

Orbit over to ASU home football games

The City of Tempe transportation program, Tempe in Motion, will make it easy for residents to get to all Arizona State University home football games. Residents who live along any of the four, free Orbit routes that directly serve Sun Devil Stadium - Mercury, Venus, Earth and Jupiter - are encouraged to use the service. Hours of operation on these four routes will be extended until midnight on game days. Residents who do not live along an Orbit route can park at the Tempe Library Complex, 3500 S. Rural Road, located at the southwest corner of Southern Avenue and Rural Road, and take Orbit Jupiter to games. This season's ASU home football games include:

- Saturday, Aug. 30 at 7 p.m. ASU vs. Northern Arizona
- Saturday, Sept. 6 at 7 p.m. ASU vs. Stanford
- Saturday, Sept. 13 at 7 p.m. ASU vs. UNLV
- Saturday, Sept. 20 at 5:13 p.m. ASU vs. Georgia
- Saturday, Oct. 25 at TBD ASU vs. Oregon
- Saturday, Nov. 15 at TBD ASU vs. Washington St.
- Friday, Nov. 28 at 7:30 p.m. ASU vs. UCLA

For information, call 480-858-2350 or visit www.tempe.gov/tim.



Tempe adopts 2008-2009 budget

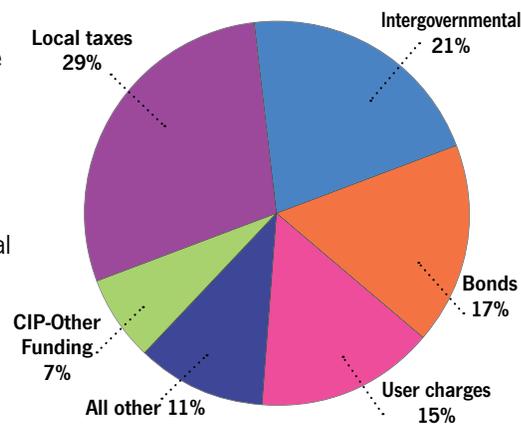
On June 5, the Tempe City Council adopted a \$564.5 million budget for fiscal year 2008-2009, covering the period from July 1, 2008, to June 30, 2009. The budget includes \$396 million for city operating expenses and \$168 million for capital improvements.

Overall, the budget decreased by 0.6 percent from the prior year. The operating budget increased by 11.6 percent and the Capital Improvements Program (CIP) decreased by 21 percent. A key element of the operating budget is a plan for covering a \$12 million deficit in the city's General Fund that was projected for the fiscal year. This plan includes targeted expenditure reductions, delayed salary market adjustments, position vacancy savings, targeted revenue enhancements, and a drawdown of a portion of the city's "Rainy Day" financial reserve.

The operating budget reflects some increases, including the addition of police and fire personnel, funding for increased local circulator bus routes, fixed route bus service and operating expenses for light rail. The primary reason for the decrease in the CIP is lower expenditures for light rail transit projects. Other CIP highlights include funding water and wastewater projects to comply with environmental regulations, continued renovation of three city parks per year and public safety projects.

Revenue

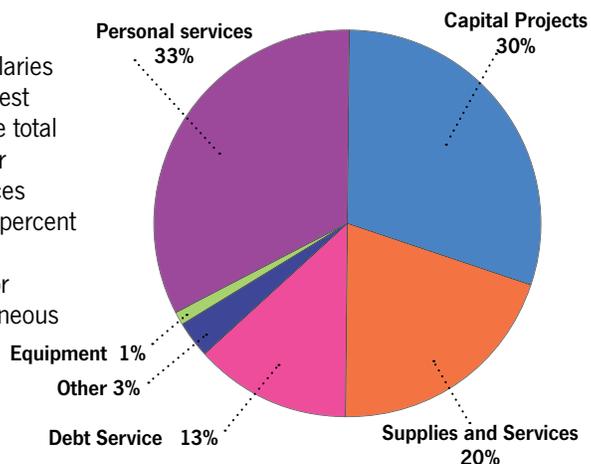
Overall, local taxes continue to provide the largest city revenue source, representing 29 percent of the total. Bonds provide 17 percent. User charges, such as water, sewer, solid waste and recreational fees, account for 15 percent, while intergovernmental represents 21 percent. Other capital funding sources and miscellaneous operating revenue account for the remainder.



