



Tempe Tardeada celebrates city's Hispanic heritage

All are invited to the 11th Annual Tempe Tardeada from noon to 8 p.m. on Sunday, Oct. 11, to celebrate and recognize Tempe's Hispanic roots. This free festival will take place at the Tempe Community Center Complex, 3500 S. Rural Road, at the southwest corner of Rural Road and Southern Avenue.

A tardeada is a vibrant afternoon festival and social dance featuring continuous entertainment, traditional Mexican foods, arts and crafts for children, community booths and fun for all! In conjunction with National Hispanic Heritage Month, the festival's goal is to celebrate and experience the legacy of Tempe's Hispanic culture.

Some of the many performers set to appear include Power Drive, Mariachi Corazon Latino, and Miss Arizona 2009, Alicia-Monique Blanco. Colorfully dressed folklorico dancers will add to the fun. For more information, including transportation options and photos from past events, visit www.tempe.gov/tardeada or call Ginny Belousek at 480-350-8979.



From left to right: Councilmember Mark Mitchell, Councilmember Ben Arredondo, Councilmember Joel Navarro, Mayor Hugh Hallman, Councilmember Onnie Shekerjian, Councilmember Corey Woods and Vice Mayor Shana Ellis.

Tempe's Mill and Lake District poised for continued success

By Mayor Hugh Hallman and the Tempe City Council

As part of our ongoing efforts to address and "vision" continuing development of the Rio Salado project, Papago Park and the Mill Avenue District, we continue to work collaboratively with Tempeans on the best approaches to creating a sustainable community — one that we hope future generations will inherit with a sense of connection and pride.

The Tempe City Council's Mill and Lake District Committee includes all City Councilmembers. Our work plan focuses on Tempe's central core and we work together on issues such as redevelopment, stabilization, branding and tourism. Tempe is a leading economic engine, receiving several prestigious awards over the past year for our development successes. Recently, the magazine Entrepreneur named us one of the 10 best places to start a business. Foreign Direct Investment Magazine named Tempe a city of the future. Mill Avenue was chosen by the American Planning Association as one of the 10 best streets in America. Utne Reader lauded our preservation efforts as one of the 10 most enlightened suburbs in America. Tempe also is a three-time designee as one of the 100 Best Communities for Young People.

Tempe Town Lake and downtown Tempe are primed for development and redevelopment. The current downturn in our economy has impacted several projects, but our Development Services Department is seeing continued investment in Tempe, and we are planning for the time when the economy improves. Our scope of work also involves ASU partnerships to assist in the rehabilitation of Sun Devil Stadium, light rail-related real estate development and other development and redevelopment affecting Tempe's central core.

We continue our efforts to maintain, rehabilitate and preserve Papago Park and its amenities, and to work with the Mill Avenue District, the Rio Salado Foundation, the Papago Salado Association, the Arizona Historical Society Museum and others, to create a widely accepted and understood vision of the Mill & Lake District and each of its components.

We need and welcome your participation at any of the Mill & Lake District Committee meetings, which typically are held prior to the first formal City Council meetings each month, from 4-5 p.m., at the Tempe Transportation Center, in the second-floor Don Cassano Community Room, 200 E. Fifth St. For meeting agendas and minutes, visit www.tempe.gov/clerk/councilcommittees.htm.

We are counting on you to be part of the plan and the continued progress. We look forward to seeing you at future meetings and listening to your priorities and ideas.



Get your oompah on at Oktoberfest

Tempe's Way Out West Oktoberfest, now in its 37th year, is keeping all the tradition you love and adding new, fun activities for all ages! This year's Oktoberfest is scheduled for Oct. 2 (5 p.m. to midnight), Oct. 3 (10 a.m. to midnight), and Oct. 4 (10 a.m. to 6 p.m.) at Tempe Beach Park, 80 W. Rio Salado Parkway. Admission, entertainment and kids activities are free.

The festival will feature four stages of entertainment and local bands,

German brats and strudel, non-stop polka, and games and activities for every age. New highlights this year include a John Madden Video Football Tournament, a "Garage Band" tournament, bounce houses, water games and crafts for kids.

Oktoberfest is produced by Tempe Sister Cities volunteers to raise money for international student/teacher exchanges and international humanitarian aid projects. For more details on transportation, parking and food/beverage tickets, visit www.tempeoktoberfest.com.

