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## Mayor's State of the City is Nov. 9

Mayor Mark Mitchell will address community members at his inaugural State of the City Address, a longstanding tradition organized by the Tempe Chamber of Commerce. The breakfast event happens Friday, Nov. 9, at the Tempe Mission Palms, 60 E. Fifth St. Registration begins at 7:30 a.m. and Mitchell's presentation will start at 8 a.m.

Mitchell plans to highlight Tempe's achievements and the city's vision for the future. The public is invited. For information on ticket prices, visit [www.tempechamber.org](http://www.tempechamber.org) or call 480-967-7891. Tempe 11 will film the speech and, about one week later, will broadcast it several times on Cox Channel 11. It also will be available for viewing anytime at [www.tempe.gov/tempe11](http://www.tempe.gov/tempe11).



## Tempe honors veterans with parade, memorial

Families and community groups are welcome to attend the annual Veterans Day Parade in Tempe on Monday, Nov. 12, starting at 10 a.m. at ASU Gammage, on Mill Avenue south of University Drive. The parade proceeds north on Mill, ending with a short ceremony in Tempe Beach

Park, located at Mill Avenue and Rio Salado Parkway. For more information, call 480-968-0634.

After the ceremony at Tempe Beach Park, at noon, the City of Tempe will dedicate Phase One of its Veterans Memorial on the south bank of Tempe Town Lake, just east of Ash Avenue. The memorial is located at the historic abutment of the Ash Avenue Bridge. Phase One includes the Memorial Overlook, which is the restoration of the historic Ash Avenue bridge abutment. The overlook provides a great vantage point of Tempe Town Lake and a ceremonial stage for events.

Two more phases will be completed in future years.

## Drinking water safe despite taste, odor

If you've ever noticed a "musty" taste and odor in your tap water, it's not your imagination – and you can rest assured that your drinking water is safe.

The musty smell and taste come from compounds produced by certain algae, particularly blue-green algae, which are prevalent in warm regions with deep storage reservoirs or lakes. While these algae byproducts can affect the smell and taste of drinking water (even at very low levels), they have no adverse health effects. Tempe uses powder activated carbon (PAC) to absorb these compounds and alleviate the musty taste and smell. On occasion, the city needs to suspend PAC use for operational purposes when source waters contain high levels of mud and debris due to storm runoff. This results in noticeable taste and odor changes.

At certain times of year, the smell may be noticeable – even with the use of PAC – due to elevated levels of algal byproducts in our source waters. This typically occurs in the late summer and fall when algae die off due to cooler temperatures and release more odor-causing compounds. Tempe has ongoing partnerships with Arizona State University and Salt River Project to monitor and treat algae growth in the lakes and canals to minimize these occurrences.

While you may at times experience an earthy smell and taste, your water continues to be safe to drink. During these occurrences, running water through a refrigerator filter or a carbon filtration pitcher can improve taste. Chilling drinking water and adding lemon slices can also suppress musty taste and odor.



One Call to City Hall  
480-350-4311

## Call for 2013 Neighbor of the Year Award nominations

Tempe is full of residents, civic organizations and businesses that help strengthen the community through neighborhood outreach and involvement. Now is your chance to publicly recognize and thank them. The annual Neighborhood Awards presents the perfect opportunity to honor: residents who put the "neighbor" in our neighborhoods; properties that contribute to neighborhoods through renovations, improvement projects, impeccable maintenance or holiday décor; and residents who recognize alleys behind their homes are their responsibility and keep them neat and tidy.

Nominations must be received by 5 p.m. Dec. 3. For more information or to obtain a nomination form, visit [www.tempe.gov/neighborhoods](http://www.tempe.gov/neighborhoods) or contact the city's Neighborhood Services Division at 480-350-8234 or [neighborhoods@tempe.gov](mailto:neighborhoods@tempe.gov).

The Neighbor of the Year Awards will be presented by Mayor and Council at the start of the 2013 Neighborhood Workshop, a free morning event to be held April 13, 2013, at the Tempe History Museum, 809 E. Southern Ave. from 7:30 to 10 a.m. Save the date and look for additional workshop details in an upcoming issue of Tempe Today.

