



Fire Captain Paramedic Bill Lyall



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New Tempe paramedics

Tempe has recently gained two new paramedics: Captain Bill Lyall and Firefighter Heath Tinsdale. On May 17, the two men were part of a 21-member group that graduated from Mesa Community College's East Valley Paramedic Class. Graduates were members of the Tempe, Gilbert, Mesa and Scottsdale fire departments. Bill Lyall was selected as "Paramedic of the Class" because of his outstanding leadership skills.

The paramedic class is a rigorous, nine-month training involving classroom, clinical, vehicular and National Registry testing. Graduation from the class allows firefighters to perform advanced life support procedures, such as defibrillating patients, administering medications, providing advanced airway management and establishing IV lines. Lyall has been with the Tempe Fire Department for more than 22 years and Tinsdale has been with the department for seven years.

For information on applying to be a Tempe firefighter, visit www.tempe.gov/fire or call 480-858-7200.



Ward Traditional Academy student Abbie Alford shows off some of the donated stuffed animals she and her classmates collected for CARE 7.

Kid Zone promotes service to Tempe community

The City of Tempe's award-winning Kid Zone Enrichment Program has begun teaching a leadership and character development program by famed golfer Tiger Woods – and the results are already showing in several community service projects.

Kid Zone provides morning and afternoon care at 14 Tempe Elementary School District schools and five Kyrene School District schools. Children in kindergarten through fifth grade attend Kid Zone at their own school; they are offered snacks, homework help and free enrichment classes.

This spring, Kid Zone instructors Christina Sosa and Melissa Nolan began teaching "Start Something," a curriculum founded by the Tiger Woods Foundation. Students voluntarily attend hour-long lessons once a week about topics such as leadership, helping others, character, and tactics for dealing with and discouraging bullying.

As part of the Start Something program, children at several Kid Zone schools created community service projects: at **Ward Traditional Academy**, students collected about 100 new and gently used stuffed animals for CARE 7, the city's crisis response team; at **Meyer Elementary**, students held a canned food drive; at **Rover Elementary**, they collected toys for St. Joseph's Hospital; at **Kyrene de los Ninos**, students held a read-a-thon and a lemonade stand in order to buy adaptive athletic equipment for students with disabilities; at **Kyrene del Norte**, they held a stuffed animal drive for CARE 7; at **Carminati Elementary**, students helped clean the park next to their school; at **Kyrene de la Mariposa**, they held a lemonade stand to buy pool toys for Sunshine Acres in Mesa; and at **Hudson Elementary**, they planted sunflowers around the grave of a Tempe Police Department K9 that died in the line of duty in 1986.

Start Something has been a great success, said Senior Community Education Coordinator Patty Russell, and it will be part of summer and fall Kid Zone classes.

"It does amazing things for the children's self esteem. It helps develop them into better people and that's our responsibility as their caretakers," Russell said. "We're far more than babysitters – we're educators."

For more information on Kid Zone, visit www.tempe.gov/kidzone or call 480-350-5400.



Kiwanis Tennis Center courts get state-of-the-art resurfacing

Tennis players in Tempe are now playing on environmentally-friendly courts made of recycled athletic shoes. The Kiwanis Recreation Center's 15 tennis courts now feature the internationally famous Rebound Ace surface, which is made from Nike Grind, a recycled athletic shoe product.

The result is a surface that's not only kind to the environment, but one that also makes playing tennis a better experience. Rebound Ace provides a more cushioned surface, which is easier on players' joints. Kiwanis Tennis Center is part of the Kiwanis Recreation Center, at 6111 S. All-America Way.

The City of Tempe has partnered with the Nike Reuse-A-Shoe program to collect and recycle used athletic shoes. Tempe is the only Arizona city to partner with Nike and has collected more than 10,000 pairs of shoes. For information about Tempe's nine dropoff locations, call 480-350-8145 or visit www.tempe.gov/neighborhoods/shoes.htm.

