

FEBRUARY 13, 2014

## EXPERIENCE ALL THE FUN TEMPE HAS TO OFFER AT PLAYDAY 2014



Tempe will host a free day of play for kids of all ages to celebrate play and reap the benefits of being active. The City is hosting the celebration in keeping with its designation as a [Playful City USA](#) community for the fifth consecutive year. [PlayDay](#) will be held 10 a.m.-2 p.m. on Saturday, March 1 at [Kiwanis Park](#), Mill Avenue and All-America Way.

Participants of PlayDay will have the opportunity to join in on structured and unstructured games and events, including: kayaking, football, softball



and tennis drills, inflatable games, dance and movement classes and much more! PlayDay will take place throughout Kiwanis Park, with an information booth located at the south end of Kiwanis Lake. Visitors at PlayDay will also be able to experience a variety of summer camp activities, which will be offered through the City of Tempe in summer, 2014. Registration for spring classes and programs will be available on-site.

2014 will mark the inaugural year of the Diablo Dash at PlayDay. Sponsored by the [Tempe Diablos](#), the Diablo Dash is a free, family-friendly obstacle course with staggered start times between 10 a.m. and Noon. You and your family will have a blast running, crawling, climbing,

sliding and laughing your way through a variety of fun challenges all the way to the finish line! Each station of the Diablo Dash will remain available for open play from Noon to 2 p.m.

[KaBOOM!](#), a national non-profit organization dedicated to promoting play in children's lives, chose Tempe as a Playful City USA community. KaBOOM! named 217 cities and towns across the country - 12 of which are in Arizona - as Playful City USA honorees. Tempe was one of 25 communities given this designation for the fifth consecutive year because of the way it uses play and play spaces to positively impact childhood wellness, public safety and quality of life.



# SWING INTO SPRING TRAINING AT TEMPE DIABLO STADIUM

Are you ready to tear into a bag of peanuts and put on a baseball cap? It's almost time for Cactus League Spring Training! Hear the crack of a bat, smell the fresh-cut grass and enjoy watching America's favorite pastime as the Los Angeles Angels return to their spring home in Tempe. The Angels will host the Chicago Cubs at [Tempe Diablo Stadium](#) for their spring training home opener on Friday, Feb. 28. The season will run through March 24.

Tickets are available [online](#) or you can purchase them at the Tempe Diablo Stadium Ticket Window beginning Feb. 15.



Fans can park and get a free ride to the stadium with the return of the [Spring Training Trollies](#). Game attendees are encouraged to park at one of four Downtown Tempe [Park-It](#) locations, board the trolley and let someone else do the driving. The trolley will circulate between the Mill Avenue District and Tempe Diablo Stadium every 20 minutes beginning two hours before game time, until 30 minutes after the game ends on all home game

days. Taking the Spring Training Trolley also allows fans to spend time in the Mill Avenue District before and after the game. Instead of sitting in event traffic, spend your time enjoying a nice lunch, dinner, drinks or even some shopping at more than [100 restaurants, bars and shops](#). The trolley stop is located at 5th Street and Mill Avenue, within two blocks from the Mill Avenue Light Rail Station.



## FREE ART FRIDAY WANTS TO SHARE THE LOVE IN FEBRUARY

On Friday, Feb. 14 head to the [Edna Vihel Center](#) from 9:30-11:30 a.m. for [Free Art Friday](#), where this month's

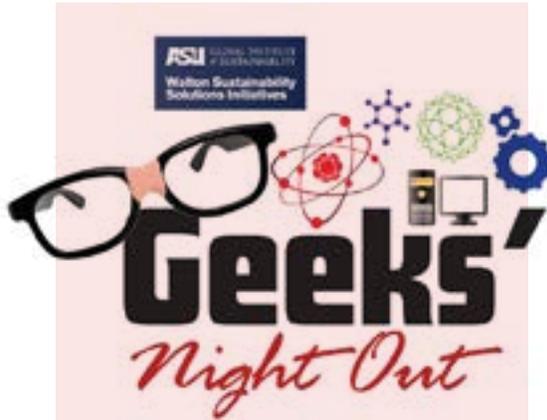
theme is *Share the Love*. This free, family-friendly interactive art series gives preschoolers and caregivers the opportunity to create art, learn about music and movement and have a great time! Each month has a different theme and featured art projects.