The City relies heavily on local taxes (sales and property taxes) to provide core city services.

Expenditures

Personal services (employee salaries and benefits) represent the largest expenditure at 33 percent of the total budget. CIP projects account for 30 percent. Supplies and services represent 20 percent, while 13 percent is earmarked for the retirement of debt, and the remainder is for capital equipment and miscellaneous expenses.



Public Safety (Police and Fire) accounts for the highest number of city employees at 759 positions or 41 percent.

Ready to lend Tempe your expertise, service?

Several vacancies exist on the City of Tempe's many official Boards and Commissions, and those who live or work in Tempe are invited to apply to volunteer their service. The city's Boards and Commissions provide vital recommendations to the City Council in important areas such as transportation, diversity, aviation, and more. For an application or more information, visit www.tempe.gov/clerk or call 480-350-8241.



G.A.I.N. kickoff event

Tempe residents interested in planning neighborhood parties for G.A.I.N. Night (Getting Arizona Involved in Neighborhoods) are invited to a kickoff event on

Wednesday, Sept. 17, from 6-8 p.m. in the Program Room of the Tempe Public Library, 3500 S. Rural Road. Attendees can enjoy a light dinner, pick up information packets, get advice on hosting successful G.A.I.N. events and enter a raffle drawing for prizes. In addition, attendees at the kickoff will be included in drawings to have city public safety vehicles featured at their G.A.I.N. event.

The goal with G.A.I.N. is to heighten crime prevention awareness in Tempe neighborhoods by helping residents get better acquainted, since neighbors who look out for each other often feel more comfortable reporting crime and suspicious activity. G.A.I.N. Night parties will happen throughout Tempe on Saturday, Oct. 18. For more information, visit www.tempe.gov/cpu/gain.

Reservations are requested by Sept. 12 for the Sept. 17 kickoff. Contact Cyndi Calender at 480-858-6027 or via e-mail at cyndi_calender@tempe.gov.



Free xeriscape workshops

Beginning the end of September, the City of Tempe Water Conservation Office will hold a trio of free workshops on xeriscape landscaping, which uses plant materials that need less water than traditional plants. Each participant will receive a free comprehensive xeriscape workbook, xeriscape brochures and information on drip irrigation and maintenance.

The workshops will be held from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the auditorium of the south Tempe police substation, 8201 S. Hardy Drive:

- **Saturday, Sept. 27** – Basics of planning, designing and installing a xeriscape landscape.
- **Saturday, Oct. 4** – Overview of plant materials suitable for our desert climate.
- **Saturday, Oct. 11** – Drip irrigation design, installation and maintenance.

Tempe residents who convert their yards to low water-use landscape, xeriscape or artificial turf can receive a rebate from the city of \$250 for front yards and \$250 for back yards. Applications are available at www.tempe.gov/conservation. To register for the workshops, call Richard Bond at 480-350-2627.

Oktoberfest comes to Tempe

Where else can you wear lederhosen and flip flops, eat bratwurst or pizza and dance the polka or the chicken dance? At the 36th Annual Way Out West Oktoberfest, of course! The free annual event, produced by Tempe Sister Cities, will be Friday, Oct. 3, to Sunday, Oct. 5, at Tempe Beach Park, 80 E. Rio Salado Parkway. Hours are 5 p.m. to midnight Friday, 10 a.m. to midnight Saturday, and 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Sunday. Three stages with polka, contemporary and family entertainment will be featured, along with children's activities like crafts, games, face painting, rock climbing and a carnival. The event raises money for international student and teacher exchanges, as well as international humanitarian aid projects. For more information, visit www.wowoktoberfest.com or call 480-491-FEST.

Healing Field a display of patriotism, unity

Tempe will honor the nearly 3,000 victims of the attacks of Sept. 11, 2001, at its fifth annual Healing Field tribute at Tempe Beach Park. Beginning Thursday, Sept. 11, through Sunday, Sept. 14, the public is invited to view the display of American flags representing victims of that terrible day.

A moving display of patriotism and unity, Healing Field is a free event presented by the Valley of the Sun Exchange Clubs Foundation and the City of Tempe. Tempe Beach Park is located at 80 E. Rio Salado Parkway. The display is viewable during park hours, 8 a.m. to 11 p.m. each day. On Sept. 11, there will be a 5:40 a.m. commemorative ceremony and a 7 p.m. candlelight vigil in memory of the victims. For more information, visit www.healingfield.org.