City offers several options for water bill payments

Tempe residents have several options for paying their water bills: online payments, automatic withdrawals, in-person payments, payments by mail, phone payments and drop-box payments. Residents can:

- Sign up for Sure Pay, a monthly automatic checking account withdrawal, by filling out an application. Call 480-350-8361 to set that up.
- Pay online at www.tempe.gov/waterutil.
- Pay in person at the city's Customer Service office, 20 E. Sixth St., from 7 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday.
- Drop off your payment at any of three drop boxes, including the Tempe Public Library (3500 S. Rural Rd.), Fire Station #3 (5440 S. McClintock Dr.), and the small surface parking lot west of the inverted-pyramid City Hall building (31 E. Fifth St.). Any payment dropped off after 7 a.m. will be posted on the next business day.
- Call 480-350-8361 to talk to a customer service representative and pay by credit or debit card.
- Mail payments to the City of Tempe at P.O. Box 29617, Phoenix, AZ, 85038-9617. The top portion of the bill should be included.

For information on all the payment options, visit www.tempe.gov/waterutil.

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Tempe awarded state grant for recycling outreach

The Arizona Department of Environmental Quality (ADEQ) has awarded the City of Tempe a grant to be used for education and community outreach to spread the word about recycling and solid waste issues. The grant will be used to design and develop the Education/Recycling Information Center (ERIC), a mobile education center that will travel to locations and venues in Tempe to promote the values of the "three Rs" – Reduce, Reuse, Recycle.

The ERIC unit will help increase awareness and participation in Tempe recycling programs and environmental conservation. ERIC will debut early next year and will incorporate recycled products. While on board, participants will discover many interactive displays about composting, recycling, waste reduction, household hazardous waste collection, and environmentally sensitive and sustainable initiatives.

For more information on recycling in Tempe, visit www.tempe.gov/recycling or call 480 350-8224.

Tempe seeks input on proposed bus service changes

The City of Tempe Transportation Division, Tempe in Motion, will hold an open house to gather feedback from residents on revised, proposed bus service changes scheduled to occur in December. The open house will be held Aug. 5 at the Tempe Public Library (3500 S. Rural Road, Tempe) from 6-8 p.m. Affected routes may include Red Line, 1, 30, 56, 65, 66, 72, 76, 81, 108, Flash, Orbit Mercury, Earth, Mars and Jupiter.

A second round of route change descriptions are online starting July 22. Public comment will be taken from July 22 to Aug. 19. Public comments will be forwarded in September to the Tempe Transportation Commission for consideration.

Visit our Web site at www.tempe.gov/tim to fill out a comment form, or mail written comments to Tempe in Motion, P.O. Box 5002, Tempe AZ, 85280. For more information, call 480-350-2775.



Light rail tests expand in Tempe

This summer, all light rail track in Tempe is active with trains running regularly in test mode. METRO light rail has expanded vehicle testing to the Mesa end of the line at Main Street and Sycamore. Trains are now operating in a test zone from downtown Phoenix through Tempe to Mesa. Testing will run until the free grand opening weekend, which is Dec. 27-28. Official paid service begins Dec. 29.

Testing is a critical stage in ramping up for operations. Each vehicle in the METRO fleet must be checked to ensure it meets safety and performance specifications. The rail, signals, power system and other components are tested to ensure quality performance.

Remember these safety tips to remain safe around light rail:

- Light rail is quiet; always listen for bells and look for flashing train headlights.
- Pedestrians should use crosswalks and obey all signals.
- Never drive, bike, walk or skateboard on the track.
- Obey the traffic signals; turn only with a green arrow.

For more information on light rail safety, visit www.metrolightrail.org/safety.



BORDEN HOMES
HISTORIC DISTRICT

ROOSEVELT ADDITION
HISTORIC DISTRICT

Sign of the Times

Tempe's designated historic districts will be easier to spot starting this summer, when newly designed street signs are installed throughout these charming neighborhoods.

The city's Historic Preservation Office has designed new street signs for Borden Homes (northwest of McClintock Road and Apache Boulevard), Tomlinson Estates (northeast of Dorsey Lane and Apache Boulevard), Roosevelt Addition (the Third Street cul-de-sac west of Roosevelt Street) and University Park (near Mill Avenue and Apache Boulevard). The signs are brown, with images of trees that are characteristic to the neighborhoods. They will be installed in August, just above the street name signs.

