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4th Annual Library Comicon

Fans of Marvel, DC, Star Wars, Wholocks and even Trekkies are invited to gather in costume for a celebration of pop culture. The annual Tempe Public Library Comicon will return from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Saturday, Jan. 27, at the Tempe Public Library, 3500 S. Rural Road.

Buy books, art, and other Comicon-related items. Attend an exciting panel discussion or presentation. There will be activities for the whole family, including a costume contest sponsored by the Blue Ribbon Army.

Admission to the event is free. For more details, visit www.tempe.gov/comicon.

Spring 2018 city elections will be all Ballot by Mail

Three open City Council seats and three ballot propositions will be decided by voters this spring in Tempe. Voter registration is taking place now.

The Primary Election is March 13 and the General Election is May 15. This is the first Tempe election that will be Ballot by Mail, which means that every registered voter will automatically get a ballot. Voters can drop off their voted ballots or get replacement ballots at either of the two ballot centers in Tempe or at the Maricopa County Recorder's Office. Information about the elections, from voter registration to finding the results, can be found at www.tempe.gov/election or by calling 480-350-4311. Background information about Ballot by Mail is at www.tempe.gov/BallotbyMail.

Prospective candidates have until Dec. 13 to file their completed paperwork, at which time they will be certified for the ballot, or not, by the City Clerk's Office. Names and contact information of candidates certified for the ballot will be posted on www.tempe.gov/election. According to the Tempe City Charter, Section 7.01, the Primary Election is held to nominate or elect candidates. If there are no more

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Preparations begin for 2018-19 fiscal year city budget

The City of Tempe is beginning the annual process of developing its operating and capital budgets for the 2018-19 fiscal year. The Mayor and City Council would like public input on daily operations and city assets and infrastructure, such as streets, community centers, pools, lighting, parks and more. Where do you think the city should focus its limited funds to provide the greatest benefit to the community?

The city's operating budget covers everyday expenses, such as employee salaries and health benefits, while capital projects range from major equipment replacements and street improvements to new facilities and building updates. The two categories of expenses are budgeted separately.

For details on the formulation of budgets for the 2018-19 fiscal year, as well as projected dates for City Council discussions and the public forum on both the operating and capital budgets, visit www.tempe.gov/budgetplan. Also on the webpage is a link to an online survey to gather residents' budget feedback. The survey is active through March 31.

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than two candidates for each vacancy, the Primary Election is eliminated and the General Election is held on that date. In the case of the 2018 elections, if there are six or fewer total candidates, there will be one election, which would take place March 13.

On Nov. 9, the City Council approved three propositions for the March 13 ballot: one would amend the City Charter to declare Tempe's portion of Papago Park a preserve; one would amend the City Charter to require the disclosure of the origins of major contributions used to influence local city elections; and one would raise a state-imposed spending ceiling for cities enacted in 1980, so the city can spend the revenue it brings in.

The deadline for submitting arguments for or against any of the ballot measures, which will be printed in the publicity pamphlet is Dec. 13. Arguments must be submitted to clerk@tempe.gov; they cannot exceed 300 words including argument title; and must include a sworn statement from each sponsoring person. The cost per argument is \$100 to offset a portion of the cost of the pamphlet printing.

Register to vote by Feb. 12 for the March election, and by April 16 for the May election. Ballots will be mailed Feb. 14 for the March election and April 18 for the May election.

Learn more about Council candidates via Tempe 11 election forums

Beginning with the Jan. 18 City Council meeting, Tempe 11 viewers can tune in to watch five-minute messages from City Council candidates played just before each Regular Council meeting. The messages will conclude with the last Regular Meeting prior to the March 13 Primary Election, or the May 15 General Election, if a General Election is necessary.

Tempe 11 also will provide organizations with a chance to host televised debates/forums about Council candidates or propositions. Interested groups can submit requests via email beginning Jan. 2 to Nikki Ripley (nikki_ripley@tempe.gov) and Greg Wolfe (greg_wolfe@tempe.gov). One televised debate/forum opportunity will be available each week on Monday or Wednesday evenings only. Requests will be considered in the order received. Televised debates/forums can begin Jan. 22 and continue through the election cycle. For the full guidelines, visit www.tempe.gov/election.

Nominate a great neighbor

Nominations are being accepted through Feb. 20 for the city's annual Neighborhood Awards. Does a home or yard improvement project near you make the whole street more attractive? Does a new art element brighten your travels? Nominate the residents and businesses that make Tempe a better place.