Residents encouraged to explore volunteerism

If you are searching for ways to get involved in the Tempe community, look no further than two free events offered by the city's volunteer office: the Get Involved! Workshop and the Volunteer Expo. During the workshop, on Saturday, Sept. 20, from 10-11 a.m. in the lower level learning center of the Tempe Public Library, 3500 S. Rural Road, participants will learn to uncover their interests and skills, and identify ways they can best apply themselves within the community.

The Volunteer Expo, held Thursday, Sept. 25, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m., in the lower level Program Room at the library, will allow volunteers to meet representatives from two dozen programs. The aim is to introduce community members to many organizations in one setting, so they can compare and find the right fit for volunteering. Organizations that will be represented include the Tempe Center for the Arts, Friends of the Tempe Public Library, the Tempe Historical Museum and Petersen House Museum, CARE7 Crisis Response Team, Experience Corps, Volunteers in Policing, Tempe boards and commissions, special events and much more. The Volunteer Expo only happens once a year, so don't miss it!

For questions or information, call the City of Tempe volunteer office at 480-350-5190.



Charles Trumbull Hayden

Long credited as the founder of Tempe, Charles Trumbull Hayden used water flowing through the Salt River as the key to his

future and the community's future – much like what current Tempe leaders and residents have done with the development of Tempe Town Lake.

Hayden was born in 1825 in Connecticut and came to Arizona in 1858, founding a Tucson freighting business that supplied army posts, mining camps and towns in the area. He was appointed as a federal judge for the Tucson district and was known as "Judge Hayden." One day in the 1860s, during a trip from Tucson to northern Arizona, Hayden stopped in the Tempe area when he could not cross the Salt River because of high water. While here, he climbed what is now known as "A" Mountain and surveyed the Valley below, noting the potential for development in the area. He eventually moved to Tempe, started the Hayden Milling and Farm Ditch Company, and filed a homestead declaration on 160 acres near what would become downtown Tempe.

Hayden's business firmly established commerce and industry in the area. He built a flour mill, a cable-operated ferry on the Salt River and an adobe house that now houses Monti's La Casa Vieja. His enterprising spirit helped found the settlement known then as Hayden's Ferry.

A strong promoter of education, Hayden was influential in encouraging the Territorial Legislature to choose Tempe as the site for the Territorial Normal School in 1885. He helped raise money and assemble property for the school, which grew to become Arizona State University. Hayden also served as a member of many organizations, including the Maricopa County Board of Supervisors (1880-1882), and as president of the Territorial Normal School Board of Education (1885-1888).

Hayden married Sallie Calvert Davis in California in 1876. They had three daughters and one son, Carl T. Hayden, who served as Arizona's longtime Congressman and Senator. Charles Hayden died in 1900 in Tempe.

(Photo and information courtesy of the Tempe Historical Museum)

**Beginning Aug. 8,
check out the fall
Opportunities Brochure online!**
www.tempe.gov/recreation

Loop 202 expansion

Mill Avenue District remains accessible

Bridge construction on the Loop 202 (Red Mountain Freeway) overpasses at Washington Street and Mill Avenue began this summer and will continue until the end of the year. In Tempe, eastbound traffic on Lakeview Drive will be detoured to Mill Avenue, so for complete access to Lakeview Drive, use eastern access. In Phoenix, Washington Street is narrowed to one lane eastbound and westbound at the Loop 202 overpass.

The project is being done in conjunction with the future Loop 202 widening from State Route 51 (Piestewa Freeway) to Loop 101 (Price Freeway). This voter-approved project is expected to begin construction in early 2009. When completed in two years, it will add these general-purpose lanes:

Westbound

- Two lanes from Loop 101 to McClintock Drive
- One lane from McClintock Drive to Scottsdale Road

Eastbound

- One lane from State Route 51 to Scottsdale Road
- Two lanes from Scottsdale Road to Loop 101

For more information, visit www.azdot.gov/valleyfreeways.
For access information to the Mill Avenue District, visit www.downtowntempe.com and click on "Getting Here."

