

# Connecting Tempe

THROUGH PEOPLE, PARKS AND PROGRAMS



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### Fill up your fall schedule! Register NOW for Parks and Recreation programs

With summer vacation wrapping up and school starting, perhaps you haven't had a chance to browse the [Tempe Opportunities brochure](#) online and register for a [Parks and Recreation](#) class. Luckily, you still have time to choose from hundreds of programs for every age, interest and ability level! Take a look at a few of our unique family offerings that allow parents and children to play and learn together:

#### [Pick your Puppy](#) – Page 11

A brand new class for families to help them choose which breed of dog to add to the family. Topics covered include: dog breeds, work and school schedules, living arrangements, exercise, energy level, and grooming requirements needed to cater to your new companion. Families are encouraged to attend together. Fee per parent/child: \$14, \$5 for each additional child.



#### [Parent/Tot Tumbling](#) – Page 7

Work one-on-one with your child to improve his or her coordination, balance, and heighten concentration while learning basic tumbling moves. For children 24-48 months. Fee: \$55.



#### [Fitness, The Power of U](#) – Page 9

This family-based program is for children ages 6-12 and their parents. The curriculum aims to build wellness-savvy families and to promote long-term healthy lifestyle changes in eating habits, physical activity, and overall self image. Fee: \$60 plus \$20 supply fee.

You can find these and scores of other programs in the [Tempe Opportunities brochure](#). Registration is accepted via mail, fax, in person or online with any major credit card. Classes begin the week of Sept. 7. Call (480) 350-5200 with any questions.

### Mother-Son tennis tandem teach at Kiwanis Recreation Center

Just like many mothers and their teenage children, Lancy and James Carr may not see eye-to-eye on everything. But one thing they do share is their passion for the game of tennis and their drive to improve and help others succeed on the court at [Kiwanis Recreation Center \(KRC\)](#).



Lancy has been playing tennis at KRC for 10 years and has coached for nine of them. She is certified by the United States Professional Tennis Association (USPTA), and coaches all ages and ability levels. She taught James, 17, how to play tennis when he was 10, and now he has followed in his mother's footsteps. Among many of his accomplishments, James was the MVP on the Marcos De Niza tennis team last year, and placed 2nd in singles in the state high school championships. He also spent this summer training in Florida, winning three of six tournaments. James has volunteered countless hours at KRC as a junior volunteer, and in January 2009, he joined his mom as a

coach at KRC teaching the 4- to 7-year-olds. Working with his mom isn't so bad, according to James. "She plays old school tennis, and I play new school. We feed off each other."

This fall, come be taught by Lancy, James and the other tennis professionals at KRC, who, Lancy notes, are "the nicest, most cheerful instructors who really enjoy teaching tennis and sharing their expertise." KRC offers hundreds of tennis programs for every skill level and age at convenient times and affordable prices. Visit [www.tempe.gov/tennis](http://www.tempe.gov/tennis) or check out the [tennis section](#) of the Tempe Opportunities brochure to find the program suited for you.



## Park Spotlight: Creamery Park

As you drive on 8th Street between Dorsey and McClintock in Tempe, you may notice a small park on the north side of the street with a name that conjures up images of ice cream cones and glasses of cold, smooth milk: [Creamery Park](#). But how did the 2.8-acre park get its unconventional name? Most parks in Tempe are named in honor of a noteworthy Tempe citizen or service club, but Creamery Park was named for a significant historical element in the community – the old Tempe Creamery.

Built in 1999, Creamery Park resulted from an agreement with the developer of the residential complex to the north and the city to utilize the retention requirements for the development of a park in an area that didn't have many public green spaces. The Tempe Parks and Recreation Board sought out historical information on the overall site and recommended the name Creamery Park to recognize the role the Tempe Creamery played in the lives of many Tempeans.

The original creamery was built in 1892 and operated as F.A. Hough's ice plant. Soon after, it was modified for processing dairy products and began operations as the Tempe Creamery and the Tempe-Mesa Produce Company. It later became known as the Pacific Creamery and operated as a local independent creamery until sold to the Borden Milk Company in 1927, which ran the creamery until its closure in 1953. The building remained largely unused until Four Peaks Brewing Company moved in, making it a popular restaurant and hang-out for Valley residents.

While few remember the days when the Creamery produced a bevy of dairy products, its adaptive reuse as a brewery and restaurant brings some of Tempe's past to life today, and naming Creamery Park to recognize the creamery's impact on Tempe serves to connect Tempe's past with its present.



## Female rowers excel on national stage

A group of five female rowers who honed their skills on [Tempe Town Lake](#) beat out 17 other teams to win the Sandy Armstrong Cup at the annual Masters National Rowing Championships on Saturday, Aug. 15, in Camden, New Jersey. Crew members Emily Burkett, Susie Fawcett, Angela Fairchild, Tiffany Thompson, coxswain Sarah Hunt and

coach Omar Hassan – all members of Tempe’s rowing program – won the Open Women’s A 4+ category for teams of four rowers and a coxswain ages 27 to 35. The age group is regarded as one of the toughest categories in rowing.

“It’s a pretty big accomplishment for Tempe Town Lake,” said Okie O’Connor, senior recreation coordinator with Tempe’s boating program. “The rowers came up through our system, and had all their training and coaching on Town Lake. Now we can claim that Tempe Town Lake is putting out national-level rowing athletes.”

To learn more about how to participate in Tempe’s boating programs, go to [www.tempe.gov/boating](http://www.tempe.gov/boating).

## Save the Date

**Friday-Sunday,  
Sept. 11-13**

**[Healing Field at Tempe Beach Park](#)**

A commemoration of lives lost on Sept. 11, 2001.

**Saturday,  
Sept. 19**

**[Tempe Play Day 2009](#)**

Free play-oriented activities for families.  
8-11 a.m. at [Kiwanis Park](#)



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