



## Join the 2012 Unity Walk

Get your walking shoes ready in celebration of cultural diversity at the Regional Unity Walk and Diversity Festival on Saturday, Feb. 4. Join several Valley cities and Arizona State University as they "Walk for Unity in Our Community." The walk and festival are free. Registration is not required.

Families, community organizations, scout groups, school clubs and church groups are encouraged to participate. Walkers should arrive at their assembly points by 10 a.m. The walk begins at 10:30 a.m. Participants from Chandler, Gilbert, Phoenix and Scottsdale will meet at the Town Lake Marina; those from Tempe, Guadalupe, Mesa and ASU will meet at the Tempe Center for the Arts parking lot.

Both walking routes are approximately one mile to Tempe Beach Park, which is the ending point. Walkers are encouraged to carry flags, signs or banners announcing their group's identity and promoting diversity. Each walker will receive a free T-shirt corresponding to their city. ASU walkers are encouraged to wear ASU maroon and gold.

The festival, which will begin as walkers arrive, will feature a welcome by dignitaries, entertainment, jump houses for the kids and food. The festival will end at noon. Transportation will be provided to bring walkers back to their assembly points. For more information, call 480-350-8979.

Visit [www.tempe.gov/diversity/regionalunitywalk.htm](http://www.tempe.gov/diversity/regionalunitywalk.htm) for a map to the assembly points.

# TEMPE ELECTIONS 2012

## Tempe provides details for early 2012 elections

The Tempe City Clerk's Office is gearing up for two elections in early 2012 and wants to provide accurate information so residents can participate. A Primary Election will be held March 13 and a General

Election will be held May 15. The city's Mayoral seat is open, as are three City Council seats. Information available at [www.tempe.gov/clerk](http://www.tempe.gov/clerk) includes:

- Voter registration – The Maricopa County Elections Department registers voters. Unregistered Tempe residents interested in voting in the Primary Election must register by Feb. 13, and by April 16 for the General Election. For more information, call the county at 602-506-3535, TDD 602-506-2348, or visit [www.recorder.maricopa.gov/web/elections.aspx](http://www.recorder.maricopa.gov/web/elections.aspx). Residents also can register to vote or update existing registration at [www.servicearizona.com](http://www.servicearizona.com).
- Early voting – Voters will be able to cast their ballots for the Tempe races prior to the election days. Early voting for the Primary Election starts Feb. 16, and on April 19 for the General Election. Any registered voter may place their name on a Permanent Early Voting List and an early ballot will automatically be mailed to the voter approximately 26 days prior to the specified election. For more details, contact Maricopa County using the information above.
- Candidate information – Tempe voters can visit [www.tempe.gov/clerk/election](http://www.tempe.gov/clerk/election) to find out who the certified candidates are for each seat, as well as how to connect with each candidate.

Questions can be directed to the City Clerk's Office at [clerk@tempe.gov](mailto:clerk@tempe.gov) or 480-350-8241.



## There's nothing like spring training in Tempe

Are you ready to take off that sweater and put on a baseball cap? It's almost time for Cactus League Spring Training! Hear the crack of a bat and smell the fresh-cut grass while watching America's favorite pastime as the Los Angeles Angels of Anaheim return to their spring home in Tempe. The Angels will host the Chicago White

Sox at Tempe Diablo Stadium for their spring training home opener on Tuesday, March 6. The season will run through April 1 at Diablo Stadium, when the Angels play the Chicago Cubs.

Tickets go on sale this month at [www.ticketmaster.com](http://www.ticketmaster.com) or you can purchase them at the Tempe Diablo box office starting in mid-February. Tempe Diablo Stadium is located at 2200 W. Alameda Drive. Visit [www.tempe.gov/diablo](http://www.tempe.gov/diablo) for information on games, tickets, stadium hours, directions and parking.

## News that's right up your alley!

That's right, your alley. Little-known fact: based on Tempe City Code, property owners and residents are responsible for keeping the alleys adjacent to their homes clean and maintained. If you have an alley behind your home, you're responsible for maintaining the portion between your property line and the center of the alley.