Calendar

City Council Meetings

The August/September schedule for Tempe City Council meetings

August 14, 2008

6 p.m., Issue Review Session
7:30 p.m., Council Meeting

September 11, 2008

6 p.m., Issue Review Session
7:30 p.m., Council Meeting

September 18, 2008

6 p.m., Issue Review Session
7:30 p.m., Council Meeting

Meetings are aired live on Tempe 11 and the Internet at www.tempe.gov/tempe11.

City Council meetings are held in the Council Chambers at City Hall, 31 E. Fifth St. Agendas are posted 24 hours before each meeting outside the Council Chambers and on the second floor of City Hall. Meetings are subject to change. Confirm dates and times with the City Clerk's Office, 480-350-8241 or on the Web site at www.tempe.gov/clerk.

Tempe City Council

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News you can use

Help others by paying your water bill

Tempe's Help to Others program (H2O) is a simple way to lend a hand to your neighbors in need by adding \$1 or more each month to your water bill. All donations are put back into the community to provide individuals and families with food, clothing, shelter, counseling services, after-school programs and a variety of other services to help them lead happy, healthy and productive lives. To donate, you can add any amount to the Voluntary Donation line on your monthly water bill. You can also donate at www.tempe.gov/tcc/h20.org. Call 480-858-2300 or visit the Web site for more information.

Mayor's State of the City address

Tempeans are invited to celebrate accomplishments and share in the vision for Tempe's future as Mayor Hugh Hallman delivers his 2008 State of the City Address, sponsored by the Tempe Chamber of Commerce. Residents, business owners and community leaders are invited to the event on Wednesday, Sept. 24, from 7-9 a.m., at The Buttes, a Marriott Resort, 2000 Westcourt Way. For those unable to attend, the address will be broadcast on Tempe 11 throughout the following month. Tickets are \$50 for Chamber members, \$70 for all others and \$500 for a table of 10. For more information, call the Tempe Chamber at 480-967-7891, or go to www.tempechamber.org.

Ballet Under the Stars

Join the state's resident professional ballet company, Ballet Arizona, for its annual evening of dance under the stars at 7 p.m. on Friday, Sept. 26, at the Tempe Center for the Arts Amphitheater, 700 W. Rio Salado Parkway. Admission is free and open lawn seating will be available. No open flames are permitted. Free parking is available west of Hardy Drive. For more information, visit www.tempe.gov/arts/events/ballet.htm.

Run with TEAM TEMPE at Rock 'N' Roll Marathon

Have you ever wanted to get in better shape or finish a marathon? Do you want to help your community? Then join Mayor Hugh Hallman and TEAM TEMPE to run in the P.F. Chang's Rock 'N' Roll Marathon on Jan. 18, 2009! TEAM TEMPE is a community-wide effort to raise money for human service needs in Tempe and surrounding communities. As a member, you can participate in a training program and help collect pledges to support nonprofits in your community. You will also get the chance to win prizes, free entry into the P.F. Chang's Rock 'N' Roll Marathon and more! A kickoff meeting will be held in August and training will begin Saturday, Sept. 13. To sign up or for more information, contact Emma Bordner of the Tempe Community Council at 480-858-2307 or visit www.tempe.gov/tcc. For more information on the P.F. Chang's Rock 'N' Roll Marathon, visit www.rnraz.com.

Double-dip of promotions at Kiwanis Wave Pool

Celebrate National Grandparent's Day one day early by treating Grandma and Grandpa to a refreshing trip to the pool. On Saturday, Sept. 6, at the Kiwanis Wave Pool, 6111 S. All-America Way, grandparents get in free with paid youth admission from 1-3 p.m. A couple weeks later on Saturday, Sept. 20, Boy Scouts who wear their uniform or shirt receive one free admission to the wave pool. Contact Jena Hess of the Kiwanis Recreation Center at 480-350-5740 with any questions.

Tempe Special Olympics program receives awards

The Tempe Special Olympics program has received the Outstanding Local Program and Outstanding Parks and Recreation Department awards from Special Olympics Arizona (SOAZ). SOAZ presented 2008 Distinguished Service Awards to those who have demonstrated exceptional commitment to both the Special Olympics movement and athletes.

Tempe Special Olympics is a partnership among of the City of Tempe Parks and Recreation Department, the Arc of Tempe and Tempe Union High School.

For information about Tempe Special Olympics, visit www.tempe.gov/adaptedrecreation. For information about Arizona Special Olympics, visit www.specialolympicsarizona.org.