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## Happy Independence Day!



### 4th of July Tempe Town Lake Festival

Join your neighbors in Tempe this Saturday, July 4th, to celebrate the United States of America's 233rd birthday! The CBS 5 July 4th Tempe Town Lake Festival at [Tempe Beach Park](#) begins at 4 p.m., and includes the lighting of some magnificent birthday candles during the 58th annual fireworks spectacular presented by ProTix. There will also be live local entertainment, a splash zone, kids activities and games, rock climbing walls, face painters and great food. Net proceeds will benefit the Kiwanis Club of Tempe.

Check out this newsletter to get all the information you need for this weekend's big party. You can also visit [www.tempe4th.com](http://www.tempe4th.com) for additional details.

### EVENT SCHEDULE

- 4 p.m. | Gates open at Tempe Beach Park
- 4 – 5 p.m. | Telescope performs
- 5 – 6 p.m. | Lil Debbie and the Blue Plate Special performs
- 6 p.m. | Flag retirement presentation by Eagle Scout candidate, Cenric Nigbur
- 6 – 8 p.m. | Joey Arroyo Band performs
- 6:40 p.m. | Mayor Hugh Hallman welcomes attendees
- 7 p.m. | National anthem performed by Star-Spangled Idol winner, Kianna Martinez
- 7:20 p.m. | Flyover of F-16s from the 62nd Fighter Squadron from Luke Air Force Base
- 8 – 9 p.m. | Calumet performs
- 9:20 – 10 p.m. | ProTix Fireworks Spectacular
- 10 – 11 p.m. | Calumet performs

### TICKETS

There are plenty of tickets still available for Tempe's 4th of July celebration! Don't miss out on the community spirit and patriotism. Children 12 and younger and current military with military ID card receive free admission. Tickets can be purchased at the following locations:

- City of Tempe offices: Advance general admission tickets are available for \$5 until July 3. Please visit [www.tempe4th.com](http://www.tempe4th.com) for locations.
- Fry's and Fry's Marketplace stores: Advance general admission tickets are available for \$6 at all Valley Fry's stores. Visit [www.tempe4th.com](http://www.tempe4th.com) for Fry's store locations.
- [www.ProTixonline.com](http://www.ProTixonline.com) or 1-866-9ProTix: Advance general admission tickets are \$6 each, plus applicable service charge. SKYE VIP Garden tickets are also available.
- Day-of at Gate: Adult tickets are \$8 each, or two for \$15. Tickets will be sold at the gate until park reaches capacity. Pre-sale tickets will be honored all night.



### TRANSPORTATION

Getting pumped for the 4th of July Tempe Town Lake Festival but still trying to nail down how you will get there? Here are some helpful transportation details and hints to help you travel safely to and from the big bash.

## Bus

Ride the bus for free in Tempe on July 4. Most Tempe bus routes will operate every 15 minutes to the Mill Avenue District until 8 p.m., with return service extended until 2 a.m. Many downtown Tempe bus and Orbit routes will drop off and pick up at the Tempe Transportation Center on the northeast corner of Fifth Street and Forest Avenue. Due to street restrictions, several downtown Tempe routes will be detoured to connect with light rail and will not serve their normal stops. If you choose to take the bus and transfer to light rail, you will be required to pay a fare. Parking is available at the following park-and-ride locations:

- Tempe Marketplace – Orbit Earth to downtown; Route 81 (McClintock) to Apache and McClintock light rail station
- Tempe Sports Complex – Route 62 (Hardy) to downtown
- Tempe Library Complex – Orbit Jupiter to downtown
- Arizona Mills Mall – Route 56 (Priest) to Priest and Washington light rail station; Route 92 (Guadalupe/48th Street) to downtown

## METRO Light Rail

Park at one of the designated METRO light rail park-and-ride locations and ride the train for \$1.75 per trip, per person. You may want to purchase an all-day pass for \$3.50 at the start of your trip to avoid having to use busy fare vending machines in the downtown area at the end of the event. (Reduced all day passes are available for \$1.75 for youth, people age 65 and older and people with disabilities.) METRO light rail will operate under extended hours, running every 15 minutes until 2 a.m. Park-and-ride locations include:

- Apache Boulevard and Price Road
- Apache Boulevard and McClintock Drive
- Apache Boulevard and Dorsey Lane

## WHAT TO BRING

Guest may bring 1 gallon of sealed water per person, blankets, portable chairs, personal cameras and personal umbrellas (up to 48”).

## WHAT NOT TO BRING

Please leave the following at home: firearms, knives or other weapons, food, coolers, skates, bicycles, skateboards and pets (excluding service animals).

## 58 years of 4th of July festivities for the Kiwanis Club of Tempe



As you ‘ooh’ and ‘ahh’ while watching fireworks illuminate the sky on Saturday, think of the Kiwanis Club of Tempe, producers of Tempe’s Independence Day celebration for the past 58 years.



