

Honor our veterans

Tempe will honor veterans Wednesday, Nov. 11, at the annual Veteran's Day Parade. The parade begins at 10 a.m. near ASU Gammage, at Mill Avenue and Apache Boulevard, and ends at Tempe Beach Park, at Mill Avenue and Rio Salado Parkway, with a brief ceremony to follow.

Veterans, high school bands, Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts and community members will participate in the parade. Mayor Hugh Hallman will be the parade's Grand Marshal. The American Legion, Veterans of Foreign Wars and Tempe Elks are sponsoring the event.

For more information, call 480-968-0634.

Quality of life depends on partnership between city, residents

By Tempe Mayor Hugh Hallman

A successful city is more than such basics as low crime rates, clean water and timely garbage collection. Instead, municipalities are judged on factors like whether the streets are clogged with cars and if the residential areas are thriving or decaying.

In Tempe, the Quality of Life Council Committee is working to improve life in our neighborhoods. Serving on this committee are Councilmembers Joel Navarro, Mark Mitchell and Ben Arredondo. Together, we are leading a multifaceted effort, undertaken by agencies both within and outside the city, to address property enhancement and public safety at a neighborhood level.

Some of the issues we tackle include vehicles speeding and cutting through residential areas, maintenance of streets and alleys, recreational facilities and unkempt homes.

Much of what needs to be done can be accomplished by educating the public. For example, did you know homeowners are responsible for the alleyway behind their houses? Not all of it; just the part that extends from their home's backyard to the alley's midpoint. If every homeowner in Tempe took the time to keep this area clear of debris, the cost and time savings to the city would be significant.

But some residents are not so conscientious. They don't throw their trash in the alley's garbage can for the city sanitation crews to later pick up. Instead, they simply toss it over the fence. In other instances, unethical construction or landscaping crews find convenient alleys to dump their waste. These people know they shouldn't be doing this, so the time is past for education – enforcement of civil code is crucial. Perhaps a fine totaling hundreds of dollars will convince them not to do this again.

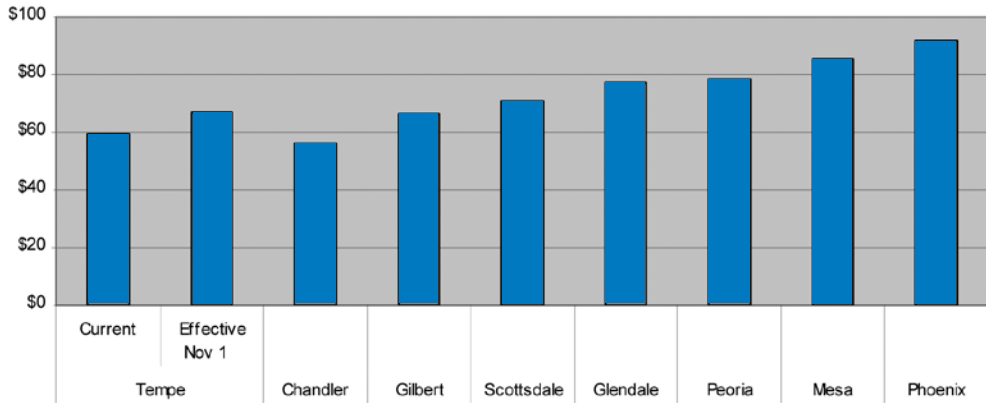
To begin addressing these continuing nuisances and others like them, such as loud parties, the city has increased its number of Code Compliance officers. As a result, Tempe has seen an increase of 54 percent in the number of proactive enforcement cases. And last year, the city answered about 6,400 Neighborhood Enhancement complaints – an increase of more than 1,300 in a year. Every one of these cases represents an effort to improve the look of our neighborhoods.

We will keep after these issues to ensure that Tempe is a cleaner, safer, better-looking community.

But we need your help. Consider the scourge of graffiti, where five minutes by a fool with a can of spray paint creates an unsightly headache that costs the city or property owners hours in cleanup time, and sometimes lots of money. When residents see a graffiti vandal defacing property, they should call 480-966-6211, immediately, so the city may send police officers out to try to catch the culprits. If the damage already is done, residents can call a special hotline at 480-350-8384 to report the location so that it can be painted over.

Citizens are the eyes and ears of the city's neighborhoods, so I invite you to attend the Quality of Life Council Committee meetings. In fact, we want to hear from you. Meetings are held every other month on select Thursday afternoons, prior to the formal City Council meetings. The meetings are held in the third floor conference room at City Hall, 51 E. Fifth St. For meeting times, dates, agendas and minutes go to www.tempe.gov/clerk/councilcommittees.htm.

Advances in water treatment require increased city rates



Effective Nov. 1, residential and commercial customers of water, sewer and solid waste/refuse services in Tempe and Guadalupe will see rate increases on their monthly bills. The Tempe City Council approved the changes Sept. 10 in order to comply with federal drinking water laws.

