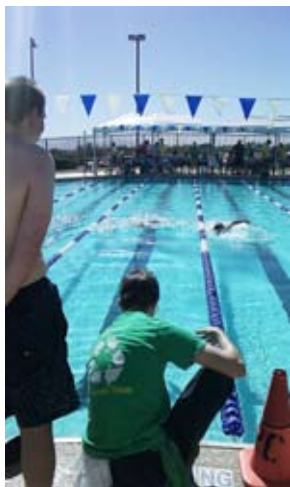


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November 2, 2009

Tempe's Special Olympians succeed at Fall Games



The 62 Tempe Special Olympians and unified (non-disabled) partners that took to the pool and golf course during the Arizona Special Olympics Fall Games on Oct. 16 and 17 turned in exceptional performances and brought back many medals and ribbons. Team Tempe athletes competed in the backstroke, butterfly, freestyle, individual medleys, assisted and unassisted swim and flotation races and various relays. Tempe's golfers either played 18 holes with a unified partner or participated in the individual skills contest.

Golf medals: 6 Gold, 5 Silver, 6 Bronze, 1 Ribbon

Aquatics medals: 10 Gold, 9 Silver, 23 Bronze, 26 Ribbons

Aside from the accomplishments and lessons learned by the athletes at the Fall Games, spectators also learned a great deal about the spirit of Special Olympics and were reminded of the real definition of sportsmanship. A family member of one of the aquatics athletes shared this touching story:

"A Tempe swim coach was signing to one of her deaf swimmers before the start of the race. The young man swimming in the next lane representing another city told the Tempe coach that he wished he could sign so that he could tell the Tempe swimmer something. The coach told the young man that she would sign his message to the Tempe swimmer. The young man smiled and said, "Tell him I hope he wins!"

For more information on how to get involved in Tempe's Special Olympics programs, either as an athlete, unified partner or volunteer, visit www.tempe.gov/AdaptedRecreation/, or contact Yolanda Mathews at (480) 858-2446 or yolanda_mathews@tempe.gov.

Senior Art Exhibition returns

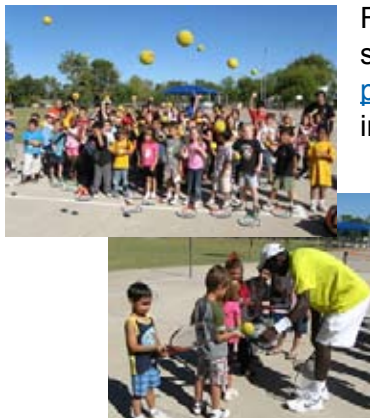
The walls of the [Tempe Public Library's](http://www.tempe.gov/PublicLibrary/) second floor are covered in art year-round, and from now through March 1, 2010, the art on display comes from the talented hands of Tempe's senior artists. The exhibition, "Art from the Heart," is composed of 86 paintings and drawings by student artists from five city-sponsored art classes at the Pyle Adult Recreation Center taught by Donna Levine. The students come from widely varied backgrounds and all parts of the world. Nearly all of these students have found their creativity to be a source of deep personal satisfaction and growth, keeping them young in both mind and heart.

Visitors can view the art for free from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday-Friday (except on city-observed holidays). The public is also invited to an artists' reception on Wednesday, Nov. 4 from 6-8 p.m. to mingle with the artists. The exhibition committee will serve refreshments, and there will also be a free art raffle at the reception. Fifteen to twenty lucky attendees will win an original painting or drawing by one of the artists.

For more information, visit the [city calendar](#) or call Diana Meyer at (480) 350-5214.



KRC tennis pros keep fall breakers busy



For 226 youngsters, fall break not only brought an eagerly-awaited vacation from school, it also brought tennis lessons, courtesy of Kiwanis Recreation Center's [professional tennis staff](#). Thanks to a grant from the Tempe Diablos, the children enrolled in Tempe's Kid Zone Fall Camps at Carminati and Waggoner elementary schools were taught tennis using Quick Start tennis equipment which includes smaller nets and racquets and foam balls. This adjusted equipment helps children learn tennis as fast as possible. By the fourth day of tennis classes, players were able to serve, rally and play full games of tennis!

Interested in learning tennis or perfecting your game? Kiwanis Recreation Center offers year-round tennis instruction for all ages. Visit www.tempe.gov/tennis or e-mail Larry Funk at larry_funk@tempe.gov for more information.

