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Spring into action! Register for spring session programs

As the winter class session wraps up, let's take a look at some of the exciting new programs Tempe residents can register for beginning Monday, Feb. 23. Non-residents can begin registering the following Monday, March 2. You can find these classes and hundreds of others in the Tempe Opportunities brochure, available online Friday, Feb. 20 at www.tempe.gov/brochure. Register [online](#), at the [Parks and Recreation](#) office or at many community centers. Call (480) 350-5200 with any questions.

Beach Yoga (page 22): Take your yoga routine outside to the soft sand by Tempe Town Lake in this unique course that allows you to get in touch with your body and the beautiful surroundings. Bring your own yoga mat, park at the [Marina](#) and watch the sun set while doing your sun salutation. Fee: \$50.

Spanish Mommy and Me (page 11): Give your toddler a head start on learning Spanish by enrolling in this basic class together. Both parent and child will learn greetings, numbers, shapes, phrases, commands and etiquette in a fun and interactive setting. Ages 2-4 years. Fee: \$30, \$5 for additional child.

Adult Doubles Tennis Leagues (page 33): Now you can sign up for a doubles league without a partner! Intermediate and advanced players ages 16 years and older will be able to move up and down courts based on games won to make each doubles game fun and challenging. The league lasts 10 weeks, and court time, balls and league administration are all included in the fee. Choose from a daytime or evening league on most weekdays. Fee: \$40.

Zumba (page 28): This new class for individuals 50+ is part exercise, part dance and all fun! Zumba incorporates Latin dance moves and music into a workout to maximize caloric output, and it adapts to all ability levels with easy-to-follow dance steps. Fee: \$36-40.

Angels Spring Training can't-miss events

Spring brings the Angels to Tempe again this year, and with the Angels come a couple of special promotions that you don't want to miss:



Tempe Diablos Charity Game

Serve your community and score that 6-4-3 double play at the same time by attending the annual Tempe Diablos Charity game on Wednesday, Feb. 25 at 1:05 p.m. at [Diablo Stadium](#). Every dollar you spend at the opening day game between the Angels and Chicago White Sox - that includes everything from ticket sales and parking to concessions and merchandise - will go directly to Tempe Diablos charities. The Tempe Diablos is a volunteer organization that provides and manages over 100 volunteers for the Cactus League Spring Training season and

helps to enhance the Tempe community by providing leadership and resources that create worthwhile opportunities, especially for youth. Last year's Charity Game raised more than \$47,000 for Diablos charities. Help make it even more this year!

Tickets for the Angels-White Sox charity matchup and all other home games are available now at Ticketmaster.com and angelsbaseball.com, or at the Diablo Stadium box office. Ticket prices for general seating range from \$6 to \$27.50, and a seat in the new upper pavilion party area is \$42. For more information on Angels Spring Training, visit www.tempe.gov/diablo.

'Perfect Day' ticket package

Combine a morning of golf and an afternoon of baseball and what do you get? The Perfect Day! The Angels, Ken McDonald Golf Course and Parks and Recreation have teamed up to offer a unique ticket package called the 'Perfect Day' to spoil fans of two of America's favorite pastimes.



The package includes priority tee time reservations for you and three friends for 18 holes of golf with an electric cart at Ken McDonald Golf Course, and four Field Level MVP tickets to that afternoon's Angels spring training game at Diablo Stadium. By purchasing the Perfect Day package, you can bypass the typical seven- to eight-day booking restriction at Ken McDonald and book your tee time farther in advance. Dates and tee times that are available for the Perfect Day are listed below.

Dates	Possible Tee Times	Angels Game
Friday, March 6	7 a.m., 7:08 a.m., 7:15 a.m.	1:05 p.m. vs. Giants
Tuesday, March 10	7 a.m., 7:08 a.m., 7:15 a.m.	1:05 p.m. vs. Indians
Thursday, March 12	7 a.m., 7:08 a.m., 7:15 a.m.	1:05 p.m. vs. Rockies
Tuesday, March 24	7 a.m., 7:08 a.m., 7:15 a.m.	1:05 p.m. vs. Padres
Monday, March 30	7 a.m., 7:08 a.m., 7:15 a.m.	1:05 p.m. vs. White Sox
Wednesday, April 1	7 a.m., 7:08 a.m., 7:15 a.m.	12:05 p.m. vs. Rangers

The Perfect Day package is on sale now and is available for \$260. Interested individuals can register [online](#) or by calling Tempe Parks and Recreation at (480) 350-5200. Visit www.tempe.gov/golf for more information. Package quantities are limited, so fans are encouraged to buy early!



Reach your fitness goals at the new Kiwanis Fitness Center!

Have you heard? [Kiwanis Recreation Center](#) (KRC) now has a fitness center! The new addition complements the existing pool, gymnasium and tennis courts at KRC to provide more exercise and fitness opportunities for our community.

The Fitness Center features more than 10 pieces of cardiovascular equipment, six pieces of strength equipment, free weights from 5-50 pounds, exercise mats, stability balls, balance rollers and circuit steps. Personal trainers are even available to help you upon request. And there's more good news: Kiwanis Fitness Center is offering two free weeks of unlimited use to each new customer! Afterwards, you can choose from a variety of usage plans, without contracts or joining fees.

Hours for the Fitness Center are 7 a.m. to 8 p.m., Monday through Thursday, 7 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Friday and 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Saturday. The center is closed on Sundays.

For more information, call (480) 350-5201 or visit www.tempe.gov/fitness.

Park Spotlight: Tempe Women's Club Park

[Tempe Women's Club Park](#) may not be on the list of the most popular city parks in Tempe, but the two-acre space, located at [College Avenue and Weber Drive](#) in north Tempe, is definitely worth knowing about.

The park was built in 1989 as a mini park and was named after Tempe's first women's organization, the Tempe Women's Club, a group founded in 1912 that focused on "enabling women to work more efficiently for the benefit of the schools and the city in general." In 1995, Tempe Women's Club Park was converted into a [xeriscape demonstration garden](#) to promote low water use plants and desert landscaping practices. All of the plants, trees and shrubs at Tempe Women's Club Park are identified by plaques and other signs so that visitors can get practical ideas on how they can convert their yards to desert-friendly, low water use landscaping.

Tempe Women's Club Park's xeriscape demonstration garden will soon be receiving seven mature velvet mesquite trees (*Prosopis velutina*) from a kind donation by [Robson Communities](#), an Arizona-based active adult resort community builder. Robson also donated 14 additional velvet mesquites to the city, all of which will be planted on the [Carl Hayden Campus for Sustainability](#).

For more information on the xeriscape demonstration garden at Tempe Women's Club Park, visit www.tempe.gov/conservation.



Save the Date:

[KRC Wave Pool](#) Events - \$3 for 2-12 years, \$6 for 13 years and up. Children under the age of 8 must be accompanied by an adult while in the water!

March 7, from 1 – 5 p.m.

Wave Pool Opening Day

March 9 - 14, from 1 – 5 p.m. daily

Spring Break Waves

March 7 and 14

Spring Break Free Hoops Clinic for youth



A free, grade-based basketball clinic at [KRC](#) for fifth through eighth grade boys and girls who want to enhance their individual skills. No experience is needed, and participants receive a discount for the summer recreation leagues. See page 12 in the Tempe Opportunities brochure for clinic dates, times and registration codes.