



First sculpture installed at Tempe Center for the Arts

As the Tempe Center for the Arts takes its dramatic shape on the south bank of Tempe Town Lake, acclaimed artwork has begun to adorn its exterior.

The first piece in the center's outdoor sculpture garden was installed in late May. Rhode Island artist Brower Hatcher created the piece, which is called "Aurora." Hatcher's piece is a 17-foot-tall collection of leaf-like forms, LED lighting and glass. It will be a permanent part of the 5,700-square-foot sculpture garden, to be joined in future years by other pieces of permanent and rotating art.

"It's visually very dense and complex," said Hatcher. "There's a lot to look at and experience."

The Tempe Center for the Arts is located at 700 W. Rio Salado Parkway, on the south bank of Tempe Town Lake, east of Priest Drive. The center opens in September.

Tempe adopts 07-08 budget

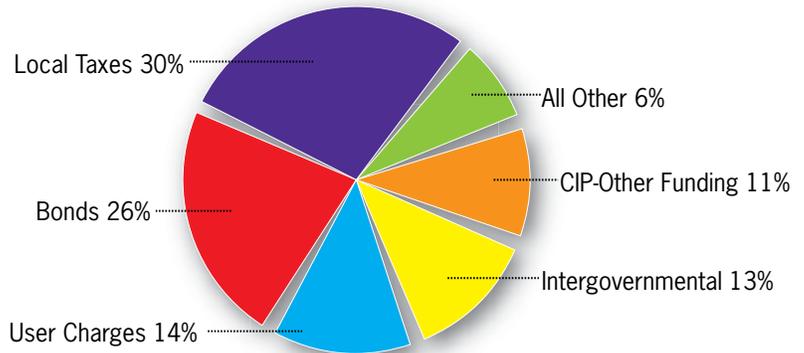
On May 31, the Tempe City Council adopted a \$568 million budget for fiscal year 2007-2008 that consists of a \$355 million operating budget and a \$213 million Capital Improvement Program (CIP).

The operating budget increased by 13 percent and the CIP rose by 8 percent, for a total financial program increase of 11 percent. Operating budget highlights include the addition of 68 full-time positions, primarily in the Police Department. Capital Improvement highlights include light rail construction, water and wastewater projects, and funding for public safety projects and park renovations.

Revenue

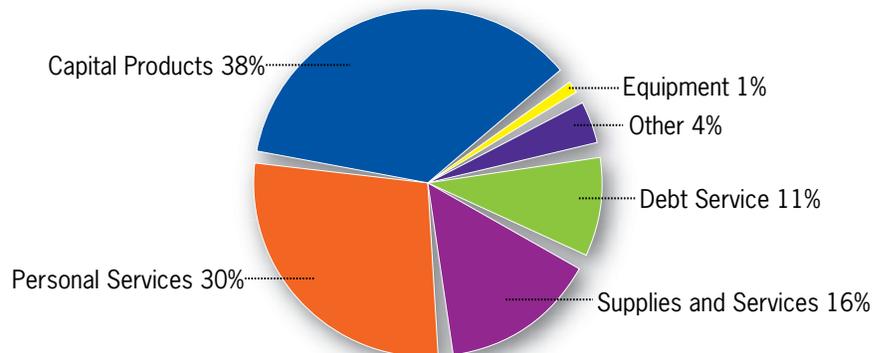
Overall, city sales and property taxes continue to provide the largest city revenue source, representing 30 percent of the total. User charges, such as water, sewer, solid waste and recreational fees account for 14 percent. Intergovernmental revenue represents 13 percent and bonds provide 26 percent of total revenue. 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 city services.



Expenditures

Capital Improvement Program (CIP) projects represent the largest expenditures, at 38 percent of the total budget. City employee salaries and benefits account for 30 percent. Supplies and services represent 16 percent, while 11 percent is earmarked for the retirement of debt, and the remainder is for capital equipment and other miscellaneous expenses. For more information, call the City of Tempe Budget and Finance Office at 480-350-8350.



Tempe Symphony Orchestra auditions

The Tempe Symphony Orchestra, now in its 33rd season, is looking for musicians – especially string players – to join its ensemble. Auditions for the 2007-2008 season will be Aug. 31 at 7:30 p.m. at the Tempe Center for the Arts, 700 W. Rio Salado Parkway. Those auditioning should bring their instruments and the music they want to play.

The Tempe Symphony Orchestra was founded in 1975 by Dr. Richard E. Strange, who today serves as its music director and conductor. The ensemble has grown from an initial 38 performers to more than 100. Former Tempe Symphony Orchestra performer Brinton Smith will join the orchestra again this season to practice a piece he is working on as principal cellist for the Houston Symphony.