When you're taking out the trash, take a look around. If you notice debris, weeds or overgrown trees, take care of quick things on the spot and make a note to tackle the bigger stuff later. Or, schedule a regular time to dedicate a few minutes to making sure your alley is maintained. Some tips to make the job easier include:

- Seal all garbage, loose trash, grass, pet waste, etc., in plastic bags and place in trash container.
- Close trash can lids after use.
- Bag or box all greens, leaves and small debris, and place them in your trash container if space permits. If they don't fit, place them neatly along your wall for bulk collection. Items should be placed no more than 10 days prior to your collection week. Visit [www.tempe.gov/recycling](http://www.tempe.gov/recycling) for the collection schedule and a list of collectible and non-collectible items.
- If you have a professional landscaper or yard maintenance service, they are prohibited by ordinance from placing trimmings, grass clippings and other landscaping material in the alleys, and are required haul them away and properly dispose of them.
- Pull weeds as they appear or apply a pre-emergent and/or a systemic herbicide. Tempe City Code prohibits weeds and grass higher than 12 inches in yards and alleys.

For a complete list of tips and information about trash and recycling, including collection schedules, visit [www.tempe.gov/recycling](http://www.tempe.gov/recycling).

## Tempe tackles underage drinking

In November, the Tempe City Council passed an amendment to a city ordinance governing nuisance parties and unlawful gatherings. Known as the "social host ordinance," the amendment will allow Tempe to hold adults responsible for serving alcohol to children. If the host providing the alcohol to underage users is younger than 18, the responsible party also includes the juvenile's parents or guardians.

A police service fee of \$250 will be issued upon first response, though offenders may be eligible for a substance use education class in lieu of the first-time police service fee assessment. On the second offense, a \$1,000 fine will be issued, and any further offenses will each result in a \$1,500 fine.

The amended ordinance was championed by the Tempe Coalition, a volunteer group of residents and local professionals who are committed to helping Tempe youth reach their full potential by reducing underage drinking and drug use within our city. For more information, visit [www.tempecoalition.org](http://www.tempecoalition.org).

## Free tax preparation for income-qualified residents

Don't pay hundreds of dollars to have your taxes done! Tempe Community Council's Financial Stability Initiative offers a free tax preparation site and Earned Income Tax Credit refunds for families who qualify. The service will be available each Saturday, Jan. 28 to April 14, from 9 a.m. to noon (except March 10 and 17 for Spring Break) and Wednesdays in February only from 5-7 p.m. It is hosted by Tempe Schools Credit Union, 2800 S. Mill Ave. For free tax preparation, families must have had an income of \$55,000 or less in 2011; single individuals must have earned \$35,000 or less. Check [www.tempe.gov/tcc/financialstability/taxPrep.htm](http://www.tempe.gov/tcc/financialstability/taxPrep.htm) for details and what to bring to your visit.

## Public meetings about transit system

Tempe values its transit riders and strives to provide the highest quality and most cost-effective transit service to the community. Residents are encouraged to attend public meetings to learn more about possible changes to the Local and Express Bus Systems and the Orbit neighborhood circulator, including a potential Orbit fare. The purpose of these meetings is to get input from passengers on changes that may occur in July 2012.

These meetings are part of a three-year public involvement process to develop the service changes necessary to help address a forecasted budget deficit due to the slowing economy. The Tempe transit system is funded primarily by a half-cent sales tax, which has dramatically decreased causing Tempe to reevaluate the transit system in order to reduce costs. Transit service proposals will be available for comment from Feb. 25 through March 29 at [www.tempe.gov/tim](http://www.tempe.gov/tim).

Public meetings will be held: Feb. 25 at 9 a.m. at the Tempe History Museum, 809 E. Southern Ave.; Feb. 28 at 6 p.m. at the Tempe Transportation Center's Don Cassano Community Room, 200 E. Fifth St.; and March 1 at 6 p.m. at the Tempe History Museum, 809 E. Southern Ave. For more information, call 480-858-2350 or visit [www.tempe.gov/tim](http://www.tempe.gov/tim).

