



Fourth of July celebration

The CBS 5 July 4th Tempe Town Lake Festival is 4-11 p.m. on Wednesday, July 4, at Tempe Beach Park. There will be live local entertainment, a splash zone where you can stay cool, carnival rides, rock climbing walls, face painters and the SRP 56th Annual Fireworks Spectacular.

Advance tickets will be sold at Safeway beginning June 4 for \$6 each. At the gate, tickets are \$8 or \$15 for two. Children 12 and under are free. Produced by the Kiwanis Club of Tempe, the event benefits local charities.

For event details, visit www.tempe4th.com. For traffic and bus details, visit www.tempe.gov/tim.



Arts, community services enrich life in Tempe

By City Councilmember Barb Carter

Imagine Tempe without a library, multi-generational centers, a historical museum or arts center. These buildings house programs and opportunities that are the heart and soul of an already wonderful community. They enhance the quality of life we enjoy in Tempe. Without them, we would be missing the components that have made us a two-time All-America City selection and the distinction of being one of the 100 Best Communities for Young People.

Thankfully, Tempe has many robust programs and facilities that enrich the lives of residents of all ages. It is my privilege to chair the city's Arts and Community Services Committee, where we examine and plan for Tempe's cultural and recreational amenities. Councilmember Shana Ellis serves with me on the committee and her longtime community involvement helps to guide our mission. The Arts and Community Services Committee has proudly contributed to several accomplishments over the last year, and we have many more things to do in the coming year. We have realized many goals by partnering with other organizations and leveraging private monies to provide the following:

- The 30,000-square-foot North Tempe Multi-Generational Center opened in 2006, serving children, adults and seniors through a series of valuable partnerships with community organizations. This community center operates thanks to the support of partners like the Tempe Elementary School District, the East Valley Boys and Girls Club, the Tempe Community Action Agency and the Tempe YMCA, among others. It's a groundbreaking way to provide services while keeping costs low for the city and we are proud to offer this collaboration to the community. It is our third multi-generational center in addition to our Pyle Adult Recreation Center.
- The Tempe Public Library opened the Connections Café in 2006 through a \$547,000 grant from the Virginia G. Piper Charitable Trust. The café provides a gathering place and programming to help keep the "Boomer" generation engaged and active. Tempe received another grant of \$300,000 from the Piper Trust to implement the Experience Corps Program. This program partners the city with the Tempe Elementary School District to provide skilled volunteers to tutor students.
- A first-time grant of \$103,000 from the Gila River Indian Community launched a new reading readiness and library awareness program at the Tempe Public Library.

Over the next year, we will continue progress on key projects, including:

- An \$8 million renovation of the Tempe Public Library that aims to enhance the facility's technology and improve its interiors and functionality. The technology enhancement is being done during 2007. Interior improvements will be designed in early 2008 and construction will begin in early 2009.
- A \$3.5 million renovation of the Tempe Historical Museum, which includes improvements to the facility's entrance, is in the design phase now. Construction will begin in late 2008.
- A \$2.4 million renovation and expansion project at Tempe Double Butte Cemetery is underway and will be completed this summer.
- An exciting "little" construction project at Tempe Town Lake. The Tempe Center for the Arts has taken shape on the south bank of the lake and it will be dedicated late this summer. Our entire community is invited to a free public open house, complete with food, family activities and performances, on Sept. 9 – mark your calendar!

Please feel free to share your feedback and ideas about community services with me anytime. I can be reached at 480-350-8794 or barb_carter@tempe.gov. Together we can continue to strive for superior quality of life in Tempe through these most important services.



METRO light rail testing

METRO has begun testing light rail vehicles on a one-mile section of Washington Street that includes Tempe. The METRO “test track” runs between 44th and 56th streets.

For the next six to nine months, light rail vehicles will travel slowly on this section of track as part of an extensive safety certification process. Engineers will check the vehicles’ hardware and software, propulsion and braking systems, on-board maintenance communication system and traffic signal system. Automobile traffic will travel normally alongside the train during this testing period. During light rail testing, it’s more important than ever for drivers to obey traffic signals and for pedestrians to cross at crosswalks.

