



Tempe Tardeada celebrates Hispanic heritage

All are invited to the 14th Annual Tempe Tardeada from noon to 8 p.m. on Sunday, Oct. 14, to celebrate Tempe's Hispanic roots. This free festival will take place at the Tempe Community Center Complex, 3500 S. Rural Road.

A tardeada is a vibrant afternoon festival and dance featuring continuous entertainment, traditional Mexican foods, arts and crafts for children, community booths and a tortilla-making demonstration. In conjunction with National Hispanic Heritage Month, the goal is to celebrate and experience the legacy of Tempe's Hispanic culture.

Some of the performers set to appear include Power Drive and Mariachi Corazon Latino. Colorfully dressed folklorico dancers, Folklor y Cultura Mexicana, and the Roping Reynosos Trick Ropers will add to the fun. For more information, visit www.tempe.gov/tardeada or call Ginny Belousek at 480-350-8979.



Hayden Flour Mill celebration Oct. 5

The grounds of the Hayden Flour Mill will open as an event venue on Friday, Oct. 5. Join the City of Tempe and many community partners from 5-10 p.m. at the mill, at Mill Avenue and Rio Salado Parkway, for a celebration of history at the grand opening. The event is free.

Many generations have cherished the land that the mill rests upon, from early Native Americans to pioneers, from our Hispanic roots to our modern day workforce. The entertainment for the event will reflect the cultures who are part of the mill's history.

Be part of the new history of the mill and join us. There will be music, local history experts, food and merchandise booths. We are inviting anyone who worked at the Hayden Flour Mill to join us for a group photo on stage at 5:30 p.m. Mayor Mark Mitchell and the Tempe City Council will dedicate the Hayden Flour Mill at 6 p.m.

More details about the celebration and the Hayden Flour Mill may be found at www.tempe.gov/haydenflourmill. Merchants wanting information about setting up a booth should contact kris_baxter@tempe.gov or call 480-858-2059.



Neighbors can G.A.I.N. from connecting

Join fellow Tempe residents for some party planning at the Getting Arizona Involved in Neighborhoods (G.A.I.N.) Kickoff Event at 6:30 p.m. on Thursday, Sept. 27, at the Tempe History Museum, 809 E. Southern Ave. Tempe elected officials, Neighborhood Services staff and Police employees will be on hand at the kickoff to provide party tips, handouts and helpful information. There also will be

chances to win raffle prizes from event sponsors and opportunities to win party visits from areas of the city such as Fire, Recycling and Police. Participants can register their events at www.tempe.gov/GAIN or they can do so at the kickoff.

G.A.I.N. is an annual event designed to unite neighbors and help create safer and better-connected neighborhoods. Residents throughout the city are preparing to throw family-friendly neighborhood parties on the evening of Saturday, Oct. 20. For questions, email neighborhoods@tempe.gov or call 480-350-8234. The G.A.I.N. webpage also features a Tempe 11 video that captures the spirit and fun of this annual night of community connections.



Adults in Tempe held responsible for underage consumption

As Tempe students go back to school, several community partners want to remind parents and other adults that providing alcohol to people younger than 21 is against the law.

The city is the first in the East Valley to have enacted a so-named Social Host Ordinance, which went into effect in February. The ordinance was championed by the Tempe Coalition, a partnership between the City of Tempe and Tempe Community Council, which aims to help youth reach their full potential by reducing underage drinking and drug use.

Tempe teens most often obtain alcohol from their homes or from friends' homes, according to information provided by the Arizona Youth Survey and from local youth focus groups. In Tempe, the average age of first use of alcohol is 12.5 years. The ordinance does not solely address buying alcohol for underage drinkers. Adults can be held responsible even if they aren't home and underage drinkers consume unsecured alcohol, or if they are not properly supervising parties where underage drinkers are accessing alcohol already in the home. A first violation of the ordinance results in a \$250 police service fee, unless the offender is eligible for a substance use education class for \$100. On the second offense, the fee is \$1,000; three or more offenses are \$1,500 each.

