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## Anaheim Angels home opener Feb. 25

The Los Angeles Angels of Anaheim will return to their spring training home at Tempe Diablo Stadium when they host the Milwaukee Brewers on Saturday, Feb. 25. The Charity Game will be held Feb. 27 against the San Diego Padres. The season will run through March 28 at Diablo Stadium.

Tickets are on sale now at [www.ticketmaster.com](http://www.ticketmaster.com) or you can purchase them at the Tempe Diablo box office beginning Feb. 18.

Tempe Diablo Stadium is located at 2200 W. Alameda Drive. Visit [www.tempe.gov/diablo](http://www.tempe.gov/diablo) for information on games, tickets, stadium hours, directions and parking.

## Residents offer opinions in survey

Residents have voiced significant satisfaction and offered valuable feedback about the services, programs and facilities provided in their community.

In late 2016, the city's Community Survey was mailed to a random sample of households and 1,202 responses were received. These responses provide a statistically valid sample that can be extrapolated to generally reflect the feelings of all residents. Respondents weighed in on questions related to water service, parks, trash collection, public safety and more. Their ratings give the City of Tempe important information about how well it is providing services.

Kansas-based ETC Institute conducted the survey and compared Tempe to the results of surveys done with nearly 4,000 residents across the country, as well as surveys administered by the company to 28 other medium-size cities. Tempe rated above ETC's national average in almost every area that was assessed. Complete survey results are available at [www.tempe.gov/residentsurvey](http://www.tempe.gov/residentsurvey).

The Tempe City Council discussed the survey results at its Jan. 5 Work Study Session.

The 2016 survey shows areas with high satisfaction ratings as well as areas that could be improved.

Each year, the survey serves as a tool to assist the City Council and city staff in setting priorities, dedicating resources and establishing goals to improve service.

## Have you heard what's new at the TCA?

This spring, Tempe Center for the Arts sponsored by Northern Trust invites you to check out a fresh new lineup of self-produced programming – a first for the center. The six-event schedule runs from Feb. 1 to April 14 and includes a Western Film Festival, theatre and concerts.

In addition, TCA has expanded its popular Friday happy hour to include Thursdays and Saturdays. The new EDGE Happy Hour runs from 5-8 p.m. and includes live entertainment, art, food and drinks, as well as music from acclaimed local bands ranging from contemporary twists on classical music to New York-style cabaret.

In addition to the happy hour and the Feb. 1-3 film festival, there will be Some Velvet Morning, an original play by Neil LaBute, directed by Ralph Remington, from March 10-19. Other spring events also are planned, including the March 18 Disrupt FEST. For a full list of events at the TCA, visit [www.tempe.gov/tca](http://www.tempe.gov/tca).

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## The geeks are back in town!

Geeks Night Out returns from 4:30 to 8 p.m. on Thursday, March 2, at a new location – the Tempe Community Complex, 3500 S. Rural Road. The free, family-friendly event invites everyone to Discover the Science. Geeks Night Out, presented by State Farm, is an Arizona SciTech Festival signature event that blends science, technology,

engineering, arts, mathematics (STEAM) and much more.

Join us for interactive STEAM displays, the annual costume parade featuring Phoenix Comicon and others, pop culture and sci-fi based activities, and much more. The evening is sure to delight enthusiasts and geeks of all ages. Visit [www.tempe.gov/geeks](http://www.tempe.gov/geeks) for more information.

## Spring water conservation workshop schedule

Want to create a water-friendly backyard oasis? Interested in harvesting rain water and repurposing it for your garden? Tempe is hosting a series of workshops to teach residents how to plan, design, implement and maintain a beautifully xeriscaped yard. The workshops are held on consecutive Saturdays, each focusing on a different phase of the process:

- Saturday, April 15 - Designing and converting your landscape
- Saturday, April 22 – Selecting and maintaining xeriscapes
- Saturday, April 29 – Rain harvesting and greywater options
- Saturday, May 6 – Installing a laundry-to-landscape watering system
- Saturday, May 13 - Drip irrigation design, installation and maintenance
- Saturday, May 20 – Organic gardening and composting

All workshops are held from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the SRP Water Education Facility at the Eisendrath Center for Water Conservation, 1400 N. College Ave. Participants receive a free xeriscape workbook and brochures about conversion and design, drip irrigation and maintenance. To register for any of the workshops, call Richard Bond at 480-350-2627. Visit [www.tempe.gov/conservation](http://www.tempe.gov/conservation) for workshop details.

## Green organics collection set for March and April

Tempe residents can turn their green waste into compost by participating in the Green Organics program, which resumes in March and April. This free service runs simultaneously with your bulk trash pickup – simply place your pile of yard waste next to your bulk pile and our crews will pick up both during your collection week. Check your schedule and get program guidelines at [www.tempe.gov/slashthetrash](http://www.tempe.gov/slashthetrash).

