

# TEMPE TODAY

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## Get monsoon-ready!

Monsoon season officially begins in June and residents are encouraged to prepare for severe weather. There are several things you can do for safety's sake:

- Trim trees so they are away from windows and roofs, to prevent breakage and uprooting
- Clear debris from your roof drainage system and from street gutters to prevent street flooding; city crews will clear storm drains to allow rainwater to drain efficiently
- Pack a three-day emergency bag of supplies, water, food and medications
- Keep pets indoors when storms are predicted

Tempe's popular Operation Sandbag is back. Beginning June 1, bring a shovel and pick up sand and bags at either of two locations:

- **North Tempe:** Access drive north of Rio Salado Parkway and Hardy Drive (near city's free compost pile)
- **Benedict Sports Complex:** 490 W. Guadalupe Road (northwest corner of Guadalupe and Kyrene roads, east side of parking lot)

Check out our Monsoon Prep Checklist for more tips on what to do before, during and after a storm to keep your family and property safe and secure. Visit [www.tempe.gov/monsoons](http://www.tempe.gov/monsoons) or call 480-350-4311 for more information. For street closure information, visit [www.az511.gov](http://www.az511.gov).



## URBAN CORE MASTERPLAN

## Join in planning for the future of Tempe's urban core

Tempe is preparing for growth through planning, preservation and innovation. Nearly 150 people participated in visioning workshops this February to share what they love about Tempe and what they want for the future. What do you think? Help us craft a blueprint for our future that is sustainable and cohesive and that preserves what's already great about our community.

The Urban Core Masterplan process will invite extensive public input through 2018. The effort includes:

- **Urban Core Masterplan:** Create a comprehensive and unified development blueprint for downtown Tempe and the urban core that is prosperous, sustainable and cohesive.
- **Transportation Overlay District:** Plan around the existing light rail and streetcar routes to create an even more transit friendly community.
- **Affordable Housing Strategy:** Encourage more affordable housing and a greater diversity of housing options in downtown and across the urban core area.

The Urban Core Masterplan area stretches from Loop 101 to Hardy Drive, from Loop 202 to the Union Pacific Railroad tracks. Updates on the project are at [www.tempe.gov/UrbanCore](http://www.tempe.gov/UrbanCore).

## Tempe Streetcar final design open house



Join Valley Metro and the City of Tempe for a final design update on the Valley's first streetcar project. An open house will be held to share information on design, public art elements and the construction schedule. The 3-mile streetcar route will connect riders to neighborhoods, major business centers and regional entertainment and event destinations.

The open house will be Wednesday, June 20, from 6-8 p.m., in the second floor Don Cassano

Community Room at the Tempe Transportation Center, 200 E. Fifth St. Project staff will be available to answer questions. For more information about the project, visit [www.valleymetro.org/TempeStreetcar](http://www.valleymetro.org/TempeStreetcar).

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## Win prizes for reading this summer? Sign me up!

The Tempe Public Library offers an engaging, two-month Summer Reading Program beginning in June. Participants can earn badges and prizes for reading and participating in fun library activities. There are programs for babies, tots, kids, teens and adults, including the first-ever talent show. See all of the offerings and register at [www.tempe.gov/SummerReading](http://www.tempe.gov/SummerReading).

## Java with Joel is May 12

Grab a cup of coffee with Councilmember Joel Navarro and let him know what's on your mind about our city and your neighborhood. Java with Joel is Navarro's community gathering to discuss issues affecting Tempe. Meet with other residents on Saturday, May 12, at 10 a.m., in the Connections Café at the Tempe Public Library, 3500 S. Rural Road. For more information, contact Parrish Spisz at 480-350-8816 or email [parrish\\_spisz@tempe.gov](mailto:parrish_spisz@tempe.gov).



## Register now for summer classes

Registration is now underway for all of Tempe's summer classes and programs. The Tempe Opportunities brochure, available at [www.tempe.gov/brochure](http://www.tempe.gov/brochure), is full of affordable, high-quality programs. Choose from art, dance, special interest, sports, aquatics, health and

fitness, boating programs and more. Most classes begin the first week of June. Registration can be completed online, by mail or in person at many Tempe community centers. For more information, visit [www.tempe.gov/brochure](http://www.tempe.gov/brochure) or call the Recreation Administration Office at 480-350-5200. Copies of the brochure are available at most city facilities.

