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Healing Field is Sept. 8-11

Tempe will honor the victims of the Sept. 11, 2001, attacks with a display of patriotism and unity at the 14th annual Healing Field tribute at Tempe Beach Park, located at Mill Avenue and Rio Salado Parkway.

The free event runs Friday, Sept. 8, through Monday, Sept. 11, from 5 a.m. to 11 p.m. On Sept. 8, there will be a Freedom Concert featuring local school choirs. On Sept. 11, there will be a memorial ceremony at 5:46 a.m. and a candlelight vigil at 7 p.m.

A moving display of American flags, Healing Field is presented by the Tempe Exchange Club. For more information, visit www.tempe.gov/HealingField.

Tempe Center for the Arts turns 10!



New 2017-18 "TCA Presents" season kicks off with gala anniversary weekend

Tempe Center for the Arts sponsored by Northern Trust celebrates its 10th anniversary year with its new TCA Presents 2017-18 season, filled with music, theater and dance performances featuring some of the most ground-breaking, "buzz-worthy" artists on the scene today.

The 10th anniversary festivities will kick off Sept. 8 with a gala hosted by Friends of the TCA featuring American Idol winner and Arizona native Jordin Sparks in concert. The celebration weekend continues Sept. 9 with a tribute to Nat "King" Cole, whose daughter Natalie opened the TCA in 2007, featuring Tony-nominated performer Keith David and "Too Marvelous For Words."

The Gallery at Tempe Center for the Arts will open a retrospective called "Tempe Xhibition," which will celebrate the creative, funky and innovative spirit of Tempe. It runs Sept. 9 through Jan. 6, 2018.

Tickets for the Gala Weekend and 2017-18 TCA Presents season go on sale to the public July 31 at 10 a.m. Tickets may be purchased by calling 480-350-2822 or at www.tca.ticketforce.com. Visit www.tempe.gov/tca for full listing of events and exhibitions.

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.

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Tempe Forum, which is Tempe's online feedback portal, will collect input on this issue at the end of July and throughout August; visit www.tempe.gov/tempeforum. In addition, two public forums will be held on Aug. 12 at 9:30 a.m. and Aug. 15 at 6 p.m., at the Tempe Public Library, 3500 S. Rural Road. At the forums, staff from the City of Tempe and Maricopa County Elections Department will provide an overview of vote-by-mail elections and answer questions. The Council is scheduled to review the input and discuss the issue on Sept. 18 at its public Work Study Session.

Search for and review Tempe data

Tempe residents and businesses can now access and download datasets about a variety of city services and facilities. This data provides a transparent way for people to see how our city is doing, and it can be the springboard for new businesses, new apps, and scientific and academic research. The data may also be easily shared with other cities, to help find the best ways to solve regional and national issues.

The portal offers about 40 data sets at this time, with more to come. No private information is used. Tempe will continue to protect resident privacy, confidentiality and security. Some of the datasets include: medical emergency response times; crime data; approved commercial sign packages; graffiti reports; and zoning information.

Tempe's open data policy stresses that information is open by default, meaning the city strives to provide free, accessible data that is available anytime. The goal is to provide as much data as is safely possible without the need for a public records request. Visit www.tempe.gov/open-tempe.

Mark your calendar for GAIN events!

The City of Tempe invites you to join fellow neighborhood and homeowners association chairs, apartment managers, block watch captains and residents to do some Getting Arizona Involved in Neighborhoods (GAIN) party planning. City staff will help residents start planning their parties at the GAIN Kick-Off at 6 p.m. on Tuesday, Sept. 5, at the Tempe History Museum, 809 E. Southern Ave.

The aim of GAIN is to work together to foster safer and more connected neighborhoods. Whether this is your first experience with planning a GAIN event or you are a seasoned party planner, there will be tips, handouts and information, along with chances to win raffle prizes from our event sponsors, and opportunities to win party visits from city departments such as Tempe Fire Medical Rescue, Tempe Police and Public Works. Pre-register your event at www.tempe.gov/GAIN or come prepared as your neighborhood representative the evening of the Kick-Off, and we can get your neighborhood registered.

Tempe GAIN Night will be held in neighborhoods across Tempe on Saturday, Oct. 21, from 3-7 p.m. For more information, visit www.tempe.gov/GAIN, or contact the Neighborhood Office at neighborhoods@tempe.gov or 480-350-8234.

New interactive maps show Town Lake amenities and public art walking tours

Where can I park at Tempe Town Lake? Where can I rent a boat? What is the name of the sculpture I'm enjoying? The City of Tempe has new interactive maps that answer these questions and more.