## Public input needed on proposed bus and light rail fare changes

Valley Metro will be hosting a series of outreach events in late October to gather public input on a possible fare change that would take effect March 1, 2013, for bus and light rail services. As a continuation of the 2011 transit fare change meetings, these public events will gather input on a proposed additional increase to the Express/RAPID bus fare. The increase would help keep the cost of operations equally supported by local and Express riders and is important to keep pace with the cost to provide all transit service. The meetings will take place in communities across the Valley, including Tempe. For more information on the proposed fare changes, event locations and times, visit [www.ValleyMetro.org](http://www.ValleyMetro.org).

## Election reminder

Voters to decide Nov. 6 on three bond questions.

Visit [www.tempe.gov/clerk](http://www.tempe.gov/clerk) for information.



## Tempe welcomes Ironman Arizona

On Sunday, Nov. 18, more than 2,500 athletes will grab their running shoes, pull out their bikes and put on their wetsuits for the Ford Ironman Arizona. The event happens in and around Tempe Town Lake and features athletes from Arizona and around the globe competing in the world's most rigorous triathlon. Come to Town Lake and watch as they are challenged through a 2.4-mile swim, a 112-mile bike ride and a 26.2-mile marathon. Athletes will race from 7 a.m. to midnight, when the event officially ends. Visit [www.ironmanarizona.com](http://www.ironmanarizona.com) for more information. Street closures and transit information will be available on that site and at [www.tempe.gov/streetclosures](http://www.tempe.gov/streetclosures).

## Get your holiday glitter on

Enjoy the beauty of the holiday season amid the glittering lights of the Mill Avenue District at the 2012 Fantasy of Lights Opening Night Parade. More than 50,000 people from across the region will attend this free annual event, which starts at 6 p.m. on Saturday, Nov. 24.

The parade steps off at Third Street and Mill Avenue, and proceeds south to Seventh Street, ending at the Centerpoint Plaza, where a festively decorated tree awaits ceremonial lighting. The parade includes as many as 40 units, including floats, balloons, clowns, marching bands, and the arrival of Santa Claus. Following the parade, Santa takes a seat to hear gift requests and take photos.

Families, neighborhoods and groups are invited to enter the parade with floats, bands, marching units, equestrian units and other novelty marching units. For more information, visit [www.downtowntempe.com](http://www.downtowntempe.com) and click on Fantasy of Lights.



## Trout Release at Town Lake

The trout are making their annual pre-Thanksgiving comeback to Tempe! On Tuesday, Nov. 20, the City of Tempe and Arizona Game and Fish will release thousands of trout into Tempe Town Lake. Families and community members are welcome to attend the event from 3-5 p.m. at Town

Lake Marina, located on the north bank of Town Lake. Arizona Game and Fish will provide fishing gear, bait and instruction for all ages to try their hand at fishing for free. No fishing license will be required for those registered at the event. For more information on fishing at Town Lake, visit [www.tempe.gov/lake](http://www.tempe.gov/lake).

## Tempe Zero Waste Day honors America Recycles Day

Tempe residents are invited to participate in Zero Waste Day on Saturday, Nov. 17, from 7 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Tempe Fire Training Facility, 1340 E. University Drive (directly north of the Household Products Collection Center).

Residents can bring just about anything for recycling, including:

- books and school supplies
- electronic equipment (phones, computers, TVs, DVDs, etc.)
- scrap metal
- household hazardous waste (cleaning supplies, lawn and pool chemicals, paint, etc.)
- tires
- building supplies
- appliances (dishwashers, refrigerators, stoves, etc.)
- household textiles (clothing, linens, towels)
- tennis shoes (NO cleats, spikes, hiking boots, sandals or dress shoes)
- paper, cardboard and other recyclables

All items need to be clean and sanitary, and will be recycled, reused or disposed in an environmentally safe manner. The event will include free shredding of confidential documents as well as free compost and paint giveaways (paint limited to 20 gallons per resident). A donation of one canned food item is requested for Tempe Community Action Agency's food pantry. Each person who participates will receive a free reusable lunch bag. Participants must show proof of Tempe residency, such as a driver's license or utility bill. For more information, visit [www.tempe.gov/recycling](http://www.tempe.gov/recycling) or call 480-350-4311.

## Transportation master plan open house events

The City of Tempe will hold a series of open houses to gather resident feedback related to needs and desires for mobility and accessibility within, around and through Tempe for the Transportation Master Plan (TMP).