The orchestra plays four concerts throughout the season. The Oct. 15 opening performance will be at 7 p.m. at the Tempe Center for the Arts. The second concert will be on Nov. 26 at 7:30 p.m. at Gammage Auditorium, 1200 S. Forest Ave. Admission is free and seating is open.

For traffic restrictions and closures go to:

www.tempe.gov/streetclosures

Summer baseball at Diablo Stadium

Did you know that baseball can be enjoyed at Tempe Diablo Stadium even during the summer? Take the family out to the ballpark and enjoy rookie league play with the Tempe Angels. Admission is free and games include:

Aug 2, 7 p.m. – Angels v. Mariners

Aug. 14, 7 p.m. – Angels v. Giants

Aug. 17, 7 p.m. – Angels v. Brewers

Aug. 19, 7 p.m. – Angels v. Royals

Aug. 22, 7 p.m. – Angels v. Mariners

Aug. 25, 7 p.m. – Angels v. Rangers

Aug. 29, 7 p.m. – Angels v. Brewers

Aug. 30, 7 p.m. – Angels v. Padres

Tempe Diablo Stadium is located at:
2200 W. Alameda Dr.

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

Vehicle care and drinking water

Your vehicle and how you maintain it can have a significant impact on rivers, lakes, streams and groundwater aquifers. Vehicles carry a number of hazardous fluids that can cause water contamination if released. If a vehicle is not properly maintained, or the maintenance activities are not carefully performed, chemicals may spill or drip onto pavement and eventually may be carried to our waters as storm water runoff.

Follow these suggestions to reduce the impact of your vehicle on our water supplies and save money, too. Each year, millions of gallons of used motor oil are disposed of improperly by being spilled or poured onto the ground or directly down storm drains.

- Inspect and maintain your car regularly to prevent leaks.
- Use sawdust or kitty litter to clean up leaks and spills. Never hose down spills into the gutter.
- Don't dump oil, antifreeze, or radiator fluid in the streets or drains.
- Wash your car on your lawn or gravel, not on paved areas.
- Use a clean pan to collect any waste fluids in order to minimize spills. Use funnels or pumps when handling liquids or wastes to avoid spills.
- Use plastic tarps and drip pans when working on your car or when it's leaking.
- Read automotive product labels carefully and use as directed.
- Use non-flammable, more biodegradable alternatives (citrus-based solvents used in rinse water can be drained down a sink or toilet, but not a storm drain).
- If you are unable to contain rinse water, then go to the nearest parts store or service shop to have parts cleaned.
- See your local car service facility to find out if they treat engine wastewater and dispose of waste water there.
- Whenever possible, use rags instead of water when you're cleaning.
- Recycle your used parts, fluids, and filters. Used oil can be refined to the same quality as unused oil.
- Choose a work area on a flat concrete surface where spills can be easily cleaned.
- Dispose of radiator fluid properly (do not pour down drain, sink, gutter or street).
- Don't mix coolant with other auto fluids; they are not recyclable when mixed.
- Recycle tires and batteries at the City of Tempe Household Product Collection Center. For information call 480-858-2223. Or contact local parts stores and service facilities for more information on recycling and disposal.

While the actions of an individual household might contribute small amounts of pollution, the combined efforts of a neighborhood or community can have a big cumulative effect. To report a storm water problem or violation call 480-350-2811.

Sun Devil Kickoff Luncheon

The 7th Annual Sun Devil Kickoff Luncheon will take place Aug. 31 at the Tempe Mission Palms Hotel from 11 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. New Arizona State University head coach Dennis Erickson, the coaching staff, players, cheerleaders and Sparky will be there to celebrate the start of the 2007-08 football season. Tickets are \$45 per person or \$450 for a table of 10. For more information or to purchase tickets to the luncheon, visit the Tempe Chamber of Commerce Web site at www.tempechamber.org or call 480-967-7891.



Tempe goes green with Transportation Center

The Tempe Transportation Center, future stop of the METRO light rail system, is making strides for the city in ingenuity, design and functionality.

Located on Fifth Street between Forest and College avenues, the transportation facility will include 13 bus bays for local and regional bus service, a light rail platform and the first bike station in Arizona – complete with indoor bike storage and showers for commuters. A cafe, newsstand, gift shop and other retail will activate the outdoor plaza and provide gathering places.

Even more exciting, Tempe's Transportation Center will be green – and not in color.

The Transportation Center will be one of the first “green” buildings in the city. Green building uses design and construction techniques that minimize environmental impacts and reduce energy consumption while contributing to the health of the occupants. Featuring a rooftop garden with vegetation native to the Sonoran Desert, the roof will act as a sound and heat insulator, and will collect rainwater. Water will flow into underground systems, which will filter and recycle water for landscape irrigation.