## Construction is underway at McClintock Pool

The City of Tempe's McClintock Pool, 1830 E. Del Rio Drive, is under construction and slated to reopen to the public for outdoor recreational swim this summer.

The pool renovations include increasing the depth to meet the Maricopa County Department of Environmental Quality requirements for diving, replacing the bulkhead with a moveable version to expand the programming opportunities, adding a new ADA-accessible entry, as well as updating the infrastructure and equipment.

McClintock Pool was constructed in 1964 and remodeled in 1996. During the economic downturn, the pool was closed for public swim in 2010. Tempe Union High School District and local swim clubs continued to use the pool for physical education classes, swim team practice and local/regional swim team competitions.

Once construction is completed, McClintock Pool will reopen to the public for recreational swim. Days and times of operation and fees will be determined this spring.



## Spring Zero Waste Day

This spring's Zero Waste Day will be Saturday, April 15, from 7 a.m. until 1 p.m. It's the perfect day to get rid of unnecessary clutter in an environmentally responsible way. Recycle your e-waste, hazardous house items and documents, and donate items to charity. We will also be giving away free recycled paint and Tempe-produced compost to help beautify your garden. Be sure to bring a container for the free compost. The free event is happening at the Tempe Fire Training Facility, 1340 E. University Drive. Visit [www.tempe.gov/slashthetrash](http://www.tempe.gov/slashthetrash) for a list of acceptable items and to learn more about how these items are recycled at Tempe's Household Products Collection Center.

## HAYDEN'S FERRY DAYS

A CELEBRATION OF TEMPE'S HISTORY



CHARLES TRUMBULL HAYDEN

FEBRUARY 24, 25 & 26, 2017  
TEMPE HISTORY MUSEUM

## Hayden's Ferry Days

Celebrate Tempe's Old West History during Hayden's Ferry Days from Feb. 24-26. A kickoff dinner will be held Friday evening at the Tempe History Museum, 809 E. Southern Ave. Saturday events include the Historic Preservation Foundation's Walk Through History, as well as guided tours of the Tempe's historic homes including the Petersen House, Eisendrath House and Elias-Rodriguez House.

The festivities will continue Sunday with a free community festival featuring live music, old-fashioned crafts and yard games, food trucks, vendors and demonstrators of artisan skills and crafts. Many activities are focused on trains in celebration of the museum's Trains of Tempe featured exhibit. Check out historic model railroads or build your own with Legos, ride the miniature train and enjoy the festivities celebrating our history and heritage! Visit [www.tempe.gov/museum](http://www.tempe.gov/museum) for more information.



## Orbit Saturn debuts Oct. 23

Orbit Saturn, the city's first neighborhood circulator route to operate south of the U.S. 60, will debut this fall. Orbit is a free service that connects neighborhoods with schools, shopping, neighborhood destinations and several Valley Metro bus routes that travel to destinations like downtown Tempe, ASU, Arizona Mills, Valley Metro rail and locations throughout the Valley. Saturn will circulate in neighborhoods between Southern Avenue and Elliot Road, from Priest Drive to Country Club Way, including the Tempe Public Library.

Orbit Saturn will operate every 30 minutes, seven days a week, from 7 a.m. to 9 p.m. on weekdays, 8 a.m. to 9 p.m. on Saturdays and 8 a.m. to 7 p.m. on Sundays.

In 2015, area residents participated in a multi-phased planning process for the new route, sharing their preferences for points of interest, hours and frequency of service, and route options.

Neighborhood circulator service was part of the Tempe Transit Tax approved by voters in 1996, with the five existing routes – Mercury, Venus, Earth, Mars and Jupiter – implemented between 2007 and 2008. The Saturn route was approved by the City Council in 2015. The city has \$1.2 million in Tempe Transit Tax funds available annually to operate the new route. For more information and a map of the route, visit [www.tempe.gov/orbit](http://www.tempe.gov/orbit).



## Free Art Friday

Free Art Friday is a free, family-oriented interactive art series that gives preschoolers and caregivers the opportunity to create art, learn about music and movement and have a great time! Each month explores a different theme and art projects.

Free Art Friday will be held Feb. 17, March 17, April 21 and May 19 from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. at the Edna Vihel Activities Center, 3340 S. Rural Road. Each month has a theme, including science art, folk art, Earth Day and more. Registration is not required for these free, leisurely mornings of activities. For more information, visit [www.tempe.gov/familyfun](http://www.tempe.gov/familyfun) or call 480-350-5287.

## New landlords needed

The Tempe Section 8 Housing Choice Voucher Program is looking for new landlords to participate in our program. The program provides federally subsidized housing to low-income families in Tempe. As a participating landlord, you will benefit from: free inspections; listing on City of Tempe website; market rents; a continuous pool of potential tenants; and electronic rent payments. For more information, contact Theresa James at 480-858-2360 or email [Section8landlords@tempe.gov](mailto:Section8landlords@tempe.gov).

