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Springtime = arts festival time!

More than 300 national artists will be featured at the 40th annual Spring Tempe Festival of the Arts, happening March 31 through April 2, from 10 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. in Downtown Tempe. Street performers, family activities, three entertainment stages and plenty of food and drink make this festival a must-do for spring. Admission is free.

This spring's festival features triple the entertainment with stages at Fifth Street and Mill Avenue, Hayden Amphitheater and Centerpoint Plaza. Enjoy an expanded selection at Food Truck Alley. Don't miss Kids Block, where kids enjoy works by their peers and can do projects of their own with several community partners.

Take a break from the rigorous shopping demands and check out some of Downtown Tempe's famed restaurants, pubs, breweries and shops. You'll find great spots to keep you coming back downtown all year long. Check out www.TempeFestivalOfTheArts.com for full details and to learn what's new for spring 2017!

Tempe selected for Bloomberg Philanthropies' What Works Cities initiative



The City of Tempe has been chosen by Bloomberg Philanthropies' What Works Cities initiative to receive expert assistance that will improve service to community members.

What Works Cities will help with three specific aims: to become even more transparent and effective through maximizing the use and availability of open data; to become even more efficient through better goal-setting and

progress-tracking; and to become a healthier workforce through a refreshed wellness program.

What Works Cities is a combined effort of five world-class organizations providing free expert technical assistance to help cities focus intensively on solutions in specific areas. Tempe's partners will include the Center for Government Excellence (GovEx) at Johns Hopkins University, the Government Performance Lab at the Harvard Kennedy School, and the Sunlight Foundation. Tempe is one of 62 mid-sized cities now partnering with What Works Cities nationally.

Mayor Mark Mitchell said that Tempe residents will be the ultimate beneficiaries of the assistance provided by What Works Cities.

"With the City of Tempe's selection, we are in very good company among cities nationally and in very good hands with What Works Cities," Mitchell said. "This assistance is invaluable to what we are trying to accomplish in becoming an even more transparent, even more focused organization for the benefit of our residents."

Tempe is working toward improving the way community members can access data from the city website. The aim is for that access to be quick and easy, providing information for residents' use in informing neighborhood discussions, assisting business decisions and creating mobile or online applications of their own.

As a first step in infusing open data throughout Tempe's website, GovEx and the Sunlight Foundation will work with the Tempe Police Department to build police data sets to be placed online. The data sets involve crime and use of force. In addition, the partners will develop an open data policy and clarify the process for releasing data publicly. Members of the public will be invited to review and comment on a draft policy.

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What Works Cities will also help Tempe build on progress in performance management by determining how goals are set and measured, as well as increasing the transparency and availability of the city's performance analytics to the public.

In 2015, the Tempe City Council set five strategic priorities to guide policy and staff work around providing services. Since then, the city's Office of Strategic Management and Diversity has worked with city departments to identify and report on activities that align with the strategic priorities. The goal is to track and share progress with the community in order to strengthen accountability and achieve better results.

For more information on What Works Cities, visit www.whatworkscities.org.

Celebrate Tempe Bike Month in April

Tour de Tempe – April 2 from 7:30 to 11 a.m.

More than 1,000 people are expected to participate in the Tour de Tempe community bike ride at Kiwanis Park, 6111 S. All-America Way, in the west parking lot north of Guadalupe Road. This free, 10-mile bike ride is led by members of the Tempe City Council. Registration begins at 7:30 a.m. with the ride starting at 9 a.m. Pre-register at www.tempe.gov/bikemonth.

Bike to Art – April 8 from 9-11 a.m.

The Tempe Center for the Arts, 700 W. Rio Salado Parkway, will serve as a meet-up point for the first-ever Bike to Art event. In small groups, riders will take a leisurely path along different sites around downtown, showcasing public art around Town Lake and in the Mitchell Park neighborhood.

Bike to Work Day – April 19 from 6:30 to 8 a.m.

