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Mayor Mitchell delivers State of the City Address



Mayor Mark Mitchell will deliver an update on the city's many successes and his vision for the future at the State of the City Address on

Friday, Nov. 3, from 7:15 to 9 a.m. at the DoubleTree by Hilton, 2100 S. Priest Drive. It is produced by the Tempe Chamber of Commerce in conjunction with the City of Tempe. To register, visit www.tempechamber.org or call 480-967-7891.

The address will air on Tempe 11 starting later in the week of Nov. 6. Exact air times will be posted to the Tempe 11 program guide, available at www.tempe.gov/tempe11, and links will be shared via social media.

The Mayor also presents a free State of the Neighborhoods address in the spring. More information on that will be announced soon. Residents can attend that in person or watch it later on Tempe 11.



Veterans Day Parade is Nov. 10

All community members are invited to the annual Veterans Day Parade along Mill Avenue. The parade will begin at 10 a.m. at ASU Gammage and travel north to Tempe Beach Park. Join in the patriotic fun of this hometown tradition!



Take action to help those with disabilities

October is Disability Awareness Month. The City of Tempe and the Tempe Commission on Disability Concerns encourage community members to help ensure Tempe remains inclusive and accessible to all people with disabilities by:

Respecting accessible parking spaces. Report abuses to the non-emergency Tempe Police Dispatch number at 480-350-8311/TTY:7-1-1.

Reporting accessibility infrastructure issues. Report sidewalks, curb ramps or pedestrian crossings that are inaccessible or need repair to Tempe 311 at 480-350-4311 or Tempe's ADA Compliance Specialist at 480-350-2704 or Michele_Stokes@tempe.gov.

Giving someone a job. If you are responsible for hiring at your business, consider participating in the Tempe Presents: Deaf/Hard of Hearing/Disability Job Fair. It takes place on Oct. 31 from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Tempe Public Library, 3500 S. Rural Road. If you have a disability and are looking for a job, come to the job fair prepared to interview with employers in Tempe and surrounding areas. For more information, visit www.tempe.gov/ADA.

Nominating someone fabulous. The 30th Annual Tempe Mayor's Disability Awards will be here soon. You could sponsor the awards, too. Visit www.tempe.gov/DisabilityAwards for more information.

Recommending services to Access Tempe. Access Tempe maps for more than 90 disability-related services available in the East Valley. Recommend a good service provider for us to add, or, if you know someone who could benefit from the list, share it. Get details at www.tempe.gov/ADA.

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Residents and businesses: give us your feedback

This fall, Tempe is inviting residents and businesses to provide feedback about how well the city is doing as a place to live and work.

A first-ever survey of businesses of all types and sizes will conclude in mid-October. About 2,000 businesses were randomly selected to receive surveys by mail. Any business – even those that did not receive a survey by mail – can fill out the survey at www.TempeCityGov.org by midnight Oct. 15. Survey questions relate to topics such as public safety, transportation, housing, landscaping, solid waste and communication.

Separately, a resident survey will take place this fall, with 4,000 households randomly selected to receive surveys by mail. An online response option will be available at www.TempeGov.com. Resident surveys focus on questions about quality of life, customer service, the quality of city facilities and more.

ETC Institute serves as the city's vendor for both surveys. Results will be presented to the City Council this winter. Tempe values the input gained through surveys and uses it to make decisions about funding needs and service delivery.



More arts grants awarded than ever before

In July, the City Council awarded \$185,000 in arts grants to 29 non-profits – more than ever before – to provide quality arts programming in the city. More than half of the awarded projects will support youth and families through concepts like school residency programs and musical performances to art festivals and camps. Recipients include theatre companies, choir and musical groups, school PTAs and more.

Grant funding has been increased since the approval of the Tempe Arts & Culture Plan. For more information about the grants, programs and organizations that received funding, visit www.tempe.gov/ArtsGrants.



Unique Tempe housing development for veterans and their families nearly ready

One of the first affordable housing developments in the country focused on serving veterans and their families is slated to open this winter.