## Calling all animal lovers

Councilmembers Lauren Kuby and Randy Keating will be hosting a community conversation on animal-related issues in the City of Tempe and want to invite feedback at a public forum. Potential discussion topics include commercial pet sales, tethering, pet tags/microchips, spay and neuter services, fireworks, feral cats, dog parks, and breed-specific policies and legislation. Any other animal-related issues can be discussed as well. The forum will happen Tuesday, March 7, from 6:30 to 8 p.m., in the Don Cassano Community Room, on the second floor of the Tempe Transportation Center, 200 E. Fifth St.

# Calendar

This is the tentative February/March schedule for Tempe City Council meetings. Check [www.tempe.gov/clerk](http://www.tempe.gov/clerk) for updated schedules.

## February 2, 2017

4 p.m., Work Study Session

## February 9, 2017

4 p.m., Executive Session  
6 p.m., Regular Council Meeting

## February 16, 2017

4 p.m., Work Study Session

## February 23, 2017

4 p.m., Executive Session  
6 p.m., Regular Council Meeting

## March 2, 2017

4 p.m., Work Study Session

## March 23, 2017

4 p.m., Executive Session  
6 p.m., Regular Council Meeting

## March 30, 2017

4 p.m., Work Study Session

Agendas as posted a minimum of 24 hours before each meeting outside of the City Council Chambers and on-line at [www.tempe.gov/clerk](http://www.tempe.gov/clerk). Meeting dates and times are subject to change. Confirm meeting dates and times online or by contacting the City Clerk's office at (480) 350-4311. Meetings are aired live on Tempe 11 and [www.tempe.gov/tempe11](http://www.tempe.gov/tempe11).

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# News you can use

## Clark Park Farmers Market runs through April 29

Clark Park Farmers Market has returned to the Clark Park Community Garden on Saturday mornings. This dog-friendly market features local produce, eggs, honey, coffee, soaps, food trucks, live music, massage and stands of handmade goods from artisans and musicians. Free yoga classes, children's gardening classes, chef classes, art projects and more are featured as well. The market, located at Roosevelt Street and Broadway Road, has parking for cars and bicycles and is along the Venus Orbit route. Market proceeds benefit the garden and its non-profit partner, Tempe Community Action Agency. For more information, visit [www.facebook.com/tempemarket](http://www.facebook.com/tempemarket) or [www.clarkparkfarmersmarket.com](http://www.clarkparkfarmersmarket.com).

## Annual Kiwanis Club Easter Egg Hunt is April 15

Kiwanis Club of Tempe and the Tempe High School Key Club will present the 10th Annual charity Easter Egg Hunt on Saturday, April 15, at the north soccer field at Kiwanis Park, 6111 S. All-America Way. The free event is open to children 10 and under. The Easter Bunny will be roaming and available for pictures. The event starts at 8 a.m. and includes face painting, games and crafts. The egg hunt starts promptly at 9 a.m. For details on the event, visit [www.kcot.org](http://www.kcot.org).

## Feb. 22 budget forum and online feedback

The City of Tempe is developing its operating and capital budgets for the upcoming fiscal year, which runs July 2017 through June 2018. The Mayor and Council would like public input on the status of daily operations, city assets and infrastructure, such as streets, community centers, pools, lighting, parks and more. Where do you think the city should focus its limited funds to provide the greatest benefits to the community?

Visit the budget planning page at [www.tempe.gov/budgetplan](http://www.tempe.gov/budgetplan) for reference and to access a survey designed to gather residents' input; it will remain open through March 31. The city also is holding a public forum to inform and solicit community feedback on Wednesday, Feb. 22, at 6 p.m., in the community room of the Tempe History Museum, 809 E. Southern Ave.

## Adults 50+ needed to help kids read

Reading skills are crucial for young students. According to Arizona law, reading standards must be met by the end of third grade in order for students to move on to fourth grade. And, each year, volunteers from Tempe's Experience Corps program help students

advance their reading skills to meet that goal. More than 300 Tempe students in kindergarten through third grade are each paired with an adult volunteer for the school year. Interested volunteers 50 and over are welcome to attend an Experience Corps information session from 9:30 to 10:30 a.m. on any of these dates: Feb. 21; March 23; April 12; April 24; May 9; and May 23. All sessions will be in Meeting Room B in the lower level of the Tempe Public Library, 3500 S. Rural Road, and all sessions will feature the same information. For more information on Experience Corps, visit [www.tempe.gov/experiencecorps](http://www.tempe.gov/experiencecorps).



## MARCH 2017

### Mixed Bulk Trash & Green Organics

	Collection Week	Collection Type
Area E	MAR 6-10	<b>MIXED BULK WASTE AND GREEN ORGANICS</b>
Area F	MAR 13-17	
Area G	MAR 20-24	
Area H	MAR 27-31	

Items may be placed for collection no earlier than 10 days prior to Monday of your collection week and no later than 6 a.m. on Monday of your collection week.



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