Riders who stop by one of the participating Bike to Work Day locations in Tempe will receive free breakfast, with the first 350 riders receiving free T-shirts. At 7 a.m., riders can join members of the Tempe City Council on a group ride from Whole Foods Market to Ncounter in downtown Tempe. Breakfast site locations include Back East Bagels, IKEA, Ncounter, Wildflower Bread Company, Whole Foods Market, Steve's Espresso, Boulders on Broadway and Breyer Law Group at Daley Park. Locations are listed at www.tempe.gov/bikemonth.

Bikes & Beer – April 20 at 7 p.m.

Hosted by former Tempe Mayor Neil Giuliano, in coordination with Tempe Bicycle Action Group, this event includes a panel discussion, beer tasting courtesy of Pedal Haus Brewery and fun bicycling related activities. The event will be held at Tempe History Museum, 809 E. Southern Ave.

Tempe Fire Medical Rescue and Phoenix VA bring care to veterans

Military veterans with high-risk health conditions who live in Tempe are getting health care in the comfort of their own homes thanks to a partnership between Tempe Fire Medical Rescue and the Phoenix Veterans Affairs Health Care System. The two entities have joined forces to create a Veterans Telemedicine Program that has been helping some of Tempe's more than 13,000 veterans conserve their health. "Joined Forces", a newly-produced video by Tempe 11, highlights two veterans in the program – watch it at www.tempe.gov/medical.

The telemedicine program combines an old-fashioned house call with technology to allow a city nursing team and VA medical staff to monitor program participants, who are selected by the Phoenix VA. The registered nurses provide the hands-on health assessment while VA nurse practitioners consult with patients via a video conferencing platform to determine their medical needs. The program has been in progress for about a year and was recommended to the fire department by Vice Mayor Robin Arredondo-Savage.

Veterans can contact Tempe Fire Medical Rescue or consult with their VA doctor about the program. VA-enrolled veterans who live in Tempe can call the fire department's Patient Advocate Services at 480-858-7241, which is a non-emergency number for the Emergency Medical Services division.

Tempe Fire Medical Rescue provides the nursing team through its Patient Advocate Services, a community health program created in partnership with Tempe St. Luke's Hospital to help reduce the city's emergency call volume and emergency room visits. The Veterans Telemedicine Program is funded by a gaming grant from the Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community.

Sign up for news from Tempe Fire Medical Rescue at www.tempe.gov/firenews.

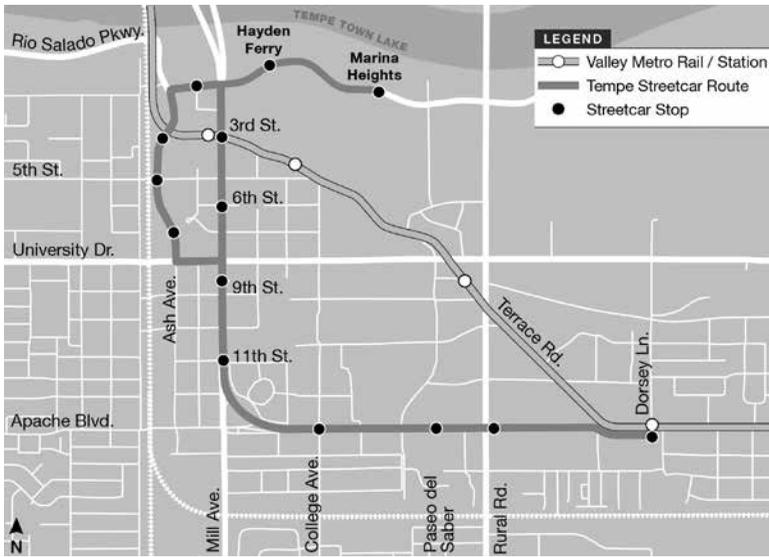
Diamondbacks' Cory Hahn to keynote 29th Annual Tempe Mayor's Disability Awards