Additional Free Art Fridays will be held on Friday, March 14, April 11 and May 16 from 9:30-11:30 a.m. March will explore how *St. Paddy Goes Green*, April will allow visitors to *Discover Planet Earth*, while May celebrates *May Day/Play Day*. Registration is not required for these free, leisurely mornings of activities.

For a list of more fun-filled events happening in Tempe, visit our [Family Activities](#) page.



# CELEBRATE SCIENCE AND SCIENCE FICTION WITH GEEK WEEK AND GEEKS' NIGHT OUT IN TEMPE



[Geek Week](#) presented by [Walton Sustainability Solutions Initiatives](#) starts this Friday. It's Tempe's tribute to everyone involved in science, technology, science fiction and pop culture, from students to IT professionals, tech entrepreneurs and artists.

"Geek Week is Tempe's ode to science, science fiction and technology. Tempe is a technology leader for this state. We want to acknowledge the people who help develop the tools that make our lives better every day," Mayor Mark Mitchell said. "We also want to encourage students to get involved in science, technology, engineering and mathematics so that we can continue to have a highly trained workforce."

## Geek Week: Feb. 14-24

Check out early computers at the [Tempe History Museum](#), a showing of "Honey I Shrank the Kids" at the [Tempe Public Library](#), the American Pop! exhibition and Sci-Fi Friday at 6 p.m., Feb. 14 and 21 at the [Tempe Center for the Arts](#).

## Geeks' Night Out Festival: Feb. 20, 4:30-9 p.m.

Come out to [Sixth Street Park](#), at Mill Avenue and Sixth Street, for an evening of science, science fiction, music and pop culture. More than 50 booths from Tempe schools, [Phoenix Comicon](#), cosplay clubs and local businesses will surround [Tempe City Hall](#) with wacky, fun and scientific experiments. The event is free to everyone. Entertainment will be provided by musical groups [Captain Squeegee](#) and the Mallet Masters.

During the festival, [Rio Salado College](#) will demonstrate nanotechnology, [NASA](#) will be on-hand, several Tempe schools will have robotics demonstrations, students and professors from the [University of Advancing Technology](#) will demonstrate prosthetics that are controlled by brain waves, Dynamic Kids will show the science behind martial arts, and even the [Desert Dolls Roller Derby](#) team will demonstrate Newton's Laws of Motion.

This year, a video was produced by the [University of Advancing Technology](#) (UAT), which pits the Mayor and City Council, Walton

Sustainability Solutions Initiatives staff and costumed art lovers at Tempe Center for the Arts against a Mega Force Field. A group of students from [Connolly Middle School](#) and their science experiment also star. Watch the [Geeks' Night Out video](#).

Visit the [Geeks' Night Out](#) page for more information about events taking place during Geek Week and the Geeks' Night Out Festival.





# TEMPE HISTORY MUSEUM CELEBRATES BLACK HISTORY MONTH

Join the [Tempe History Museum](#) throughout February as it celebrates Black History Month with a variety of guest presenters, artists and music.

Enjoy [An Evening with Dr. Muna Ali](#) at 7 p.m. on Saturday, Feb. 15 as she presents findings from her dissertation research titled, "Generation Next: Young Muslim Americans Narrating Self While Debating Faith, Community and Country." Dr. Ali will discuss how American-born and/or raised offspring of both converts to Islam and immigrant Muslims in the Phoenix and Chicago metropolitan areas define self and community, how they deal with issues of ethnicity, race, class, gender, and religious interpretation within their communities, and how their faith influences their daily life.



