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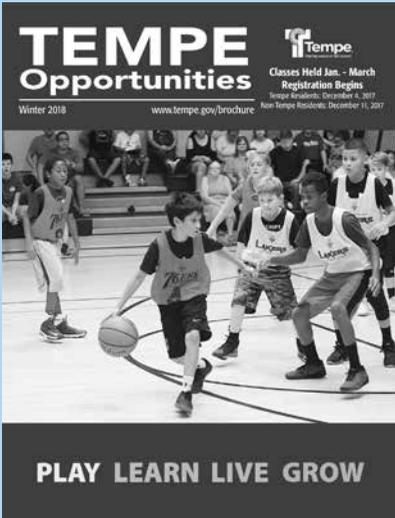
a community newsletter



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Register for winter recreation classes

Tempe offers classes and programs for all ages and interests – and the winter issue of the Tempe Opportunities brochure showcases them all. Topics include fitness, sports, music, art, dance and more. Quality programs are offered at convenient times and locations, at affordable prices. The brochure will be available Nov. 30. Download it at www.tempe.gov/brochure or pick up a copy at City of Tempe facilities. Registration for Tempe residents begins at 9 a.m. on Dec. 4; non-resident registration begins Dec. 11. Most classes begin the week of Jan 8. For questions, call 480-350-5200.



Library brings books to underserved communities

Everyone should have access to books and everyone should experience the sense of community that a library offers its patrons. But there are many people who can't get to the library or who are reluctant to try it out.

The Tempe Public Library is trying to bridge that gap, launching a first-of-its-kind new program: Tempe Book Bike.

The library used grant funding to buy a retrofitted bicycle that carries dozens of

books. Launched in late October, it will travel around Tempe to community centers, senior centers, parks and events. Anyone who comes across it can check out books, get a library card and learn about library and city services.

To make this program successful, the library hired Sean King as the city's new Book Bike Ambassador. He's a Marine veteran who served two tours in Afghanistan. He also teaches art to seniors with dementia.

"It's important to help people, to be productive and to make an impact in the community," King said. "With Book Bike, we can reach people who don't have access to the library and guide them towards literacy and services."

Though Book Bike will serve everyone, a special emphasis will be placed on veterans, seniors and the city's homeless population, which hits home for King.

"I've worked security and have seen firsthand how hard it is for homeless people to survive on the streets," he said. "This is a chance for me to help them out by sharing information and resources that could change a life one day."

King will work closely with HOPE, the city's homeless outreach team, to help spread the word about programs and resources. The goal is to build stronger community ties and personal relationships with people in need.

For more information or to request the Book Bike for an event, visit www.tempe.gov/TempeBookBike.

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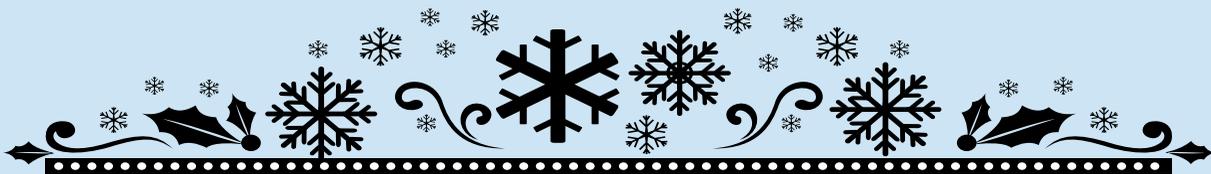
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Tempe sparkles and celebrates the season

Few cities celebrate the holiday season like Tempe.

Mark your calendar for these fun, family events:

Fantasy of Lights Opening Night Parade

A treasured holiday tradition continues this year with the return of the Fantasy of Lights Opening Night Parade, presented by Wells Fargo. Enjoy floats and marching bands surrounded by the lighted trees on Mill Avenue. On Friday, Nov. 24, the festivities start at 5 p.m. and the parade begins at 6 p.m. It launches from Mill Avenue at Rio Salado Parkway and heads south on Mill, west on Seventh Street then north on Maple Avenue. The annual tree lighting ceremony and visits with Santa take place at Centerpoint Plaza right after the parade. For more information, visit www.downtowntempe.com.

Tempe Festival of the Arts

For those looking for one-of-a-kind, handmade gifts, the 49th Annual Fall Tempe Festival of the Arts along Mill Avenue is a can't-miss opportunity. The festival is happening Friday, Dec. 1 to Sunday, Dec. 3, from 10 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. each day. Discover ceramics, fine art photography, candles, handmade soaps, jewelry and more from 350 artists and artisans from around the country. Shop while listening to live music and try some local wines. Admission is free. For more information, visit www.tempefestivalofthearts.com.