## Tempe hosts third Play Day

On Saturday, Feb. 18, kids of all ages will have the opportunity to have fun and stay active at the city's 3rd Annual Play Day. The free community event will be held from 9 a.m. to noon at Kiwanis Park, Mill Avenue and All-America Way. Participate in kayaking on Kiwanis Lake, lawn tennis, art projects and much more. For information, visit [www.tempe.gov/recreation](http://www.tempe.gov/recreation) or call 480-350-5200.

## Home showcases innovations in sustainability and solar

Tempe is the host location for the Das Haus tour, bringing a full-scale home equipped with the latest innovations in sustainable construction and operational energy savings to our community. This exhibit, sponsored by the German American Chambers of Commerce, travels to just 12 locations across the United States and Canada. The home will be constructed at the Tempe Center for the Arts Park, 700 W. Rio Salado Parkway, and open to the public from Jan. 23-24 and Jan. 26-30. Tours are available for residents and students. Visit [www.dashaustour.com](http://www.dashaustour.com).



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

## Gear up for Geeks' Night Out

Tempe is known for its innovative technology companies, its entrepreneurial spirit, and groundbreaking research at Arizona State University and many other colleges. And, of course, if there's one other thing Tempe knows, it's how to throw a party. In partnership with the Downtown Tempe Community, ASU, LaunchSpot and Tempe Maker Bench, join us for Geeks' Night Out – the Science of Fun. We're blending science, technology and fun to celebrate the Arizona SciTech Festival. Best of all, everything is free.

Come to Mill Avenue on Feb. 16 from 6-9 p.m. for a very special Third Thursday, themed to bring out the curiosity within. Join the fun and you could: test your Star Trek and Star Wars knowledge; learn more about stars, galaxies and nebulae with ASU's astronomy program; check out robots; explore the world of paranormal investigation; hear from well-known technology entrepreneurs and more.

Want to learn more about the Arizona SciTech Festival? Visit <http://azscitechfest.org/>. The Twitter hashtag for the event is #GEEKTEMPE.

## Roof rat community meeting

Make a New Year's resolution to keep your home and yard free from unwelcome guests. Roof rats are back in town. Join your neighbors at a community meeting to learn how to prevent these pests from calling your property home on Thursday, Feb. 9, from 6-7:30 p.m., at the Tempe History Museum Community Room, 809 E. Southern Ave. Phoenix resident and roof rat expert Barry Paceley will suggest ways to tackle existing roof rat problems and how to prevent them from entering your home or yard. Roof rat traps and bait will be available for purchase.

Signs of roof rat activity include: sightings on power lines, trees, bushes, patios and in garages, storage sheds, homes; hollowed-out citrus or fruit; rat droppings; gnawing or scratching noises in attic, walls or around eaves of home; damage to plastics and coverings on electrical wires; and unsettled pets. For more information, visit [www.tempe.gov/neighborhoods/roofrats.htm](http://www.tempe.gov/neighborhoods/roofrats.htm) or contact Neighborhood Services at 480-350-8234 or [neighborhoods@tempe.gov](mailto:neighborhoods@tempe.gov). Tempe 11 has produced a video about preventing and trapping these pesky residents – check it out at <http://bit.ly/vHYnDB>.



## Walk Through History

One of Tempe's greatest attributes is its many authentic, historic buildings

and structures. In downtown Tempe, dozens of structures dating to the 1800s are within walking distance.

Join the Tempe Historic Preservation Foundation, the Tempe Historic Preservation Office and many others for the Downtown Tempe Walk Through History, a guided tour of these wonderful places. The event happens on Saturday, Feb. 4, from 9 a.m. to noon. Details are available at [www.tempe.gov/historicpres/walkthruhistory.html](http://www.tempe.gov/historicpres/walkthruhistory.html).