The design of the new signs uses the historic plant palette of each neighborhood. Photos of trees were taken and converted into a graphic for each sign. Aleppo Pine trees and tall palm trees dominate Borden Homes, while African Sumac trees provide shade in Tomlinson Estates. Striking, 60-foot Aleppo Pine trees are noteworthy in University Park, while Western/Fremont Cottonwood trees thrive in the flood irrigation of the Roosevelt Addition.

University Park is the city's first historic neighborhood that is listed on the National Register of Historic Places. It was placed on the register Feb. 20.

TOMLINSON ESTATES
HISTORIC DISTRICT

UNIVERSITY PARK
HISTORIC DISTRICT

Calendar

City Council Meetings

The July/August schedule for Tempe City Council meetings

July 17, 2008

Swearing-In Ceremony and Formal Council (limited agenda) Meeting - 6 p.m.

July 22, 2008

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

August 7, 2008

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

August 21, 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

Hugh Hallman, Mayor

P. Ben Arredondo, Councilmember

Shana Ellis, Councilmember

Mark W. Mitchell, Councilmember

Joel Navarro, Councilmember

Onnie Shekerjian, Councilmember

Corey Woods, Councilmember

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News you can use

County air quality effort

Maricopa County has launched Running Out of Air, an air quality awareness campaign, with the aim of improving the quality of the Valley's air for current and future generations. The campaign encourages Valley residents to drive less, refuel vehicles after dark, avoid drive-thru lines, follow no burn day instructions, use electric lawn and garden tools, and control dust, among other tips. For more information, visit www.RunningOutofAir.com.

ASU football set to begin in August

Jump start the Arizona State University football season at the Sun Devil Football Kickoff Luncheon on Friday, Aug. 22, from 11 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. at the Tempe Mission Palms Hotel. The Tempe Chamber of Commerce and the Arizona State University Alumni Association put on this exciting event, featuring Head Coach Dennis Erickson, Sun Devil football players and coaching staff, Sparky and the ASU cheerleaders. Tickets are \$60 each. For information, visit www.tempechamber.org or call 480-967-7891.

The first home football game of the season is Saturday, Aug. 30, at 7 p.m., against Northern Arizona University. For ticket information, visit www.thesundevils.com or call 480-727-0000.

Tempe Municipal Court honored for community outreach

The City of Tempe Municipal Court has won a 2008 Judicial Branch Achievement Award from the Arizona Supreme Court for its many efforts to connect with the community. Tempe's court won in the category of "Improving Communications and Cooperation with the Community, Other Branches of Government and Within the Judicial Branch." Court employees, led by Presiding Judge Louraine Arkfeld, reach out to the Tempe community through the court's Community Connect Project. Activities such as Law Day, in-school programs on the court, Project Homeless Connect and presentations to Tempe Leadership classes are among the outreach programs that Tempe's court has implemented. The award was presented June 16 in Tucson.

Volunteers needed for Experience Corps Tempe

Community volunteers ages 50 and up are needed for Experience Corps Tempe, the nationally recognized literacy program hosted by the City of Tempe Social Services division in partnership with the Tempe Elementary School District. An informational session will be held Monday, Aug. 4, from 10-11 a.m., in the Tempe Public Library Connections Café program room, 3500 S. Rural Rd.

Volunteers work an average of four hours a week in Tempe elementary schools to improve reading skills in children in kindergarten through third grade. Prospective volunteers are asked to commit to a school year or, at minimum, one semester. A limited number of stipend positions are available to adults 55 and up who can commit to completing 300 hours in a school year. Volunteers receive training and work in teams of 10 at each school site.

To register for the information session or for more information on Experience Corps Tempe, call 480-695-5108.



2008 Business Woman of the Year named

Angela Creedon was named the Business Woman of the Year by the Tempe Chamber of Commerce at the 13th Annual Women in Business Conference & Trade Show in late May. Creedon is the Community Development Manager for APS, serving the East Valley. Her responsibilities include building and managing key governmental relations with elected officials and community leaders while monitoring, tracking and interpreting city issues as they relate to APS. She has served on the Tempe Chamber's Board of Directors since 2003 and has been honored with many awards including the Athena Award, Spirit of United Way Award, YMCA Excellence in Leadership Award and the American Cancer Society Volunteer of the Year.