The Hackett House Holiday Boutique will be happening Dec. 1-2, from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Stop by the Hackett House gift shop, 95 W. Fourth St., while you're strolling the arts festival. Shop beautiful decorations and gifts from around the world. Proceeds benefit Tempe Sister Cities. For more information, visit www.hacketthouse.org/events.

Tempe Fun Factory

On Friday, Dec. 15, the Edna Vihel Center at the Tempe Community Complex, 3340 S. Rural Road, will be transformed into a winter wonderland featuring free holiday activities for the whole family. Be sure to stop by between 6 and 8:30 p.m. to create make-and-take art projects, participate in sing-alongs, decorate cookies, write a letter to Santa, grab a cup of hot cocoa and more. Visit the Tempe History Museum next door and hear the great sounds of the SunPunchers.

And don't forget to bring your camera...Santa will be visiting and you won't want to miss a photo opportunity with him! For more information, visit www.tempe.gov/FamilyFun or call 480-350-5200.

Swimming fun continues at Kiwanis Wave Pool

The weather may be cooling but the swimming hasn't stopped at Kiwanis Wave Pool. Through Nov. 30, enjoy the calm, heated water Monday through Thursday evenings from 5-8 p.m. Up to two children ages 10 and under are free with each paid \$4 adult admission. The waves return Dec. 27-29 from 1-5 p.m. Enjoy fun themes and plenty of wave pool action. Admission is required for everyone on these three days. Kiwanis Wave Pool is located inside the Kiwanis Recreation Center, 6111 S. All-America Way. Visit www.tempe.gov/waves for more information.

Swimming with Santa

Santa and Mrs. Claus are returning to the Kiwanis Recreation Center for their post-holiday R&R vacation. On Saturday, Dec. 30, from 1-5 pm., join Santa in the wave pool and Mrs. Claus playing games on the pool deck. Visit with them from 1-3 p.m. then enjoy waves and the water slide from 3-5 p.m. Advance discounted tickets are available from Nov. 13 to Dec. 29. For ticket prices and other details, visit www.tempe.gov/SWS.

Petersen House Museum

Experience a Tempe Christmas tradition by visiting the Petersen House Museum this holiday season. Celebrating turn-of-the-century style with a Danish flair in honor of Niels Petersen, this beautiful house will be festively decorated for the season. Enjoy refreshments and activities on the grounds, and learn about the history of the house. The Petersen House Museum is located at 1414 W. Southern Ave. The house will be open the first three Saturdays and Sundays of December from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Visit www.tempe.gov/museum for more information and get a preview of the house from this 2009 Tempe 11 video: <http://bit.ly/2wRqucb>.

Boat parade at Town Lake

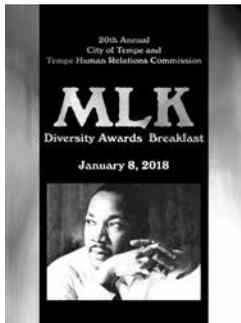
The annual Fantasy of Lights Boat Parade presented by SRP showcases gorgeously decorated boats and reflects the spirit of our lake – and the lights are reflected in the water, too. Fireworks paint the sky as Santa arrives. Take free selfies with the Jolly Old Elf after the finale. Entertainment and holiday gift booths will be highlights. Bring your camera! It's all happening Saturday, Dec. 9, from 4-9 p.m., at Tempe Beach Park, at Mill Avenue and Rio Salado Parkway. Admission is free. For more information, visit www.downtowntempe.com.

Get ready for the 4th annual writing contest

The fourth annual Tempe Community Writing Contest is back in 2018 and now is the time for aspiring writers to prepare. The Tempe Public Library will host several writing workshops this fall and winter to help writers hone their skills leading up to the contest kickoff in January. Check out the library calendar for class options. Submissions for the writing contest are open beginning Jan. 8, 2018. For more information, visit www.tempe.gov/library.

City Council to vote on utility rate adjustments

A public hearing will take place on Thursday, Nov. 30, for the City Council to formally adopt the proposed utility rate structure for water, sewer and solid waste. The hearing is slated to be part of the 6 p.m. Regular Council Meeting in the City Council Chambers, 31 E. Fifth St. If adopted, adjusted rates will take effect in January 2018. Visit www.tempe.gov/UtilityRateStudy for more information, including videos of past public forums.



MLK Diversity Awards Breakfast

All are invited to attend the 20th Annual City of Tempe MLK Diversity Awards Breakfast. The breakfast will be held on Monday, Jan. 8, at 8 a.m., at the Phoenix Marriott Tempe at the Buttes,

2000 W. Westcourt Way, in Tempe. The awards breakfast honors community members and groups who have demonstrated a commitment to honoring and celebrating diversity in the Tempe community. The cost of the event is \$10 for each of the first 500 people who RSVP. Call 480-350-8979 for registration information. Visit www.tempe.gov/mlk for more information.

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on Tempe's
2018 elections**
www.tempe.gov/election

Don't be a turkey - recycle your holiday cooking grease!

