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Connect with Councilmembers

Want to discuss your ideas and input about Tempe? Join these Councilmembers as they host conversation events to connect with community members:

Sustainability Circle – Join Councilmember Lauren Kuby as she discusses topics related to sustainability on two dates: April 5, from 6:30 to 8 p.m., at Changing Hands Bookstore, 6428 S. McClintock Drive; and April 15, from 10:30 a.m. to noon, at Connections Café inside the Tempe Public Library, 3500 S. Rural Road.

Java with Joel – Councilmember Joel Navarro will host an installment of his regular Java with Joel discussion series on May 20, at 10 a.m., in the City Council Chambers, 31 E. Fifth St. Navarro will be focusing on the national opioid epidemic and ideas for local solutions.

Community Conversation – Councilmember Kolby Granville is hosting three upcoming sessions to chat with residents about city issues: April 24, from 6-8 p.m., at Changing Hands Bookstore, 6428 S. McClintock Drive; April 25, from 6-8 p.m., at The Lakes Community Room, 5501 S. Lakeshore Drive; and April 26, from 6-8 p.m., at Boulders on Broadway, 530 W. Broadway Road.

For more information about the whole City Council, visit www.tempe.gov/elected. For information about the three Councilmembers above, visit www.tempe.gov/granville, www.tempe.gov/kuby and www.tempe.gov/navarro.



Tempe Public Library receives major gift from private donor

The Tempe Public Library has received a gift of \$460,000 from a private donor. The endowed gift is from the estate of the late Annette Voth, Arizona State University professor emeritus and former head librarian of the ASU Herberger Institute School of Music Library.

Voth was a longtime Tempe resident and an avid patron of the Tempe Public Library. The endowment will be used to expand and enhance the library's collection of books, movies, documentaries, music and more.

Mayor Mark Mitchell expressed gratitude on behalf of the city for Voth's gift. "It is one of the largest individual private gifts in Tempe's history," he said. "We have one of the finest public libraries in Arizona and this gift will be used to expand and enhance the collection."



The Endowment in Memory of Annette Voth is managed by the Arizona Community Foundation and distributed by the Tempe Community Foundation. The Tempe Community Foundation was established in 1992, as a program of the Tempe Community Council, to create a permanently endowed fund to support human service programs and other endeavors to enhance quality of life for residents of Tempe.

"The Tempe Community Foundation board of advisors is proud to play a small part in fulfilling Ms. Voth's wish to support our superb library," said TCF President Mike Rooney. "Tempe citizens will enjoy her generosity for many years to come."

For more information on the TCF, visit www.tempecommunitycouncil.org/tcf/.

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A Fido Bag for every fire truck



Pets injured in house fires and other emergencies have more of a fighting chance, thanks to the availability of a lifesaving piece of equipment known as a Fido Bag – now carried on all Tempe Fire Medical Rescue emergency vehicles, thanks to a generous donation from the Fetch Foundation and PetSmart.

A Fido Bag contains an oxygen mask created especially for animals, as well as leashes, a water bowl and a soft carrying case for cats. These tools can help save pets suffering from smoke inhalation, bee stings and other traumas. An estimated 500,000 pets are affected by fires each year in the United States and more than 40,000 die from smoke inhalation alone.

“Saving lives is our mission and that includes our community’s beloved pets,” said Assistant Chief Craig Fredricks.

Tempe Fire Medical Rescue has been using the Fido Bag since 2013. The department also recommends that a pet owner know what to do if a pet is in trauma:

- Learn pet first aid and CPR
- Locate the nearest emergency animal hospital or clinic in your area in advance.
- Register your pets and household information on Tempe’s Smart911 services. Residents can provide valuable information in advance so that first responders have advance details about pets and medical conditions on the way to an emergency. Go to www.smart911.org to register.

Local trap-neuter-release fund needs donations

In 2015, the Animal Defense League of Arizona worked with the City of Tempe to create a city-specific donation fund for Trap, Neuter and Return (TNR) programs. The fund is in need of donations, which are tax deductible.

Grant funding and past donations have contributed to great successes, such as 223 cats undergoing TNR in just January and February of this year alone. TNR is recognized as the most humane and effective approach to decreasing roaming cat populations over time.