The Mayor and City Council will recognize all nominees and celebrate award winners at the 2018 State of the Neighborhoods Awards and Workshops on Saturday, April 21, at the Tempe History Museum, 809 E. Southern Ave. For nomination forms and event information as it becomes available, visit www.tempe.gov/StateoftheNeighborhoods.

Attend Neighborhood Day at the Legislature

Tempe residents are invited to join the Mayor and City Council for Neighborhood Day at the State Legislature on Wednesday, Jan. 17, from 9-11 a.m., at the Arizona State Senate, 1700 W. Washington St., in Phoenix. Meet your City Councilmembers and Tempe's state legislators, learn about Tempe's approach to representing the city at the Legislature, and take a self-guided tour of the Capitol after the program. Confirm your spot with the city's Neighborhood Services Division at www.tempe.gov/neighborhoods, or 480-350-8234. Free parking is available at the League of Arizona Cities and Towns, 1820 W. Washington St., Phoenix. To take public transportation to the event, visit www.valleymetro.org for bus, light rail and park-and-ride information.

Policy changes at the state level can affect resources, activities and operations in Tempe so it's important to stay informed. For periodic email updates throughout the legislative session, visit www.tempe.gov/eneews and select the "Government Relations" list.

New \$75 fee for reoccurring code violations

Beginning Jan. 1, the City of Tempe may charge a \$75 fee to property owners accumulating two cases of the same violation within a 365-day period. Over the last several years, residents have expressed their concern in the annual community survey over the enforcement of City Code. Code Compliance has been working to increase enforcement efforts along with assistance and education programs. Visit www.tempe.gov/code for information about the City Code and Code Compliance programs.

Holiday trash/ recycling schedules

www.tempe.gov/SlashtheTrash

480-350-4311

Connect with Councilmembers

Want to discuss your ideas and input about Tempe? Join these Councilmembers as they host conversation events to connect with community members:

Java with Joel – Join Councilmember Joel Navarro on Saturday, Jan. 27, at 10 a.m. in the Connections Café at the Tempe Public Library, 3500 S. Rural Road.

Community Roundtable – Join Vice Mayor Robin Arredondo-Savage and Councilmember Randy Keating on Tuesday, Jan. 23, at 6 p.m., at The Watershed, 5350 S. Lakeshore Drive, or on Monday, Jan. 29, at 6 p.m., at the North Tempe Multigenerational Center, 1555 N. Bridalwreath St.

For more information about the whole City Council, visit www.tempe.gov/elected.

Tempe recognized for LGBTQ equality

For the fourth year in a row, Tempe has earned a perfect score on the Municipal Equality Index (MEI). The award showcases Tempe's dedication to equality and a safe, welcoming community atmosphere for residents, visitors and businesses. Tempe was among 41 American cities to earn perfect scores, including two other cities in Arizona. The award is given by the Human Rights Campaign Foundation, the educational arm of the nation's largest lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender and queer (LGBTQ) civil rights organization. Tempe's detailed scorecard is available at www.hrc.org/mei.



Tempe 9-1-1 Ambulance rolls out

Two new ambulances and emergency medical services crews began serving the Tempe community this October marking the debut of Tempe 9-1-1 Ambulance, an emergency ground transportation service provided by the Tempe Fire Medical Rescue Department. Within five years,

private ambulance service will be replaced by a fleet of department ambulances staffed by civilian paramedics and emergency medical technicians responding to emergency medical calls.

Patients transported by the fire department will see a bill from Tempe Fire Medical Rescue, which charges the same fees as a private company. Those fees are set by the Arizona Department of Health Services and will be used to support Tempe 9-1-1 Ambulance.

For more information on Tempe 9-1-1 Ambulance, go to www.tempe.gov/medical.

Bike share is easy, fun

Tempe's GRID bike share program makes it easy to pick up a bicycle at any self-serve station and take it for a spin. Tempe's system includes 300 bikes and 32 stations – look for the bright green bikes.

The bikes are equipped with a GPS-enabled panel and an integrated bike lock that works with regular bike racks. Payment options include weekly, monthly, student and pay-as-you-go. Bikes can be located and reserved through the Social Bicycles mobile app or online. Members can also unlock a bike directly at the station using an account number and four-digit PIN code. To end a trip, the bike can be returned to any bike station in the Valley or, for a small fee, can be locked at any regular bike rack. Tempe's system is compatible with the GRID bikeshare system in Mesa and Phoenix.

For more information, visit www.gridbikes.com or download the Social Bicycles mobile application on Google Play or at the iTunes App Store.



Tempe's newest fire station will assist response times, include innovative features

Tempe's first new fire station since 2004 will occupy the southwest corner of Estrada Park near McClintock Drive and Warner Road, a strategic placement to help Tempe Fire Medical Rescue respond faster to the increasing volume of emergency calls in the city. Fire

Station 7 will have a modernized traditional look that complements the park and surrounding neighborhood.