Tempe recognizes Disability Awareness Month in October

In October, Tempe will recognize Disability Awareness Month. The city promotes a variety of programs designed to increase accessibility in the disabled community. In addition, the City Council is considering revisions to the Tempe City Code to better serve people with disabilities. Proposed revisions include making it illegal for vehicles to block disabled access parking spaces and any adjoining areas, and increasing to 15 minutes the time limit allowing a vehicle with a disabled placard or plate to load or unload a person with a disability.

Tempe administers three programs designed to increase accessibility in the disabled community:

- Vial-Of-Life encourages residents to use pre-made containers to hold important medical information and lists of current medications that can assist emergency personnel in administering treatment. Each vial is to be kept in a refrigerator marked with a Vial-of-Life magnet.
- Lockbox provides participants with free lockboxes in which to place keys to their properties, allowing the Tempe Fire Department to enter properties during medical emergencies. This can prevent damage to doorways from forced entry during emergencies.
- Accessibility Compliance Enforcement (ACE) enables volunteer patrols in Tempe to write disabled parking citations, ensuring that safe and accessible parking spaces are available for the disabled community.

Visit the Commission on Disability Concerns booth at Oktoberfest, Oct. 3, and Tempe Tardeada, Oct. 11, to learn about Tempe's Diversity Department programs and services. To get involved in promoting diversity awareness in Tempe or for more information, visit www.tempe.gov/diversity or call 480-350-2905.



Tempe drinking water is safe and affordable

Tempe water customers have received the city's

2008 Water Quality Report by mail at their homes or businesses. The report also is available at www.tempe.gov/waterquality. The City of Tempe wants you to know that your drinking water is safe, affordable and convenient, meeting all standards. For more information about Tempe water quality, call 480-350-2678. Regional water quality information is available at www.tapintoquality.com.

Tempe expands shoe recycling program

**GIVE AN ASSIST TO PLANET EARTH.
RECYCLE YOUR USED ATHLETIC SHOES.**

Any Brand OK • Athletic Shoes Only • No Cleats, Spikes, Sandals or Dress Shoes



This fall, the City of Tempe is expanding its Nike Reuse-A-Shoe program by inviting students and schools to get in the game. A school-based collection drive for used athletic shoes will begin Sept. 8 and run until Dec. 14. The program promotes environmental stewardship and recycles athletic shoes into "Nike Grind," a material used for sports and playground surfaces. This helps reduce landfill waste and create new places for people of all ages to play.

Schools wanting to join the program can contact the City of Tempe Public Works/Solid Waste Services Program. To receive informational posters and an athletic shoe recycling/collection bin, call 480-350-8224 or visit www.tempe.gov/recycling. The Web site will feature updates on the shoe drive.

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Tempe to host public meetings about Orbit circulators

Tempe residents are encouraged to attend one of three public meetings to learn more about potential route changes to the existing Orbit neighborhood circulator system. The purpose of these meetings is to gather ideas from neighbors and get input on potential route changes using existing monetary resources. The same information will be presented at all three meetings, which are scheduled for:

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

Orbit is a free system that uses mini-buses to serve residential areas and connect them to local destinations such as parks, shopping areas, other neighborhoods, major bus and light rail routes, schools and multi-generational centers. Orbit buses are smaller and quieter than traditional buses. Each bus holds about 20 passengers and travels along collector and residential streets. Residents may board Orbit anywhere along residential streets by signaling the driver. An online comment form will be available beginning Oct. 26. For information call 480-350-2775 or visit www.tempe.gov/tim.



Dr. Fenn Hart Tempe's first mayor

Tempe's first Mayor, Dr. Fenn J. Hart, devoted his life to helping others as a doctor, school director, public servant and veteran.

Born in Vermont in 1859, he graduated from New York Eclectic College in New York City in 1883 with a degree in medicine. The next year, he came to the Arizona Territory and worked as a physician and school director at the San Xavier Indian Reservation, south of Tucson. Three years later, Hart moved to Tempe and opened a private practice and a drug store.

Hart began a career in public service in 1889 with a three-year post as a member of the Territorial Normal School Board of Education. Tempe was incorporated in 1894 and formed its first Town Council. The Maricopa County Board of Supervisors appointed Hart as Tempe's first mayor. He served until 1896, followed by four more years as a Town Council member.