Join Tempe Mayor Mark Mitchell for the 29th Annual Tempe Mayor's Disability Awards at 3 p.m. on Tuesday, April 25, at Tempe Center for the Arts, 700 W. Rio Salado Parkway. The awards recognize the people and companies who make our city a more inclusive place. Arizona Diamondback Cory Hahn will be the keynote speaker. Hahn was paralyzed after fracturing his C5 vertebrae diving into second base during the third game of his freshman season at Arizona State University. After Hahn graduated from ASU in 2014, the Diamondbacks hired him as an assistant in the Scout Ahead Development Program, where he breaks down film and attends games searching for the next valuable prospect. Due to limited space, RSVPs are required. Email Michele_stokes@tempe.gov or call 480 350-2704 to reserve your seats. There is no admission charge.

New Tempe 311 app this spring

Later this spring, Tempe will launch an even better Tempe 311 mobile app to connect community members with services and information. If you have used the previous Tempe 311 app, you will need to delete it and download the new app. When the new app is announced, visit www.tempe.gov/311 to get the links for both iTunes and Android app stores.

April 19 Tempe Streetcar public meeting



The Tempe Streetcar is moving ahead, with design and construction contractors and public artists on board, and a vehicle manufacturer contract in the works. Tempe and Valley Metro will hold a public meeting April 19 from 6-8 p.m. in the Don Cassano Community Room of the Tempe Transportation Center, 200 E. Fifth St., to present preliminary design information and provide an opportunity to meet the design and construction teams.

The meeting will include a brief presentation at 6:30 p.m. to review track placement, streetcar stop design, public art and next steps. Design and construction team members, along with project artists, and City of Tempe and Valley Metro project staff, will be available to answer questions and take feedback.

In January, the Valley Metro Rail Board of Directors approved a contract with Stacy and Witbeck, Inc. as the Construction Manager At-Risk for Tempe Streetcar, following approval in late 2016 of contracts with the project designer, Stantec, and five artists who will work with the community to create public art for the streetcar's 14 stops.

The 3-mile route will serve downtown Tempe, Arizona State University, the emerging Rio Salado corridor and several of Tempe's oldest neighborhoods. The route includes 14 stops and two connections with the regional Valley Metro Rail system. Streetcar vehicles will operate on tracks, mostly mixed with automobile traffic. Construction is scheduled to begin in early 2018.

Streetcar is an important addition to the regional transit network with its ability to attract new riders, increase mobility options, strengthen existing neighborhoods and encourage sustainable development. For more information, visit www.valleymetro.org/tempestreetcar.

State of the Neighborhoods Awards and Workshop



Join fellow Tempeans at the 2017 State of the Neighborhoods Awards and Workshops on Saturday, April 22, at the Tempe History Museum, 809 E. Southern Ave. This year's event falls on Earth Day, so the focus will be on sustainability efforts for homes, neighborhoods and

the community. Mayor Mark Mitchell will deliver his State of the Neighborhoods address followed by awards honoring community members who are taking action and making positive contributions to Tempe every day.

Registration and a light breakfast begin at 8 a.m. After the awards and the Mayor's address, there will be a "Spark" Session from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m., with fun, quick presentations on everything from raising backyard chickens to re-energizing vacant lots. Register by April 14 at www.tempe.gov/stateoftheneighborhoods, or by calling 480-350-8234. Many thanks to event sponsors SRP, HOA Document Archiving and Whole Foods.

Smart meters are here

Water meters throughout Tempe are being replaced or upgraded to include automated technology that can track water use in real time. The City Council approved the project in May 2016 and the work will take place over the next few years. This will be the first fully automated meter reading system in the Valley.

Currently water meters are read manually, once a month, making it challenging to identify leaks or unusual water use in a timely manner. With the new technology, city staff will be able to collect water meter readings in real time, from a remote location, eliminating the need to visit each meter. The project includes a future phase to launch a portal so customers can monitor their own water use.

