



Tempe celebrates July 4th

Kiwanis Club of Tempe presents the CBS 5 July 4th Tempe Town Lake Festival on Saturday, July 4, at Tempe Beach Park. Gates will open at 4 p.m. There will be live local entertainment, a splash zone where you can stay cool, kids activities and games, rock climbing walls, face painters and the annual fireworks spectacular.

Advance tickets will be sold beginning June 4 at Fry's and Fry's Marketplace for \$6 and at several City of Tempe facilities for \$5. At the gate, tickets are \$8 or \$15 for two. Children 12 and under are free. The event benefits local charities.

For the second year in a row, aspiring singers are invited to participate in the Star Spangled Idol Contest. The winner will perform the national anthem on the 4th of July in front of 50,000 people. The preliminary round will be held Saturday, June 6. Visit the www.tempe4th.com for more details.

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



Tempe transportation is going full steam ahead

By Vice Mayor Shana Ellis

Transportation is a vital component for making Tempe the best place to live, work, play and learn. As chair of the City Council's Transportation Committee, I work closely with Councilmember Ben Arredondo, who also sits on the committee, to oversee an array of transportation-related projects, including aviation issues. Tempe is dedicated to providing a balanced transportation system that is environmentally friendly and accessible. Tempe in Motion, the city's transportation program, provides bus, bicycle, pedestrian and light rail facilities and is funded through a half-cent, dedicated sales tax.

Recently, the city completed construction of its first two "green" buildings. The East Valley Bus Operations and Maintenance Facility is a sustainable facility that houses more than 200 buses. The Tempe Transportation Center provides connections to more than a dozen bus routes and METRO light rail, creating an urban transportation hub. The maintenance facility is certified LEED (Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design) Gold and the Transportation Center is seeking LEED Platinum certification from the U.S. Green Building Council, a coalition of national building industry leaders working to promote buildings that are environmentally responsible, profitable and healthy places to work.

Tempe has realized great success with its Orbit neighborhood circulator program. This free service provides links from neighborhoods to major destinations like downtown Tempe, ASU, Tempe Marketplace and light rail. Over the course of the year, Councilmember Arredondo and I will be addressing the potential expansion of this popular service to neighborhoods south of U.S. 60.

Light rail debuted last December and is a huge success in Tempe. In January, there were 280,352 boardings in Tempe, which represents 30 percent of the total boardings throughout the 20-mile system. Light rail is an essential component of the Tempe transportation system. What's next you may ask? Tempe is exploring potential high capacity transit improvements to complement light rail. This would allow a seamless connection between light rail and another high capacity transit mode serving central and south Tempe.

Recently, Tempe received \$6.5 million in economic stimulus funds for transportation projects, including bridge replacements and maintenance facility upgrades. These improvements complement existing bicycle and pedestrian projects that are in the works. The Western Canal Multi-Use path project is under construction and will extend for six miles from Arizona Mills Mall to Price Road.

To help mitigate noise impacts in our neighborhoods near Phoenix Sky Harbor International Airport, we are working on implementation of new technologies and conducting a study to assess how well the fixed noise monitoring sites in Tempe are set up. We are also seeking changes in Federal Aviation Administration policies and funding for sound insulation for all residents inside the noise impact areas in Tempe.

One of the major factors contributing to Tempe's vitality and sense of community is our transportation system. While the city has completed many great transportation projects, there is still much work to be done. For information on Tempe in Motion, visit www.tempe.gov/tim or call 480-350-2775. The Transportation Committee's work plan is available at www.tempe.gov/clerk/CouncilCommittees.htm. Please feel free to contact me at 480-350-8813 or via e-mail at shana_ellis@tempe.gov.

Prep work begins on Tempe Public Library renovation

This spring, Tempe Public Library patrons will notice preparations for a 15-month interior renovation project - the first-ever overhaul to the 20-year-old building - that will transform the facility into an even better environment for learning and community interaction.

Library patrons may have seen workers getting ready for the start of construction in mid-July. Workers are shifting books on the main floor to make room for Youth Library materials, which will be relocated from the lower level to the main floor until December. The library will remain open during the renovation, which is anticipated to conclude in June 2010.

Tempe voters authorized the sale of bonds for the \$8 million renovation during the city's May 2006 General Election. Tempe's Capital Improvement Program budget is separate from the city's operating budget; bonds are repaid through secondary property taxes. Highlights of the renovation will include:

- An expanded Youth Library with kid-friendly furniture, colorful walls, an interactive play area and a family computer space.
- A cool new Teen Center with spaces for studying and special library programs.
- An improved Computer Commons with study rooms, two computer labs and more computers.
- More seating and more areas for quiet study and reading.
- An additional entrance on the library's north side for increased accessibility.

Follow the progress of the project via a special renovation Web page available at www.tempe.gov/library.