Federally mandated water quality regulations necessitate improvements to Tempe's water treatment systems and require the city to replace and renew infrastructure through its Capital Improvement Program. The improvements are required to meet the federal Safe Drinking Water Act and the federal Clean Water Act. These federal regulations are enforced by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, the Arizona Department of Environmental Quality and the Maricopa County Environmental Services Department.

Tempe recognizes the difficulty, in these economic times, of raising rates. However, the city must comply with federal water quality laws or face possible criminal prosecution and substantial penalties. City water services are provided through a dedicated, self-sustaining enterprise fund; sales and

property taxes do not supplement these services. In order to ensure that Tempe has a robust and reliable system to deliver quality services, we have to ask each median single-family residential customer (who uses 11,000 gallons of water and returns 9,000 gallons of wastewater to the sewer each month) to invest an additional \$7.68 per month in our water, sewer and solid waste programs. Even with these increases, Tempe remains one of the Valley's low-cost leaders in delivering these services.

The recent changes are the second part of a three-year effort to fairly distribute costs among all the city's customers: single family residential, multi-family residential, industrial and commercial. The City Council will consider a third set of cost-equalizing rate changes next year.

Tempe cares about providing the best possible water, sewer and solid waste services to its residents, businesses and visitors. If you have questions about the rate increases, contact Customer Services at 480-350-8361, Monday through Friday, 7 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Market on Mill comes to downtown Tempe

A joint venture by the Downtown Tempe Community and the Phoenix Permaculture Guild, the weekly Market on Mill will be the first sustainable, carbon-neutral market in Arizona. Coinciding with the Mill Avenue District's "Thursdays on Mill" – which includes activities at MADCAP Theaters and the lively Music on Mill – the market will be held each week from 5-9 p.m. (excluding holidays) on the plaza just outside MADCAP Theaters through June 2010. A community-focused event, Market on Mill includes an eclectic mix of area businesses, growers, artisans, restaurants, chefs and local musicians.

During the market, \$10 classes in sustainable living take place inside MADCAP Theaters, offering learning opportunities for anyone interested in green living topics. Restaurants and chefs will introduce seasonal items and specials. Once a month, the "Taste of Tempe" will feature a special demonstration and tasting from a different local venue, with an emphasis on locally sourced and organically grown ingredients. The grand opening of Market on Mill is Thursday, Oct. 15.

Green Street Tempe party Tuesday, Nov. 10

Tempe is taking it to the streets – in a big, green way. On Tuesday, Nov. 10, from 6 - 9 p.m., downtown Tempe is the place to be for some good, green fun! You can: shop Tempe's carbon-neutral community market, featuring products created by local artists, growers and crafters; hear some great local musicians and performers at Music on Mill, celebrating Tempe's vibrant music scene; or have drinks and discussions at one of Tempe's many charming restaurants. You can also check out sustainable dog houses, see a green film and visit ASU Art Museum's Defining Sustainability exhibition. The event is an extension of the 2009 Greenbuild International Conference & Expo being held in Phoenix. For more information, visit www.destinationtempe.com.

For more news and information, check out the expanded online edition of Tempe Today at www.tempe.gov/newsroom



Don Carlos Humanitarian Awards

Tempe Community Council (TCC) is pleased to announce Sue Ringler as the 26th Don Carlos Humanitarian of the Year Award recipient. Ringler is the definition of a humanitarian. She is embedded in our community and serves as an advocate to those in need. Ringler was involved in the

establishment of Paz de Cristo and Interfaith Homeless Emergency Lodging Program (I-HELP) and serves as an activist for the best interests for Tempe. Named after Tempe's founder, Charles Trumbull "Don Carlos" Hayden, the Don Carlos Humanitarian award recognizes community members for outstanding humanitarian service.

Additionally, TCC is pleased to bestow Arte Moreno, owner of the Los Angeles Angels of Anaheim, with the Guiding Light Philanthropist of the Year Award. In addition to his continuous philanthropic work with the Arte Moreno Foundation, his direct contributions to the Tempe Community Foundation will impact the future of Tempe for generations to come.

The public is welcome to attend the award ceremony on Wednesday, Nov. 4. Space is limited. Contact TCC at 480-858-2300 to receive an invitation or for more information.



Tempe Creamery

This building on "Old Eighth Street" in northeast Tempe was built in 1892 as an ice factory, but for most of its life, has been used for processing dairy products.

In its first 10 years, the structure served as the Tempe Creamery and the Tempe-Mesa Produce Company, which ran a general store in the building. It was known as the Pacific Creamery from 1907 to 1924. The building had a condensed milk factory and a warehouse in 1903. Expansions were made in 1991 and 1917; the building had doubled in size by 1927. The Borden Milk Company purchased the creamery in 1927 and operated the plant until 1953. The creamery operated from 1893 to 1965, and was one of the largest employers in town through much of Tempe's history.