The purpose of the plan is to guide the further development of a citywide multi-modal transportation system integrated with land use plans. The TMP provides the policy basis for how transportation funding is spent, and what projects or programs the city focuses on to provide transportation services through the year 2030. Draft objectives developed with the aid of the Citizen Advisory Transportation Commission will be shared with the community for comment and feedback. The plan will include elements related to streets, pedestrian facilities, bikeways, transit and high-capacity options (freeways and rail). Residents are encouraged to attend at least one of the open houses to learn about the plan and provide input:

**Wednesday, Nov. 28, 6-7:30 p.m.**  
**Tempe Transportation Center's**  
**Don Cassano Community Room**  
**200 E. Fifth St., 2nd floor**

**Saturday, Dec. 1, 9:30-11 a.m.**  
**Tempe History Museum**  
**809 E. Southern Ave.**

Bus service is available to all meeting locations. For more information, call Nancy Ryan at 480-350-8096 or visit [www.tempe.gov/tim](http://www.tempe.gov/tim).



## 2012 Don Carlos Humanitarian Award

Tempe Community Council (TCC) is pleased to announce the Honorable Harry E. Mitchell as the 2012 Don Carlos Humanitarian Award recipient. Mitchell, who served as a City Council member and the longtime Mayor of Tempe, was selected by an independent committee. He received the honor Oct. 10 at the 29th annual ceremony.

Don Carlos is a signature Tempe event that brings community together to celebrate those who have dedicated their lives to giving back and serving others. The award is named for Tempe's pioneer founder Charles Trumbull Hayden who spent his life looking for ways to help others.

Mitchell was recognized for his legendary career in elected office, as well as his service on nonprofit boards, including TCC, Childsplay, the Salvation Army and Tempe St. Luke's Hospital. Mitchell co-founded the Tempe Sister City Corporation in 1970, which has changed the lives of hundreds of young people at home and around the world. He taught American Government and Free Enterprise at Tempe High School, his alma mater, for nearly 30 years. Mitchell served on the Tempe City Council from 1970-1978, as Mayor from 1978 to 1994, in the Arizona Senate from 1998 to 2006, and in the U.S. House of Representatives from 2006 to 2010. Wherever his service took him, Mitchell championed human services, educational improvements and care for veterans.

**Adopt-A-Street,  
Path or Park!**  
**Call 480-350-4311**  
**or visit**  
**[www.tempe.gov/adopt](http://www.tempe.gov/adopt)**

# Calendar

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

## **October 4, 2012**

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

## **October 11, 2012**

5:30 p.m., City Council Strategy Session

## **October 18, 2012**

3 p.m., Council Meeting

## **November 1, 2012**

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

## **November 8, 2012**

4:30 p.m., City Council Strategy Session

## **November 15, 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](http://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](http://www.tempe.gov/clerk).

# Tempe City Council

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# News you can use

## **Nominations sought for Tempe's 2013 Bike Hero Award**

The Tempe Transportation Commission is seeking nominations for the 2013 Tempe Bike Hero Award, which celebrates bicycling in Tempe. The public is encouraged to nominate a person or organization in Tempe for increasing awareness of bicycling or promoting bicycling as a viable mode of transportation. Individuals must live or work in Tempe and organizations must be located in Tempe. The deadline for nominations is Nov. 30. For more information or to get an application, visit [www.tempe.gov/tim](http://www.tempe.gov/tim) or call 480-350-8663.

## **TCC hosts baby fair**

Tempe Community Council (TCC) presents a free Baby and Young Child Fair on Saturday, Nov. 3, from 10 a.m. to noon, at the Westside Multi-Generational Center, 715 W. Fifth St. Families with children ages birth through 5 years are encouraged to attend and learn about the many community resources available. Prize raffles will be held every half-hour. For questions, contact Katie Harrison at [katie\\_harrison@tempe.gov](mailto:katie_harrison@tempe.gov) or 480-323-8973.

## **City of Tempe holiday collection schedule**

Mark your calendar now and take note of the days when the City of Tempe does not collect trash or recycling. Those city-observed holidays are Thanksgiving, Christmas and New Year's Day. If your regularly scheduled collection day falls on any of these holidays, your trash or recycling will be picked up on Wednesday of that same week. Thanksgiving collections will shift to Nov. 21; Christmas collections will shift to Dec. 26; and New Year's Day collections will shift to Jan. 2. Residents must have containers at the curb by 6 a.m. For a list of recyclable items, visit [www.tempe.gov/recycling](http://www.tempe.gov/recycling).