Hart, a member of the National Guard, served in the Philippines during the Spanish-American War, and was in charge of a Red Cross unit for 10 months. He returned to Tempe briefly and, in 1901, opened a medical practice in Jerome, followed by time working as a doctor for mining companies in Arizona and Mexico. During much of this time, Hart's family continued to live in Tempe. In 1916, he and his family moved to Phoenix.

Hart married Rosa Ann Brown in Phoenix in 1888. They had a daughter named Mildred. Hart died in 1935 and is buried in Tempe Double Butte Cemetery.



Neighbors to meet at G.A.I.N. Night parties

Turn on your porch lights and get to know your neighbors on Saturday, Oct. 24, during G.A.I.N. Night. Getting Arizona Involved in Neighborhoods is a statewide effort to help

neighbors get to know each other, which is an important step towards preventing crime. Last year, Tempe residents hosted 89 G.A.I.N. parties, and about 4,000 people attended.

Residents interested in planning G.A.I.N. Night neighborhood parties can attend a kickoff event Wednesday, Sept. 16, from 6-8 p.m. at the Pyle Adult Recreation Center, 655 E. Southern Ave. Attendees can enjoy a light dinner, pick up information packets, get advice on hosting successful G.A.I.N. events and enter a raffle drawing for prizes. Registration for the kickoff is required by going to www.tempe.gov/cpu/GAIN.

Doreen Garlid, a resident of Buena Vistas Ranchos, has helped to organize G.A.I.N. parties for her neighborhood for several years. About 260 people show up for each party, which takes a different theme each year. This year's theme is The Beatles.

Garlid said the greatest benefit of G.A.I.N. is getting to know your neighbors. She advised new party planners to start early, have fun and plan something for all ages.

"So many things have changed all over the country and in our neighborhoods," she said. "But if you can get to know your neighbor, there is such a comfort level there. If you know your neighbor, the kids walking to school with your children, it really helps to make your neighborhood feel safe."

For more information on G.A.I.N., call 480-858-6027 or Cyndi_calender@tempe.gov.

Calendar

City Council Meetings

The September/October schedule for Tempe City Council meetings:

September 10, 2009

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

September 17, 2009

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

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

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

Pre-K Kid Zone program now available

Tempe's Kid Zone Enrichment Program has expanded to include early childhood education. Enrollment is underway for children ages 2 through pre-kindergarten at Getz School, 625 W. Cornell Drive. This licensed preschool program offers children a well-rounded and diverse curriculum taught by experienced, educated and committed staff while meeting children's individual needs in a nurturing environment. Special programs include nutrition, character building, phonics and specialty instruction. Bright, cheerful, educational and unique classrooms enable children to learn with emphasis on social/emotional development, language and literacy, fine/gross motor skills, developmental milestones, mathematics, social studies, science and fine arts. For information on fees, registration and site tours, contact Rose Amaturio at 480-350-5424 or Naomi Farrell at 480-350-5428.

Tempe Center for the Arts launches virtual tour

The Tempe Center for the Arts is launching a 360-degree, virtual Web tour of the facility that provides views of its performance and meeting spaces, still photos, Web links, video and more. Viewers can control the speed of the tour through the computer's mouse or touch pad. "Hotspots" are included in the tour to provide additional information. The following hotspots are used:

- Information (i) – these provide more information on a topic
- Image (magnifying glass) – these zoom in to allow a closer look at an item or room
- Website (sphere) – these provide links to websites that feature information and video
- Video (V) – these link to additional video
- Universal (arrows) – these allow 360-degree views of additional spaces.

View the tour at www.tempe.gov/tca.

Lace up your shoes for Walk to School Day

The weather soon will be cooler and that means residents can get outside and enjoy all that Tempe has to offer. Tempe's 11th annual Walk to School Day on Wednesday, Oct. 7, invites children and parents to ditch their cars and take to the sidewalks to promote community involvement and a healthier environment. Children at participating Tempe schools will receive a giveaway for walking. Each school will receive a tree to demonstrate how trees make walking more pleasant and help the environment. For more information and a list of participating schools, call 480-858-2215 or visit www.tempe.gov/tim.

Major League Movie Night

Take the family to Tempe Diablo Stadium, 2200 W. Alameda Drive, for a free baseball-themed movie, "The Sandlot" on Friday, Oct. 16. The movie begins at dusk (around 6 p.m.) and will be projected onto a large screen in the outfield. Bring a blanket. The concession stand will be open for hungry moviegoers. For more information, visit www.tempe.gov/events/movienight or call 480-350-5225.