Valor on Eighth has a growing list of interested names and will be starting leasing soon. The 50-unit project, located at 1001 E. Eighth St., near University Drive and Rural Road, is expected to welcome residents home beginning in December. Five units will have market rental rates for live/work spaces, and 45 units will be available at affordable rents, with preference given to veterans.

The project is a partnership of the City of Tempe, which donated the land, Save the Family Foundation of Arizona, developer Gorman & Company and the Arizona Department of Housing and others. The city's Housing Authority awarded the development with 15 project-based vouchers to support low to moderate income families.

Community space at Valor will promote indoor recreation and room for Save the Family and veteran service agencies to provide social and financial services, counseling, parenting classes and career development for residents. There also will be a computer lab, playground and Head Start program on the property. With its proximity to Arizona State University and city amenities, residents can walk or bike to their destinations and are within easy distance to transit services.

"Female veterans are four times as likely to become homeless as male veterans," said Save the Family CEO Jacki Taylor. "For those with children and a service-connected disability, the cost of childcare, transportation, food and children's healthcare can contribute to a downward spiral into homelessness."

Construction is expected to be finished in late November and families will begin moving in shortly after. For more information and to join the project's Interest List, visit www.valoroneighthpts.com or call 480-486-6688.

Visit our Family Fun page for family-friendly activities.
www.tempe.gov/FamilyFun



Tempe's two golf courses are now under new management

Tempe is excited to announce a new partnership with experienced golf course management firm A.C.E. Golf, which now manages the daily course and club house operations at Rolling Hills Golf Course and Ken McDonald Golf Course.

A.C.E. Golf strives to provide golfers with respectful, patient and courteous service. Head Golf Professional Jake Machon is at Rolling Hills and Head Golf Professional Andrew Osburn is at Ken McDonald. For course information, visit www.tempe.gov/GolfTempe.



Zero Waste Day is Nov. 18

Tempe makes it super-easy to recycle those difficult items – and you can recycle it all for free at Tempe's Zero Waste Day, on Saturday, Nov. 18, from 7 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Tempe Fire Training Center, 1340 E. University Drive. Residents can drop off the items that cannot go in their blue bins and we will make sure they get properly recycled. We will also be giving away free recycled paint and accepting non-perishable food donations for the Tempe Community Action Agency. Visit www.tempe.gov/ZeroWaste for a list of acceptable items and to learn more about how these items are recycled at Tempe's Household Products Collection Center.

City Council agrees to add vehicle capacity and keep bike facilities on McClintock Drive

After nearly two years of gathering public feedback and collecting traffic information, Tempe will move forward with a plan that includes keeping bicycle facilities while adding vehicle capacity back to a 3-mile stretch of McClintock Drive.

As part of a repaving project in July 2015, Tempe reconfigured McClintock between Broadway and Guadalupe roads to add bicycle lanes on each side, which required removing at least one vehicle lane. The city maintained a minimum of two vehicle lanes in each direction, as well as the center turn lane, medians and formal turn lanes at signalized intersections.

Since making the changes, the city has been working with residents, businesses, schools and other stakeholders, gathering feedback through public meetings, online questionnaires, emails and phone calls. In late 2016, Tempe staff and consultants began working to develop concepts to achieve the City Council's goals of improving traffic flow, decreasing congestion and providing facilities for bicyclists.

At the Sept. 7 City Council Issue Review Session, staff presented a project update with several alternatives for McClintock Drive. Councilmembers reached consensus on a plan that includes both bicycle facilities and additional vehicle lanes between Apache Boulevard and Baseline Road. They also asked staff to work with residents to address neighborhood access concerns in certain areas.

For more information about McClintock Drive, visit www.tempe.gov/McClintockDrive or call 480-350-4311.

Nominate neighbors who make Tempe better

MLK Diversity Awards

The Tempe Human Relations Commission and the City of Tempe Office of Strategic Management and Diversity are seeking nominations for the 20th Annual MLK Diversity Awards. This prestigious award honors community members and organizations working toward inclusiveness and demonstrating the spirit of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., through social justice, respect, leadership, courage, inclusion, and serving the marginalized. Nominees must live, work or volunteer in Tempe. Five categories are offered: individual adult; individual youth; community group/organization; educational organization; and business. Nominations must be received by 5 p.m. Nov. 17. For more information or a nomination form, visit www.tempe.gov/mlk or contact the city's Diversity Office at 480-350-8979. The awards will be presented by the Mayor and City Council at the City of Tempe MLK Diversity Awards Breakfast on Jan. 8 at The Buttes Resort.