The firehouse has three bays for fire apparatus and living quarters for up to 12 firefighters. Initially, just two bays will be used: one by a fire engine company consisting of a pumper truck and four firefighters; and the other by a scene support truck overseen by a fire engineer to provide on-scene lighting, compressed air replenishment and heat relief refreshments to first responders. In addition to fighting fires, the fire engine crew members are also certified paramedics and emergency medical technicians who can provide emergency medical services.

As with many modern buildings, the station will be outfitted with solar panels, which can provide about 50 percent of power needs. It also will conserve water by featuring desert plants fed by an on-site rainwater harvesting system.

Station construction is slated for spring 2018 with completion in summer 2019 to coincide with the Estrada Park improvement project. For more Fire Station 7 images and information, visit www.tempe.gov/station7.

Calendar

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

December 7, 2017

4 p.m., Work Study Session

December 14, 2017

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

January 11, 2018

4 p.m., Work Study Session

January 18, 2018

4 p.m., Executive Session
5:30 p.m., Housing Authority Meeting
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.

Tempe City Council

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Robin Arredondo-Savage
Vice Mayor

Kolby Granville
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Randy Keating
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News you can use

Buying stuff online? Meet at designated internet sales location

Shoppers and sellers who conduct transactions online with people they don't know can now meet at a designated location inside the lobby of the Tempe Police Headquarters, 120 E. Fifth St. The City of Tempe established the location, which is under video surveillance and in a neutral public area. Lobby hours are 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday, excluding holidays. Parking is available in the city parking garage at Fifth Street and Forest Avenue and the first hour is free. As with all city facilities, no weapons, hazardous materials, illegal drugs, or animals (except service animals) are allowed. City employees are prohibited from providing advice on transaction items, researching criminal history or acting as witnesses for any private transaction.

Recycle your holiday tree

Give your Christmas tree the gift of new life this year by keeping it out of the landfill. The city offers two locations where trees can be dropped off for free 24 hours a day, seven days a week through Jan. 30:

- **Compost Yard**, 1001 N. Rio Road, at the intersection of Rio Salado Parkway and Hardy Drive
- **Kiwanis Park Recreation Center**, 6111 W. All-America Way (parking lot on west side)

Before dropping off any Christmas trees, remove tree stands and nails, ornaments, lights, garland and tinsel. The trees will be chipped and recycled into compost that will be returned to Tempe parks and gardens. For more information, call 480-350-4311, or visit www.tempe.gov/SlashtheTrash.

Heed 'No Burn Day' warnings

The Arizona Department of Environmental Quality (ADEQ) regularly conducts tests on particulate matter (PM) to ensure our air quality meets federal and state guidelines. On days when PM is expected to be too high, a health watch or high pollution advisory is issued, resulting in a No Burn Day. Residents are not allowed to burn wood in their fireplaces, stoves, chimneys and fire pits on these days. Gas or electric fireplaces are fine to use. Check out www.tempe.gov/airquality and visit www.cleanairmakemore.com to sign up for No Burn Day alerts.

Make your resolutions a reality with Tempe classes and activities

Recommitting to an exercise routine or healthy eating in 2018? Or maybe you're finally

ready to unleash your artistic side. The winter Tempe Opportunities brochure is filled with easy, convenient and economical solutions to help you achieve your New Year's resolutions and make 2018 the best yet! New and continuing classes are available for all ages, interests and abilities. There are exercise and fitness classes, educational programming, sports, music, art, dance and more. Programs start in January. Check them out at www.tempe.gov/brochure, pick up an issue of Tempe Opportunities at a city facility, or call 480-350-5200 to learn more.

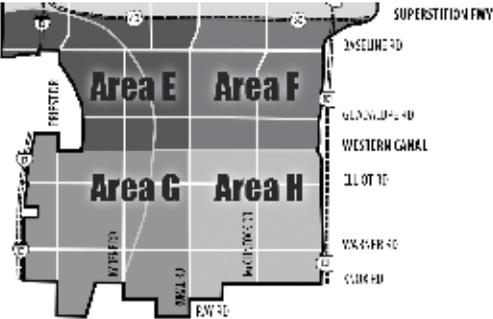


JANUARY 2018

Mixed Bulk Trash Collection Schedule

Area	Collection Week	Collection Type
Area E	JAN 2-5	MIXED BULK WASTE
Area F	JAN 8-12	
Area G	JAN 15-19	
Area H	JAN 22-26	

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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