Tempe's 32nd Annual Family Halloween Carnival

Your family will have a bewitchingly good time at the city's free Family Halloween Carnival, featuring live entertainment, costume contests and face painting. Local civic groups will provide carnival games and food booths as a fundraiser, and tickets are 25 cents each. The carnival will run from 5:30-9 p.m. on Saturday, Oct. 31, at Kiwanis Park, Mill Avenue and All-America Way. For more information, visit www.tempe.gov/events/halloween or call 480-350-5225.

Free xeriscape classes

The City of Tempe is offering free xeriscape classes in September and October to teach residents about planting and caring for hardier, drought-resistant landscaping. Participants will receive a free workbook, brochures on conversion and design, and information on drip irrigation and lawn care. Classes are scheduled for 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the City of Tempe South Police Community Room, 8201 S. Hardy Drive:

- Saturday, Sept. 26: Conversion from lawn to xeriscape, its principals and design aspects, selection of plant materials and maintenance.
- Saturday, Oct. 3: Selection of xeriscape plant materials and maintenance.
- Saturday, Oct. 10: Drip irrigation design, installation and maintenance.

To register, call Richard Bond at 480-350-2627.

Stay safe with Fire Prevention Week

Tempe will observe Fire Prevention Week from Oct. 4 to 10, with the theme of “Stay Fire Smart! Don’t Get Burned,” and will focus on burn and fire prevention.

Cooking continues to be the leading cause of home fires and injuries. This can be prevented by cooking at lower temperatures and by staying in the kitchen while cooking.

- Keep pot holders, food packaging, cookbooks, and other things that can catch fire away from the stovetop.
- Declare a three-foot “Kid and Pet Free Zone” around your stove while cooking.
- Don’t toss wet or frozen food into hot oil. The reaction will splatter the hot oil.
- Adjust your water heater’s thermostat to 120 degrees or less.
- If a pan of food catches fire, slide the lid over the pan to smother the flames and turn off the burner. Never try to carry the pan to the sink or outside.
- Steam is hotter than boiling water, so take the lids off cooking liquids carefully to prevent steam burns.

Burns can occur from steam while opening a microwavable container or using a wet oven mitt. Remember to turn pot handles in so you won’t bump them and children can’t grab them. And always wear short or tight-fitting sleeves while cooking.

Volunteers needed for tax preparation

Tempe’s Earned Income Tax Credit Initiative (EITC), a program managed by Tempe Community Council, is seeking volunteer tax preparers for the 2010 tax season. Training will include basic tax law and tax preparation using the Taxwise program. All volunteers must successfully complete the IRS course and make a minimum commitment of 20 hours preparing taxes at the Tempe Schools Credit Union site. Please contact the Volunteer Hotline at 480-858-2323 and leave us your name, email address and/or phone number and the best time to call and we will be in touch. Thank for your interest in helping Tempe families and our local economy!

East Valley Business Expo is coming

Registration is open for the 2009 East Valley Business Expo, the largest networking mixer and business-to-business event of the year where more than 1,500 attendees are expected and 145 exhibitors will be on site. The Expo regularly provides the best growth opportunities and business-to-business connections in the East Valley.

The East Valley Business Expo takes place on Oct. 7 from 2 to 6 p.m. at the Mesa Convention Center, 201 N. Center St.

Exhibitors: online registration is open and booths are first-come, first-served at www.eastvalleybusinessexpo.com.

Attendees: Admission is free for attendees with a business card.

Gift cards, door prizes and giveaways will be offered to attendees. Free food and soft drinks will be provided by four local restaurants. The East Valley Business Expo is a joint production of the Tempe, Chandler, Gilbert and Mesa Chambers of Commerce.

For complete information on the Expo or to register visit www.eastvalleybusinessexpo.com.

Ballet under the Stars is Sept. 25

Enjoy a free evening of beautiful dance as the state’s resident professional ballet company, Ballet Arizona, presents Ballet under the Stars on Friday, Sept. 25, at 7 p.m. at the Tempe Center for the Arts outdoor amphitheatre, 700 W. Rio Salado Parkway. Parking is free and available west of Hardy Drive. Bring blankets or lawn chairs and enjoy a family-friendly performance of classical and contemporary dance. For more information, visit www.tempe.gov/arts/events/ballet.htm.