Find out more or donate to the fund by contacting the ADLA at 602-265-7729, ext. 101, or clandwerth@adlaz.org. Online donations can be made at <http://www.adlaz.org/content/donate-animal-defense-league-arizona> – scroll down to the Tempe donation area.

Tempe welcomes GRID Bike Share program in May

Next month, Tempe will debut its GRID bike stations as part of the regional bike share program. GRID Bike Share, currently available in Phoenix and Mesa, is another way for residents to use the vast biking infrastructure and explore town. Tempe plans to launch the for-rent public bike program in May with 300 bikes and 31 stations.

The stations will be located in high-activity areas of the city. Station locations are targeted to reach the highest bike ridership parts of the community, major destinations (Town Lake, Mill Avenue, Tempe Public Library and more), bikeways and ASU campus, as well as link to the regional light rail system, future streetcar route and the other transit options in Tempe. For more information, visit www.tempe.gov/bikeshare.

Renew your Youth Transit Pass for 2017-2018

Beginning May 15, Tempe will begin issuing new transit passes to current and new participants of the Tempe Youth Transit Pass program. Valid July 1, 2017, through June 30, 2018, the new pass allows youth ages six to 18 who live in Tempe to ride all Valley Metro bus routes and the METRO light rail free. All that’s needed to sign up is an accompanying parent or guardian and a copy of the youth’s birth certificate and proof of residency, such as a utility bill.

Throughout the year, students will be able to stop by the Tempe Transportation Center, 200 E. Fifth St., from 8 a.m. and 4:30 p.m., to get the pass. Special Saturday registration will be held at the Transportation Center on May 20, July 8 and Aug. 5 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

In addition, students who attend Tempe, Marcos de Niza, Compadre and McClintock high schools, and live in Tempe, can get their passes at the schools. To download the registration form and learn more, visit www.tempe.gov/youthpass.

Summer waterline project to affect traffic

As part of Tempe’s ongoing Asset Management Program, the city plans to replace aging water infrastructure this summer in the Brentwood Manor and Tempe Royal Palms neighborhoods. The purpose of the project is to ensure that waterlines are modernized to maintain service and that aging infrastructure is repaired or replaced.

The waterline replacement project is expected to begin in early May and conclude in late August. Residents will experience street restrictions and congestion along Rural Road between Alameda Drive and Southern Avenue, and on Southern Avenue between Rural Road and College Avenue. Find out more about street restrictions in your area by visiting www.tempe.gov/streetclosures.

Your safety = Our priority

Beware of scams

The Tempe Police Department has recently encountered an increase in specific types of fraudulent schemes, particularly those involving phone calls. Community members should be wary of scams from:

- Callers who claim to be from the IRS, saying that you owe money. The IRS will never pursue payments by phone.
- Callers who claim to be from the Police Department, saying that you owe money to resolve a warrant. Law enforcement does not take warrant payments by phone.
- Callers who claim you missed jury duty and must collect a fine from you. There are no fines for missing jury duty.
- Callers who claim to be your grandchild and insist they need money to get out of jail. These scammers can be very convincing in preying on seniors' emotions.

Additionally, a recent scam involves the promise of a home-based Internet job. A scammer sends the "employee" a check as an advance on their first month's salary and instructs the employee to deposit it and then purchase and send the employer gift cards with the extra money. The original check is determined later by the bank to be fraudulent. For more information or questions, contact Tempe Police Officer Dave Lewis at 480-350-8829.

Get a permit for your alarm system

In accordance with the City of Tempe Alarm Ordinance, a permit is required for all alarm systems in Tempe within 30 days after the alarm is used or becomes operational. This includes do-it-yourself alarm systems.

The alarm user is responsible for renewing the permit each year as well making sure that the information on the account is kept current. The initial residential permit fee is \$10 and free thereafter if renewed on time. The initial business permit fee is \$15 and renewed yearly at the same rate.

If you have any questions about the City of Tempe Alarm Ordinance or questions related to your alarm user permit account, call the Tempe Police Department Alarm Unit at 480-350-8778. You can also email us directly at alarm_program@tempe.gov. If you already have a permit, provide your permit number in the subject line of your email.

Sign up to receive fire news

When there's an emergency, Tempe Fire Medical Rescue is on the scene serving the community. But did you know we also offer safety programs, medical services such as a children's vaccine clinic and events? We also are building a new fire station. Keep up on all of our news by signing up for FireNews at www.tempe.gov/firenews to receive email notifications. You can also find us at www.facebook.com/tempefire.