## **Pangean Orchestra returns to Tempe History Museum**

The Pangean Orchestra will return to the Tempe History Museum this fall, bringing sounds and songs from all corners of the world. Hear these talented musicians in a free "Concert for Peace," at 7 p.m. on Saturday, Nov. 3, at the Tempe History Museum, 809 E. Southern Ave. This show will feature international songs of war and peace, with poignant wartime ballads and uplifting music to celebrate life and the human spirit. This special event is co-sponsored by the Tempe Diversity Department and the Tempe Historical Society. For more information, visit [www.tempe.gov/museum](http://www.tempe.gov/museum) or call 480-350-5100.

## **Have a safe and fun Halloween**

Halloween is a time to dress up and have fun with friends, but it's also the No. 1 day of the year for childhood falls. Many Halloween-related injuries can be prevented by following these safety tips from the American Academy of Pediatrics, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, and the National Safety Council:

- Use flashlights, stay on sidewalks and avoid crossing yards.
- Cross streets at the corners, use crosswalks and do not cross between parked cars.
- Wear clothing that is bright, reflective and flame resistant.
- Use face paint instead of masks.
- Avoid wearing long, baggy or loose costumes or oversized shoes to prevent tripping.
- Travel in small groups with an adult.
- Go only to well-lit houses and do not enter them.
- Carry a cell phone and know how to call 911.
- Adults should inspect candy before letting kids eat it. Discard any unwrapped candy or open containers. Do not eat any unwrapped candy.
- Use flexible costume knives and swords.
- Motorists should remember to drive slowly and watch for children in the street.
- When carving pumpkins, have the children draw a face on the pumpkin and have an adult do the carving.
- Place lit pumpkins away from curtains and do not leave lit pumpkins unattended.

For more information, visit [www.tempe.gov/fire](http://www.tempe.gov/fire).



## Lighten up on the lead foot and enjoy the ride

Whether you are taking a road trip or just heading down the street to the grocery store, it's always a good idea to remember to drive safely. When you are out and about in your car, please remember these tips.

- Always wear your seat belt.
- Obey the speed limits.
- Don't text or talk on your cell phone.
- Use turn signals to indicate your intention to turn or to change lanes.
- When a light turns green, make sure the intersection is clear before you go.
- Don't drink and drive.
- When approaching a METRO light rail crossing:
  - never stop or park your car on light rail tracks.
  - obey all traffic signals. A red arrow means "do not turn."
  - never try to beat a train through an intersection.
  - look for flashing headlights and listen for warning bells and horns.
  - look both ways before crossing the tracks.
- Be aware of what's going on around you.
- Watch for bicyclists and pedestrians.
- Provide bicyclists three feet of space when passing.

Source: [teendriving.com](http://teendriving.com) and [valleymetro.org](http://valleymetro.org)



## Councilmember to brew connections with residents at coffee gatherings

Tempe City Councilmember Joel Navarro will connect with residents in a new series of Saturday morning gatherings over coffee to be called, "Java with Joel."

Community members are invited to stop in, buy a beverage and chat with Navarro on Saturday, Oct. 27, from 8:30-9:30 a.m., on the patio at Xtreme Bean Coffee Company, 1707 E. Southern Ave. Navarro has designated the topic of the morning as neighborhoods, so residents are invited to bring any related

successes or concerns to the meeting.

Navarro served on a neighborhood-related City Council committee during his first, four-year term on the Council. He also has been chosen to serve with Councilmember Kolby Granville on the newly formed Neighborhoods and Education City Council Committee, which is set to begin its work soon. Navarro plans to make the gatherings a semi-regular occurrence, though a schedule of future dates has not yet been set.

For more information on Councilmember Navarro, visit [www.tempe.gov/navarro](http://www.tempe.gov/navarro). For questions on the Oct. 27 gathering, call 480-350-8916.

## Clip, prune, mow, pull those nasty yard weeds

Prickly lettuce is not appetizing. You really don't want anything to do with puncture vine, devil's claw or sprangletop, either.

Removing these weeds improves the look of your yard and your whole neighborhood and could prevent crime. Not only that, but Tempe City Code requires residents to keep their properties tidy and to cut down any weeds more than 12 inches tall.

