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## Download the NEW Tempe 311 App today

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Improvements include:

- Automatic fill-in of addresses
- Better search function
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## July 4th Festival lights up the sky over Town Lake

Celebrate Independence Day at one of the largest fireworks displays in Arizona. The annual FOX 10 July 4th Tempe Town Lake Festival is back and it's a patriotic party for all ages. The event, produced by the Kiwanis Club of Tempe, happens Tuesday, July 4, at Tempe Beach Park, at Mill Avenue and Rio Salado Parkway. Gates open at 5 p.m.

All ages can celebrate the holiday with live local entertainment, kids' activities, games, inflatables and rock-climbing walls. The 35-minute fireworks show will be launched

from the Mill Avenue Bridge and choreographed to popular music. Net proceeds from the event will benefit the Kiwanis Club of Tempe Children's Charities.

- Children 12 and younger and active military with military ID card: FREE general admission
- City of Tempe offices advance general admission tickets: \$5 until July 1.
- Fry's and Fry's Marketplace stores advance general admission tickets: \$6
- [www.Tempe4th.com](http://www.Tempe4th.com) advance general admission tickets: \$5 plus service charges.
- VIP Garden tickets, available in advance, \$60 for adults, \$30 for kids ages 5 to 12 plus service charges. Tickets can be purchased at [www.Tempe4th.com](http://www.Tempe4th.com).
- Day-of at gate: Adult tickets are \$8 each or two for \$15. Tickets will be sold at the gate until park reaches capacity. Pre-sale tickets will be honored all night.

Visit [www.Tempe4th.com](http://www.Tempe4th.com) or call 480-350-5189 for the entertainment lineup, parking and transit details, and information on items allowed in the park.

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## McClintock Pool reopens this summer

Get ready to dive back in! McClintock Pool, 1830 E. Del Rio Dr., is reopening to the public this summer for recreational swim. It will feature increased depth for diving, an ADA-accessible entry and updated equipment. The pool was closed to the public in 2010 and has been used by schools and swim clubs since. In summer 2015, Tempe City Council approved funding for the renovations. A reopening celebration is in the works for mid to late summer. Check [www.tempe.gov/pools](http://www.tempe.gov/pools) for updates.



## Funding for more Little Libraries

More than 30 Little Libraries have popped up around Tempe over the past several months and more are on the way! The City Council recently consented to allocate additional funding for the next fiscal year, which means residents and non-profit agencies that purchase, install and register a Little Library can be rebated up to \$300.

Spearheaded by Councilmembers Kolby Granville and David Schapira, The Little Library concept is Tempe's version of the national Little Free Libraries program,

which has sparked an international phenomenon resulting in more than 50,000 neighborhood libraries and millions of annual book exchanges. For more information, visit [www.tempe.gov/LittleLibraries](http://www.tempe.gov/LittleLibraries).

## Tempe History Museum honored to receive accreditation

The Tempe History Museum has been awarded National Accreditation by the American Alliance of Museums, an organization that recognizes institutions that meet or exceed national museum standards. Tempe's museum joins the ranks of some of the most recognizable institutions in the Phoenix area and nationwide.

The accreditation process took several years and involved an in-depth self-assessment by city staff, peer reviews and an analysis of the museum's management of resources. The museum was recognized for its partnerships, well-maintained and catalogued collections and its educational programs. To learn more about the Tempe History Museum's current exhibits, visit [www.tempe.gov/museum](http://www.tempe.gov/museum).

## Tempe event honors 56 future military service members

The Tempe community gave a rousing sendoff to 56 young people at Tempe Center for the Arts on May 8. The third annual Tempe Community Salutes recognized these recruits before they join the ranks of the Air Force, Army, Coast Guard, Marine Corps, Navy and the Arizona Army National Guard.

Family and friends cheered as the recruits took the stage and were greeted by Mayor Mark Mitchell and other dignitaries. Each recruit received a small medallion bearing the insignias of the U.S. military branches with the message, "The First to Say Thank You." Graduating Tempe high school seniors were draped with special neck stoles imprinted with their chosen military branch, which they could wear to their high school graduations.

Sponsors of the event included APS, Navy Federal Credit Union, The Opus Group, Gorman & Co and the Association of the US Army.



## New Tempe Center for the Arts exhibit

Looking for something to do with the kids this summer? The Gallery at TCA's newest exhibition "BIOMIMICRY: nature inspired design" runs through Aug. 26 and is designed for all ages.

Biomimicry is an exciting field that examines the extraordinary innovations of the natural world and the human inventions they have inspired. Well-known examples include VELCRO® brand hook-and-loop fasteners (inspired by plant burrs) and solar cells (inspired by photosynthesizing plants).