Tempe Bike Hero

The Tempe Transportation Commission is accepting nominations for its 2018 Tempe Bike Hero Award through Nov. 30. Nominated individuals must live or work in Tempe, and nominated organizations must be located in Tempe. Past Bike Hero Award winners include the Broadmor Elementary Bikecats and the Tempe Bicycle Action Group. For more information or to obtain an award nomination form, visit www.tempe.gov/bikehero or call 480-350-8663.

Calendar

This is the tentative October/November schedule for Tempe City Council meetings.

Check www.tempe.gov/clerk for updated schedules.

October 19, 2017

4 p.m., Work Study Session

October 26, 2017

4 p.m., Executive Session

5:30 p.m., Housing Authority Special Meeting

6 p.m., Regular Council Meeting

November 2, 2017

4 p.m., Work Study Session

November 9, 2017

4 p.m., Executive Session

6 p.m., Regular Council Meeting

November 30, 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

Women take center stage at Tempe History Museum this fall

The Tempe History Museum is featuring women of the arts all season long with its Performances at the Museum series and upcoming exhibit: Jan Young: Photographing Tempe in the 1970s. Stop by for music and photography from talented local women. All museum performances and exhibits are family friendly and free. The museum is located at 809 E. Southern Ave.

Fall exhibit - Jan Young: Photographing Tempe in the 1970s

Opening reception on Friday, Nov. 3, 6 p.m.

Jan Young was a photographer for the Tempe Daily News during the 1970s, capturing the look, feel and values of the community. Go back in time to experience Tempe through Jan's eyes. For more about the museum's exhibits, visit www.tempe.gov/museum.

Performances at the Museum - Now through May 2018

Experience the music of talented local female musicians in genres ranging from mariachi to rhythm and blues to rock and roll. Performances begin at 7 p.m. For a full list of performers, dates and times, visit www.tempe.gov/MuseumEvents.

Also this fall, the popular 3rd Thursday at the Museum and Tempe Historical Society Lunch Talk Series are back. Check out dates and topics at www.tempe.gov/MuseumEvents or call 480-350-5100.

Adopting Tempe's streets, parks, paths and alleys

Are you a local resident, business or organization with a passion for your neighborhood and its parks, streets and paths? Tempe's robust adoption program allows neighbors the opportunity to invest time and love into their favorite areas, improving the community and environment for those around you.

The Adopt-A-Street, Adopt-A-Park, Adopt-A-Path and Adopt-An-Alley programs support litter control and storm water management throughout Tempe. These programs are a way to coordinate year-round opportunities for neighborhood groups, community organizations and local businesses to continue to enhance the appearance, safety and cleanliness of Tempe streets, parks, paths and alleys. Most major streets, paths and alleys are available for adoption, as well as all of Tempe's 48 parks.

The time commitment is manageable. For just a couple hours every few months, you or your community group could make a real difference. For more information and to sign up for your favorite spot today, visit www.tempe.gov/adopt.

Volunteers needed to prepare taxes

Tempe Community Council (TCC), in partnership with the IRS, operates a Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) tax super-site offering free tax preparation services for taxpayers earning \$54,000 or less. TCC is seeking volunteer tax preparers for the 2018 tax season. Free tax law training is provided. All volunteer preparers must successfully complete the IRS Advanced Certification and make a commitment of 20 hours of tax preparation between Jan. 31 and April 14. For more information and to sign up, visit www.tempecommunitycouncil.org/tax-volunteer.

NOVEMBER 2017
Mixed Bulk Trash Collection Schedule

Collection Week	Collection Type
Area E NOV 6-10	MIXED BULK WASTE
Area F NOV 13-17	
Area G NOV 20-24	
Area H NOV 27-DEC 1	

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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