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Kids get a free Youth Transit Pass

Tempe kids ages 6 to 18 can sign up for a Youth Transit Pass and ride all Valley Metro bus routes and the Metro light rail for free. Beginning May 14, Tempe will begin issuing new transit passes to current and new participants of the program.

The new passes, valid July 1 through June 30, 2019, can be obtained at the Tempe Transit Store, 200 E. Fifth St., between 8 a.m. and 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday. Special Saturday registration will be held June 30 and Aug. 4 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the transit store.

To sign up for the pass, bring a parent/guardian and their ID, a copy of the youth's birth certificate and proof of residency, such as a utility bill.

In addition, students who attend Tempe, Marcos de Niza, Compadre and McClintock high schools and live in Tempe can sign up at school. For more information and to download the registration form, visit www.tempe.gov/YouthPass.



Three Councilmembers elected, three propositions pass

Voters elected three Councilmembers and approved three propositions in the city's March 13 General/Special Election.

Vice Mayor Robin Arredondo-Savage and Councilmember Lauren Kuby were re-elected to the City Council, and Jennifer Adams won a seat on the Council.

Proposition 402 (City Charter amendment to declare Papago Park as a preserve), Proposition 403 (City Charter amendment to require the disclosure of the origins of major contributions used to influence local city elections), and Proposition 404 (adjustment to the permanent base expenditure limit) all passed.

There was a voter turnout of 26.6 percent. Final election results are available at www.tempe.gov/election.

The canvass of the vote, which is the City Council's official acceptance of the results, was scheduled for the March 22 Regular Council Meeting. The elected Councilmembers will be sworn in during the first City Council meeting in July, currently scheduled for July 9.

Save money starting July 1

Tempe's new program to help you save money and recycle more is now available for pre-orders. Save Money and Recycle Tempe (SMART) is a voluntary program for residents with curbside service who want to save money by choosing a smaller trash bin. Some residents will save almost \$65 a year. SMART will begin July 1, but you can pre-order your SMART bin today! Visit www.tempe.gov/SMARTprogram.

Tempe's mailing address has changed

Tempe has a new address for water/utility bill payments:

City of Tempe – Customer Service
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Tempe takes action to reduce carbon emissions and support renewable energy

The City of Tempe has strengthened its commitment to sustainability by adopting a new carbon neutrality goal by 2050 with a strategy of sourcing 100 percent of its electricity from renewable sources by 2035.

The City Council approved the resolution for this goal at its March 8 Regular Council Meeting. The carbon reduction goal will be achieved in partnership with Arizona Public Service (APS) and Salt River Project (SRP), the utilities that provide power to the city. The strategy of sourcing energy from renewable sources applies to the city's municipal electricity use for city buildings, streetlights, and water operations, and does not prescribe policy that involves residential and commercial utility customers.

Since August, a City Manager's working group comprised of Mayor Mark Mitchell and Councilmembers Lauren Kuby and Randy Keating have been exploring the idea of increasing a 2014 City Council-authorized goal to have 20 percent of city operations using renewable energy by 2025.

Currently, the city has achieved 10 percent renewable energy by using rooftop solar on city facilities. Rooftop solar will save the city nearly \$2.3 million over the next 20 years. Two additional rooftop solar projects are being developed for the Johnny G. Martinez and South Tempe water treatment plants.

In 2016, through the Global Covenant of Energy and Climate, the city committed to create a Climate Action Plan (CAP). Today, with the CAP process underway, Tempe chose to reassess its current renewable energy target for municipal energy, which is one of the integral parts of any CAP.

Tempe's CAP will be completed in 2019, and will include targets for greenhouse gas emissions and renewable energy. Greenhouse gas emissions include carbon emissions, which come from the city's electricity use, transportation emissions, and emissions associated with waste and water systems. When developed, the Climate Action Plan will include both goals for municipal use as well as emissions for the whole city including residential and commercial energy use and citywide transportation emissions. The effort to build citywide policy will include extensive input from residents and the Tempe business community. The resolution passed this week is only to guide decisions around city operations, and it just one component of the city's multiple-year work on climate action.

The resolution makes no budget commitments. The policy will not require any significant new spending beyond what is already approved in the fiscal year 2017-2018 Capital Improvement Projects (CIP) program which lays out spending over the next five years. The policy is meant to encourage the city to work with utilities on larger-scale projects that are cost effective and reduce carbon emissions. All future investments in renewable and clean energy technology will be subject to Tempe's regular budgeting process, which is open, transparent and done with public input. Staff estimates that the city will be able to reach its goal without increasing current levels of spending on energy in the CIP.



