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Registration opens Aug. 14 for fall classes

The fall issue of the Tempe Opportunities brochure is full of new and continuing classes and programs for all ages and interests. Topics include exercise and fitness, educational activities/classes, sports leagues, languages, music, art, theatre and dance. Our quality programs are offered at convenient times and locations, at affordable prices.

The brochure can be viewed starting Aug. 10 at www.tempe.gov/brochure. Registration begins Aug. 14 for Tempe residents and Aug. 21 for non-residents. Classes begin the week of Sept. 5. For more information, call 480-350-5200.

Tempe has a Community Services Scholarship Program for kids up to age 17 who are residents of Tempe or Guadalupe, or who are enrolled in a Tempe school. Scholarship program information is in the brochure.

Tempe goes back to school



Tempe has amazing schools and many resources to offer students and families heading back to classrooms throughout the city.

There are tips and information for students of all ages, from safety and transportation to homework help and volunteer opportunities, at our special webpage: www.tempe.gov/BackToSchool.

"We're excited to join together with our community partners to kick off a new school year," said Mayor Mark Mitchell. "We are proud to offer a variety of resources and programs to students of all levels from preschool to doctoral candidates. Tempe strives to support the needs of all of our students."

Learn about Kid Zone's before- and after-school enrichment programs. Find out how to obtain a free Youth Transit Pass. Access information about free vaccines from Tempe Fire Medical Rescue. Discover an array of online homework and research tools available through the Tempe Public Library and Tempe History Museum.

Back to school dates:

Kyrene School District	Thursday, Aug. 3
Tempe Elementary School District	Monday, Aug. 7
Tempe Union High School District	Monday, Aug. 7
Arizona State University	Thursday, Aug. 17
Rio Salado Community College	Rolling start dates

Good luck, students!

Tempe talks preschool

Learn more about Tempe PRE (Preschool Resource Expansion) with a program presentation at 5:30 p.m. followed by a question and answer session on Thursday, July 13, at the Tempe History Museum, 809 E. Southern Ave.

The City of Tempe is sponsoring free, high-quality preschools throughout the city for income-qualified Tempe families. Classes are located in local elementary schools and begin in early August.

Tempe City Councilmembers and Human Services Department staff will answer questions from parents and other community members about the new program. For Tempe PRE information, visit www.tempe.gov/TempePRE, call 480-858-7735 or email pre-k@tempe.gov.

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Tempe considers mail-only city elections

The City Council is considering holding Tempe's March and May 2018 elections as vote-by-mail elections, and they want your input. Voting by mail is increasingly popular among Tempe voters. In the March 2016 city election, nearly 94 percent of voters cast an early ballot.

Moving to an all-mail election is estimated to save \$55,000 per election, for a total of \$110,000 for the spring 2018 elections. If the Council decides to move to all-mail elections, there would be no early voting locations or polling places; however, there would be a ballot center open the several days prior to each election, including the weekend, and from 6 a.m. to 7 p.m. on Election Day in case voters misplace their ballots, need new ballots or don't mail them in time. Every registered voter would automatically be mailed a ballot, beginning 27 days prior to the election.

Tempe Forum, which is Tempe's online feedback portal, will collect feedback on this issue at the end of July and throughout August; visit www.tempe.gov/tempeforum. In addition, two public forums will be held in August; when scheduled, those dates will be announced widely and listed at www.tempe.gov/election. The Council is scheduled to review the input and discuss the issue on Sept. 18 at its public Work Study Session.

Streetcar construction continues in downtown Tempe

Construction of the Valley's first streetcar began this summer, with the first phase of utility relocation focused on Mill and Ash avenues in downtown Tempe. Tempe Streetcar construction contractor Stacy and Witbeck started work on Mill Avenue at the beginning of June, with a phased schedule that minimizes construction impacts in downtown by working during the summer months when schools are out, tourism is seasonally low and traffic is lighter.

Construction on Mill Avenue continues through July 21, with work occurring during non-peak hours, switching to Ash Avenue in late July through August. During the construction, north and southbound traffic remains open, with occasional left and right turn restrictions. From September through February, the utility relocation work moves to Mill Avenue south of University Drive continuing east along Apache Boulevard.

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

Brookville Equipment was approved by the Valley Metro Rail Board in April to build six streetcar vehicles. Final design of the streetcar route, stops, art and traction power substations continues, with a public meeting planned for early fall.

Tempe Streetcar is set to open in late 2020, providing 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 streetcar information, including a construction fact sheet, visit www.valleymetro.org/tempestreetcar. For street restrictions, visit www.tempe.gov/streetclosures.

Tempe Center for the Arts closed July 23 through Aug. 11

The artist-designed lobby carpeting at Tempe Center for the Arts (TCA), 700 W. Rio Salado Parkway, is being replaced after 10 years of heavy use. As a result, TCA will be closed July 23 through Aug. 11. The Gallery at TCA will be open during this time period – visitors must enter through the east breezeway on the east side of TCA. EDGE Happy Hour will resume Aug. 12. Stay tuned for more information about an exciting celebration of TCA's 10th anniversary, which happens in September! For more information about TCA, visit www.tempe.gov/TCA.