Get moving with the Dorothy Garske Fitness Challenge



Staying physically active is one of the best ways to stay healthy and live longer, so the [Pyle Adult Recreation Center](#) is once again holding the Dorothy Garske Get Fit-Stay Fit Challenge, a free fitness program for adults 50 years and older. Challenge participants perform a physical activity for a minimum of 30 minutes daily for 75 days between November 1 and May 1 and track their physical activity on a

personal Challenge Log. For every 25-, 50- and 75-day milestones achieved, participants receive prizes and recognition of their accomplishments. Larger gifts will also be given to those who keep up with the challenge for all 75 days. The 30 minutes of physical activity can be performed all at once or broken up throughout the day. Jog, walk, practice yoga, Pilates or tai chi, lift small weights, swim, bike or choose your favorite activity to challenge your physical fitness!

Registration for the Get Fit-Stay Fit Challenge begins Nov. 2 at Pyle. Call your challenge leader, Emily Nelson, with questions at (480) 350-5220.



Mayor receives tennis award on behalf of Tempe



At the Tempe City Council meeting on Oct. 22, Geoff Russell and Sally Grabham from the United States Tennis Association (USTA) presented Mayor Hugh Hallman with a plaque recognizing Tempe as an Honorable Mention in the 2009 [Best Tennis Town competition](#). Tempe was chosen as a Top 10 finalist in July based on an application and [video](#) submitted by Parks and Recreation. A panel of judges reviewed entries from 56 cities nationwide and found Tempe's to be among the 10 best at illustrating the passion, excitement, spirit and impact that tennis brings to a community. The overall winner of the competition was decided by online votes from the public. While Midland, Michigan ultimately won the title, we would like to thank all those who went online and voted for Tempe!

Hundreds of Tempe's veterans rest at Double Butte Cemetery

This Veterans Day, take a few moments to commemorate those who fought and sacrificed in our country's wars and conflicts by learning a little about the veterans buried at [Tempe Double Butte Cemetery](#).

More than 11,000 deceased reside at Double Butte Cemetery, and of those, there are over 700 graves designated with military markers. Veterans in Double Butte represent all branches of the military: Army, Navy, Air Force, Marine Corp. and the Coast Guard. There are veterans of WWI, WWII, Korea and Vietnam, and 19 monuments noting service during the Civil War. Dates on several of the Civil War veterans' markers show that the soldiers fought as mere teenagers. Also in Double Butte Cemetery are four men that served during the Spanish American War of 1898. One of these is Rough Rider John E. Campbell, whose headstone reads, "Charged San Juan Hill, in charge of platoon and mentioned by Col. Roosevelt for gallant conduct."

To learn more about Tempe Double Butte Cemetery, visit www.tempe.gov/cemetery or call Cynthia Yanez at (480) 350-5240.

Tempe will honor veterans Wednesday, Nov. 11, at the annual Veterans Day Parade. The parade begins at 10 a.m. near ASU Gammage, at Mill Avenue and Apache Boulevard, and ends at Tempe Beach Park, at Mill Avenue and Rio Salado Parkway, with a brief ceremony to follow. Veterans, high school bands, Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts and community members will participate in the parade. Mayor Hugh Hallman will be the parade's Grand Marshal. The American Legion, VFW and Tempe Elks are sponsoring the event. For more information, call (480) 968-0634.



Save the Date

November 4, 11, 18, 25

[Walk-in Wednesdays](#)

Tempe Center for the Arts
7-11 p.m.

November 6

[Adapted Recreation Game Night](#)

Pyle Adult Recreation Center
6:30-8 p.m., \$3 admission

November 7

Free Boating Day

[Tempe Town Lake Marina](#)

10 a.m.-4 p.m. Free kayaking, boating and safety demonstrations;
10 a.m.-6 p.m. Free boating for boat owners

November 9

Pyle Holiday Lunch for 50+

Pyle Adult Recreation Center
11:30 a.m.

\$5 RTA, \$6 non-member

Register with code 15092 by November 5

November 13

[Adapted Recreation Fabulous Friday Night Dance](#)

Pyle Adult Recreation Center

6:30-9 p.m., \$4 admission

Theme: "Space: The Final Frontier"

November 20

Thanksgiving Lunch for 50+

Cahill Senior Center

11 a.m.

\$6.50 RTA, \$7.50 non-member

Register with code 17569 by November 13

December 12

Tempe Town Lake Turns 10

Tempe Town Lake

3-7 p.m.



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