The event includes a choice of three tours led by experts in Tempe history and development. Each is a slow, informative stroll that takes you through approximately a mile of downtown Tempe in about two hours. Tour choices:

- Mill Avenue - Enjoy a closer look at some of the buildings along Mill Avenue that have been restored for today's uses and hear the story of Tempe's famous inverted pyramid, otherwise known as Tempe City Hall. This is the shortest tour, just .75 miles from start to finish.
- Hayden Butte and Town Lake - Walk around the base of "A" Mountain, hear details about the Hayden Flour Mill and its renovations, information about the Mill Avenue Bridge and visit the remains of the Ash Avenue Bridge abutment at Tempe Beach Park. This tour is just over a mile and involves some dirt paths.
- Moeur Birchett/ASU - Visit Old Main and the Old St. Mary's Church, the Walker House and Hatton Hall. Discover how these buildings have been repurposed for current use while keeping their historic nature intact. This tour is approximately 1.25 miles.

With a \$25 donation, those attending will receive a continental breakfast at registration, a commemorative T-shirt, and lunch at Monti's La Casa Vieja, Maricopa County's oldest building. Want to walk through history? Register and pay in advance at <http://walkthruhistory.eventbrite.com>.

## Calendar

**This is the tentative January/February schedule for Tempe City Council meetings.**

### **January 5, 2012**

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

### **January 19, 2012**

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

### **February 2, 2012**

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

### **February 16, 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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Vice Mayor

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## News you can use

### **Provide comments on Tempe Streetcar stop design**

METRO has developed a set of Urban Design Guidelines (UDG) for the 2.6-mile Tempe Streetcar project that will serve downtown and central Tempe. These guidelines will provide the project's future designers with guidance for how the streetcar stops should look, including concepts for seating, lighting, platform paving treatments and canopies. METRO would like to share these draft guidelines with the community for their feedback at a public meeting on Wednesday, Feb. 8, from 6-8 p.m. at the Tempe Transportation Center's Don Cassano Room, 200 E. Fifth St. Tempe Streetcar will run between Rio Salado Parkway and Southern Avenue in the Mill Avenue corridor. It will be built using a mix of regional Proposition 400 funds and federal grant dollars by 2016. Design is set to begin in late 2012. Visit [www.metrolightrail.org/tempestreetcar](http://www.metrolightrail.org/tempestreetcar) for more information. For questions or to be added to the project's distribution list, contact Carla Kahn at 602-744-5552 or [ckahn@metrolightrail.org](mailto:ckahn@metrolightrail.org).

### **Tempe hosts Neighborhood Day at the State Legislature**

Tempe residents are invited to join Mayor Hugh Hallman and the Tempe City Council at the League of Arizona Cities and Towns office, 1820 W. Washington St., on Wednesday, Jan. 25, from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. to meet our legislators, learn about the city's legislative program and tour the Arizona House of Representatives and State Senate. To take public transportation from Tempe, visit [www.valleymetro.org](http://www.valleymetro.org) for bus and light rail information. If you plan to attend, contact the Neighborhood Services Division by Jan. 20 at 480-350-8234 or email [neighborhoods@tempe.gov](mailto:neighborhoods@tempe.gov). For more information on the state legislature, visit [www.azleg.gov/](http://www.azleg.gov/).

### **Kajikawa Classic returns to Tempe**

The reigning National Champion Arizona State University Women's Softball Team will host the annual Kajikawa Classic Feb. 9-12 at Farrington Stadium at ASU and at the P. Ben Arredondo Sports Complex in Tempe. Named after legendary ASU softball coach Bill Kajikawa, the event is an ASU softball tradition. The 2012 Classic will host 29 teams and a total of 74 games. For more details, visit [www.thesundevils.com](http://www.thesundevils.com).