Museum renovation underway

Visitors may have noticed that in April, construction began to transform the structure at 809 E. Southern Ave., into the new Tempe Historical Museum. In February 2010, visitors will be able to experience an entirely renovated facility with an array of unique features. The purpose of the new design is to integrate technology with innovative interpretation to dramatically stage the stories of Tempe. One new space will be the Children's Gallery, featuring a theater-type space and a number of interactive activities for kids. Color photos and history will cover the walls of the museum, making the space a dynamic experience for all ages and demographics. For updates, information and renderings of the new Tempe Historical Museum, visit www.tempe.gov/museum.

Tempe welcomes new sister city in Ecuador

In April, Tempe Sister Cities celebrated the induction of its newest sister city: Cuenca, Ecuador. The city is Tempe's first partnership in South America. Official visitors at the celebration included Richard Boroto, director of the Abraham Lincoln School in Cuenca, and Laura and Monica Eguiguren, residents of Ecuador.

The Sister City concept of citizen involvement is unique in international programs because it provides the opportunity for everyday people of two cultures to exchange ideas and opinions, and, hopefully, become friends. In 1971, Tempe joined with Skopje, Macedonia, as part of the people-to-people program started in 1956 by President Dwight D. Eisenhower and known today as Sister Cities International. Tempe went on to affiliate with: Regensburg, Germany, in 1976; Lower Hutt, New Zealand, in 1981; Zhenjiang, China, and Timbuktu, Mali, in 1989; Beaulieu-sur-Mer, France, in 1997; and Carlow, Ireland, in 1998. For more information, visit www.tempesistercity.org.

Census canvassers visit Tempe neighborhoods

In preparation for the 2010 Census, U.S. Census Bureau workers are canvassing neighborhoods throughout the country to verify addresses and information that will ensure all residents receive the questionnaire next year. Tempe residents may see the census workforce in their neighborhoods with laptops or hand-held computer devices. The electronic devices are used to verify structures and to collect GPS coordinates for more accurate information. Census workers can be identified by their U.S. Census Bureau badges and bags. The census takes place every 10 years and counts everyone living in the United States. All information that census workers obtain is kept confidential and is not used for any other purpose. For more information, visit www.census.gov or call 602-427-0660.

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Beat the heat this summer

Tempe Parks and Recreation has six fun, safe and affordable places to cool down as the temperature goes up:

- Escalante and McClintock outdoor swimming pools open May 23. Admission is free for ages 5 and under, 75 cents for ages 6-17, and \$1.25 for ages 18 and older. Friday Family Fun Nights will be June 13 and June 20 from 6-8 p.m. at McClintock and Escalante pools. The events include family pool games, snow cones, music and more for \$2 for a family of six and 50 cents for each additional person.
- Opening May 2, COX Splash Playground at Tempe Beach Park, Jaycee Park Splash Playground and Esquer Park Splash Playground offer kids of all ages the opportunity to play in the water. Admission is free.
- Kiwanis Recreation Center indoor wave pool generates 3-foot waves in varying patterns. Raft and tube rentals are available. Wave pool admission is \$3 for ages 2-12 and \$6 for ages 13 and older.
- Lap Swim at Kiwanis Recreation Center is open: Monday through Thursday 7-9 a.m. and 5:15-8 p.m.; Friday 7 -8:30 a.m.; and Saturday 8-11 a.m. Admission is \$1.25 for 2-12 and \$2.25 for 13 years and up. Multi-use passes are also available.

For a complete list of open swim and wave pool sessions, as well as location addresses, visit www.tempe.gov/pools.

Dive into swim lessons

Whether you are looking to introduce your toddler to the pool or help your teen master his breaststroke, Tempe Parks and Recreation has just the right swim class. Instructional courses are offered several times this summer at Escalante and McClintock outdoor pools, as well as Kiwanis indoor swimming pool. For more information on class schedules and registration, visit www.tempe.gov/brochure/ or call 480-350-5200.

Music on Mill shakes up downtown nightlife

Patrons visiting the Mill Avenue District on Thursday nights through June 25 from 5-9 p.m. will experience Music on Mill, a showcase of local musicians performing on the streets. Musicians scheduled to perform for Music on Mill can easily be identified by branded donation cans placed at each of their locations. The public is encouraged to donate towards performances so musicians can return week after week.

Music on Mill is a nod to Tempe's vibrant music history, where Mill Avenue venues sprouted bands such as the Gin Blossoms, The Refreshments, Dead Hot Workshop and the Meat Puppets. Musicians and performers, covering a gamut of musical genres, will activate public spaces and give visitors a positive, unique experience in the Mill Avenue District.

For more information, call 480-355-6060 or visit www.millavenue.com.



Tuberculosis Sanitarium

Designed by James Miller Creighton, the most prominent Tempe once provided a refuge for health seekers who moved here hoping that our climate would help them recover from tuberculosis. During the Great Depression of the 1930s, people who came to Tempe often brought little with them; those who were fortunate rarely had money for more than one year's worth of expenses. Eventually, most tubercular patients had to rely on state welfare for support.

With a lack of facilities and resources to care for the ill, a need arose for a sanitarium for curable, indigent tuberculosis patients. From 1933 to 1934, the first State Welfare Sanitarium was constructed on the north side of Curry Road, east of Mill Avenue, with funding from the Civil Works Administration.

