heat at Tempe's affordable and fun pools and splash playgrounds.

Escalante Pool Features a 6 lane lap pool, zero-depth entry play pool with play equipment, and two slides.

Hours: Monday-Thursday, 1-5 p.m.; Friday, 1-7 p.m.; Saturday, 1-5 p.m.; Sunday, 1-6 p.m.

Admission: Free for ages 5 and under, 75 cents for ages 6-17, and \$1.25 for ages 18 and older.

Kiwanis Wave Pool Features an indoor heated lap pool with 6 lanes, 15-foot-tall double spiral water slide, and 3-foot waves during wave pool hours. Tube rentals are also available.

Hours: Wave Pool: Sunday - Friday, 1-5 p.m. and Double Wave Session on Saturday 12:30 – 3p.m. and again 3:30 – 6 p.m. (thru June); Lap swim: Monday-Thursday, 7-9 a.m. and 4:30-8 p.m.; Friday, 7-8:30 a.m.; Saturday, 8-11 a.m.



Admission: Wave Pool - \$5 for ages 2-12, \$7 for ages 13 and older; Lap swim - \$3 for ages 2-12, \$4 for ages 13 and older.

Splash Playground at Tempe Beach Park

Hours: Open daily, 10 a.m. – 7 p.m.

Admission: Free!

Esquer, Hudson & Jaycee Neighborhood Spray Pads

Hours: Open daily, 9 a.m. – 7 p.m.

Admission: Free!



While you are at Tempe's aquatic facilities, make sure to follow these simple hygiene guidelines to keep our pools clean and safe:

- Do not swallow the water from the pool or splash playground
- Give your kids plenty of restroom breaks
- Use swim diapers if children are not yet potty trained
- Shower before entering the pool or splash playground
- Wash your hands after using the restroom
- Do not visit the pools or splash playground if you are or have recently been ill



SUMMER VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES IN TEMPE

Camp Challenge is a summer day camp held during June and July for youth ages 5 to 22 years with developmental disabilities. Campers participate in a variety of fun activities that promote fitness, mental stimulation and social skills development. Activities include

arts and crafts, games, swimming, music, bowling and more. Volunteers are needed to lead activities, provide positive interaction with the campers and help ensure their safety. Volunteers must be at least 16 years of age. The volunteer shift is 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. and shifts are available Mondays through Thursdays.

Other opportunities are available at the Tempe Public Library, Tempe History Museum and city swimming pools for students who have completed sixth grade and up. For more information visit

“Student Opportunities” at www.tempe.gov/volunteer or contact the city's volunteer office at (480) 350-5190.





CELEBRATE OUR STATE BY READING A GREAT BOOK

Celebrate Arizona's 100th birthday by participating in this year's Tempe Public Library Summer Reading Program: "Our State, Our Story." The program will continue through July 21 and features prizes for children of all ages who complete their designated reading. Programs range in age from birth up through adults. For more information, visit www.tempe.gov/library or call (480) 350-5500.



TEMPE STUDENT ATHLETES TOP AT TRACK MEET

Tempe is home to some pretty exceptional student athletes. In May, seven local middle school students gathered at Raymond Kellis High School in Glendale to participate in the 2012 Hershey Track Meet. Students participated in a variety of track events, including the 100-meter dash, mile run, softball throw and long jump. Each of seven students from Connolly, Fees and Gilliland Middle Schools, placed high in their respective events. Top finalists from the meet will move on to the North American Finals in Hershey, Pennsylvania. Congratulations to all of our student athletes!



KIWANIANS AND KEY CLUBBERS COMPLETE KIWANIS ONEDAY PROJECT AT SELLEH PARK



Six Kiwanians and six members of the Tempe High School Key Club converged on Tempe's Selleh Park on Saturday, April 21 for a Kiwanis OneDay project. The volunteers came out on Earth Day weekend, which also happened to be the 40th Anniversary of the City of Tempe's dedication of Selleh Park. The 6.3- acre park on Los Feliz Drive, north of Alameda was dedicated in April 1972.

Before the volunteers went to work, project coordinator Lawn Griffiths read the history of the park and its namesake, Joe Selleh, who left a legacy in Tempe athletics. Selleh owned Selleh Sporting goods in downtown Tempe, served on the city's Parks and Recreation Board, was a force in the development of the Rolling Hills golf course and helped found the Boys and Girls Club in Tempe.

Working in teams, the two volunteer groups painted a stretch of alley wall facing the park; cut down trees; picked up trash, debris and branches; painted concrete picnic tables and benches (removing graffiti); sanitized playground equipment; painted art on garbage barrels; and swept the sidewalks. The Kiwanis OneDay is the annual Kiwanis international call for all Kiwanis-family groups to carry out projects in their communities.

For more information on community volunteer clean-up programs or Adopting a Park, visit www.tempe.gov/adopt or contact Edith Ross at (480) 350-2952.



KEEP YOUR KIDS SAFE THIS SUMMER – JUNE IS WATER SAFETY MONTH IN TEMPE

Spending time in the pool is often the most popular way to keep cool during the summer months. Because of this, it is important to teach children to swim, as drowning is one of the leading causes of death for children under the age of fourteen in Arizona.

Whether you're looking for your child to learn the basics or brush up on their techniques, Kiwanis Recreation and Escalante Community Centers offer classes just right for you and your family. Children as young as eight months old can learn to swim in parent-assisted classes. Lessons are also available for adults of all skill levels. Visit www.tempe.gov/brochure to view a schedule of lessons and to register. There are still opportunities to register for lessons! Summer sessions continue through July.