The building's architecture dates back to 1927, when the original structure was remodeled and new buildings were added, which doubled the size of the complex of nine buildings. At that time, the distinctive curvilinear parapet walls were added to the buildings, making it a perfect example of the Mission Revival style of architecture that was popular in the early 20th century.

The building shows a variety of construction techniques using brick, reinforced concrete, concrete block, frame and metal. Today, the Creamery Building is still a magnet of activity as the Four Peaks Brewing Company.

Further down Eighth Street, south of University Drive, is Creamery Park. Built in 1999, the park was named to recognize the creamery's impact on Tempe.



Farmer and 11th St. irrigation standpipe

Tempe awards \$250,000 for neighborhood projects

From artistic amenities to lighting and fences, the City of Tempe has awarded \$250,000 to 21 neighborhood-initiated improvement projects as part of its 2009-2010 Maryanne Corder Neighborhood Grant Program.

The Tempe City Council voted Aug. 20 to allocate the grants to 11 neighborhood associations and 10 homeowners' associations (HOAs). Including another \$120,000 in matching funds, which are required for HOAs, the total community investment of this year's grant program will be \$370,000.

This year, Mitchell Park East Neighborhood Association in north-central Tempe was awarded a \$50,000 grant for an artistic traffic calming project, in order to ease traffic in the area. The Warner Ranch HOA was awarded \$15,000 for a meditation garden at Harelson Park, at Warner Ranch Drive and Myrna Lane. Other projects include security lighting, xeriscape conversion, entry signage, artistic irrigation standpipes and more.

Tempe annually awards \$250,000 for neighborhood-initiated projects, as part of the city's Capital Improvement Program budget. Neighborhoods apply for maximum grants of \$15,000. One \$50,000 grant is awarded. Grant applications must represent capital projects of community-wide benefit that would not be covered within the city's traditional Capital Improvement Program budget.

Since the program's inception in 1994, more than \$3 million in grants have been awarded. For more information, visit www.tempe.gov/neighborhoods.

Calendar

City Council Meetings

The October/November schedule for Tempe City Council meetings:

October 8, 2009

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

October 22, 2009

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

November 5, 2009

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

November 19, 2009

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

Tempe Town Lake turns 10

It has been 10 years since Tempe opened its signature Town Lake, which has since grown to become one of the most popular tourist attractions in Arizona. Join the birthday celebration on Saturday, Dec. 12, from 3-6:30 p.m. at Tempe Beach Park, at Mill Avenue and Rio Salado Parkway. There will be activities for the whole family, live entertainment and – what would any birthday party be without it? – lots of cake. For more information, visit www.tempe.gov/lake/birthday.htm.

Tempe Bike Hero nominations

The Tempe Transportation Commission is requesting nominations for its Bicycle Hero Award, an honor given to Tempe residents or organizations that significantly contribute to making Tempe a bicycle-friendly community. The award celebrates bicycling in Tempe and increases awareness of bicycling as an alternative mode of transportation. Nominations are due Dec. 31. For more information, visit www.tempe.gov/tim or call 480-858-2215.

Summer fun thanks to Tempe partnerships

The City of Tempe, Tempe Union High School District, Tempe Elementary School District and Kyrene School District provided many opportunities for Tempe youth to stay active this summer with a variety of programs. The city and school districts shared their facilities to allow the programs to operate at affordable prices. Here's a look at the many young people who were served this summer:

- High school competitive basketball: 915 Tempe youth on teams from Tempe High, Corona del Sol, Marcos de Niza and McClintock played in the Competitive League, up 123 participants from last year.
- Kiwanis Recreation Center operated summer youth sport camps, including girls volleyball and basketball. The programs are held at Corona del Sol and Marcos de Niza and coached by each school's respective coach. The two camps had 240 athletes participating.
- McClintock and Escalante pools hosted about 24,000 children over the summer, and Tempe Beach Park Splash Playground hosted more than 50,000 children.
- Tempe's Adapted Recreation Camp Challenge program, held at Bustoz Elementary School, served 45 individuals with disabilities between the ages of 5 and 22.

Get outside with the 14th Annual Tour de Tempe

Tempe will hold its 14th annual Tour de Tempe on Sunday, Oct. 25, from 7 a.m. to noon, at Kiwanis Park, 6111 S. All-America Way. Registration starts at 7 a.m. and the ride is at 9 a.m. This free event features a 12- to 14-mile community bike ride, bike rodeo, helmet fittings and giveaways, live entertainment, kids activities and more. All riders will receive free breakfast snacks and will be entered into a raffle drawing to win great prizes. Bring a pair of old athletic shoes to donate to the Nike Reuse-A-Shoe program and receive an additional ticket into the raffle. Artist-designed T-shirts will be distributed to the first 800 registrants. Helmets are required. For more detailed information, visit www.tempe.gov/tim or call 480-858-2215.