Whether you stuff, roast or deep-fry the bird, holiday cooking can create a significant amount of grease. You can help put that grease to good use – and keep it from ruining your pipes – by having it recycled. Every year the City of Tempe partners with Rev Biodiesel, the Valley's only cooking-grease-to-biodiesel recycling facility, to provide a convenient way for residents to recycle turkey grease and other used cooking oil.

Tempe residents can drop off used grease from late November to early January at four locations:

Household Products Collection Center – 1320 E. University Dr.

Fire Station #2 – 3025 S. Hardy Dr.

Fire Station #3 – 5440 S. McClintock Dr.

Fire Station #4 – 300 E. Elliot Rd.

Residents can pour fryer and cooking grease directly into barrels at the collection locations, or simply place containers of grease on a spill-proof surface next to the barrels. For more information, call 480-350-4311 or visit www.tempe.gov/SlashtheTrash.

Free Equal Pay salary negotiation workshops



Even though the federal Equal Pay Act became law in 1963, women continue to experience wage disparities nationally. The City of Tempe is working to narrow the gender pay gap and offers another series of negotiation

classes this winter. The free classes are open to anyone who lives, works or studies in Tempe. Tempe has partnered with the American Association of University Women (AAUW) on the content of the workshops, which are designed to help community members build confidence and skills around salary negotiation, market worth, tools of persuasion and business strategies. Class dates are:

Nov. 4, 9-11:30 a.m.

TLC Classroom in the lower level of the Tempe Public Library, 3500 S. Rural Road

Nov. 13, 6-8:30 p.m.

TLC Classroom in the lower level of the Tempe Public Library, 3500 S. Rural Road

Nov. 29, 6-8:30 p.m.

Pyle Adult Recreation Center, 655 E. Southern Ave.

Dec. 9, 9-11:30 a.m.

TLC Classroom in the lower level of the Tempe Public Library, 3500 S. Rural Road

Each class features the same information. Register for classes at www.tempe.gov/EqualPay.

Calendar

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

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

December 7, 2017

4 p.m., Work Study Session

December 14, 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

Comic Tom Dreesen delivers motivational advice

He appeared on Johnny Carson's Tonight Show, filled in for David Letterman and opened for Frank Sinatra – he's Tom Dreesen and he's coming to the Tempe Center for the Arts for an inspirational talk on realizing your goals. The session, on Dec. 6 at 11:30 a.m., is part of the City of Tempe's internal Tempe Professional Development Network series – but this special session with Dreesen is also open to the public. Admission is \$25 and includes lunch in the Lakeside Room at the Tempe Center for the Arts, 700 W. Rio Salado Parkway. Tickets are available through the TCA Box Office at 480-350-2822 and www.tca.ticketforce.com/tpdn1718.

Give feedback about Tempe's website

Over the next several months, the city will be redesigning its website, www.tempe.gov. Community members will be asked to provide input about what is working well and what could be improved about the city's online presence. We want to know your thoughts about functionality, navigation and ease of use. Look for the notices soon and engage with us to make Tempe's single biggest communication tool even better.

Tempe Tourism Office announces new president and CEO

Brian McCartin will be the new President and CEO of the Tempe Tourism Office. Before his recent move back to Arizona, McCartin was executive vice president at Travel Portland, the tourism office in Portland, Oregon. During his tenure at Travel Portland, his experience included responsibility for convention and tourism sales, marketing, communications and cultural tourism. McCartin will begin work Dec. 4 at the Tempe Tourism Office. He is succeeding Stephanie Nowack, who is retiring after 18 years with the organization. The Tempe Tourism Office is a nonprofit organization devoted to marketing Tempe as a desirable visitor and group destination site. To learn more about Tempe, call 480-894-8158 or visit www.tempetourism.com.

The trout are coming back!

On Tuesday, Nov. 21, the City of Tempe and Arizona Game and Fish will release thousands of trout into Tempe Town Lake. Families and community members are welcome to attend the event from 4-6 p.m. at the SRP Town Lake Marina. Arizona Game and Fish will provide fishing gear, bait and instruction for all ages to try their hand at fishing for free. For more information about Tempe Town Lake, visit www.tempe.gov/lake.

DECEMBER 2017
Mixed Bulk Trash Collection Schedule

Collection Week	Collection Type
Area A: DEC 4-8	MIXED BULK WASTE
Area B: DEC 11-15	
Area C: DEC 18-22	
Area D: DEC 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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Get ahead of the curve on street restrictions and bus detours

Street restrictions and bus detours can happen as a result of repairs and construction in various areas. Stay up to date about what's happening:

- Sign up to receive emails at www.tempe.gov/enevs
 - Follow us on Twitter or Facebook (only major street closures will be posted)
 - Check www.tempe.gov/ streetclosures
- Plan ahead and drive safely!