METRO will expand its testing zone further into Tempe during early and mid-2008. At that time, the city and METRO will work with businesses, schools and community groups to educate the public about the rules of light rail safety. To learn more, visit www.metrolightrail.org/safety.

Design chosen for interactive art bank at Tempe Marketplace

Tempe Leadership Class XXII has teamed up with the ASU School of Design to create an interactive way for residents and visitors alike to give a little back to the Tempe community. The groups formed a partnership with Vestar to construct an artistic coin collection bank in conjunction with students from ASU’s School of Design. The piece will collect money for the Tempe Community Foundation, an umbrella organization that funds many different human services agencies in Tempe – everything from Head Start programs for kids to adult day care for seniors.

Under the direction of Tempe Leadership Class XXII, several iconic features were designed by ASU students and one was selected for fabrication. Look for it when Tempe Marketplace opens this fall at Rural Road and Rio Salado Parkway.



Apache police substation open for business

Tempe’s newest Police Department substation was officially dedicated and opened May 5 with a ceremony and public open house. More than 300 community members and dignitaries were on hand for a ribbon cutting and public tours. The 80,000-square-foot substation houses patrol and traffic units, property/evidence areas and other functions. The main number for the substation is 480-350-8511.

Household hazardous waste disposal

Do you have leftover paint from that remodeling project you finished back in 1983? Do you vaguely remember that the bottle of cleaner under the sink originally had a clear substance in it, but now that substance is yellow? Is your garage getting a little smaller because all the containers are swelling?

If this sounds familiar, the City of Tempe has a quick, easy and free solution for its residents. Collect all your household hazardous waste and bring it to the Household Products Collection Center, 1320 E. University Drive. We take any household chemical, paint or pesticide – even if it’s old and has no label. The center cannot accept tires, appliances, needles, ammunition and radioactive waste. Take care in transporting chemicals to the center – never mix different products and do not put containers in the same trash bag.

Hours of operation are Fridays 7 a.m. to noon and Saturdays 7 a.m. to 1 p.m.
For more information, visit www.tempe.gov/HHW or call 480-858-2223.

Tempe honors 11 residents with Neighbor of the Year awards

The City of Tempe awarded 11 dedicated residents with Neighbor of the Year awards during the annual Neighborhood Workshop and Awards on April 14 at the Pyle Adult Recreation Center. Residents attended workshops at the free, half-day event, and Mayor Hugh Hallman presented awards to those who have distinguished themselves through service to the community. Residents who received awards are:

Mary Bell
John Ellis
BJ Graham
Beth Hoffman
Darryl Jacobson-Barnes
Darlene Justus
Jenny Lucier
Margaret McGinn
Mary and Gordon Peterman
Judy Tapscott
Janis Webb
Jay Wisniewski

Visit the Neighborhood Services Web page at www.tempe.gov/neighborhoods. For information on the city's work with neighborhoods.



Downtown walking tour being developed

There may soon be a walking tour of historic Mill Avenue District sites accessible to anyone with a cell phone or PDA. The idea is the brainchild of Avenue Communities, developer of the Centerpoint Condominiums project.

At no cost to the city, stanchions would be placed at historic sites listing a phone number to call for information about that numbered site. Local historian narrators would then be heard giving interesting tidbits about each site. An estimated 74 historical points of interest could be featured, including Old Main, the Tempe Hardware Building, the Vienna Bakery building and the Governor Benjamin B. Moeur House.

The idea was well received this spring when Avenue Communities presented it to the city's Historic Preservation Commission. It also was supported by the Tempe City Council during an informal presentation in May.

"It's so accessible to the public," said Historic Preservation Commission Chair Bob Gasser. "The historic information is going to go out to thousands now, where it's been just a handful of people beforehand."

The commission leads group tours of historic sites, but Gasser said the new idea will expose many more visitors to Tempe's unique and colorful history. "This is going to hit different generations," he said.