To help residents, Tempe has created a short video to show how you can help make your neighborhood look better. Check it out at [http://youtu.be/wySGI\\_1vZw0](http://youtu.be/wySGI_1vZw0).

## Presiding Judge appointed to county homeless court

Tempe Municipal Court Presiding Judge MaryAnne Majestic has been appointed the Presiding Judge of the Maricopa County Regional Homeless Court, and has been appointed to the court's Governing Board. The appointments were made in September by Judge Norman Davis, Presiding Judge of Maricopa County. Majestic also will continue her position in Tempe.



## Beethoven's Nightmare

The Arizona Association of the Deaf and Arizona State Ambassadors HIP program present Beethoven's Nightmare, a three-member deaf rock band (Ed Chevy, Bob Hiltermann and Steve Longo). These talented musicians have a unique style, providing music in collaboration with visual performing artists and infusing American Sign Language, mime and dance. The show is for all ages, at the Tempe Center for the Arts - Theater 700 W. Rio Salado Parkway, Tempe, AZ 85281. For more information visit:



## Christmas tree recycling

Residents can recycle Christmas trees at the following locations – 24 hours a day, seven days a week through Jan. 27, 2013:

- Tempe's Household Products Collection Center, 1320 E. University Drive
- Kiwanis Park parking lot west of Kiwanis Park Recreation Center, 6111 W. All-America Way

To properly prepare your Christmas tree for recycling, visit [www.tempe.gov/recycling](http://www.tempe.gov/recycling). For questions about the holiday collection schedule, please call 480-350-4311 or email [tempe311@tempe.gov](mailto:tempe311@tempe.gov).

## Giving makes us great

Tempe Community Council has a list of volunteer and giving opportunities available in and around Tempe.

Visit [www.tempecommunitycouncil.org](http://www.tempecommunitycouncil.org) and click on GIVE HELP

## Kyrene School District activities

Are you looking for information and discussion on topics such as drugs, alcohol, bullying, college readiness or community volunteering? How about ways to advocate for a special needs child or how to foster a strong parent-school relationship? Those topics and more will be tackled at the Kyrene Parent Summit on Thursday, Nov. 8, from 5:15 to 8 p.m. at Kyrene Middle School, 1050 E. Carver Road. For more information, visit the Kyrene Foundation on Facebook.

Your company or organization can assist with a Hygiene Drive for Kyrene families in need. This Kyrene Foundation initiative will support struggling Kyrene families who may be using food stamps, which do not cover basic hygiene items including soap, shampoo, conditioner, toothbrush/paste, toilet paper, feminine products or diapers. To set up a drive, please contact [kfvolunteer@cox.net](mailto:kfvolunteer@cox.net).

## Tempe Fire offers Juvenile Firesetter Prevention Program

The Tempe Fire Department Juvenile Firesetter Prevention Program is a multi-level approach to the education and treatment of juveniles involved in setting fires. A firesetter is any child under the age of 18 who sets a fire either intentionally or unintentionally. Children set fires for many reasons including curiosity and experimentation, boredom, anger, stress, attention or emotional instability.

The program was established to help reduce the number of fires started by juveniles within our community. It is designed to assist parents and children in understanding the dangers of playing with fire, how to prevent repeat behavior and other consequences of their firesetting behavior. The program consists of five parts: identification, education, assessment, referral and follow-up.

"Regardless of the reason for a child setting a fire, education and behavioral rehabilitation are key to changing firesetting behavior," said Nancy Milbradt, Fire Education Specialist. "Education and therapy involve providing the family with the information they need to prevent future mishaps with fire, and parents must be a part of the process."

The program requires that the parents commit to two appointments within a two to three week period. During the first visit the interviewer will need to determine if education is the proper intervention method to solving the problem or if additional help for the family is needed. If there are problems that fire safety education alone cannot solve, then appropriate help will be found for the family through a referral agency.

Request for services can be made by the parents or legal guardian of the child or by Juvenile Justice Court. Participation is voluntary except for those referred by the juvenile authorities. Parents/legal guardians are required to participate in the program. For more information, call 480-858-7230 and ask for the Education Specialist or visit [www.tempe.gov/fire](http://www.tempe.gov/fire).

 

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Connect with the City of Tempe on Twitter (user name "tempegov") and on the City of Tempe Facebook fan page. Check out these two sources for frequent updates on Tempe happenings.