## Tempe Time Machine: *Humans of Tempe*

This summer, explore the Tempe Time Machine, an enrichment program on select Wednesdays and Saturdays in June and July at the Tempe History Museum that gives youth of all ages a fun, interactive way to beat the summer heat. This year's theme follows the museum's new changing exhibit *Humans of Tempe*, which presents stories and images of everyday people who make Tempe a unique and diverse city. Enjoy theme-related performances and demonstrations, hands-on crafts, stories, games and demonstrations. Admission is free; groups of 10 or more are welcome and encouraged to call 480-350-5100 to schedule a time. Feature performances and demonstrations take place at 11 a.m. and 1 p.m. For more information, visit [www.tempe.gov/TimeMachine](http://www.tempe.gov/TimeMachine).

## Send the kids to camp in Tempe

Looking for ways to keep the kids active and engaged this summer? Tempe offers a variety of quality camps ranging from full-day, summer-long options to week-long special interest, sports, theater and engineering choices. Check out the complete list at [www.tempe.gov/SummerCamps](http://www.tempe.gov/SummerCamps).

## Splash the summer heat away

Stay cool at Tempe's pools and splash pads this summer! The Kiwanis Wave Pool is open for weekend waves through May; daily waves will resume Memorial Day weekend. The city also has two outdoor pools, McClintock and Escalante, that will open at the end of May. Hours vary for all pools.

Cool off at one of Tempe's splash pads located at Jaycee, Esquer and Hudson parks. The brand-new Kiwanis Park Splash Playground will also be open to the public this summer. For more information, pool hours and fees, visit [www.tempe.gov/pools](http://www.tempe.gov/pools).



## Summer swim lessons

Lessons are available for swimmers of all ages and skill levels at Kiwanis Recreation Center and Escalante Pool this summer. Children as young as eight months old can learn to swim in parent-assisted lessons. Classes are available for adults and older children as well. Visit [www.tempe.gov/brochure](http://www.tempe.gov/brochure) for a list of lessons times, locations and to register for a lesson.

## Help keep pools and spray pads clean

We need your help to keep our pools and spray pads clean this summer. These simple hygiene guidelines from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention can help ensure a fun and healthy summer swim season for you and your family:

- Adults and children who are sick or have recently been ill should avoid public pool facilities.
- Children not yet potty trained should wear plastic pants or swim diapers.
- Children should take several restroom breaks throughout the visit.
- Visitors should not swallow the water in the pools or splash playgrounds.

## New map will help Tempe combat opioid abuse

A new GIS map launched by the City of Tempe will help emergency responders and community members in the fight against opioid abuse. Tempe is the first city in Arizona to create a data map showing opioid abuse demographics, locations of probable opioid abuse calls for service and the times they are happening. This map could lead to discoveries about the issue that could help many people.

Councilmember Joel Navarro, who is a firefighter, created a Council working group to fight opioid abuse and leads the Regional Opioid Action Committee. Vice Mayor Robin Arredondo-Savage also serves on this committee.

Visit <http://arcg.is/14jDT1> to see the dashboard. The dashboard needs to be viewed using Chrome or Firefox browsers. A full array of other downloadable datasets is available at [data.tempe.gov](http://data.tempe.gov).

The new map shares details from the more than 500 potential opioid abuse calls for services received by Tempe Fire Medical Rescue Department last year, including dates, general locations and demographic information about those helped. The data will help Tempe allocate public safety resources and evaluate which outreach tools are most effective. For questions about Tempe's opioid prevention efforts, contact [parrish\\_spisz@tempe.gov](mailto:parrish_spisz@tempe.gov). For questions about the map, email [stephanie\\_deitrick@tempe.gov](mailto:stephanie_deitrick@tempe.gov).

## Rent and utility help for residents in need

The Tempe Housing Authority has funding available for families or individuals who need assistance with rent or utility payments. Services are available to two groups: those with incomes at or below 50 percent of Area Median Income and those with incomes at or below 80 percent. Families or individuals who need assistance must meet income requirements, be prepared to complete an application and provide a copy of a past due bill. Rent subsidies and utility payment assistance may be provided once every 12 months, as funding allows. For more information, visit [www.tempe.gov/housing](http://www.tempe.gov/housing)



## Donate used bikes

Tempe's Recycle-a-Bicycle wants your old bikes, new and used bike parts and new and used repair stands. The program fosters health, development, stewardship and empowerment among Tempe youth by getting bicycles donated by the community into their hands.

