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Add \$1 and help your neighbors

Ever wondered what that \$1 donation on your monthly water bill goes to?

It goes to Together Tempe – formerly known as Help to Others (H2O) – to help those in need right in our own backyard. It's a longstanding program of the nonprofit Tempe Community Council (TCC), which has addressed human services needs in Tempe since 1972.

Your voluntary \$1 donation each month goes a long way. It helps fund more than 45 human services organizations that help children, teens, seniors, veterans and people with disabilities. Meals for families, school clothes for kids, rides to the doctor's office and so much more are all possible thanks to the generosity of residents.

"This is such an easy way to help our neighbors," said Mayor Mark Mitchell. "Giving a little really does change a lot."

To be part of Together Tempe, add the \$1 voluntary donation to your water bill payment or visit www.togethertempe.org and use the donate button. You can also call 480-858-2300 to donate any amount directly.



It's Earth Month and Tempe is all kinds of green!

Spring has sprung and that's a perfect time for Earth Month in April! Tempe is all about sustainability so we invite you to celebrate Planet Earth with us. Tempe offers a variety of events and chances to learn more about alternative modes of transportation,

water conservation and recycling. Here's a look at what is coming up. To learn more about Sustainable Tempe, visit www.tempe.gov/SustainableTempe.

Social media contest

In honor of Earth Month, we're launching a new Sustainable Tempe Facebook page! And of course we'll be continuing to talk about all things green on our other Facebook, Instagram and Twitter accounts. Look for details on a fun social media contest beginning April 2.

Tempe Bike Month is in motion

Tempe Bike Month is an annual celebration of bicycle-friendly events to showcase Tempe as a great city for biking. Celebrate with the city at these two events:

- **Tour de Tempe** – More than 1,000 riders are expected at this 22nd annual community bike ride on April 8 from 7:30 to 11 a.m. It starts at Kiwanis Park, 6111 S. All-America Way, in the west parking lot north of Guadalupe Road. This free, 12-mile bike ride is led by members of the City Council. You can register now through April 5 at www.tempe.gov/BikeMonth. Free T-shirts will be available to the first 850 riders. Breakfast snacks and coffee will be provided. For details and a list of partner businesses who are celebrating with us, visit the website. Helmets are required and riders should bring water.
- **Bike to Work Day** – Bicycle riders can stop for free breakfast on their way to work on April 18 from 6:30 to 8 a.m. at this 26th annual celebration. Nine locations will have breakfast and free T-shirts for the first 350 total riders who stop by. At 7 a.m., riders can join City Councilmembers on a ride from Whole Foods Market to Ncounter in downtown Tempe. For a list of locations and details, visit www.tempe.gov/BikeMonth.

New this year, as part of Bike Month, visit www.gridbikes.com and use promo code GRID2WORK2018 for a free seven-day pass courtesy of GRID, Tempe's bike share provider.

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Earth Month events

Compost giveaway April 7

Celebrate Earth Month by giving your garden a dose of homegrown compost! Tempe is hosting a compost giveaway on April 7, from 7-11 a.m., at the city's compost yard at Rio Salado Parkway and Hardy Drive. From Priest Drive, go east on Rio Salado to Hardy; turn north on Hardy and follow the signs to the yard. The event is open to residents and non-residents, but not to commercial landscapers. Tempe's compost is made from green organic material, such as yard clippings and shrubs, that is collected citywide. Bring your own bags or containers. There is no limit to the amount of compost per vehicle; however, it will be distributed on a first-come, first-served basis. Visit www.tempe.gov/SMART for more information.

Zero Waste Day is April 28

Old paint and cleaning products. TVs and printers. Plastic bags and scrap metal. Bring it all to the city's popular Zero Waste Day on April 28, from 7 a.m. to 1 p.m., at the Tempe Fire Training Facility, 1340 E. University Drive. Visit www.tempe.gov/green for a list of acceptable items and to learn more about how these items are recycled at Tempe's Household Products Collection Center.

There will be free paper shredding offered and you can pick up free recycled exterior paint for your use. You can donate used bikes, bike parts and repair stands for the Recycle-a-Bicycle program. For the first time, we'll be accepting car seats and booster seats too. Please consider bringing a donation of non-perishable food for the Tempe Community Action Agency food pantry. Unopened items like peanut butter, tuna, canned beans, boxed meals, granola bars, oatmeal, pasta and more are needed.

Water Awareness Month

Life in the desert would be impossible without secure and reliable sources of water. In April, Tempe will celebrate Arizona Water Awareness Month. Residents can learn more about water resources and conservation by visiting the Tempe History Museum, Tempe Public Library, and www.tempe.gov/conservation.