Dr. Muna Ali

Visitors to the Museum will also have the opportunity to celebrate the contributions of the local African American community during an evening of [PERFORMANCES at the MUSEUM](#), starting at 6:30 p.m. on Saturday, February 22. The event will include presentations by the Buffalo Soldiers of the Arizona Territory, gospel music selections from the Old Fashioned Gospel Singers, artwork created by artwork created by Dee Dee and Rip Woods, as well as a presentation of essay contest winners from local high schools.

## TEMPE YOUTH BECOME POLICYMAKERS FOR A DAY

More than 100 youth and community leaders will exchange ideas and propose solutions for issues facing young people at Tempe's 34th Annual [Youth Town Hall](#) from 8:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Wednesday, Feb. 19th at the [Westside Multi-Generational Center](#), 715 W. Fifth St.

Youth Town Hall, presented by the [Mayor's Youth Advisory Commission](#) (MYAC), gives young people the opportunity to directly impact the policies affecting them. Tempe middle and high school students participate in the policy-making process by engaging in dialogues with a group of

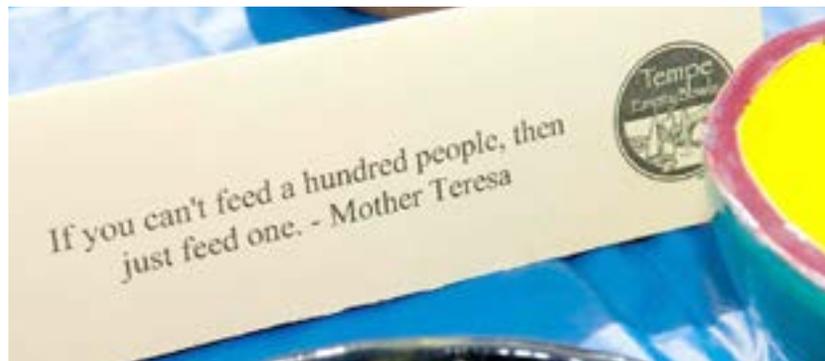
community decision makers comprised of school board members, business leaders and public service agencies. Recommendations from the Youth Town Hall meeting are submitted to the [Mayor and City Council](#) for possible action or policy change.

Discussion items on this year's agenda include teen LGBTQ discrimination, health and wellness, as well as stress and depression. Past Youth Town Hall events have resulted in the formation of youth programs such as teen leadership training, school-based counseling and life skills groups, school-based after school prevention programs, violence prevention programs and daycare for teen parents attending school.

Last year's recommendations on bullying, driving and pedestrian safety, as well as preventing marijuana use can be found in the [2013 Youth Town Hall Report](#).



# HELP THE HUNGRY AT THE 13TH ANNUAL TEMPE EMPTY BOWLS EVENT



[Tempe Empty Bowls](#) is a fun community event offering a selection of hand-crafted bowls and live entertainment. The event raises awareness about hunger in Tempe and also raises money for [United Food Bank](#), [Tempe Community Action Agency](#) and the [Escalante Community Garden](#).

Hand-crafted bowls, planter pots, mugs, necklaces, platters and vases will be available for purchase on Friday, Feb. 21 at [6th Street Park](#) (just south of City Hall in downtown Tempe), and on Saturday, Feb. 22 within the [Tempe Community Complex - Courtyard](#), 3500 S. Rural Rd. (courtyard is nestled between Tempe Public Library, Tempe History Museum and Edna Vihel Center buildings) from 11 a.m. until 2 p.m. both days. Friday's entertainment will include music

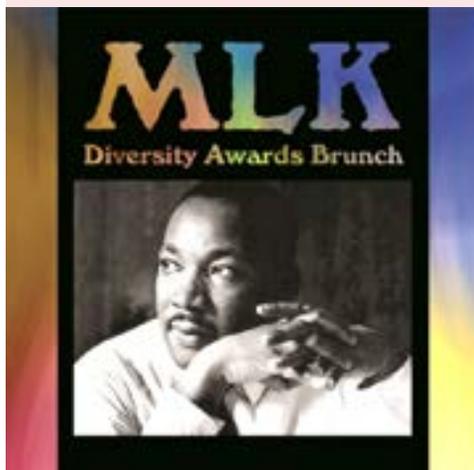


from [Walt Richardson](#), and Saturday's performance will be provided by Randy Olson and Friends.