Kid Zone Before & After School Programs

The Kid Zone Enrichment Program is a dynamic community response to changing lifestyles and needs of families in Tempe. Kid Zone operates both before and after school programs at several Tempe and Kyrene Schools. Children in kindergarten through eighth grade are able to develop their cognitive, social and physical skills through a variety of structured enrichment activities including STEM, fine arts, sports, and nutrition. Kid Zone operates on all days that school is in session. There are also programs during fall break, winter break, spring break and the summer. Schedules and curriculum vary by age. For information on fees, registration and site tours, call 480-350-5405 or visit www.tempe.gov/KidZone.

Are you monsoon ready?

Get tips for before, during and after a storm.

www.tempe.gov/monsoons



Special summer registration for Youth Transit Pass

Tempe has begun 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.

Throughout the year, Tempe youth and parents can stop by the Tempe Transportation Center, 200 E. Fifth St., between 8 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. Special Saturday registration also will be held at the Tempe Transportation Center on July 8 and Aug. 5 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. All that's needed to sign up is a parent or guardian to accompany, with a copy of the youth's birth certificate and proof of residency, such as a utility bill dated within the last 60 days.

In addition, any student who attends Tempe, Marcos de Niza, Compadre or McClintock high school and lives in Tempe can get a pass at school.

To download the registration form and learn more, visit www.tempe.gov/youthpass.

Do you irrigate? Make it more efficient and you could get a rebate

Advancements in turf irrigation technology have improved efficiency by reducing overwatering. The City of Tempe is now offering a rebate up to \$500 to install a smart controller (web-based irrigation programming), a rain sensor and high-efficiency spray nozzles. Residents can learn more by calling 480-350-2627 to schedule a home landscape irrigation audit. Rebate funds are limited.

No paint or chemicals in the trash



Hazardous materials don't belong in landfills, where they threaten our environment and our health. Instead, take them to Tempe's Household Products Collection Center, 1320 E. University Drive. It's easy to drop off paint, chemicals, batteries and more, every Friday from 7 a.m. to noon and Saturdays 7 a.m. to 1 p.m. For a complete list of items accepted at the HPCC, visit www.tempe.gov/slashthetrash.



New: drop off your green organics free!

Tempe residents can now drop off green organics for free at the Solid Waste Compost Yard, 55 N. Rio Road (near Rio Salado Parkway and Hardy Drive), on Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays (excluding holidays) from 8 a.m. to noon. No appointment is necessary. All incoming green organics must be free of other material.

Green organics also are collected during curbside bulk trash pickups three times a year. For more information, visit www.tempe.gov/slashthetrash.



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 Advanced Metering Infrastructure (AMI) project in May 2016. The replacement project began in late 2016 and will continue over the next few years. This is the first fully automated meter reading system in the Valley. For more information, visit www.tempe.gov/customerservice and click on Automated Meter Project on the left navigation bar.

Calendar

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

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)

August 10, 2017

5 p.m., Work Study Session

August 17, 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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Download the NEW Tempe 311 app

Tempe 311's new-and-improved mobile app is your one-stop-shop for city services and information. You'll need to delete the old app, download the new app from the iTunes app store or Google Play and create a new account. In the app store, search Tempe311.

Improvements include:

- Automatic fill-in of addresses
- Better search function
- Easier reporting of code violations

Tempe 311 is also accessible at www.tempe.gov/311 and at 480-350-4311.

Learn more about helping Tempe kids read

AARP Experience Corps volunteers bring their abundant life experience and love of engaging with children to help Tempe third graders with literacy skills. Interested community members can learn more at a July 11 information session, from 9:30 to 10:30 a.m. at the Connections Café meeting room at the Tempe Public Library, 3500 S. Rural Road. For more information, visit www.tempe.gov/experiencecorps.

Teen resource centers need donations, volunteers

Tempe Community Council is seeking volunteers who can give a few hours of their time weekly to assist students and operate the Threadz teen resource centers located on the Marcos de Niza and Tempe High School campuses. The Threadz centers are open a few days each week during the school year providing middle and high school students with the items they need to attend and stay in school. Donations of new or gently used teen clothing, shoes, personal hygiene items, backpacks and school supplies are always needed. Cash donations help purchase socks and underwear and miscellaneous supplies. To volunteer or donate, contact Tempe Community Council, 480-858-2300, or visit www.tempecommunitycouncil.org.

Tempe received nearly \$3.7 million in economic impact from Final Four

Basketball fans who stayed in Tempe during the 2017 NCAA Men's Final Four weekend generated an economic impact of \$3.67 million. To determine the economic impact, the Tempe Tourism Office relies on data from a third party research firm. For the Final Four, Tempe sold 3,175 more rooms this year compared to 2016, when there was not

a major event in town.

The average per-person spending during the Final Four was \$157 a day for accommodations, dining, shopping, entertainment, gas and parking fees.

The Tempe Tourism Office contributed \$87,600 to the Final Four Local Organizing Committee.

“Supporting a national sporting event of this caliber exemplifies the value of tourism to Tempe by generating revenue for local businesses and positioning Tempe as a visitor destination,” said Stephanie Nowack, President/CEO of the Tempe Tourism Office.

Area	Collection Week	Collection Type
Area A	AUG 7-11	MIXED BULK
Area B	AUG 14-18	WASTE AND GREEN ORGANICS
Area C	AUG 21-25	MIXED BULK
Area D	AUG 28-SEP 1	WASTE AND GREEN ORGANICS

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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