- **Water-Wise Landscape Photo Contest** – Are you proud of your water-wise landscape? Submit a photo of it to conservation@tempe.gov and be entered to win a gift card to Changing Hands Bookstore. All submitted photos could be shared (with full photo credit) on Tempe websites, social media or print materials. The best landscapes may also be chosen (with the homeowner's permission) to be featured in the upcoming update to the "Landscape Plants for the Arizona Desert" publication.
- **HOW much water do I use every day?** – The Tempe History Museum will feature The Water Tower from April 3-22. The 16-foot tower made of water jugs represents average water use per person per day here in the Valley. Pick up free resources on how to better manage water and energy in your home. While at the museum, stop by the "Surviving in the Desert" exhibit to learn about Tempe's water resources and how the Valley grew.
- **Fun photo opp** – The Tempe Public Library will display a life-size cardboard cut-out of Wayne Drop, the Water – Use It Wisely mascot, throughout April. Families who stop by can pick up free activity and coloring books about water conservation.
- **Free xeriscape workshops** – These popular annual workshops are free and they highlight rainwater harvesting, landscape design and drip irrigation sprinkler conversions. The classes are offered on Saturdays at the Eisendrath House from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. starting April 7.

Details are at www.tempe.gov/conservation.

How should Tempe spend your money?

The City of Tempe invites community members to participate in planning the city's operating and capital budgets for the 2018-19 fiscal year, which starts July 1. You can offer input via an online survey (www.tempe.gov/forum) through March 31. The Mayor and City Council would like your input on how we fund streets, community centers, pools, lighting, parks and more. The city's operating budget covers everyday expenses, while the capital projects budget includes equipment replacements and street improvements. There are several public City Council meetings this spring at which the 2018-19 budget will be discussed and approved. For details and meeting dates, visit www.tempe.gov/budgetplan.

Pyle Health and Wellness Expo

Explore community resources at the free Senior Health & Wellness Expo at the Pyle Adult Recreation Center, 655 E. Southern Ave. From 8 a.m. to noon on Thursday, April 12, participants can discover services offered by more than 50 companies while enjoying free screenings, class demonstrations, a light breakfast and a door prize drawing. For more information, visit www.tempe.gov/pyle.

Tempe Festival of the Arts is March 23-25!

www.tempefestivalofthearts.com



2018 State of the Neighborhoods

Honor Tempe community members who make positive contributions to their homes, neighborhoods and our community at the 2018 State of the Neighborhoods Awards and Care Fair. This year's theme is caring for each other. The State of the Neighborhoods takes place at 8 a.m. on Saturday, April 21, at the Tempe History Museum, 809 E. Southern Ave.

Tempe Community Council has organized its first Care Fair to follow Mayor Mark Mitchell's 5th Annual State of the Neighborhoods address and awards presentation. The Care Fair, which will happen from 9 a.m. to noon, will feature booths showcasing options for both giving and receiving care. Attendees are invited to bring new socks or hygiene items to the Care Fair for

Tempe non-profit organizations. Register at www.tempe.gov/StateoftheNeighborhoods or call the Tempe Neighborhood Services Office at 480-350-8234. Event sponsors include Salt River Project, Cartel Coffee, Donut Parlor and Whole Foods Market.

TCA has a new website



Tempe Center for the Arts (TCA) invites residents to explore its new website: www.tempecenterforthearts.com. The site showcases TCA's exciting Presenting Season, the Gallery at TCA, Resident Artist, events and Tempe Arts and Culture programs and services.

New features include easy navigation, bold graphics, improved search functionality, video content, social media feeds and a responsive design for all portable devices. Visit our online home to see how Tempe Center for the Arts is Making Waves in the Desert. You can also connect with Tempe Center for the Arts on Facebook (@TempeCenterfortheArts) and on Twitter and Instagram (@tempearts).

Disrupt FEST returns to Tempe Center for the Arts April 13-14

Disrupt FEST, a mash-up of live performance art, returns to Tempe Center for the Arts for two nights Friday, April 13, and Saturday, April 14. The festival will host super-charged experiences including provocative live theatre featuring "The Bitter Game," a one-man play written by Keith A. Wallace, and musical performances. A free, public workshop about creating art for social change will be offered with Keith A. Wallace. The workshop is a collaboration with the ASU Center for Race and Democracy. Visit www.tempecenterforthearts.com/disrupt for information on performances, tickets and workshop registration.

Town Lake bike/pedestrian bridge public meeting

A bicycle/pedestrian bridge is being planned on the east end of Tempe Town Lake, west of McClintock Drive, connecting the lake's north and south banks. Come and see refined designs for the bridge at an April 24 meeting at 5:30 p.m. at Karsten Golf Course Clubhouse Trophy Room, 1125 E. Rio Salado Parkway.

Feedback for the Tempe Town Lake Upstream Dam Bicycle/Pedestrian Bridge has been collected online and at a February meeting. More than 10 feet wide, the bridge will provide a low-stress, off-street connection for users of all abilities with links to major regional bicycle/pedestrian facilities, such as Indian Bend Wash and Rio Salado Multi-use Path system.

