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July 16, 2009



VOTE TEMPE for Best Tennis Town!

Tempe has some of the most passionate tennis players, finest tennis facilities and best tennis programs in the state, and now the nation is taking notice. The United States Tennis Association has named Tempe one of 10 finalists for the Best Tennis Town award, and now it is up to you to make sure Tempe comes out on top. From July 16 through July 26, the public can go online and watch videos submitted by each of the 10 cities and decide which city deserves the title of Best Tennis Town and the accompanying \$100,000 grand prize. Your vote for Tempe is key to helping our great community outshine the other finalists, so please take a few minutes and cast your vote for Tempe, the country's Best Tennis Town!

What's at stake: \$100,000 and the title of Best Tennis Town

If Tempe receives the most online votes, USTA will award our city \$100,000 to be used for growing the game of tennis and expanding tennis programs and initiatives throughout the city, including offering more after-school programs and free tennis lessons for new and existing players.

What you can do:

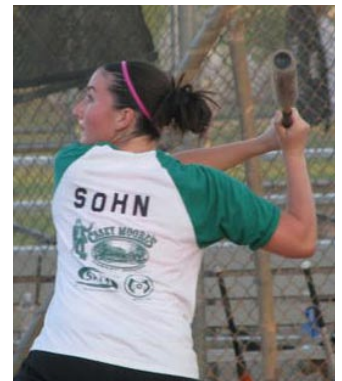
Take Tempe's victory into your own hands (or fingers) and vote online for Tempe's video at www.BestTennisTown.com. You will need to complete two simple steps to cast your very important vote:

1. Visit www.BestTennisTown.com and register to vote.
2. An e-mail will be sent to you. You must click on the link in the e-mail in order to finish voting.

Thank you for your support of tennis in Tempe!

Plaaaay (Fall) Baaaall!

This fall, when the major league baseball season is thundering into the postseason, be part of the action on the diamond by organizing a softball team for Tempe's [adult leagues](#). Men's and co-rec leagues are the ideal mixture of fun and competition, whether your team is made up of seasoned sluggers or rookies. Tempe's softball leagues are an active and fun way for friends to mingle in a new setting or for coworkers to blow off steam, socialize and build relationships outside the office. Men's Leagues play one day each week (Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday or Thursday) for six weeks, and the Co-Rec Leagues play Friday or Sunday for seven weeks. The season begins the week of September 7 and concludes with tournaments starting the week of October 19.



In order to have priority registration for the fall season, your team must attend one organizational meeting. The remaining meetings are July 20 and 22 at the [Pyle Adult Recreation Center](#) at 7 p.m. League fees remain unchanged this year at \$326 for a co-rec team and \$532 for a men's team. Registration begins Monday, August 10.

Visit www.tempe.gov/sports or contact Richard King at (480) 350-5249 or richard_king@tempe.gov for more information.



Summer Junior Golf Tournament

Youth and teen golfers of all skill levels are invited to compete with their peers in a fun, friendly junior golf tournament on Thursday morning, July 23. The competition will consist of 9-hole stroke play for boys and girls 12 and under and 18-hole stroke play for ages 13 and older at [Rolling Hills Golf Course](#); boys ages 15-17 will play 18 holes at [Ken McDonald Golf Course](#). All golfers will receive awards and prizes.

Pre-registration for the tournament and payment of the \$12 registration fee is required by Monday, July 20. Parents can register their children at Rolling Hills, Ken McDonald or the [Parks and Recreation office](#). Golfers will be contacted with exact tee time information on the morning of Tuesday, July 21. Tee times will start at approximately 6:30 a.m.

Contact junior golf coordinator, Mike Bochenek, at (480) 350-5248 or mike_bochenek@tempe.gov for more tournament information.

Park Spotlight: Papago Park

[Papago Park](#) is a crown jewel of not only Tempe, but of the whole Valley of the Sun. The regional park spans a total of approximately 2,000 acres within Phoenix and Tempe, stretching as far as Oak Street to the north, 52nd Street to the west, College Avenue to the East, and the Loop 202 to the south. Tempe's 296 acres of Papago Park is home to [Rolling Hills Golf Course](#), [Moeur Park](#), [Evelyn Hallman \(Canal\) Park](#), playgrounds, a softball field, two volleyball courts, a dog park, basketball court, Frisbee golf course, lagoon, and natural trails. You can also find the [Arizona Historical Society Museum](#) on Tempe's side of Papago Park, as well as the LoPiano Bosque, a 13-acre habitat that supports various types of wildlife and trees, and the Loma del Rio Ruins, a 650-year-old Hohokam archeological site.