Call for citizen involvement

Tempe Community Council (TCC) and the city are looking for citizens to engage in a human services grant review process titled “Agency Review.” Citizens from all walks of life, ages and experience are needed. You will work with your fellow Tempeans to make funding recommendations regarding human services to the Tempe City Council. The time commitment includes three to four days over a two-month time period (beginning in November) in addition to proposal reading time.

For more than 20 years TCC has managed and administered the allocation of human service dollars by the City of Tempe to local nonprofit human service organizations. Resources are allocated to the organizations through Agency Review, a volunteer, citizen-based review process. Final funding decisions are made by the Tempe City Council.

Agency Review funds come from the City of Tempe General Revenue Fund, Federal Community Development Block Grants, water utility customer donations through Tempe’s Help to Others program and the Tempe Community Foundation endowment. Total funds allocated are more than \$1 million to approximately 40 Valley-wide agencies serving Tempe clients.

If you are interested in participating in this volunteer experience and live or work in Tempe, please contact Caterina Mena, TCC management assistant, at caterina_mena@tempe.gov or by calling 480-858-2311.



Tempe's Councilmember Woods and Housing team win public service awards

Tempe's efforts with housing advocacy, services for the homeless and redevelopment were honored by the National Association of Housing and Redevelopment Officials (NAHRO) with several awards.

NAHRO is the leading housing and community development advocate for the provision of adequate and affordable housing and strong, viable communities for all Americans — particularly those with low and moderate incomes. Members of this group administer HUD programs such as Public Housing, Section 8, CDBG and HOME.

Councilmember Corey Woods received an award of excellence on Aug. 11 from NAHRO's Arizona chapter and the Arizona Housing Authority Directors Association. His award recognizes him as an elected official who demonstrated excellence as an advocate of housing programs by providing consistent support of housing activities while developing and promoting financial, political and community support of housing.

Woods chairs the City of Tempe Housing Committee, with Vice Mayor Shana Ellis serving as a member. Together with the Tempe City Council, they launched the Housing Trust Fund and the Housing Trust Fund Advisory Board. The funds will be used to provide affordable housing. They may be tapped for new construction, renovation of existing projects, acquisition of property and other needs.

In addition, Tempe's Project Homeless Connect was recognized at the same event as an innovative program. This program connects homeless people with the agencies and resources they need, such as veterans benefits, identification papers, and haircuts. The one-day event is primarily operated on donations and volunteer efforts. Details on the national program may be found at www.ich.gov/slocal/NationalProjectHomelessConnectPromo.html. Theresa James runs the Tempe program and may be reached at 480-858-2360.



Tempe History Museum

The new entrance to the Tempe History Museum takes shape. The museum's voter-approved renovation will be complete in November, and exhibits will be installed in December. The museum will feature four themed areas, a Learning Lounge, Kids' Place and a changing gallery for temporary exhibits. The museum's opening is scheduled for Saturday, Feb. 27, 2010. For more information, visit www.tempe.gov/museum.



Family Halloween Adventure

Escalante Community Center, 2150 E. Orange St., will present its annual Family Halloween Adventure on Friday, Oct. 30, from 6 to 8:30 p.m. Experience a thrilling adventure including music, crafts, a haunted house, a graveyard display and games. Admission wristbands can be purchased at the event or in advance at the center for \$5 beginning Oct. 19. For more information, call 480-350-5800.

Valley's first indoor, secure bicycle parking facility opens at Tempe Transportation Center

The first facility of its kind in Arizona, the Bicycle Cellar is a full-service bicycle shop that also offers secure bicycle parking and related services to make cyclists' lives easier. Services include repairs, equipment and accessory sales, bicycle advice and education, bicycle rentals and restrooms and changing rooms. The Bicycle Cellar offers a wide variety of membership plans. Members have access to the facility from 4 a.m. to midnight, seven days a week.

The Bicycle Cellar is at the Tempe Transportation Center, 200 E. Fifth Street. The Tempe Transportation Center and Bicycle Cellar are one of the first Leaders in Environmental Excellence and Design (LEED) certified green and sustainable municipal buildings in Tempe. Bicycle Cellar is an integral part of Tempe's mission, which is to promote a multi-modal transportation system and to construct transportation-related facilities that reduce air pollution and conserve water and energy.

For more information about the Bicycle Cellar, please visit www.thebicyclecellar.com. Visit www.tempe.gov/tim for more information about the Tempe bike program.