Tempe honors bike hero JC Porter

Each year, the Tempe Bike Hero Award recognizes individuals and organizations that aid in increasing awareness of bicycling and promote bicycling as a viable mode of transportation. In March, the City Council presented this year's award to JC Porter, ASU's Assistant Director of Commuter Services.

Over the past three years, Porter has been dedicated to making meaningful contributions to promoting biking as a sustainable form of transportation both on and off ASU's Tempe campus. He spearheaded the effort to add bike boxes at several campus intersections, sharrows along campus and city streets, and established a contra-flow bike lane. He opened bike valet stations on campus, where over 30,000 bicycles were parked during the 2016-17 school year. Under Porter's stewardship, ASU's bike program received the university President's Award for Sustainability in April of 2017.

For more information on Tempe's bike program, visit www.tempe.gov/bike.

Construction begins on Highline Canal Multi-Use Path

Tempe is continuing its efforts to add to its off-street bicycle and pedestrian facilities network with construction of the Highline Canal Multi-use Path project. The path, adding 3.5 miles of improvements and including a 10-foot wide concrete path with lighting, landscaping and public art along the canal, will run north-south along Tempe's western border. Construction is set to begin in May and will be completed in June 2019.

The improved path will connect with the Town of Guadalupe on the north end and Chandler on the south. The project also includes street crossing treatments and bicycle/pedestrian bridges across the canal.

For more information about the Highline Canal Multi-use Path project, visit www.tempe.gov/HighlineCanal.

BIKEiT – Tempe’s bike boulevard system

Annual BIKEiT, also known as Bike in Tempe, is Tempe’s bicycle boulevard system. Bike boulevards are off-street pathways and streets with low-motorized traffic volumes and speeds designated and designed to give bicycle travel priority. The first phase of BIKEiT was to implement signage along four existing bike routes.

These routes include: Brake (Western Canal Multi-use Path); Handlebars (Kyrene and Crosscut multi-use paths, Hardy and Lakeview drives); Pedal (College Avenue from Apache Avenue to U.S. 60 pedestrian bridge); and Spoke (Optimist Park to Kiwanis Park on El Paso Multi-use Path, Cornell and Lakeshore drives).

Find out what’s next for BIKEiT and a map of the routes at www.tempe.gov/BIKEiT.

Separate bulk trash and green organics for collection

Residents must separate bulky items 4 feet apart from green organics piles. For more information visit www.tempe.gov/SMART.

Discount on roll-off rentals

Moving out or doing spring cleaning? The City of Tempe offers roll-off services and, during the months of April and May, residents can receive a 10 percent discount if they mention Tempe Today when ordering. To request a roll-off, pricing, or more information about our services contact Tempe 311 at 480-350-4311.

Connect with Councilmembers in April

Two City Councilmembers are inviting community members to join them for chats this month.

Community Conversations

Councilmember Kolby Granville will be at Changing Hands Bookstore (6428 S. McClintock Drive) from 6-8 p.m. on Tuesday, April 24, and at Boulders on Broadway (530 W. Broadway Road) from 6-8 p.m. on Wednesday, April 25.

Sustainability Circle

Councilmember Lauren Kuby will be at the Don Cassano Room at the Tempe Transportation Center (200 E. Fifth St.) from 6 to 7:30 p.m. on Tuesday, April 17, and at Connections Café at the Tempe Public Library (3500 S. Rural Road) from 10 to 11:30 a.m. on Saturday, April 28.

For more information about Tempe City Councilmembers, visit www.tempe.gov/elected.

Tempe Streetcar project update

The construction schedule for Tempe Streetcar remains on track following rail delivery and welding that occurred from late January through mid-March. Rail will be stored alongside the roadway at four sites in preparation of track installation.

Utility relocation work also continues along the streetcar alignment. The next phase of utility relocation will occur along University Drive in April, with work occurring primarily overnight to minimize traffic impacts. The project team conducts outreach to share details with affected stakeholders in advance of work.

The community is encouraged to support local businesses along the alignment by participating in the “Shop On” rewards program. Visit www.valleymetro.org/shopon to view participating businesses and to download your Shop On card.

Streetcar public artists continue to collaborate with the project team to advance their concepts to final design. Final updates will be shared along with project design in the coming months.

For questions or to sign up to receive weekly Tempe Streetcar project updates, contact Jordan Brackett at jbrackett@valleymetro.org.