For more information, visit www.tempecoalition.com or call 480-858-2301.

Tempe Old Settlers Association holds 104th gathering

Theme of this year's event "Circling the Wagons – Sharing the Journey"

For more than a century, longtime Tempe residents have gathered for an annual reunion to socialize and share memories. On Saturday, Oct. 20, the Tempe Old Settlers Association will hold its 104th celebration of Tempe heritage from 10:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Arizona Community Church, 9325 S. Rural Road. Guests are asked to bring a potluck dish to share. Old Settlers members must have been born in Tempe or have lived in the city for at least 30 years. For more information, call Councilmember Joel Navarro at 480-688-9907.

Our House Tempe is Oct. 13

In an effort to bring attention to the plight of local residents experiencing homelessness and to provide them relief, the Ramsey Social Justice Foundation, in partnership with the City of Tempe, will host the Our House Tempe - Raising Roofs, Raising Hopes Concert on Saturday, Oct. 13, from 11:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. at the Tempe Community Complex, 3500 S. Rural Road.

This free outdoor concert will feature performances from Teneia Sanders, AJ Odneal, Dynamite the Liberator, Chuck Hall, and Walt Richardson, Family and Friends. Families are invited to bring picnics and blankets for an afternoon of free music. Attendees are encouraged to bring care items for individuals experiencing homelessness. Requested items include unopened packages of socks, underwear and T-shirts, sunscreen, razors, deodorant and bottled water.

Our House Tempe is a new series of events benefitting the Evelyn Rose Hallman Endowment to End Homelessness in Tempe, a fund created by the Ramsey Justice Foundation and Valley of the Sun United Way. The aim is to sustain permanent supportive housing in Tempe, which makes temporary shelter and support services more available to those experiencing homelessness. For more information, visit www.OurHouseTempe.com.

Voters to decide bond questions during Nov. 6 Special Election

The City of Tempe has estimated the costs of projects necessary to maintain the public's assets over the next five years and now asks residents to authorize the issuance of bonds to support those projects. Tempe residents have the opportunity to vote on Nov. 6 on three separate bond questions that provide authorization to issue bonds in the following categories and amounts: 1) Public Safety - \$6.4 million; 2) Parks Improvements/Community Services - \$10.5 million; and 3) Municipal Infrastructure Preservation - \$12.9 million.

Voter registration and early voting is conducted by the Maricopa County Elections Department. The last day to register to vote for the election is Oct. 9 and early voting begins Oct. 11. The Tempe Public Library, 3500 S. Rural Road, and ASU Palo Verde West building, 330 E. University Dr., both serve as early voting sites for the election. For more information, visit www.recorder.maricopa.gov/web/elections.aspx.

In early October, an informational pamphlet will be mailed to each household that contains a registered voter. The pamphlet provides important information regarding the three bond election questions, a sample ballot format and information regarding early voting and Election Day polling places.

Questions can be directed to the City Clerk's Office at clerk@tempe.gov or 480-350-8241.



Stormwater smarts: car wash beats at-home washing

Did you know that washing vehicles on pavement can cause harm to our local environment? Water entering storm drains, unlike water that enters sanitary sewers, does not undergo treatment before it's discharged. When cars are washed on streets, parking lots and driveways, that dirty water eventually winds up in our urban lakes, rivers and

retention basins. Washing one car may not seem like much of a problem, but collectively, car-washing activities can add up to big problems that impact our urban lakes – including their aquatic life and recreational use – and even our future drinking water well supplies.

In contrast, professional car washes manage water use, collect and treat wastewater, route remaining effluent to treatment facilities, and use water recycling technologies to keep cars and the environment clean at the same time. Federal laws in the United States and Canada require commercial car wash facilities to drain wastewater into sewer systems, so it gets treated before being discharged back to the great outdoors.