The new Tempe Town Lake map shows everything from the location of drinking fountains and public bathrooms to parking lots and bike paths. Visit www.tempe.gov/lake or go to the map directly at <http://arcg.is/2rbJJgb>. The maps work best using Firefox or Chrome browsers.

More than 2.4 million people visit Tempe Town Lake annually. This map provides the most detailed information available. The mobile version allows people to swipe for several specialized maps that focus on details, such as getting to the lake or developments, while tapping brings up photos and descriptions of everything featured.

There are also new public art walking tours of downtown Tempe and Tempe Town Lake, as well as an overall map identifying public art throughout the city. The walking tours serve as virtual art galleries, giving visitors the ability to learn and explore the city's mosaics, gardens and medians as they navigate the walkways of downtown Tempe, neighborhoods and Tempe Town Lake. Scroll across the map and select pieces. When a particular project is selected, a pop-up with an informative background appears. The numbered points show all the art within the area. The desktop version allows you to see a mapped catalog of all the art in the city separated by category. Find these and other interactive maps at www.tempe.gov/storymaps.

34th Don Carlos Humanitarian Awards

Tempe Community Council (TCC) is proud to host the 34th annual Don Carlos Humanitarian Awards on Wednesday, Sept. 27, at the SRP PERA Club, in Tempe. Since 1984, the Don Carlos Humanitarian Award has become Tempe's most prestigious distinction. The award embodies the legacy, character and spirit of Tempe's founder Charles Trumbull Hayden, known by Spanish pioneers as "Don Carlos." He spent his life working to help those in need.

A Tempe humanitarian, along with other extraordinary community members, will be recognized for their outstanding generosity, commitment and service to improve the lives of others. The public is invited to attend. Tickets go on sale Aug. 3. The 2017 award recipients will be announced in early August. Event sponsorships are available. For more information, visit www.tempecommunitycouncil.org or call 480-858-2300.

Tempe Streetcar moving ahead; public meeting Sept. 13

Plans for the Tempe Streetcar continue moving forward, with the design team, artists and construction contractor working to finalize plans for the 3-mile route, which includes 14 stops. The City of Tempe and Valley Metro are hosting a public meeting to present and gather feedback on current design plans, public art concepts, business outreach plan and construction schedule.

The meeting is Wednesday, Sept. 13, from 6-8 p.m., with a 6:30 p.m. presentation, at the Tempe Transportation Center's second floor Don Cassano Room, 200 E. Fifth St.

Project staff will answer questions and take feedback. For more information about Tempe Streetcar, visit www.valleymetro.org/TempeStreetcar.

Tempe and ASU partner to welcome back students



Tempe is an exciting and safe place to visit, live and get an education, thanks to a strong, longstanding partnership between Arizona State University and the City of Tempe.

Each fall and spring, Tempe welcomes an influx of young people excited to begin their experiences at ASU. The great weather, fun special events, bustling downtown and active Tempe Town Lake provide plenty of recreational and entertainment options, creating an even more vibrant atmosphere for residents and students.

The top priority for the City of Tempe and ASU is the safety of everyone in the community we share. That commitment requires collaboration and special attention to areas like public safety and transit.

ASU and Tempe are hosting two events this month to emphasize the responsibilities of individuals to their neighborhoods and to each other, promoting positive community relations through an environment that supports student success, neighborhood appreciation and safety. These ASU-Tempe Community Welcome Walk events will happen Aug. 23 and Aug. 24, from 5-8 p.m., in neighborhoods around Tempe.

Representatives from the City of Tempe, Tempe Police, Tempe Fire Medical Rescue, Arizona State University and ASU Police will knock on doors and visit with residents to talk about safety and how neighbors can support each other. Information about community resources and ASU contact information will be provided, in addition to a small gift for each household.

McClintock Pool reopens for public swim

McClintock Pool has reopened to the public with new morning lap swim and evening open swim hours.

Renovations at the pool started in January. It now features increased depth for diving, an ADA-accessible entry, updated equipment and more. McClintock Pool is located at 1830 E. Del Rio Drive, on the campus of McClintock High School.

McClintock Pool was constructed in 1964 and first 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 regional swim team competitions.

During 2016 budget discussions, the City Council had expressed that reopening McClintock Pool to the public was important, as was renovating it for better access and usage opportunities.

Open swim and lap swim opportunities through Labor Day. Regular admission to open swim and lap swim is free for children 5 and younger, 75 cents each for children 6-17 years and \$1.25 each for 18 years and over.