Free Family Arts & Sciences workshops on Saturdays run from noon to 2 p.m. through July 22. Friday night maker workshops with Cyndi Coon of Laboratory 5, a Biomimicry Artists-In-Residence challenge, and a free lecture with Dayna Baumeister, co-founder of the Biomimicry Institute, are also part of the fun this summer. For more details about the exhibit and workshops, visit [www.tempe.gov/tcagallery](http://www.tempe.gov/tcagallery) or call 480-350-2867.

## Tempe Streetcar construction begins this summer

Tempe Streetcar was identified in May as receiving \$50 million in the U.S. Department of Transportation Capital Investment Grants program, pending passage by Congress of the appropriations bill for fiscal year 2017. A full funding grant agreement for \$75 million is anticipated later this year.

“This is a significant step for the project and signals positive momentum as we move into construction this summer,” said Mayor Mark Mitchell, who serves as Valley Metro Rail Board Chair. “Tempe Streetcar is a valuable investment for our community and the region as it serves future rider demand, spurs revitalization and boosts job growth.”

Valley Metro, Tempe and the construction contractor have developed a phased schedule that minimizes the impacts of streetcar construction in downtown Tempe, particularly on Mill and Ash avenues between University Drive and Rio Salado Parkway. The phasing takes advantage of the summer months when schools are out, tourism is seasonally low and traffic is lighter. Work on Mill Avenue will occur during non-peak hours; north and southbound lanes will remain open to vehicle traffic, with occasional left and right turn restrictions.

Tempe Streetcar, the region’s first streetcar, will connect riders to Mill and Ash avenues in downtown Tempe, Rio Salado Parkway, Apache Boulevard and two light rail stations. Streetcar will offer another transportation option in a high demand transit corridor that includes downtown Tempe, Arizona State University, Marina Heights and the growing Rio Salado corridor, as well as some of Tempe’s oldest neighborhoods. For more information, visit [www.valleymetro.org/tempestreetcar](http://www.valleymetro.org/tempestreetcar).

## Planning continues for August preschool classes

Starting in early August, many Tempe children and families in need will be able to access free preschool – a first-ever city pilot effort to improve kindergarten readiness and long-term school success. The program also aims to help parents bring their families out of poverty through increased opportunities for work.

The City Council decided in March to launch the program in partnership with the Tempe Elementary School District, the Kyrene School District and other possible partners. A Council working group comprised of Mayor Mark Mitchell and Councilmembers David Schapira and Joel Navarro developed the idea for more than two years. Schapira brought the concept to the Council in February 2015.

The two-year pilot initiative – known as “Tempe PRE” (Preschool Resource Expansion) – will launch with classrooms housed in existing schools for children ages 3 and 4. If it is successful in improving kindergarten readiness, the city could consider dedicating a permanent revenue source for an expanded program to serve more Tempe children.

For more information as it becomes available, visit [www.tempe.gov/TempePre](http://www.tempe.gov/TempePre). Interested families and prospective employees of the program can also sign up for updates via email at [www.tempe.gov/TempePreNews](mailto:www.tempe.gov/TempePreNews). A phone line with a recorded message also has been set up to provide updates – call 480-858-PreK (7735).

## Are you monsoon ready?

As monsoon season approaches in June, residents are encouraged to take precautions and be prepared in case of severe weather:

- Clear debris from roof gutters and downspouts.
- Trim trees, especially those close to structures, to prevent breakage and uprooting.
- Pretreat pools with chlorine shock to prevent algae growth.
- Keep storm drains and gutters clear of debris. City crews are checking and clearing storm drains to allow rainwater to drain as efficiently as possible; residents can help by clearing any debris from the gutters adjacent to their property.
- Pack a three-day bag of supplies, including clothes and medications, in case of emergencies.
- Keep pets indoors when storms are predicted.

The City of Tempe has sand available at two locations throughout monsoon season, which begins June 15 and ends Sept. 30. Beginning June 1, sand, bags and shovels will be available at:

- North Tempe: access drive north of Rio Salado Parkway and Hardy Drive (near free compost)
- Benedict Sports Complex: 490 W. Guadalupe Road (northwest corner of Guadalupe and Kyrene roads, east side of parking lot)

Check out our Monsoon Prep Checklist for more tips on what to do before, during and after a storm to keep your family and property safe and secure. Visit [www.tempe.gov/monsoons](http://www.tempe.gov/monsoons) or call 480-350-4311 for more information. To sign up for our street closures notifications, visit [www.tempe.gov/streetclosures](http://www.tempe.gov/streetclosures).

