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LET US HELP YOU TRANSITION FROM SUMMER BREAK TO THE NEW SCHOOL YEAR





In Tempe, August means the end of summer—as far as school goes, not the hot temperatures. For parents and students, this is a reminder to meet teachers, shop for school supplies and begin getting into a regular routine so that the first day of school is successful.

Students from kindergarten through graduate school can access tips and information on student safety, educational resources and transportation options, by visiting the Tempe Goes Back to School web page.

Families can learn about <u>Kid Zone's</u> <u>before and after school enrichment</u> <u>programs</u>, the <u>Tempe Youth Free Transit</u> <u>Pass</u>, the free Orbit neighborhood circulators, the city bus system and the

METRO light rail. Those looking to get involved in their community can find a number of <u>volunteer opportunities</u>. All students can find out about online homework and research tools available through the <u>Tempe Public Library</u> and <u>Tempe History Museum</u>.

College students can learn about underage drinking, sexual assault prevention, theft prevention and property maintenance. Everyone can learn about bicycle and motor vehicle safety including the 3-foot law, which requires motorists to provide at least 3-feet between their vehicle and a bicyclist.

The Back to School campaign is a partnership between various city of

Tempe departments (PD, Fire, Public Works, Community Services, Community Development,), non-profit agencies, local schools and Arizona State University.

BACK-TO-SCHOOL START DATES:

Kyrene School District Monday, August 5

Tempe Union High School District Monday, August 5

Tempe Elementary School District
Tuesday, August 6

Arizona State University
Thursday, August 22



EARLY LEARNING STARTS WITH STORYTIME

A special storytime castle inside the Youth Library welcomes hundreds of kids each week for magical moments of singing, dancing, reciting rhymes, and, of course, stories.

Storytime at the Tempe Public Library teaches children of all ages, from newborn to older kids, everything from fine motor skills, hand-eye coordination, speech and more. The library hosts several story times each month. They are free and registration is not required.

Baby Storytime provides songs, rhymes, movement activities and finger plays that encourage early learning for children under age 2 on Tuesdays at 10 a.m. and 3 p.m. as well as on Wednesdays at 10 a.m.

Geared toward children ages 3-5, Preschool Storytime includes reading a book as well as craft activities, singing and more. As always, siblings are invited to participate.

Saturday Storytime, hosted at 10:30 a.m. on the last Saturday of the month, is intended for young children of all ages. Often, other Saturdays offer special programming for kids. Check www.tempe.gov/calendar for fun activities the whole family might enjoy.

BACK TO SCHOOL MEANS BACK TO LEARNING



After a relaxing summer, it can be hard for students to get back into the groove of doing their homework. Fortunately, the Tempe Public Library offers a variety of online tools, Cool Tools for Schools, to help students stimulate their brains – and finish their homework.

The page offers homework help and more than 40 links to topics ranging from report-worthy books to math and science resources. High school students and their parents may want to check out the Youth Library webpage, College Resources for Teens. Links there help students prep for college entrance exams, determine which college is right for them, look for scholarships and find possible financial aid sources.

Tempe Public Library staff members are available to assist students with their questions. Stop by the concierge desk to learn more about the services that are available.

KAYAK UNDER THE STARS ON TEMPE TOWN LAKE



Experience the beauty of Tempe Town Lake from the water during scenic moonlight kayak event. On Saturday, Aug. 17 from 7:30-9:30 p.m. at the Tempe Town Lake Marina, bring clothes that you don't mind getting wet, a towel, dry clothes, and prepare to howl at the moon. Kayaks, equipment and personal floatation devices will be provided. Must be 18 years or older to participate. The fee is \$30 per person.

TEMPE'S HAWK STILL TAKING FLIGHT

Did you know Tempe has two HAWKS? No, not the bird, but unique pedestrian beacon signals called High-intensity Activated crossWalKs – or HAWKs. Located at Tempe's Western Canal multi-use path, this signaling system is designed to make crossing easier for pedestrians, bicyclists and other path users while minimizing the wait time for motorists.