McClintock Drive discussion moved to Sept. 7

Due to unavoidable scheduling conflicts with the City Council, the McClintock Drive street configuration agenda item originally scheduled for the June 29 Issue Review Session has been moved to Sept. 7 at 4 p.m. Because this is such an important issue, the Mayor and City Council want to ensure that all Councilmembers are able to give due consideration to public input and weigh in on their collective decision.

In 2015, McClintock Drive between Broadway and Guadalupe roads was repaved as part of Tempe's ongoing Asset Management Capital Maintenance Program. As part of this repaving project, McClintock Drive was reconfigured to include bike lanes on each side of the street, which required the removal of at least one vehicle lane on McClintock Drive.

Since making changes to McClintock Drive, the City of Tempe has been collecting data and feedback from the public. Public meetings were held in March to present proposed alterations that were evaluated on a segment-by-segment basis while considering the importance of the entire McClintock corridor. For more information about McClintock Drive, visit www.tempe.gov/McclintockDrive or call 480-350-4311.

Calendar

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

August 10, 2017

4 p.m., Work Study Session

August 17, 2017

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

September 7, 2017

4 p.m., Work Study Session

September 14, 2017

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

September 18, 2017

4 p.m., Work Study Session

September 28, 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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News you can use

Punt Pass & Kick

Long before they became big stars, Pro Football Hall of Fame quarterbacks Troy Aikman and Dan Marino participated in the NFL's Punt, Pass & Kick skills competition. From 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Saturday, Sept. 2, Tempe kids can do the same. The program is a free, national football skills competition for ages 6 to 15. Boys and girls will compete separately in five age divisions: 6-7, 8-9, 10-11, 12-13 and 14-15. Top finishers advance to further rounds. This year the competition takes place at Benedict Sports Complex, 490 W. Guadalupe Road. Registration will be taken onsite. Participants must provide proof of age and are required to wear gym/tennis shoes; no metal cleats allowed. For more information, contact Keyon Cornejo at 480-350-5222.

Free Art Friday returns with new adventures

Free Art Friday is a free, family-friendly interactive art series that gives preschoolers and caregivers the opportunity to create art, learn about music and movement, and spend quality time together. This popular series took a short break during the summer and is returning with a new lineup of monthly events from August through October. Registration is not required. Check out www.tempe.gov/FamilyFun for more information, or contact the Edna Vihel Center at 480-350-5287.

Get rid of dead plants and weeds

If the summer heat claims your plants, keep your yard looking its best and within City Code by pulling out dead vegetation and weeds. If you don't have time or the ability for landscaping, consider trying hiring a vendor through the Tempe Landscape Referral program. More information is at www.tempe.gov/code.

Learn more about dementia and how you can help

Dementia Friends is the biggest-ever initiative to change perceptions about dementia. It transforms the way we think, talk and act about the disease. This one-hour session helps you learn about dementia and the small ways you can help as you become a Dementia Friend for our community. Classes are free but we ask that you register in advance; call 602-839-6850 or send an email to BAIFCS@bannerhealth.com noting the class you would like to attend. For more information about Dementia Friendly Tempe, go to www.tempe.gov/DFT. You can also sign up to receive email notifications at www.tempe.gov/DFTnotifications.

Need to get rid of palm fronds or oleander clippings?

The City of Tempe can now take oleander and palm fronds in the three curbside green organics pickups that are part of the bulk trash program. Even better, the oleander and palm fronds do not need to be separated from the rest of the green organics material. In addition, residents can now drop off their green organics, including oleander and palm fronds, at the compost yard located at 55 N. Rio Road in Tempe. Households participating in the green organics pilot program cannot put oleander and palm fronds in their 96-gallon bins since it is a separate program.

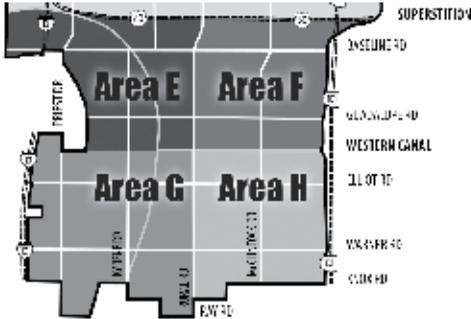


SEPTEMBER 2017

Mixed Bulk Trash & Green Organics

	Collection Week	Collection Type
Area E	SEP 4-8	MIXED BULK WASTE AND GREEN ORGANICS
Area F	SEP 11-15	
Area G	SEP 18-22	
Area H	SEP 25-29	

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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