All pieces are made by potters at the City of Tempe Ceramics Program, local artists, and children ranging from elementary

to high school students. With the \$10 purchase of a bowl, [Whole Foods Market](#) will offer a simple meal of soup and bread, symbolic of the caloric intake that must sustain many in the world for an entire day.

## 16TH ANNUAL MLK DIVERSITY AWARDS BRUNCH HONORED THOSE WITH A COMMITMENT TO DIVERSITY IN TEMPE



The 16th Annual City of Tempe Human Relations Commission [MLK Diversity Awards Brunch](#), presented by [APS](#), took place on Jan. 20, 2014 at The Buttes Resort in Tempe. The awards brunch honored community members and groups who demonstrated a commitment to diversity in Tempe and featured keynote speaker [Dr. Matthew Whitaker, Arizona State University Foundation Professor of History](#) and the

founding director of the [ASU Center for the Study of Race and Democracy](#).

View a complete list and information about the [individuals and groups recognized](#) at the 16th Annual MLK Diversity Awards Brunch.



Dr. Matthew Whitaker



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

# SAVE THE DATE

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| <p><b>Friday, Feb. 14</b> <a href="#">Free Art Friday</a><br/>9:30-11:30 a.m.; <a href="#">Edna Vihel Center</a></p> <p><b>Friday, Feb. 14</b> <a href="#">Escalante's Family Sweethearts Dance</a><br/>6-8 p.m.; <a href="#">Escalante Community Center</a></p> <p><b>Friday, Feb. 14</b> <a href="#">Moonlight Kayak for Valentine's Day</a><br/>6:30-8:30 p.m.; <a href="#">SRP Town Lake Marina</a></p> <p><b>Saturday, Feb. 15</b> <a href="#">Angels Spring Training Tickets on Sale</a><br/>9 a.m.; <a href="#">Tempe Diablo Stadium – Ticket Window</a></p> <p><b>Monday, Feb. 17</b> <b>President's Day Holiday</b><br/>City of Tempe Administration<br/>Offices Closed</p> <p><b>Tuesday, Feb. 18</b> <b>Spring 2014 Registration Begins for Tempe Residents</b><br/>9 a.m.; <a href="http://www.tempe.gov/brochure">www.tempe.gov/brochure</a></p> | <p><b>Wednesday, Feb. 19</b> <b>Experience Corps Recruitment</b><br/>10:30-11:30 a.m.; <a href="#">Tempe Public Library</a></p> <p><b>Thursday, Feb. 20</b> <a href="#">Geek's Night Out Festival</a><br/>4:30-9 p.m.; <a href="#">Sixth Street Park</a></p> <p><b>Monday, Feb. 24</b> <b>Spring 2014 Registration Begins for Non-Tempe Residents</b><br/>9 a.m.; <a href="http://www.tempe.gov/brochure">www.tempe.gov/brochure</a></p> <p><b>Friday, Feb. 28</b> <b>Home Opener – Angels vs. Cubs</b><br/>1:05 p.m.; <a href="#">Tempe Diablo Stadium</a></p> <p><b>Saturday, March 1</b> <a href="#">Play Day &amp; Inaugural Diablo Dash</a><br/>10 a.m.-2 p.m.; <a href="#">Kiwanis Park</a></p> <p><b>Tuesday, March 4</b> <b>Charity Game – Angels vs. Rangers</b><br/>1:05 p.m.; <a href="#">Tempe Diablo Stadium</a></p> |
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