Ever since 1952 – the year the club was chartered – [Tempe’s Kiwanis Club](#) has put on a fireworks spectacular to celebrate the 4th of July, and has used the net proceeds of the event to serve the community. The initial show was held at the now-razed Goodwin Stadium. Two thousand people attended, and a little over \$200 was raised for the club’s handicapped children’s fund. More than a half-century later, the 4th of July Tempe Town Lake Festival and annual fireworks show is now held at Tempe Beach Park for over 50,000 people. The event is the club’s largest fundraiser of the year, with net proceeds from the 2008 show topping \$64,000. Kiwanians also help plan and provide leadership and volunteers for the event.

The significant growth of the 4th of July Tempe Town Lake Festival has allowed the Kiwanis Club to contribute more money to Tempe charities. The three main charities that the club supports are the Boys & Girls Clubs, Tempe YMCA (founded by members of the Kiwanis Club in 1972) and educational programs, such as Head Start. Kiwanians recently sponsored 60 reading sessions for Head Start and gave out 1,440 books to local preschools.

“The festival is a great partnership between Tempe and the Kiwanis Club, especially in the current economic climate,” said Mike Cryer, president of the Kiwanis Club of Tempe. “It makes it possible for the Kiwanis Club to help folks at risk in our community.”

## Boy Scout retires 500 American flags

In keeping with honoring our country’s independence, a local Boy Scout has collected 500 worn American flags from all over the country to treat them to a dignified retirement. On Wednesday, July 1, 14-year-old Boy Scout, Cenric Nigbur, worked with the Tempe Fire Department and his fellow troop members to burn the flags for his Eagle Scout service project. Cenric destroyed the flags in accordance with the United States Flag Code, which states, “The flag, when it is in such condition that it is no longer a fitting emblem for display, should be destroyed in a dignified way, preferably by burning.”



In addition to disposing the 500 flags, Cenric will also give a presentation at 6 p.m. at the 4th of July Tempe Town Lake Festival on how to properly retire ragged flags. He and his troop will then perform a flag-folding ceremony for the public.

We applaud Cenric for his many hours of service to his community and country!

## Meet Tempe’s Star-Spangled Idol winner



An Independence Day celebration would not be complete without a rendition of the national anthem to kick off the party. This year, take off your hats and sing along to the Star-Spangled Banner with the winner of Tempe’s 2009 Star-Spangled Idol contest, 19-year-old Kianna Martinez. Judges crowned Martinez the winner after hearing from more than 40 talented Valley singers. The Gilbert teen will perform the national anthem center-stage at the 4th of July Tempe Town Lake Festival in front of more than 50,000 people and accompanied by a flyover of F-16s from Luke Air Force Base.

Martinez just completed her freshman year at Chandler Gilbert Community College where she is preparing to attend ASU and major in broadcast journalism. She has been singing since she was 7 years old, but began seriously working on improving her talent two years ago. She has most recently performed the national anthem at a Phoenix Suns game, a Phoenix Mercury game, and at Gilbert Days Rodeo and Parada del Sol. Country music is Martinez’s favorite genre to sing, and she is working towards a career in the music industry, including recording her first album. Visit [www.myspace.com/kiannammartinez](http://www.myspace.com/kiannammartinez) to learn more about Tempe’s 2009 Star-Spangled Idol winner.

## Hot weather safety tips

Don’t let Saturday’s high temperatures burn you out at the festival! Follow these smart and simple guidelines provided by the Tempe Fire Department to make sure you and your family have a fabulous 4th of July:

### Drink Plenty of Fluids

- Increase your fluid intake regardless of your activity level
- Drink more than your thirst indicates, especially if you are 65 years of age or older

### Replace Salt and Minerals

Heavy sweating removes salt and minerals from the body. Replace them by drinking fruit juice or a sports beverage during exercise or any work in the heat.

### **Wear Appropriate Clothing and Sunscreen**

- Wear lightweight, light-colored, loose-fitting clothing
- Wear a wide-brimmed hat to keep you head and neck cool and protected
- Select sunscreen with an SPF of 15 or higher
- Apply sunscreen 30 minutes before going outdoors and reapply according to package directions

### **Use a Buddy System**

- When in the heat, monitor the condition of your family and friends and have someone do the same for you. Heat-induced illness can cause a person to become confused or lose consciousness.
- If you are 65 years of age or older, have a friend or relative check on you during your time outdoors. If you know anyone in this age group, check on them periodically.

### **Monitor Those at High Risk**

If you or someone you know is at higher risk, it is important to drink plenty of fluids and avoid overexertion while in the heat. Those at greatest risk of heat-related illness include:

- Infants and children up to four years of age
- People 65 years of age or older
- People who are overweight
- People who are ill or on certain medications

Visit the [Tempe Fire Department](#) Web site for more information on staying safe and cool this Saturday.

**O beautiful for heroes proved  
In liberating strife.  
Who more than self their country loved  
And mercy more than life!**

*- America, the Beautiful*  
Katharine Lee Bates, verse 3

**Happy 4th of July from Tempe Parks and Recreation!**

 **City of Tempe**

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