The pedestrian beacon signals are located just north of Elliot Road at the Western Canal on Rural Road and McClintock Drive. The signal is designed without a green light and remains dark until a path user activates the signal. For instructions on how to use the HAWK beacon signal, watch our video.

HOW DOES THE HAWK WORK?

For pedestrians and bicyclists:

- When you approach the signal, a solid "don't walk" symbol will be displayed.
- To cross the street, press the button to activate the beacon signal.
- After several seconds, the pedestrian "walk" symbol illuminates.
- When the "walk" symbol is illuminated, you may cross the street while watching for oncoming traffic.
- After the "walk" time is complete,



a flashing "don't walk" symbol will appear and you should finish crossing the street.

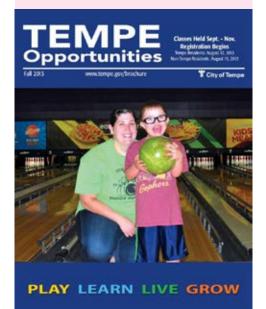
- Do not begin to cross the street during the flashing "don't walk" symbol.
- Once the signal cycle is complete, a solid "don't walk" symbol is displayed.

For motorists:

- The beacon signal will flash yellow for several seconds and then change to solid yellow, letting you know that you need to prepare to stop.
- The beacon signal then turns solid red letting you know that you must stop.

- The beacon signal then displays an alternating flashing red light.
- After coming to a complete stop and making sure there are no pedestrians in the crosswalk, you are then allowed to proceed through the crossing even though the beacon signal is flashing red.
- Once the pedestrian is safely through the intersection, the signal will turn off.

FALL REGISTRATION IS JUST AROUND THE CORNER!



With the summer months coming to an end, fall classes will soon be in full swing here in Tempe! Whether you're looking to find that ideal after-school interest for your child or want a new learning opportunity for yourself, Tempe has the perfect class or activity for all ages and stages. Be sure to view the brochure online.

FALL REGISTRATION DATES:

Monday, August 12

Registration begins for Tempe residents

Monday, August 19

Registration begins for Non-Tempe residents

Tuesday, September 3

Fall classes begin

SPEND YOUR SATURDAY AFTERNOONS WATCHING CLASSIC CARTOONS

Cool off and watch an animated flick during your weekend summer afternoons! Enjoy a presentation of a classic Disney film on select Saturdays in August at 1 p.m. at the <u>Tempe History Museum</u>.

These classic Disney cartoons were once popular in the 1950s through the 1970s. Bring your kids to Movies at the Museum to experience these timeless animated films.



August 10:Cinderella (1950)August 17:Peter Pan (1953)August 24:The Aristocats (1970)August 31:The Rescuers (1977)

KIDS RIDE FOR FREE IN TEMPE

The Tempe Youth Free Transit Pass

program allows youth ages 6 to 18 who live in Tempe to ride all Valley Metro bus routes and the METRO light rail for free.

Tempe has started issuing new transit passes to current and new participants of the Tempe Youth Free Transit Pass program. The new passes are valid July 1, 2013 – June 30, 2014.

Youth transit passes can be picked up at the Tempe Transit Store, 200 E. 5th St., Monday – Friday from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. A parent or guardian must accompany the youth to receive the transit pass.



SAVE THE DATE

August 3 Walk-in Family Art Workshop:

Phoenix Zoo "Desert Discovery"

12 – 12:45 p.m.

Tempe Center for the Arts

August 10 **Movies at the Museum:**

Cinderella (1950)

1 p.m.

Tempe History Museum

August 12 **Summer Registration**

for Tempe Residents Begins

August 17 Moonlight Kayak

7:30 - 9:30 p.m.; \$30

Tempe Town Lake Marina

August 17 Movies at the Museum:

Peter Pan (1953)

1 p.m.

Tempe History Museum

August 19 **Summer Registration for**

Non-Tempe Residents Begins