Tempe to host public meetings about Orbit and bus systems

Tempe residents are encouraged to attend one of three public meetings to learn more about potential route changes to the existing Orbit neighborhood circulator and fixed route arterial bus systems. The purpose of these meetings is to gather ideas from neighbors and get input on potential route changes that may occur in January and/or July 2010.

The scope of the proposed route changes has been expanded to include the majority of the arterial bus route system in Tempe. These proposed changes are due in large part to the slowing economy. The Tempe transit system is funded primarily by a half-cent sales tax. The national and local economic climate have resulted in a dramatic decrease in revenues yielded by the tax, causing Tempe to reevaluate the transit system to make it more efficient in order to reduce costs. Passengers and residents are able to comment online at www.tempe.gov/tim beginning Oct. 28. The same information will be presented at all three meetings. Meetings will occur at these Tempe locations:

- Oct. 28 at 6 p.m. Pyle Adult Recreation Center, 655 E. Southern Ave.
- Nov. 4 at 6 p.m.: Tempe Transportation Center, Don Cassano Community Room, 200 E. Fifth St.
- Nov. 7 at 10 a.m.: Tempe Transportation Center, Don Cassano Community Room, 200 E. Fifth St.

For information call 480-350-2775 or visit www.tempe.gov/tim.



Swim with Santa at Kiwanis Recreation Center

Following all his hard work this holiday season, Santa has chosen Kiwanis Recreation Center, 6111 S. All-America Way, as the place to start his vacation. On Dec. 26 and 27, from 1-3 p.m., kids can swim with Santa and thank him for their holiday gifts. Cookies and milk will be provided and free prizes will be raffled. Admission is \$6 for kids 13 and older and \$3 for ages 2-12. Discounted event tickets are available at KRC beginning Nov. 30. Discounted admission will be \$4 for kids 13 and older or \$2 for ages 2-12. Children under the age of 8 must have an adult with them at all times while in the water. Winter wave pool hours are 1-5 p.m. Dec 26-30. For more information, visit www.tempe.gov/kiwanis or call 480-350-5201 or 480-350-5050 TTY.

Fantasy of Lights comes to Tempe

The APS Fantasy of Lights Opening Night Parade is Friday, Nov. 27, from 6-9 p.m. Enjoy the beauty of the holiday season amid the glittering lights of the Mill Avenue District's winter wonderland! Families, neighborhoods and groups are invited to enter the parade with floats, bands, marching units and equestrian units. Spectators can also enjoy shopping and dining in the Mill Avenue District amid the most festive holiday atmosphere in the Valley. And don't miss Santa's first appearance of the holiday season! For more information, visit www.millavenue.com.

APS Fantasy of Lights Boat Parade

Light up the night and be dazzled at the APS Fantasy of Lights Boat Parade at Tempe Town Lake, featuring festively lighted boats of all sizes and a colorful fireworks finale. The event is on Saturday, Dec. 12, from 3-9 p.m., the boat parade begins at 7 p.m. It's the only time of the year that motorized vessels are allowed on the lake. Individuals, families and groups are invited to add to Tempe's holiday tradition by entering their own festively decorated and lighted boats, whether people-powered, wind-powered or motorized. For more information, visit www.millavenue.com.

Tempe Symphony at McClintock High

The Tempe Symphony will perform its annual Holiday Concert at 7:30 p.m. on Monday, Nov. 30, at McClintock High School's Boyle Auditorium, 1830 E. Del Rio Drive. The symphony will play works by Schubert and Respighi and will end with the traditional carol "sing-along." Guests are the Deseret Chorale, Red Mountain Community College A Capella Choir and Sun Valley Chorale. This is a free event; no tickets are necessary. Seating is on a first-come, first-served basis on the night of the concert. Doors open at 6:30 p.m. For more information, visit www.tempe.gov/arts/events/tso.



Run with Team Tempe at P.F. Chang's Rock 'N' Roll Marathon

Have you ever wanted to get in better shape or finish a marathon? Do you want to help your community? Join Team Tempe to run in the P.F. Chang's Rock 'N' Roll Marathon and Half Marathon on Sunday, Jan. 17. Team Tempe is a community-wide effort to raise money for human service needs in Tempe and surrounding communities. As a member of the team, you can participate in a training program and help collect pledges to support area nonprofits. You will also get the chance to win prizes, free entry into the P.F. Chang's Rock 'N' Roll Marathon, and more! For more information or to join, call 480-858-2307 or visit www.tempe.gov/tcc. For more information on the marathon, visit www.mraz.com.

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