Tempe and Guadalupe residents can drop off donations at the Household Products Collection Center at 1320 E. University Drive on Fridays from 7 a.m. to noon and on Saturdays from 7 a.m. to 1 p.m. Anyone can drop off donations at these fire stations on the first Monday of every month between 8 a.m. and 9 p.m.: Station 1 at 1450 E. Apache Blvd.; Station 3 at 5440 S. McClintock Drive; and Station 4 at 300 E. Elliot Road. Gilliland Middle School also accepts donations in the front office during school hours through May 18.

## Tempe is first Arizona city to adopt Vision Zero resolution for road safety



Earlier this year, the City Council adopted a Vision Zero framework resolution, making Tempe the first city in Arizona to do so. Vision Zero is a traffic safety policy to achieve greater safety for all road users.

The goal is to reduce the number of fatal and serious injury crashes in Tempe to zero, because no loss of life is acceptable. Vision Zero started in Sweden in the 1990s and has been adopted by major U.S. cities.

The city's Transportation Division is developing a comprehensive framework with the goal to have it completed in 12 to 18 months. Tempe will work with many stakeholders to develop the framework, including Tempe Police, Tempe Fire Medical Rescue and local schools, hospitals and businesses. For more information, visit [www.tempe.gov/VisionZero](http://www.tempe.gov/VisionZero).

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# Calendar

This is the tentative May/June schedule for Tempe City Council meetings. Check [www.tempe.gov/](http://www.tempe.gov/) clerk for updated schedules.

## 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

## June 7, 2018

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

## June 21, 2018

4 p.m., Work Study Session

## June 28, 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](http://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](http://www.tempe.gov/tempe11).

# Tempe City Council

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# News you can use

## AZ511: Regional street restriction information

In an effort to provide comprehensive street closure and restriction information, Tempe will be joining other Valley cities by publishing all street restrictions and closures on one website: [www.az511.gov](http://www.az511.gov). Special events in Tempe that cause street restrictions or bus detours will still be available at [www.tempe.gov/StreetClosures](http://www.tempe.gov/StreetClosures).

## Nominations sought for Don Carlos Humanitarian Awards

Nominations are being accepted for Tempe's 35th Humanitarian of the Year. Presented annually by Tempe Community Council, the Don Carlos Humanitarian Award is a prestigious honor. This award is presented to a person or couple who has given outstanding service to our community over an extended period of time, has benefited the less fortunate in lasting ways and has made Tempe a better place to live. Other awards available for nominations by the community include a volunteer and philanthropist. The deadline for nominations is June 4. The awards ceremony will be held Sept. 26. For more info visit [www.tempecommunitycouncil.org](http://www.tempecommunitycouncil.org) or call 480-858-2300.

## Sunday, Funday at Tempe golf courses

Did you know that kids can golf for free? Beginning at noon on Sundays, families get a free youth green fee with each paying adult! There's also special pricing on food and beverages in our clubhouse restaurants at Rolling Hills and Ken McDonald golf courses. For more info, visit [www.tempe.gov/GolfTempe](http://www.tempe.gov/GolfTempe).

## Ride public transit and Dump the Pump

On June 21, join the City of Tempe, along with the American Public Transportation Association and public transportation systems across the country, in celebrating the 13th Annual National Dump the Pump Day. Residents are encouraged to leave their cars at home and walk, bike or take the bus or light rail. Tempe makes it easy to dump the pump, with a comprehensive multi-modal transportation system that includes more than 215 miles of bikeways, nine light rail stops, 16 bus routes, three express routes, one free Flash route and six free Orbit neighborhood circulator routes. Tempe buses are wheelchair accessible, and have bicycle racks accommodating up to two bicycles. For more information, visit [www.tempe.gov/tim](http://www.tempe.gov/tim).

## Grant for better school meals

Nearly 11,500 students in the Tempe Elementary School District will benefit from a recent \$180,000 grant to help all students receive fresh, scratch-cooked, healthy meals

at school by transforming school food operations. The three-year grant, known as the School Food Support Initiative program, provides the district with direct support from Chefs Ann Cooper and Beth Collins, as well as fellow school food service experts, to ensure all ingredients offered on Tempe's school menu meet the highest quality standards. The program includes on-site assessment of the district's current operations, a grant for equipment or other needs and strategic planning to provide healthier school meals.

Area	Collection Week	Collection Type
Area A	JUN 4-8	MIXED BULK WASTE
Area B	JUN 11-15	
Area C	JUN 18-22	
Area D	JUN 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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