The hand-built, white, Mediterranean-style building housed 100 adults and 20 children. The building cost \$241,615 and required 246,237 hours to construct.

The sanitarium was divided into three units for men, women and children that were connected by covered walkways. Screened porches were divided by partitions into rooms for two patients each. To maximize sanitation and cleanliness, there were no square corners in the rooms. The building was equipped with powder-green woodwork and furniture, automatic heating, offices, X-ray examination and operating rooms, a living room, dining rooms, a kitchen, a refrigeration room, linoleum floors and a school for the children.

In 1938, \$34,178 from the Works Progress Administration and \$47,628 from the Arizona State Board of Social Security of Welfare was given to the sanitarium for labor and operations. This was one of the Depression-era projects that benefited Tempe.

The sanitarium cared for tuberculosis patients for nearly three decades. In 1962, construction was started on a new three-story facility. When the new building was completed in 1965, the original sanitarium was torn down. The 1965 building still stands today and is used by ASU as a research facility.

Calendar

City Council Meetings

The May/June schedule
for Tempe City Council meetings

May 7, 2009

6 p.m., Issue Review Session
7:30 p.m., Council Meeting
& Special Budget Meeting
(Truth in Taxation)

May 14, 2009

6 p.m., Issue Review Session
7:30 p.m., Council Meeting
(adoption of Tentative Budget, adoption of CIP)

May 28, 2009

6 p.m., Issue Review Session
7:30 p.m., Council Meeting
(adoption of Final Budget, property tax hearing)

June 11, 2009

6 p.m., Issue Review Session
7:30 p.m., Council Meeting
(adoption of property tax)

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

Ready to go into Orbit?

The Orbit neighborhood circulator system uses small mini-buses to serve residential areas and connect them to local destinations such as downtown Tempe, Arizona State University, shopping areas, other neighborhoods, major bus and light rail routes, schools and multi-generational centers. Tempe currently operates five Orbit routes – Mercury, Venus, Earth, Mars and Jupiter, which run every 15 minutes, seven days a week from 6 a.m. to 10 p.m. These free routes provide the perfect opportunity for getting out and about in Tempe. Orbit is funded through the 1996 transit sales tax. For information, call 480-350-2775 or visit www.tempe.gov/tim for route and schedule information.

Kiwanis wave pool offers family fun

The wave pool at Kiwanis Recreation Center, 6111 S. All-America Way, offers family fun in June, including:

- Report Card Day: June 6, from 1-3 p.m. Half-price admission for students who bring their last report card and free admission for those with straight As.
- Happy Birthdays Day: June 27 and July 25, from 1-3 p.m., free admission with proof of June and July birthdays, respectively.
- Father's Day Weekend: June 20 and 21, from 1-3 p.m., fathers get in free with their child's paid admission.

For more information, visit www.tempe.gov/kiwanis or call 480-350-5201.

Tempe selected one of best U.S. cities to start a business

BusinessWeek searched U.S. cities with populations ranging from 20,000 to 200,000 to compile its list of the best place to start a business in each state. Tempe was chosen as Arizona's best city to start a business. The magazine's decisions were based on a variety of demographic, business and geographic variables that impact the success of a business startup. Due to the current recession, startups are an even more important source of jobs and economic growth in cities across the nation. During the last U.S. recession in 2001, 569,750 new companies were launched, as displaced workers preferred to start their own companies rather than work for others.

For help in starting a new business in Tempe, call 480-350-8812 or visit www.tempe.gov/business.

Water safety tips

When temperatures rise and cooling off in the water is tempting, the City of Tempe reminds you that even the most experienced swimmers should be cautious. These safety tips will help ensure your fun in the sun is not spoiled:

- Never swim alone. Only swim in supervised areas.
- Keep your eye on weaker swimmers who may be struggling and encourage them to rest. Never drink alcohol and swim. Obey "No Diving" signs and enter water feet first if you are unaware of water depth. Wear Coast Guard-approved life jackets when boating and fishing.
- Know weather conditions and stop swimming when you see or hear a storm. Put a fence with a self-closing and self-latching gate around pools and spas.
- Assign a "lifeguard" to watch children around pools, lakes, hot tubs and spas, especially in a party situation. Mount life-saving devices near the pool, and keep a telephone and emergency numbers posted by the pool.

For more information or to have a Tempe Fire Department representative speak to your group about water safety, call 480-858-7230.

Citrus awareness message

Though no sign of the pest has been spotted in Arizona, as a precaution the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) wants to inform Arizona residents to watch for signs of the Asian citrus psyllid in citrus trees. The disease has been detected in Florida and Louisiana, and the USDA wants to avoid the psyllid's spread to other states. The gnat-sized bugs feed on citrus trees and pass on a bacteria that causes citrus greening disease. Infected trees generally die within five years. Signs of the psyllids can be seen on citrus leaves, in green, misshapen fruit and by spotting the bugs themselves. For more information, visit www.saveourcitrus.org or call 602-431-8930, ext. 211.