### **Join the fight to end hunger in Tempe!**

Tempe Empty Bowls is an annual event to benefit the Tempe Community Action Agency and United Food Bank to help fight hunger. On Friday, Feb. 24 (at Sixth Street Park in downtown Tempe), and Saturday, Feb. 25 (at the Tempe Public Library Complex, 3500 S. Rural Rd.), from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m., purchase a handmade bowl for a \$10 donation. The donation includes a soup lunch from Whole Foods Market in Tempe. For more information, call 480-350-5893 or visit [www.tempeaction.org](http://www.tempeaction.org).

### **Free full-day kindergarten registration**

Tempe Elementary School District staff will begin registering children for kindergarten on Thursday, Feb. 16, from 5-7 p.m. at each of the schools. All children turning 5 by Dec. 31 are eligible. To register, bring the child's certified birth certificate, immunization record and two verifications of residence. For more information, call 480-730-7406 or visit [www.tempeschools.org/kinderTempe](http://www.tempeschools.org/kinderTempe).

### **Tempe Fire offers emergency classes for residents**

Residents and community members interested in emergency preparation training can choose one of two free sessions this winter. The training is part of the Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) effort in Tempe, an initiative of the Federal Emergency Management Agency. CERT volunteers are trained in areas like disaster preparedness, fire safety, treating injuries, and search and rescue, in hopes they can put these skills to use during emergencies. The first session will be Thursdays from 6:30 to 9 p.m., Jan. 26 to March 1. The other session will be Tuesdays from 6:30 to 9 p.m., Jan. 31 to March 6. All trainings will be at the Tempe Fire Training Center, 1340 E. University Drive. Equipment such as hard hats, vests, goggles and leather gloves are required and may be purchased for the group rate of \$20-25. To register for a training session, email [TempeCert@gmail.com](mailto:TempeCert@gmail.com). For information about CERT, call 480-858-7230.



## Golf Tempe offers Sunday Family Days and new family tee program

Looking for a weekend activity the whole family can enjoy? Golf Tempe offers two new programs – Sunday Family Days and a new family tee program – at its two courses, Ken McDonald and Rolling Hills. Sunday Family Days provide special pricing to make a family golf outing affordable, and family tees make it more enjoyable and more competitive for players of all levels.

Beginning at noon on Sundays, families get a free youth green fee with each paying adult, as well as special pricing on food and beverages in our clubhouse restaurants.

Golf Tempe recently implemented family tees, which provide two levels of additional tees for each hole. The new tees are located well in front of the existing tees in order to shorten the course and help players keep a comfortable pace of play. While standard tees can sometimes be too long for youth golfers and adult beginners, family tees allow players of all levels to enjoy the game together.

Golf Tempe's two courses offer: seven-day advance tee times; affordable daily fees; excellent practice facilities; full-service pro shops and restaurants; group and private lessons; corporate outings; and tournament packages. For tee times, call Ken McDonald at 480-350-5250 or Rolling Hills at 480-350-5274. Or book at [www.tempe.gov/golf](http://www.tempe.gov/golf).

Golf Tempe promotes community-based golf that is affordable, accessible and adds to our quality of life as a lifetime leisure activity.

## Cinderella Affair dress drive

Tempe Community Council and the East Valley Women's League are proud to present The Cinderella Affair. High school juniors and seniors in need are invited to attend the boutique to shop for a free prom dress. The 11th annual Cinderella Affair Boutique will be held March 30-31. Last year, nearly 1,000 students received dresses. Community members can help by donating new or gently used formal gowns and accessories. A dress drive will be held February 1-24 in various locations around the Valley. Check [www.cinderellaaffair.org](http://www.cinderellaaffair.org) for a complete list of locations. Donate gowns throughout the year to the Tempe Community Council at 34 E. Seventh St., Building A. Business hours are Monday-Friday 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

## Nominate someone extraordinary in your community

Tempe Community Council and the City of Tempe are accepting nominations for the 24th Annual Tempe Mayor's Disability Awards. The purpose of the Disability Awards is to honor those in our community who have overcome significant barriers to succeed in the workplace, as well as those employers and architects who support the full participation of people with disabilities in the workplace and all aspects of community life. Nominations are currently being accepted to honor these outstanding individuals in categories ranging from outstanding employers, students and a lifetime achievement award.