The historic walking tour is still in the development stages. It could be implemented in 2008, according to the company.

A recruitment advertisement for the Tempe Police. It features a large, golden police badge on the left with the text "NOW HIRING TEMPE POLICE 911". The main text reads "JOIN FORCES WITH Tempe Police" in large, bold, yellow letters. Below that, it says "STARTING SALARY: \$48,925". At the bottom, it says "Testing MONTHLY for police officers! Civilian opportunities also available!" and "Excellent benefits package includes tuition reimbursement, uniform allowance, retirement program & positive work environment!". The background shows a bridge at night with lights. At the bottom, the website "www.tempe.gov/policejobs" and phone number "480.350.8764" are listed.

Major street restriction this summer

The City of Tempe Water Utilities Department is installing a new water line along Curry Road. The entire project will be completed in the fall. Beginning July 9, the project will cross the intersection of Curry and Scottsdale roads. The intersection will be closed to all through traffic for three to five weeks. The intersection crossing is scheduled to take advantage of reduced summer traffic volumes when Arizona State University is not in regular session. Northbound Scottsdale Road traffic will be required to make only right turns at Curry Road. East and westbound traffic on Curry Road will be required to make only right turns at Scottsdale Road. No turns from Southbound Scottsdale Road will be allowed at Curry Road. For more information, call Ron Coleman at 480-858-2175.

Calendar

City Council Meetings

The June/July schedule for Tempe City Council meetings

June 14

3 p.m., Special Budget Meeting

June 28

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

July 19

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

School registration open

Tempe Elementary District staff will continue registering students during the summer. Registration for in-district and out-of-district students in kindergarten through eighth grade will take place each Monday through Thursday between June 4 and July 12. Registration will be 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Tempe Elementary District Office, 3205 S. Rural Road. For more information about enrollment, call Janice Berryhill at 480-730-7305.

Donate school supplies at Arizona Mills Mall

For the seventh year, Tempe/Kyrene Communities In Schools will be collecting new backpacks, school supplies, clothes and shoes in the food court of Arizona Mills Mall from July 6-29. At the food court display, a schoolhouse is decorated with colorful cutouts labeled with the name of a child in need of back-to-school items and clothing. Individuals are encouraged to sponsor a child, purchase the items listed and return them to the schoolhouse. Businesses and organizations are welcome to do their own drives to support this effort. If you would like to know how you can get involved, please call Lynette Stonefeld at 480-858-2316.

Reminder about waste in alleys

Residents are asked not to litter alleys with animal waste. Animal waste should be put in plastic or paper bags, sealed or tied, then placed into the city-provided refuse container.

For questions regarding the proper disposal of animal waste or to report a violation, contact the city's Solid Waste Section at 480-350-8265.

Cox Communications Splash Playground open for the season

The renovated – and newly renamed – Cox Communications Splash Playground has opened for the 2007 season at Tempe Beach Park. The one-acre water playground is open daily from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. through Sept. 30 at Mill Avenue and Rio Salado Parkway. Call 480-350-8625 for details.

Nominations needed for service award

Tempe Community Council is seeking nominations for the Hayden Youth & Young Adult Award. Nominees must be Tempe residents or students (ages 12 through 21) who serve as positive examples to peers and to the community. Nominees should demonstrate leadership or innovation in service to others, a commitment to modeling positive conduct and inspiring others to become involved in community service. The award includes a \$500 cash award from Tempe Schools Credit Union.

Nomination forms are available at Tempe Schools Credit Union, the Tempe Community Council office or may be downloaded at www.tempe.gov/tcc. Completed forms must be returned by August 24 for the Hayden Youth Award. For information or to request a nomination form, call 480-858-2300.

The winner will be recognized at a reception on Wednesday, Sept. 26, at the Arizona Historical Society Museum, 1300 N. College Ave.

Check out the City of Tempe's calendar to see how you can reconnect with your community, discover new hobbies and make new friends.

www.tempe.gov/calendar