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Spring training in Tempe rocks

What's better than taking the afternoon off on a beautiful day and seeing the Los Angeles Angels at Tempe Diablo Stadium?

The Angels will take on the Milwaukee Brewers on Feb. 24 for this year's spring training home opener. This season boasts matchups against the D-Backs, Cubs, Padres and more. Tickets are on sale now at www.ticketmaster.com or you can purchase them at the Tempe Diablo box office beginning Feb. 10.

Don't miss the charity game against the Cleveland Indians on Feb. 27. Proceeds will be donated to the Tempe Diablos to help support local programs.

The stadium is located at 2200 W. Alameda Drive. Visit www.tempe.gov/diablo for information on games, tickets, stadium hours, directions and parking.

Apply now for fall Tempe PRE classes



It's not too early to start thinking about your preschooler's education. Tempe PRE, the city's free, pilot preschool program, has openings in its all-day, high-quality preschool classes in fall 2018. Income-qualified Tempe families with children ages 3 or 4 as of July 31 can apply now for the chance to attend.

Interested families must fill out an online application in order to be considered for randomized drawings that select participants. The first drawing will be March 12. The application is at www.tempe.gov/TempePRE. For more information, contact Tempe PRE staff at pre-k@tempe.gov or 480-858-PreK (7735).

Tempe PRE stands for Preschool Resource Expansion. It is a two-year pilot program approved by the Tempe City Council that began in fall 2017. Tempe PRE's 360 students are taught by certified teachers using child-centered curriculum. The program's 20 classrooms are housed in 13 local elementary schools through partnerships with the Tempe Elementary School District and the Kyrene School District.

One of the objectives of Tempe PRE is to improve kindergarten readiness and long-term school success. High-quality preschool in Tempe is a complement to the city's Roadmap for Education plan, which aims to ensure that all Tempe children: live in stable and nurturing families; are mentally and physically healthy; are ready to succeed in school; live in safe and supportive neighborhoods; and make successful transitions to adulthood. For more about Tempe's education efforts, visit www.tempe.gov/education. Sign up to get information about Tempe PRE via email at www.tempe.gov/TempePreNews.

Geeks Night Out returns March 1

Discover the science at the 7th annual Geeks Night Out on Thursday, March 1. Tempe's signature Arizona SciTech Festival event is presented by State Farm and blends science, technology, engineering, arts and math (STEAM).

The free event merges fun and education, showcasing everything from robotics demonstrations and solar-powered race cars to science experiments and coding exercises. There will be live entertainment, food trucks, bounce houses and more. The 2018 Geeks Night Out will be held at the Tempe Community Complex, 3500 S. Rural Road. For more information, visit www.tempe.gov/geeks.

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March 2018 General/Special Election is all Ballot by Mail

Six City Council candidates will be on the March 13 General/Special Election ballot for three open City Council seats. Three propositions also will be on the ballot.

Certified candidates for City Council are: Jennifer Adams; Robin Arredondo-Savage; Sarah Kader; Lauren Kuby; Justin Stewart; and Genevieve Vega. Elected candidates will be sworn in to four-year terms in July. Names and contact information for candidates is at www.tempe.gov/election.

A seventh, previously certified candidate – Patrick Morales – withdrew his name from the ballot Dec. 28. According to the Tempe City Charter, Section 7.01, the Primary Election is held to nominate or elect candidates. If there are no more than two candidates for each vacancy, the Primary Election is eliminated and the General Election is held on that date. With six candidates and three vacancies, that means Tempe will now hold only a General/Special Election on March 13.

Televised candidate forums and statements

As a community service for city elections, Tempe 11 televises a limited number of candidate debates and forums. Community groups can request to schedule a debate or forum to occur on designated dates before March 7. Forums must be open to the public. Forums air live on Cox 11 and Century Link 8012, and can be streamed live at www.tempe.gov/tempe11. The city replays each forum several times on Tempe 11 and posts them for later viewing at www.tempe.gov/tempe11. Full guidelines for hosting a forum or debate are available at www.tempe.gov/election.

Tempe 11 also tapes and airs five-minute statements from Council candidates. Before each Regular Council Meeting through March 8, Tempe residents can tune in to Cox 11 or Century Link 8012 at 5 p.m. to watch candidate statements that will be taped earlier on those same days. The statements will re-air regularly on Tempe 11 until the next Regular Council Meeting, when a new batch of statements will be recorded. Statements are not recorded before Work Study Sessions. Statements also can be viewed at www.tempe.gov/tempe11.