This project is included in the Transportation Master Plan and Tempe General Plan 2040. In May 2017, the Transportation Commission approved submitting the project for a Maricopa Association of Governments grant. In Fall 2017, the project was awarded a preliminary design grant for \$64,500. For more information about the project, visit www.tempe.gov/UpstreamBikePedBridge.

Mayor's Disability Awards

Join Tempe Mayor Mark Mitchell for the 30th Annual Mayor's Disability Awards. The awards honor people, businesses and organizations who make a difference in the lives of people who have disabilities. The award ceremony takes place at 3 p.m., April 17, at the Tempe Center for the Arts, 700 W. Rio Salado Parkway. The event is free but registration is required. Visit www.tempe.gov/DisabilityAwards for details and registration.

Adults 50+ needed as reading tutors

Adults ages 50 and older who would like to tutor young students, and can commit to a full school year, can learn more about the Experience Corp program by attending an information session this Spring. Information sessions are happening from 9:30 to 10:30 a.m. on March 20, April 12, April 24 and May 15, at the Tempe Public Library, 3500 S. Rural Road, in the lower level Program Room B. For more information, visit www.tempe.gov/ExperienceCorps.

Kiwanis April Pools Day

Get ready for pool season at the Kiwanis Wave Pool's April Pools Day on Saturday, April 7, from 1-5 p.m. Take part in water safety activities, CPR demos and swim lessons. Meet firefighters, check out a city firetruck and enjoy the indoor Kiwanis waves. Admission is free. Visit www.tempe.gov/waves for more information.

Calendar

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

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

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

April 12, 2018

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

April 19, 2018

4 p.m., Work Study Session

April 26, 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.

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News you can use

New utility rates

New rates for water and solid waste went into effect in January. All rates are available at www.tempe.gov/utilityrates. If you have questions, contact Customer Service at 480-350-8361, Monday through Friday, 7 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Tempe Accelerates

Recently, the City Council initiated a program that measures progress toward their strategic priorities. City staff wants to share its efforts to reach those goals. Residents can visit www.tempe.gov/open-tempe to see a dashboard of our progress and download data. And we are inviting community members to join us for Tempe Accelerates, a series of explanatory talks about why these goals are important, how they help the community, and what we can do to reach our targets more effectively. These sessions are data-driven and often involve collaboration from several city departments. There are opportunities to ask questions. Tempe Accelerates takes place on various days at 2 p.m. in the City Council Chambers, 31 E. Fifth St., and they air later on Tempe 11. Visit www.tempe.gov/TempeAccelerates for the schedule of dates and topics.

Dementia Friendly Tempe 3rd annual summit

Dementia Friendly Tempe, a city program to create a livable community for people with memory loss, will hold a free two-hour summit from 10 a.m. to noon on Saturday, April 7, at the Pyle Adult Recreation Center, 655 E Southern Ave. The theme of building resiliency for caregivers is aimed at helping those who care for loved ones with Alzheimer's and dementia-related disease. The event is not suitable for people with memory loss but there will be separate activities for them; please register so we can accommodate your loved ones. To register, contact the Banner Alzheimer's Institute at 602-839-6850 or email BAIFCS@bannerhealth.com. For information about Dementia Friendly Tempe, go to www.tempe.gov/DFT.

Learn how to negotiate for equal pay

The City of Tempe hosts free equal pay negotiation classes throughout the year. These classes teach how to gather data to show your value, how to ask for a raise or promotion and more. Visit www.tempe.gov/EqualPay to see class dates through June.

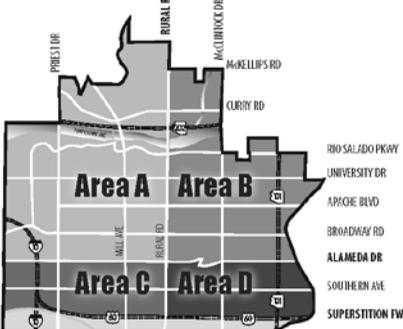


APRIL 2018

Mixed Bulk Trash & Green Organics

Area	Collection Week	Collection Type
Area A	APR 2-6	MIXED BULK WASTE AND GREEN ORGANICS
Area B	APR 9-13	
Area C	APR 16-20	
Area D	APR 23-27	

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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Dispose of expired, unused medications

Bring your unused, expired medications for safe, anonymous disposal on April 28 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., at the Tempe Police South Substation, 8201 S. Hardy Drive. Two kiosks also are available for community members year-round during business hours at the Apache Police Substation, 1822 E. Apache Blvd., and downtown Police Headquarters, 120 E. Fifth St. For details, contact Molly_Enright@tempe.gov, 480-858-6148, or Charles_Cobbs@tempe.gov, 480-350-8691.