The building will use solar panels for heating water, and will have capabilities for future photovoltaic power. The building will take advantage of natural light for most of the interior spaces, cutting down on electric lighting. The structure itself, from carpet to ceiling, will be made with materials that are non-toxic, rapidly renewable and recyclable.

Linking light rail, bus, bike and pedestrian activities, the project broadens the city's transportation services while introducing the community to the principles of green building, said Bonnie Richardson, the city's principal planner on the project.

“Tempe residents will have an opportunity to see how green building strategies really work,” she said. “We will be able to demonstrate the value of sustainable design and operations.”

The Transportation Center also will include city staff offices and for-lease office space. It is scheduled to open in spring 2008.



Tempe High School's 100th anniversary

Tempe High School marks a century of shaping the community this year, and to celebrate, the Tempe High School Buffalo Foundation is planning several October activities. Events including a pep rally, a homecoming parade and football game, a picnic and a sock hop are scheduled for Oct. 16-20.

Tempe residents voted to establish the high school in 1907 after the Normal School in Tempe – now Arizona State University – decided to no longer enroll students with merely 8th grade diplomas. Classes were held in a rented space in downtown Tempe until the school's first building was constructed on the southeast corner of Mill Avenue and University Drive in 1909. The current Tempe High site was built in 1953, with other buildings added as the population increased. The final buildings were completed in the late 1960s.

In 1995, Tempe High became the first high school in Arizona to adopt the modified “year-round” schedule, and the school also pioneered the quarter credit system instead of the traditional semester credit system. The record for the longest continuously employed Tempe High teacher is Dr. Gary Hall, who taught there for 42 years and retired in 2004.

The Tempe High-McClintock High athletic rivalry has been an institution in Tempe for many years – football and basketball games had to be played at ASU venues into the 1970s because the schools' stadiums could not hold all the fans.

For more information on the anniversary weekend events, visit www.onceabuffalo.org.

Calendar

City Council Meetings

The July/August schedule for Tempe City Council meetings

July 19

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

August 2

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

August 16

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.

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News you can use



New Tempe Union High School District superintendent starts July 1

The Tempe Union High School District's new superintendent, Steve Adolph, began work July 1. He previously had served as the district's associate superintendent for six years, principal of Marcos de Niza for four years, and assistant principal of Corona del Sol for four years.

Tempe offers selection of after-school programs

As school starts up again, keep your kids busy and entertained after the bell rings. Several after-school programs offered throughout Tempe are designed for fun and learning. All programs begin Aug. 6.

Kid Zone offers a childcare program for elementary school students at 19 schools. Before and after school, students work on homework, play sports, create art, play games and socialize. For information or registration, call 480-350-5400. Scholarships are available.

The Boys and Girls Club of the East Valley offers kids choices, with activities in the gym, game room, computer lab, education center, art room or performing arts room. The Boys and Girls Club also offers a teen center. For information or registration, call 480-858-2400.

YMCA encourages awareness of the arts and humanities, character development, health and wellness, literacy, science, technology and service learning. For information or registration, call 480-730-0240.

Tempe is a StormReady community

Tempe was notified by the National Weather Service in April that it had satisfied the requirements to be a StormReady® community. The Tempe Fire Department manages the program, placing radios in public buildings and schools, increasing readiness for major storm events.

Tempe Fire, along with the National Weather Service, held a weather spotter class called SkyWarn for East Valley volunteers in April, and plans to hold future classes. SkyWarn provides training to help volunteers spot critical weather disturbances and notify the Weather Service. For more information on StormReady communities, SkyWarn and the Phoenix branch of the National Weather Service, visit www.wrh.noaa.gov/psr/.

Police Department tours

The Tempe Police Department offers tours of police stations to interested groups such as scouts, school classes, church groups and seniors groups. Tours are offered Monday through Friday with morning, afternoon and evening appointments available. The tours usually last 90 minutes and are appropriate for varying ages depending on the facility. Tours can be adapted to the age and interests of each group. Contact the Police Department at least two weeks in advance by calling 480-858-6472.

McClintock High School chess team wins national title

The McClintock High School chess team won a National Championship in their category when the team traveled to Kansas City, Missouri, in April to participate in the U.S. Chess Federation National High School Championship. McClintock High placed in both the individual and team competitions in the K-12 unrated category. There were 400 teams competing with more than 1,600 players.



Tempe Chamber names Businesswoman of the Year

Tempe businesswoman and humanitarian Kim Webb, a general partner at Edward Jones, was honored May 22 with the Businesswoman of the Year Award at the Tempe Chamber of Commerce's 12th Annual Women in Business Conference and Trade Show. *Photo by: Jay Mark*