Tempe's installation contractor, Metering Services Inc., is working over the next few years. No service interruptions are expected. Residents will be notified on their monthly bills when their meter has been replaced/upgraded. For questions, call Customer Service at 480-350-8361, Monday through Friday, between 7 a.m. and 5 p.m.

Exciting things are happening at the
Tempe Center for the Arts
www.tempe.gov/TCA

Calendar

This is the tentative March/April schedule for Tempe City Council meetings. Check www.tempe.gov/clerk for updated schedules.

March 23, 2017

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

April 6, 2017

4 p.m., Work Study Session

April 20, 2017

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

April 27, 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. 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.

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News you can use

Councilmember Granville invites conversations

Councilmember Kolby Granville will host three installments of his "Community Conversation" series in April, and invites residents to join him to discuss ideas and feedback about any city topics of interest. The sessions are happening: Monday, April 24, from 6-8 p.m., at Changing Hands Bookstore, 6428 S. McClintock Drive; Tuesday, April 25, from 6-8 p.m., at The Lakes Community Room, 5501 S. Lakeshore Drive; and Wednesday, April 26, from 6-8 p.m., at Boulders on Broadway, 530 W. Broadway Road. For more information about the conversations, call 480-350-8816. For more information about Granville's service in Tempe, visit www.tempe.gov/granville.

Sr. Health & Wellness Expo

Pyle Adult Recreation Center, 655 E. Southern Ave., invites adults and seniors to explore community resources at the free Senior Health & Wellness Expo. From 8 a.m. to noon on Thursday, April 13, participants can discover services offered by more than 50 companies while enjoying free screenings, class demonstrations, a light breakfast and a door prize drawing. For more information, visit www.tempe.gov/adults50plus.

Equal Pay Workshops

Free equal pay negotiation training classes are open to anyone who lives, works, or studies in Tempe. The city has partnered with the American Association of University Women to offer the workshops, which are designed to help community members build confidence and skills around salary negotiation, market worth, tools of persuasion and business strategies. Each class features the same information and all take place in the Business Resource and Innovation Center (BRiC), inside the Tempe Public Library, 3500 S. Rural Road. The planned classes are: March 21, 6-8 p.m.; April 29, 10 a.m. to noon; May 16, 6-8 p.m.; and May 30, 6-8 p.m. Registration is required at www.aauw.org/work-smart-tempe.

Indoor antiques market

The Hayden's Ferry Questers present their first Vintage Antique Indoor Market on Saturday, March 25, from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m., at the Vihel Center and Tempe History Museum, located at the southwest corner of Rural Road and Southern Avenue. Admission is \$3. Browse the vignettes and displays in themes like garden, rustic, shabby, toys, signs and more.

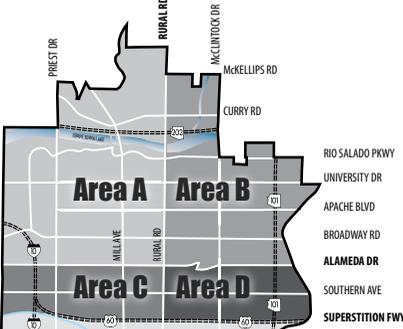


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Area	Collection Week	Collection Type
Area A	APR 3-7	MIXED BULK WASTE AND GREEN ORGANICS
Area B	APR 10-14	
Area C	APR 17-21	
Area D	APR 24-28	

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Tempe Leadership Class 32 fundraiser

Save the date for Tempe Leadership Class 32's Feeding Our Future Fundraiser, happening April 1 at 6 p.m. at The Shop Beer Company, 922 W. First St. It will be a night of good food and entertainment in support of the United Food Bank and Thew Elementary's weekend food program. Tickets are available at the door or at www.tempeleadership.org/feedfuture/.