Long before Papago Park was the recreational oasis it is today, it was used for many other purposes by the state of Arizona and other entities. The land on which the park now lies has been used as a rifle range by the National Guard of Arizona in the early 1900's; Saguaro National Monument from 1914 to the 1930's; a Tuberculosis Hospital in 1933, later to become the children's hospital and currently the ASU Community Services facility; and a desert training area and a World War II prisoner of war camp in the 1940's. In 1935, President Franklin D. Roosevelt officially granted a portion of Papago Park to Tempe for park and recreational uses. Since then, the city has worked to create recreational opportunities for its residents and visitors while still keeping the integrity of the beautiful natural habitat.

A New Chapter for Papago Park

Tempe, Phoenix, Scottsdale and the Salt River Pima Maricopa Indian Community are working with Valley residents to create a master plan for Papago Park. To ensure that this plan meets the needs and wants of the community, Tempe residents are encouraged to attend a Tempe Community Workshop on Thursday, July 30 from 6-8 p.m. at the [Tempe Transportation Center's](#) Don Cassano Community Room (second floor), located at 200 E. 5th Street in Tempe. The workshop will be split into a project presentation segment and a series of collaborative group sessions. Visit www.discoverpapagopark.com for general information on the regional master plan, or call Shawn Wagner at (480) 350-5299 for details on the Tempe community workshop.



Beat the Heat at pools, splash playground

When it's so hot that even thinking about going outside makes you perspire, it's time to beat the heat at Tempe's pools and splash playground. Tempe Parks and Recreation has four affordable places to keep you and your family cool and entertained this summer:

McClintock Pool - Features an 8 lane, 25-yard pool with moving bulkhead, 2 one-meter diving boards, wader pool with kid play features, and slide with splash down pool.

Hours (Through August 2): Monday and Wednesday, 1-5 p.m., Tuesday, Thursday, Friday, 1-8 p.m., Saturday and Sunday, 1-6 p.m.

Admission: Free for ages 5 and under, 75 cents for ages 6-17, and \$1.25 for ages 18 and older.

Escalante Pool - Features a 6 lane lap pool, zero-depth entry play pool with play equipment, and two slides.

Hours (Through August 3): Monday-Thursday, 1-5 p.m.; Friday, 1-7 p.m., Saturday, 1-5 p.m., Sunday, 1-6 p.m.

Admission: Free for ages 5 and under, 75 cents for ages 6-17, and \$1.25 for ages 18 and older.

Kiwanis Wave Pool - Features an indoor heated lap pool with 6 lanes, 15-foot-tall double spiral water slide, and 3-foot waves during wave pool hours. Tube rentals are also available.

Hours: Wave Pool: Daily, 1-5 p.m., Lap Swim: Monday-Thursday, 7-9 a.m. and 5:15-8 p.m., Friday, 7-8:30 a.m., Saturday, 8-11 a.m., Open/Family Swim: Monday-Thursday, 7-9 a.m., Friday, 7-8:30 a.m.

Admission: Lap and Open/Family Swim - \$1.25 for ages 2-12, \$2.25 for ages 13 and older; Wave Pool - \$3 for ages 2-12, \$6 for ages 13 and older.

COX Splash Playground - A one-acre splash playground with water features and toys. Water is re-circulated and cleaned using a state-of-the-art ultra-violet sanitation system.

Hours: Open daily, 10 a.m.-7 p.m.

Admission: Free!

While you are at Tempe's aquatic facilities, make sure to follow these simple hygiene guidelines to keep our pools clean and safe:

- Do not swallow the water from the pool or splash playground
- Give your kids plenty of restroom breaks
- Use swim diapers if children are not yet potty trained
- Shower before entering the pool or splash playground
- Wash your hands after using the restroom
- Do not visit the pools or splash playground if you are or have recently been ill

Visit www.tempe.gov/pools for more information.



Save the Date

**Monday and Wednesday,
July 20 and 22**

Adult Softball Organizational Meetings

7 p.m.

[Pyle Adult Recreation Center](#), 655 E. Southern Avenue

Prospective men's and co-rec teams must attend an organizational meeting before registering for the fall season.

Thursday, July 30

Papago Park Tempe Community Workshop

6-8 p.m.

[Tempe Transportation Center](#), Don Cassano Community Room, 200 E. 5th Street

Tempe residents are invited to share ideas and opinions on the Papago Park Regional Master Plan.