Spruce up your sprinkler system and save on summer utility bills

Up to 70 percent of your home water use could be going into the landscape, especially with the searing temperatures of summer just over the horizon. Getting your sprinkler system efficient now means a healthier lawn and more money in your pocket. Follow these simple steps to spruce up your sprinkler system today:

- **INSPECT:** Run each station manually and walk it. Check your system for clogged, broken or missing sprinkler heads.
- **CONNECT:** Examine the points where the sprinkler heads connect to pipes or hoses. If water pools in your yard or you have large wet areas, you could have a leak.
- **DIRECT:** Redirect sprinklers to apply water only to the lawn and not the driveway, house or sidewalk.
- **SELECT:** Upgrade aging sprinkler system components by selecting technology that can help get water right to the source, such as high-efficiency sprinkler nozzles, smart weather-based controllers, and rain or flow sensors.

Sprucing up your sprinkler system today, combined with a sensible landscape watering schedule, could save you money. Tempe can help by providing a free landscape water consultation and up to \$500 in rebates towards the purchase of approved high-efficiency components. Visit www.tempe.gov/conservation or call 480-350-2668 for more details.

Calendar

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

April 3, 2018

2 p.m., Don Cassano Community Room
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

May 3, 2018

4 p.m., Work Study Session

May 10, 2018

4 p.m., Work Study Session (if needed)

May 17, 2018

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.

Tempe City Council

Mark W. Mitchell
Mayor

Robin Arredondo-Savage
Vice Mayor

Kolby Granville
Councilmember

Randy Keating
Councilmember

Lauren Kuby
Councilmember

Joel Navarro
Councilmember

David Schapira
Councilmember

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News you can use

Tempe Community Salutes

The city will once again give a rousing sendoff and salute to new U.S. military service members through Community Salutes. The event is happening at 6 p.m. on Monday, April 30, at the Tempe Center for the Arts, 700 E. Rio Salado Parkway.

It's the city's 4th annual recognition ceremony for future military service members and their families. The public is invited. This year's event features performances by Arizona historian Marshall Trimble, singer-songwriter Wade Cota and the Arizona Army National Guard Band. Community Salutes is sponsored by Opus Development, Wexford Developments, Gorman & Co. and Sender Associates.

Tempe History Museum unveils Humans of Tempe exhibition in May

Learn about the joys, struggles, adventures and challenges of your neighbors in the Tempe History Museum's new exhibition, Humans of Tempe. Opening on Thursday, May 3, the exhibition will feature informal portraits of everyday Tempeans accompanied by short quotes or stories. These portraits will connect visitors with real, ordinary people who live in Tempe. Four photographers were commissioned to take the portraits and conduct interviews for the exhibition, which is loosely based on the popular Humans of New York website, Facebook page and books.

All events at the Tempe History Museum are free to attend. Hours are Tuesday through Saturday, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., and Sunday, 1-5 p.m. The museum is located at 809 E. Southern Ave. For more information, visit www.tempe.gov/museum.

DRAW at Tempe Center for the Arts

This summer's exhibition "DRAW," at the Gallery at TCA, is a feast for eyes and the imagination. Celebrate the arts and sciences behind the tradition of drawing. For many people working in creative fields such as visual art, fashion design and architecture, drawing is an important part of the process. This exhibition and accompanying programs for all ages explore a variety of creative media, styles and techniques that incorporate drawing. There will be a free opening night reception from 6-9 p.m. on Friday, May 25. For more information, visit www.tempecenterforthearts.com/gallery or call 480-350-2867.

Volunteers needed for teen clothing closet

Do you like working with teens, enjoy merchandising, and have a few hours to spare each week during the school year? Adult volunteers are needed to operate Threadz locations on two Tempe high school campuses. Threadz locations are free clothing closets for teens, providing clothing items, shoes, school supplies and hygiene items for teens in need. If interested or have questions, email tccinformation@tempe.gov or call 480-858-2300. Learn more at www.tempecommunitycouncil.org.

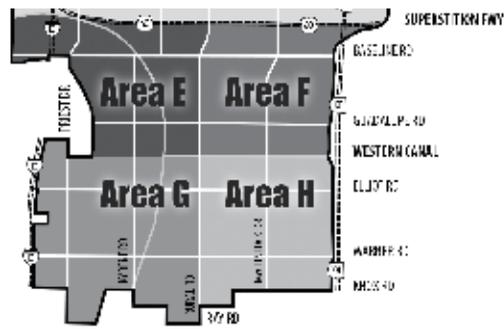


MAY 2018

Mixed Bulk Trash Collection Schedule

Collection Week	Collection Type
Area E	MAY 7-11
Area F	MAY 14-18
Area G	MAY 21-25
Area H	MAY 28-JUN 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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