Propositions

Three ballot propositions will be decided by Tempe voters on March 13:

- Proposition 402 – Proposed Charter amendment for Papago Preserve
- Proposition 403 – Proposed Charter amendment for Contribution Source Disclosure in city elections
- Proposition 404 – Proposed permanent base adjustment

A publicity pamphlet with additional election and proposition information will be mailed to all households containing a registered voter in February 2018.

Ballot by Mail

This is the first time that Tempe elections will be Ballot by Mail, which means that every registered voter will automatically get a ballot. Register to vote by Feb. 12. Ballots will be mailed Feb. 14.

Ballots must be received by the Maricopa County Recorder's Office by 7 p.m. on March 13. Maricopa County's recommended last day to place a ballot in the mail is March 7. After March 7, voters can drop off their voted ballots, or get replacement ballots, at either of the two ballot centers in Tempe or at the Recorder's Office. Additional information is online at www.tempe.gov/BallotbyMail.

Information about the elections can be found at www.tempe.gov/election. Voters also can call Tempe 311 at 480-350-4311 or email clerk@tempe.gov.

Celebrate Tempe history at Hayden's Ferry Days

Explore Tempe's unique history with the 3rd annual Hayden's Ferry Days, a three-day community celebration that happens March 2-4. Activities take place in multiple venues throughout the city and will focus on Tempe's rich culture and history.

Check out the free Hayden's Ferry Days Festival on March 3 at the Tempe History Museum, with exhibitors, artists, antiques, music and more. And don't miss the free March 4 tours of historic properties like the Petersen, Hackett, Eisendrath and Elias-Rodriguez houses.

Some events and tours are ticketed; others are free to attend. For more information, visit www.tempe.gov/MuseumEvents.



Construction begins on Kiwanis Park Splash Playground

Construction of the Kiwanis Park Splash Playground is now underway. The \$1.7 million playground is being built near the north soccer field within Kiwanis Park, which is located between Baseline and Guadalupe roads at Mill Avenue. All park amenities will remain open during construction except for ramadas in the construction area. The splash playground is expected to open in summer 2018 and will be the city's largest water amenity.

The City Council approved design and construction of the playground in February 2017. Residents offered input on the design. For details, visit www.tempe.gov/KiwanisSplashPlayground.

Free College Connect workshops

For a full calendar and to schedule a one-on-one appointment, visit www.CollegeConnectTempe.org.



Tempe-Habitat partnership changes lives

When the first walls went up on the Perez-Albornoz family's house in Tempe, it was a new beginning in so many ways.

Four years earlier, the family left behind the only home they had known in Venezuela for a different life in the United States. Their journey had not been without struggle and now, homeownership represented a fresh start.

A place for 18-year-old Eladio Jr. to study and pursue his goal of becoming a physician. A place for his parents, Eladio Sr. and Daisy, to relax after work. A place to dream of a better future thanks to a partnership between the City of Tempe and Habitat for Humanity of Central Arizona.

So as the walls of their new home rose to the sky last year, the family – along with city representatives and volunteers - offered a blessing. With a Sharpie in hand, they wrote prayers and messages of thanks on the wood framing. They wrote and wrote, through tears and smiles.

"We were just mostly thinking about what we've been through and what we're going to accomplish," Eladio Jr. said.

The Perez-Albornoz family is living in a unique development at 1937 E. Don Carlos Ave. In 2007, the city purchased the property using Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds with an eye toward creating more affordable housing. The city later partnered with Habitat to build 18, three-story townhomes.

The Perez-Albornoz family, is grateful for homeownership. "This isn't just a house, it's a home," said Eladio Jr.

For information about housing assistance options in Tempe, visit the Human Services Department at www.tempe.gov/housing. For information about Habitat for Humanity, visit www.habitatcaz.org.

Shop On the Tempe Streetcar route and save

Businesses along the new Tempe Streetcar route are offering special discounts to customers with a *Shop On* Rewards card or a Valley Metro pass. Take this opportunity to explore the many unique businesses in the area. Save money as you enjoy lunch on Apache Boulevard, pamper yourself on Mill Avenue, and shop in and around downtown Tempe.

Check out the great deals at www.valleymetro.org/shopon and download the *Shop On* card, or look for the *Shop On* window cling at participating businesses – and start saving today.

Shop On is a Valley Metro program, in partnership with City of Tempe, designed to showcase, support and promote businesses during construction of Tempe Streetcar. The 3-mile line will connect riders to neighborhoods, major business centers, and regional events and destinations. For more information about Tempe Streetcar, visit www.valleymetro.org/TempeStreetcar.