Drop off expired, unused prescription drugs

Tempe Police and the Arizona Drug Enforcement Administration are partnering again for an upcoming drug "take back" event, along with more than 50 other law enforcement agencies at sites across the state. Unused or expired prescription and over-the-counter medications in original containers can be dropped off anonymously on Saturday, April 29, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., at the Tempe Police South Substation, 8201 S. Hardy Drive. Medications will be disposed of properly. Glass, syringes, injectables and sharps cannot be accepted.

Tempe Police and the DEA continue to take action to stop prescription drug abuse, addiction, theft and re-sale trafficking. Many abused prescription drugs are obtained from the home medicine cabinet. It is not a good solution to flush medications because the chemicals can adversely impact our water supply and the environment. Our goal is to impact accidental poisonings, overdoses and deaths due to the inappropriate use of prescription drugs.

For those unable to dispose of medication at the event, two secure medication disposal kiosks are available for community members year-round, Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. The kiosks are sponsored by the Tempe Police in partnership with the Tempe Coalition and Attorney General's Office. They are located at the Tempe Police downtown headquarters, 120 E. Fifth St., and the Tempe Police Apache Substation, 1855 E. Apache Blvd.

For more information about the event, contact: Molly_Enright@tempe.gov, 480-858-6148; Lisa_Ball@tempe.gov, 480-350-2791; or Charles_Cobbs@tempe.gov, 480-350-8691.

Calendar

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

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

May 4, 2017

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

May 22, 2017 (Monday)

4 p.m., Work Study Session

May 25, 2017

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

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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2016 Water Quality Report available in May

The City of Tempe's annual Water Quality Report for calendar year 2016 will be available May 1 at www.tempe.gov/ccr. This report provides information about the source and quality of drinking water provided by the City of Tempe. If you would like a paper copy of the report mailed to your home, call 480-350-2678. For other questions or issues regarding your water, call 480-350-8330. You can trust the City of Tempe to provide clean, safe water. Delivering high-quality drinking water is a top priority. Our drinking water is safe and meets or exceeds all quality standards set by the state and federal governments.

2017 Water and Solid Waste Rate Study needs your input

Tempe invites community members to be part of the 2017 water and solid waste rate study. There will be a public involvement process in April and May to solicit your perspectives and opinions. Public meetings, focus groups and a webinar will be conducted. Check out the city's event calendar and Facebook page for specific public involvement opportunities. Updates also will be posted to www.tempe.gov/utilityrates.

Recycle-A-Bicycle new donation drop-off information

Tempe's Recycle-a-Bicycle is in need of old bikes, new and used bike parts, and new and used repair stands. The program fosters health, development, stewardship and empowerment among at-risk Tempe youth by getting bicycles donated by the community into their hands. There is new drop-off location information. Tempe and Guadalupe residents can drop off donations at the Household Products Collection Center, 1320 E. University Drive, on Fridays from 7 a.m. to noon and on Saturdays from 7 a.m. to 1 p.m. Drop off donations at the following fire stations on the first Monday of every month between 8 a.m. and 9 p.m.: Station 1, 1450 E. Apache Blvd.; Station 3, 5440 S. McClintock Drive; and Station 4, 300 E. Elliot Road. Gililand Middle School also accepts donations in the front office during school hours through May 19.

Nominations sought for Don Carlos Humanitarian and Volunteer Awards

Nominations are being accepted for Tempe's 2017 Humanitarian of the Year. Presented annually by Tempe Community Council, the Don Carlos Humanitarian Award is Tempe's most prestigious honor. It is presented to a person or couple, who has given outstanding service to our community over an extended period of time, has benefited the less fortunate in lasting ways and has made Tempe a better place to live. Nominations are also being accepted for an outstanding Tempe volunteer. Nominations are due June 4. The awards presentation will be Sept. 27. For more information, visit www.tempecommunitycouncil.org or call 480-858-2300.

MAY 2017

Mixed Bulk Trash Collection Schedule

Area	Collection Week	Collection Type
Area E	MAY 1-5	MIXED BULK WASTE
Area F	MAY 8-12	
Area G	MAY 15-19	
Area H	MAY 22-26	

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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