In addition to making sure your child knows how to swim, here are a few life-saving tips to prevent drowning:

- Never leave a child unattended in or near a lake/canal, swimming pool,

hot tub/spa, bathtub, toilet or bucket of 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, such as a fence, wall, or locked gate that helps to guard against unauthorized access
- Mount life saving devices near the pool
- Learn how to administer CPR, mouth-to-mouth resuscitation and other life-saving techniques
- Supervise children while bathing and empty the bathtub once the bath is finished
- Don't consider your children to be "drownproof" just because they have taken swimming lessons or because they are wearing or using flotation devices

For more information on water safety, visit www.tempe.gov/fire.



TEMPE'S AARP EXPERIENCE CORPS SEEKS VOLUNTEERS



Thousands of experienced adults across the country are working to make a difference in their communities through the [AARP Experience Corps](http://www.aarp.org/experience-corps) Program. If you are an adult over the age of 50, learn how you can join them! Attend an AARP Experience Corps information session at 10:30 a.m. on Wednesday, June 20, at the Tempe Public Library Connections Café, 3500 South Rural Road.

Experience Corps volunteers work in seven local Tempe elementary schools,

providing one-on-one early literacy tutoring to children in first through third grade. Comprehensive training, excellent support services and orientation will be provided for volunteers.

The City of Tempe is one of 19 U.S. cities making a significant impact in the community. More than 2,000 older adult tutors nationwide are helping 20,000 Kindergarten through third grade students improve their reading skills and succeed in school. For more information on the national AARP Experience Corps program, visit www.experiencecorps.org.

For more information on the information session or Tempe's AARP Experience Corps program, contact Peggy Goldberg at (480) 858-2465 or peggy_goldberg@tempe.gov.



COOL OFF AT TEMPE'S COMMUNITY CENTERS WITH A SPECIAL SUMMER SERIES

Join Tempe's community centers on select Wednesday mornings and afternoons for fun and educational

presentations! Check out some reptiles up-close, see some Native Spirit Dancers, practice a few magic tricks and learn how to yo-yo at these hour-long presentations, perfect for children of all ages.

Escalante Community Center

(Wednesdays, 1-2 p.m.)
June 20th – Native Spirit Dancers
June 27th – Reptile Adventures
July 11th – Mad Science
July 18th – Fitz Magic

North Tempe Community Center

(Wednesdays, 10:30-11:30 a.m.)
June 20th – Native Spirit Dancers

Westside Community Center

(Wednesdays, 10:30-11:30 a.m.)
June 27th – Reptile Adventures

TRAVEL THE GLOBE AT WILD WEDNESDAYS

You don't have to travel far to get away from the Arizona heat or learn about a new culture- visit the [Tempe History Museum](#) for Wild Wednesdays! On select Wednesdays in June and July, from 10 a.m. – 3 p.m., parents and their children can drop-in to learn about each of Tempe's Sister Cities through a variety of activities, games, crafts and performances. Experience the culture of France or Timbuktu without ever leaving the East Valley.



The remaining dates and themes are listed below:

June 20 – Beaulieu sur mer, France

June 27 – Skopje, Macedonia & Timbuktu, Mali

July 11 – Zhenjiang, China

July 18 – Lower Hutt, New Zealand

July 25 – Cuenca, Ecuador

Admission is free. Groups of 10 or more and day care groups need to make a reservation in advance. Call (480) 350-5100 for a reservation.



TEMPE CONTINUES TO PLAY AS "PLAYFUL CITY USA"

For the fourth time in as many years, Tempe has been recognized as a Playful City USA community by KaBOOM!, a national non-profit organization dedicated to promoting play in children's lives. In the sixth year of the program, KaBOOM! named 213 cities and towns across the country – 12 of which are in Arizona – as Playful City USA honorees.

KaBOOM! selected Tempe as a Playful City USA community for its outstanding dedication to play. One example of

this commitment is the City of Tempe's recently revised Community Services Scholarship Program, which enables Tempe and Guadalupe residents ages 0-17 and youth enrolled in Tempe public schools the opportunity to stay active by offering subsidized program fees.

To further promote play, Tempe hosts annual play days to allow community members of all ages to get out and get active. PlayDay 2012 was held on February 18 and featured structured and un-structured play activities including kayaking, softball, football, dance and movement and much more. Tempe's next PlayDay will be held in early 2013. Call Tempe Recreation at (480) 350-5200 for more information.





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

SAVE THE DATE

Wed, Jun. 20

Wild Wednesdays:

Beaulieu sur Mer, France
10 a.m. – 3 p.m.
[Tempe History Museum](#)

Wed, Jun. 27

Summer Special Event:

Reptile Adventures
[Westside Community Center](#)
10:30 – 11:30 a.m.
[Escalante Community Center](#)
1 – 2 p.m.

Wed, Jun. 20

Experience Corps.

Volunteer Info Session
10:30 a.m.
[Tempe Public Library Connections Café](#)

Sat, Jun. 30

Free Performance at the Museum:

Territorial Brass Band
7 p.m.
[Tempe History Museum](#)

Wed, Jun. 20

**Summer Special Event: Indian
Hoop Dancers**

[North Tempe Multi-Generational Center](#)
10:30 – 11:30 a.m.
[Escalante Community Center](#)
1 – 2 p.m.

Wed, Jul. 4

July 4th Tempe Town Lake Festival

5 – 11 p.m.
Tempe Town Lake

Wed, Jun. 27

Wild Wednesdays:

Skopje, Macedonia & Timbuktu, Mali
10 a.m. – 3 p.m.
[Tempe History Museum](#)

Wed, Jul. 11

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