More recycling options in Tempe

Looking for an easy way to recycle even more? Clothing, towels, bedding, shoes, hats, purses, belts, housewares and home decor (no ceramic or glass) can be placed in the white Goodwill of Central and Northern Arizona bin marked "donations" at these locations:

- **Arizona Historical Society Museum:** 1300 N. College Ave.
- **Jaycee Park:** 817 W. Fifth St. (entrance on Hardy Drive)
- **Household Products Collection Center:**
1320 E. University Drive
- **Kiwanis Park:** 6111 S. All-America Way,
parking lot west of All-America Way
- **Tempe Police Substation:** 8201 S. Hardy Drive
- **Tempe Public Library:** 3500 S. Rural Road
- **Tempe Field Operations:** 55 S. Priest Drive

Only rain in the storm drain

When we do get our infrequent rain, the runoff water is collected and moved throughout Tempe by storm drains just like the ones you see on the streets in your neighborhood. These drains take the water to our parks, rivers, ditches and retention ponds. The City of Tempe asks that you do not dispose of trash, chemicals or automotive products in the storm drains. Help us protect our precious water.

Tempe Center for the Arts gallery exhibit through May 12

The newest exhibition at the Gallery at TCA is *Walk in My Shoes*, which celebrates the diversity, expression and value of multiple viewpoints. While it is impossible for one exhibition to convey the entirety of the human condition, through an artist's eyes, we can experience, discover and see how it feels to "walk in another person's shoe," if only for a moment. Many activities are offered during the run of the exhibition including free hands-on workshops and a panel talk. Funding for outreach programs for this exhibition have been provided by the Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community. More information is available at www.tempe.gov/TCAGallery or call 480-350-2867

Calendar

This is the tentative February/March schedule for Tempe City Council meetings.

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

February 1, 2018

4 p.m., Work Study Session

February 8, 2018

4 p.m., Executive Session

6 p.m., Regular Council Meeting

February 15, 2018

4 p.m., Work Study Session

February 22, 2018

4 p.m., Executive Session

6 p.m., Regular Council Meeting

March 1, 2018

4 p.m., Work Study Session

March 8, 2018

4 p.m., Executive Session

6 p.m., Regular Council Meeting

March 22, 2018

4 p.m., Work Study Session

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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Councilmember

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Councilmember

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News you can use

Free Art Friday at Edna Vihel Arts Center

Free Art Friday is a free, family-oriented interactive art series that gives preschoolers and caregivers the opportunity to create art and learn about music and movement. Each month explores a different theme and art projects. Free Art Friday will be held Feb. 23, March 23 and April 27 from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. at the Edna Vihel Activities Center, 3340 S. Rural Road. Registration is not required. For more information, visit www.tempe.gov/FamilyFun or call 480-350-5287.

Are you ready for spring cleaning?

Spring is right around the corner. It's a great time of year to give your house a much-needed cleaning. Or maybe you will be remodeling this year. Either way, ditch the dumpster and take advantage of opportunities to recycle and reuse. Tempe offers resources for recycling your unwanted items or debris from remodeling projects. As more Tempeans like you take the time to reduce waste by recycling and reusing unwanted items, the city gets closer to meeting the recycling goals set by the Tempe City Council. For helpful tips and resources, visit <http://bit.ly/2CTVOJC>.

Participate in city budget process

The City of Tempe invites community members to participate in planning the city's operating and capital budgets for the 2018-19 fiscal year. You can offer input via an online survey and at public meetings.

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. The city's operating budget covers everyday expenses, while capital projects include equipment replacements and street improvements. The two categories of expenses are budgeted separately.

A public budget forum will be held Wednesday, Feb. 21, at 6 p.m., at the Tempe History Museum, 809 E. Southern Ave. For details on the formulation of budgets for the 2018-19 fiscal year, as well as projected dates for City Council discussions, 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.

Nominate a neighbor for city recognition

Nominations are being accepted for the city's annual Neighborhood Awards. Every

neighborhood has people and places deserving of recognition. This is the opportunity for you to publicly celebrate and thank them for their activities, actions, property maintenance and more. For all award categories, criteria, nomination forms and more event information, visit www.tempe.gov/StateoftheNeighborhoods. The nomination deadline is Feb. 20. All nominees will be recognized by the Mayor and City Council at the 2018 State of the Neighborhoods Awards and Workshops on Saturday, April 21, at Tempe History Museum, 809 E. Southern Ave.

MARCH 2018
Mixed Bulk Trash & Green Organics

Area	Collection Week	Collection Type
Area E	MAR 5-9	MIXED BULK WASTE AND GREEN ORGANICS
Area F	MAR 12-16	
Area G	MAR 19-23	
Area H	MAR 26-30	

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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