View a full list of nomination categories and download the nomination at [www.tempe.gov/tcc/Events/DisabilityAwards/home.htm](http://www.tempe.gov/tcc/Events/DisabilityAwards/home.htm). Submissions are due by 4 p.m. on Friday, March 30, to the city's Diversity Office. Send by fax at 480-350-2907, by email to [karl\\_stephens@tempe.gov](mailto:karl_stephens@tempe.gov), or mail to the Tempe Community Council, 34 E. Seventh St., Building A, Tempe, 85281.



## Thrive to Five classes

Thrive To Five, a project of Tempe Community Council's Communities in Schools of Tempe and Kyrene will be offering new classes for parents and caregivers in the spring. Funded by First Things First to provide family support services to parents and caregivers of children aged birth to five years old, Thrive To Five has the goals of promoting understanding of early child development and brain growth and to provide families and caregivers with the knowledge, skills and resources to help children reach their potential. New class listings are available each month at <http://thrivetofive.org>, or call Isela Blanc at 480-858-2306 for more information. Classes include free childcare with reservation, unless otherwise indicated.



## Donate and help make a difference

Your monthly donation to the Help to Others program assists those in your community who need it most. Providing food, clothing, shelter for families and seniors and counseling services and after-school programs for at-risk children, your generous donations stay in our community and help make this a better place for us all. If you would like to donate a larger dollar amount per month, or are a Surepay customer and would like to contribute to Help to Others, please call 480-350-8361 or visit Tempe's Customer Services counter at 20 E. Sixth St.



## Families can tour ASU

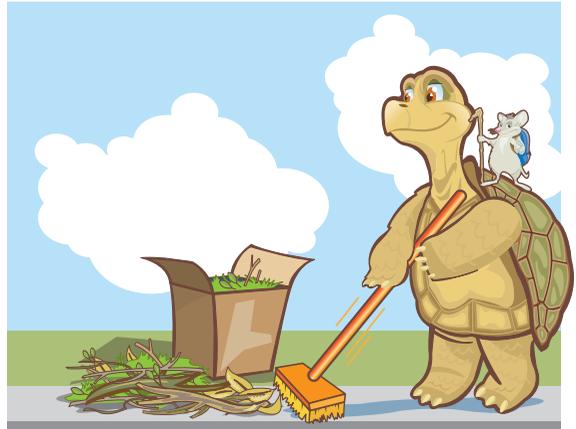
Families are invited to tour Arizona State University's Tempe campus on March 3, from 5-9 p.m., for a close-up look at its labs, research, brain power, museums and mediated classrooms. Night of the Open Door will be an evening of exploration and discovery at the intersection of the sciences, humanities and social sciences. It is a signature event of the 2012 Arizona SciTech Festival designed to celebrate Arizona's centennial and showcase the state as a national leader in science, technology and innovation. Admission is free. Hosted by ASU's College of Liberal Arts and Sciences. Learn more at <http://opendoor.asu.edu/>.

# City of Tempe Greenwaste Pilot Program

The following items will be collected in conjunction with your bulk item pickup:

## Brush/Tree Trimmings/Leaves/Grass\*

\*Please box grass/leaves



### Unacceptable materials:

Oleander



Palm Fronds



*Other unacceptable items include:* wood, animal waste, yard waste treated with harsh chemicals, weeds and food scraps.

To ensure items get recycled, separate acceptable green waste from other bulk and uncontained trash collected by Solid Waste crews.

Place green waste in the alley. If you do not have an alley, place on the front curb by 6 a.m., Monday of your scheduled collection week.

Your solid waste collection dates will not change. Refer to the schedule online:

[www.bit.ly/bulkcollection](http://www.bit.ly/bulkcollection)



For more information, visit [www.tempe.gov/recycling](http://www.tempe.gov/recycling) (480) 350-8145