The International Carwash Association, an industry group representing commercial car wash companies, reports that automatic car washes use less than half the water of even the most careful home car washer. According to one report, washing a car at home typically uses between 80 and 140 gallons of water, while a commercial car wash averages less than 45 gallons per car.

The association's WaterSavers program recognizes commercial car washes that meet specific water quality and usage standards that include using no more than 40 gallons of fresh/potable water per car – less than the typical home washing machine.

For those who must wash their car at home, E Magazine recommends choosing a biodegradable soap specifically formulated for automotive parts, such as Simple Green's Car Wash or Gliptone's Wash 'n Glow. You can also make your own biodegradable car wash by mixing one cup of liquid dishwashing detergent and 3/4 cup of powdered laundry detergent (each should be chlorine- and phosphate-free and non-petroleum-based) with three gallons of water. This concentrate can be used sparingly with water over exterior car surfaces.

Even when using environmentally-friendly cleaners, at-home car washers are urged to avoid the driveway and instead wash cars on the lawn or over dirt so that water can be retained on-site and neutralized in soil instead of flowing directly into storm drains.

To find a WaterSaver certified car wash near you, visit: www.washwithwatersavers.com.

For more information about what Tempe is doing to protect our environment from stormwater pollution, visit www.tempe.gov/stormwater.

Free xeriscape classes

The City of Tempe is offering free xeriscape classes in October to teach residents about planting and caring for hardier, drought-resistant landscaping. Participants will receive a free workbook, brochures on conversion and design, and information on drip irrigation and lawn care.

Classes are scheduled for 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the City of Tempe South Police Community Room, 8201 S. Hardy Drive:

- Saturday, Oct. 13: Conversion from lawn to xeriscape, its principals and design aspects, selection of plant materials and maintenance.
- Saturday, Oct. 20: Selection of xeriscape plant materials and maintenance.
- Saturday, Oct. 27: Drip irrigation design, installation and maintenance.

To register, call Richard Bond at 480-350-2627.



Free family movie series returns in Oct.

Join us Friday evenings in October for Movies in the Park, a free family movie series. Bring your blankets, a picnic dinner and the entire family to enjoy a great movie in the park! Movies begin at dusk (approximately 6 p.m.) at Kiwanis Park (Mill Avenue and Baseline Road).

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| Oct. 5 | The Lorax PG |
| Oct. 12 | Big Miracle PG |
| Oct. 19 | A Turtle's Tale G |
| Oct. 26 | Scooby Doo: Music of the Vampire G |

For more information, visit www.tempe.gov/movies or call 480-350-5200.

Calendar

This is the tentative September/October schedule for Tempe City Council meetings.

September 6 , 2012

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

September 20 , 2012

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

October 4, 2012

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

October 18, 2012

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

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

City Council meetings are held in the Council Chambers at City Hall, 31 E. Fifth St. 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.

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News you can use

Tour de Tempe is moving

The annual Tour de Tempe community bike ride is moving to April as part of Tempe Bike Month. The ride will take place on Sunday, April 7, 2013, at 9 a.m. at Kiwanis Park, 6111 S. All-America Way. Also happening during Bike Month is Bike to Work Day on April 17 at 6:30 a.m. Visit www.tempe.gov/tim in March for event information.

Have a "spook-tacular" good time at Tempe's Halloween Carnival

Tempe's 35th Annual Family Halloween Carnival will be Saturday, Oct. 27, from 5-9 p.m. at Kiwanis Park, 6111 S. All-America Way. Your family will have a bewitching good time with entertainment, a costume contest for goblins of all ages, face painting, carnival style games and food booths, operated as fundraisers by local civic groups. The event will be held on the Kiwanis Park soccer fields, located on the northeast corner of Guadalupe Road and All-America Way. Tickets can be purchased for 25 cents; some groups may charge more than one ticket per item. Admission is free. For more information, visit www.tempe.gov/halloween or call 480-350-5200.