## Prepare for monsoons with flood insurance

The City of Tempe is one of 20,000 cities nationwide that participate in the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP). As participants, Tempe adopted and enforces floodplain management ordinances to reduce flood damage risk. In exchange, the NFIP makes federally backed flood insurance available to homeowners, renters and business owners in our community. For more information or to find out if your property is located in or near a Special Flood Hazard Area (SFHA), please visit [www.tempe.gov/floodplain](http://www.tempe.gov/floodplain) or call Tempe 311 at 480-350-4311. If you’re interested in purchasing flood insurance, contact your personal insurance carrier for coverage and pricing.

# Calendar

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

## June 8, 2017

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

## June 14, 2017

5 p.m., Work Study Session

## June 15, 2017

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

## June 29, 2017

4 p.m., Work Study Session

## July 27, 2017

4 p.m., Executive Session  
6 p.m., Regular Council Meeting  
followed by Special Council Meeting  
(Fiscal Year 2017-18 Final Property Tax Levy Adoption)

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).

# Tempe City Council

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Councilmember

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# News you can use

## Dump the Pump on June 15

On June 15, the City of Tempe and the American Public Transportation Association (APTA) will celebrate the 12th Annual National Dump the Pump Day. Tempe residents are encouraged to leave their cars at home and take the bus, light rail, walk or bike. Riding public transit, biking and walking are economical ways to save money on gas. Tempe makes it easy to dump the pump, with a comprehensive transportation system that includes more than 175 miles of bikeways, nine light rail stops, 15 bus routes, three express routes, one free Flash route and five free Orbit neighborhood circulator routes. Tempe buses are wheelchair accessible, and have bicycle racks accommodating up to three bicycles. Be sure to join the movement this June! For more information, visit [www.tempe.gov/tim](http://www.tempe.gov/tim).

## New LED streetlights are installed

Tempe is committed to sustainability, and continuing to improve our infrastructure with green options is just one way we're continuing this dedication. Last summer, Tempe launched a four-year effort to install more than 4,000 LED streetlights in neighborhoods across the city, replacing the high-pressure sodium lights of the past.

By converting to LED, Tempe expects to:

- Save approximately \$80,000 in energy costs each year
- Reduce maintenance by 90 percent
- Reduce energy use by 1,844,512 kilowatt-hours each year
- Reduce carbon emissions by 1,296 metric tons each year (equivalent to taking 274 cars off the road!)

The new lights will produce a crisper white light, provide greater visibility for pedestrians, bicyclists and drivers, and are compliant with guidelines set by the International Dark Sky Association. For more information, visit [www.tempe.gov/tim](http://www.tempe.gov/tim).

## Are fireworks legal in Tempe?

Celebrating with sparklers in Tempe this July 4th is allowed, but the Tempe Fire Medical Rescue Department and Police Department remind residents that many other types of fireworks are illegal to use within city limits. A 2011 state law allows for the sale of consumer fireworks at retail and temporary locations, while still allowing Arizona cities

and towns to ban their use. In 2010, the Tempe City Council joined several other communities across the state in banning the use of consumer fireworks to prevent injuries and fires. Novelty fireworks are allowed to be used in Tempe; they include handheld sparklers, smoke devices, party poppers, snappers and snakes. Consumer fireworks are illegal to use within city limits; they include ground-based sparklers in cylindrical, square, cone or rocket shapes, as well as aerial fireworks like roman candles, firecrackers, sky rockets and bottle rockets. Visit [www.tempe.gov/fire](http://www.tempe.gov/fire) for more details. For more information, visit [www.tempe.gov/fire](http://www.tempe.gov/fire).

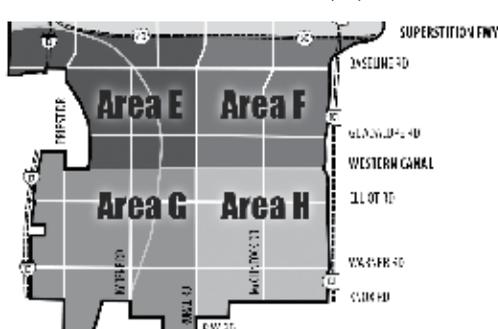


## JULY 2017

### Mixed Bulk Trash & Green Organics

|        | Collection Week | Collection Type  |
|--------|-----------------|--|
| Area E | JUL 3-7         | <b>MIXED BULK<br/>WASTE<br/>AND<br/>GREEN<br/>ORGANICS</b> |
| Area F | JUL 10-14       |  |
| Area G | JUL 17-21       |  |
| Area H | JUL 24-28       |  |

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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