Fall Annual Arts & Crafts Boutique

Start your holiday shopping early at the Pyle Adult Recreation Center's Annual Fall Arts & Crafts Boutique! This annual event features handmade items and gifts, as well as prizes, food and entertainment. Shop Friday, Oct. 19, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. and Saturday, Oct. 20, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Pyle Adult Recreation Center, 655 E. Southern Ave. For more information, visit www.tempe.gov/pyle or call 480-350-5211.

Pirate Academy

Calling all Pirates! Join the Pirate Academy Saturday, Oct. 20, from 10 a.m. to noon, at the Tempe Public Library, 3500 S. Rural Road. Complete ship-worthy tasks and polish your pirate skills while enjoying themed books, songs and fun. Make your very own parrot, bandana and eye patch! Pirate outfits are encouraged. Program is geared toward children seven and years old and younger. Registration is not required. For more information, visit www.tempe.gov/familyactivities or call 480-350-5522.

Ballet Arizona performs at TCA

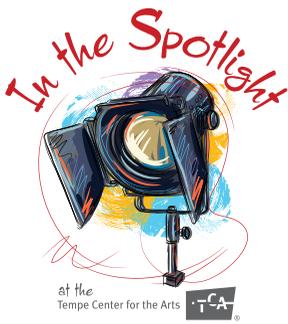
Ballet Arizona, the state's resident professional ballet company, returns for its 15th annual free performance of Ballet Under the Stars at 7 p.m. on Sept. 21 at the Amphitheater at Tempe Center for the Arts, 700 W. Rio Salado Parkway.

Free parking is available after 6 p.m. in the U.S. Airways Garage, 111 W. Rio Salado Parkway (enter off of Ash Avenue). ADA parking is available at the Tempe Center for the Arts. Allow time to walk to the amphitheater. Golf cart shuttles will be available for patrons who cannot make the walk. Concessions, including hot dogs, chips and soft drinks will be for sale through Santa Barbara Catering. Open lawn seating allows audiences to bring blankets and lawn chairs to enjoy a family-friendly performance of classical and contemporary dance.

The event will feature Broadmore Kidzone in a presentation of Class Act, one of Ballet Arizona's Education and Outreach programs. Class Act is a project combining the talents and expertise of the professional dancers of Ballet Arizona with the youthful ideas and creative energies of school-age children.

For more information, call 480-350-5287 or visit www.tempe.gov/ballet.htm.

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Popular music series continues in Tempe

Join some of the Valley's best musicians for an evening of music as the "In the Spotlight" series continues at 7:30 p.m. on Sept. 14 at the Tempe Center for the Arts, 700 W. Rio Salado Parkway. There is no cover charge; light food and beverages will be available for sale.

Valley favorite Walt Richardson plays host to the event, which will feature Cottonwood Stone, Robby Roberson, Marconias and more. "In the Spotlight" is a spinoff of the popular Walk-in Wednesdays Open Mic Night series that has seen more than 2,000 performances since its beginning in February 2009. For more information, visit www.tempe.gov/TCASpotlight.

Celebrate Food Day at Rio Salado College

Come celebrate Food Day at Rio Salado College on Wednesday, Oct. 24, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. The free event is open to the public and will be hosted by the sustainable food systems programs at Rio Salado and Mesa Community College and Chipotle. It will be held in the parking lot just east of the Tower @ Rio located at 2323 W. 14th St., in Tempe. Guests are invited to bring a healthy non-perishable food item to donate to a local food bank.

Food Day is a national event created to bring together Americans from all walks of life and raise awareness of healthy, sustainable eating practices. The event will feature activities including healthy cooking and gardening demos, Garden @ Rio tours, workshops and giveaways. Local farmers and ranchers will also be in attendance. For more information, call 480-517-8205.



Correct date for Hayden Flour Mill grand opening is Oct. 5

The cover of the September print edition of Tempe Today featured an incorrect date in the headline of a story about the Hayden Flour Mill grand opening. The correct date of that event is Friday, Oct. 5. Event details are at www.tempe.gov/haydenflourmill.