

# TEMPE TODAY

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## July 4th Festival

Celebrate Independence Day at one of the largest fireworks displays in Arizona. The annual FOX 10 July 4th Tempe Town Lake Festival is back with live, local entertainment, kids' activities and a 35-minute fireworks show. The event, produced by the Kiwanis Club of Tempe, happens Wednesday, July 4, at Tempe Beach Park, at Mill Avenue and Rio Salado Parkway. Gates open at 5 p.m.

New this year: a clear bag policy. Each ticketed guest can carry one large, clear bag – either a one-gallon Ziploc-style bag or a 12-inch by 5-inch clear bag. Small clutch purses no larger than 4.5 inches by 6.5 inches are also allowed to carry personal items.

Ticket info:

- All Fry's stores: \$8 advance tickets
- Online at [www.Tempe4th.com](http://www.Tempe4th.com): \$7 plus service charges
- City of Tempe facilities: \$7 advance tickets
- On-site at Tempe Beach Park: \$10
- VIP Garden: Adults - \$60, children - \$30 (plus \$5 service charge per ticket)
- Children 12 and younger and active military with military ID card: FREE general admission.

Visit [www.Tempe4th.com](http://www.Tempe4th.com) or call 480-350-5189 for the entertainment lineup, parking and transit details, and information on items allowed in the park. Stay safe with Orbit this holiday – Tempe is extending service on all six Orbit neighborhood circulator routes until 11 p.m. Find out more at [www.tempe.gov/tim](http://www.tempe.gov/tim).

## Transforming lives with Together Tempe



Leasure at TCAA food bank

A ride to a doctor's appointment. A bag packed with nutritious food. A hot shower. Small actions, big impact – all supported by your generosity to a vital program of the Tempe Community Council.

Since 1972, TCC has addressed immediate and long-term human services needs in Tempe. As those needs grow, a newly renamed initiative – Together Tempe – aims to help even more individuals and families.

Together Tempe is the evolution of previous programs that encouraged residents to donate \$1 a month through their water bills to help others in need. If all 42,000 utility bill recipients made that donation, Together Tempe could raise \$504,000 annually to support human services needs. TCC administers the program and every dollar goes to direct services.

The impact of Tempe's human services funding is easy to see. Elsie Mulligan, 89, can get to her medical appointments with volunteers from Tempe Neighbors Helping Neighbors. Mom of six Erica Leasure can shop for staples at Tempe Community Action Agency's food pantry.

And Timothy Mindrup has a safe place to live, eat and shower as he moves from homelessness to a brighter future with help from the Interfaith Homeless Emergency Lodging Program (I-HELP).

Residents and businesses can donate to Together Tempe online or through their utility bills. To give on a one-time or recurring basis, visit [www.togethertempe.org](http://www.togethertempe.org) or call 480-858-2300.

## New Councilmembers sworn in July 26

Vice Mayor Robin Arredondo-Savage and Councilmember Lauren Kubly, who were re-elected in March, along with Councilmember-Elect Jennifer Adams, who was elected in March to a first term, will be sworn in to four-year terms on the City Council during a special ceremony on Thursday, July 26, at 6 p.m., in the Tempe City Council Chambers, 31 E. Fifth St. Community members are welcome to join in person or to watch via Tempe 11 at [www.tempe.gov/tempe11](http://www.tempe.gov/tempe11), on channels 11 and 1011 for Cox subscribers and on Century Link 8012. Details about the full City Council are at [www.tempe.gov/elected](http://www.tempe.gov/elected).

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# 2017 water quality report now available

The City of Tempe's annual Water Quality Report for the 2017 calendar year is now available at [www.tempe.gov/CCR](http://www.tempe.gov/CCR). This report provides information about the source and quality of drinking water provided by the City of Tempe. If you prefer a paper copy of the report mailed to your home, call 480-350-2678. For questions or issues regarding your water, call 480-350-8330. You can trust the city to provide clean, safe water. Delivering high quality drinking water is a priority. Our drinking water meets or exceeds all quality standards set by the state and federal governments.

## Tempe pools and splash pads open for the summer



Tempe pools and splash pads are open for the summer! The city's three splash pads located at Esquer, Hudson and Jaycee parks are free to use and open from 8 a.m. to 10 p.m. McClintock and Escalante outdoor pools offer

varying hours for open swim at reasonable prices. The Kiwanis Wave Pool is open for daily waves through July. Weekend waves begin again in August through Labor Day. For hours, prices and more info, visit [www.tempe.gov/pools](http://www.tempe.gov/pools).

Notice something new on the north side of Kiwanis Park? The splash playground is almost finished and will open this summer. Stay tuned for opening date information.

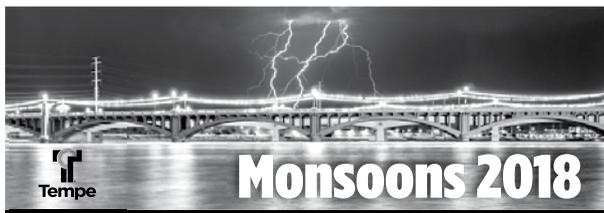


## Tempe event honors future military service members

The Tempe community gave a rousing sendoff to more than 50 young people at Tempe Center for the Arts on April 30. The fourth annual Tempe Community Salutes recognized these local recruits before they join the ranks of the Air Force, Army, Coast Guard, Marine Corps, Navy and the Arizona Army National Guard. Family and friends cheered as the recruits took the stage and were greeted by Mayor Mark Mitchell, Vice Mayor Robin Arredondo-Savage and other dignitaries.

Each recruit received a small medallion bearing the insignias of the U.S. military branches with the message, "The First to Say Thank You." Graduating Tempe high school seniors were draped with special neck stoles imprinted with their chosen military branch, which they could wear to their high school graduations.

Sponsors of the event included Title Sponsor Salt River Project, Military Stole Sponsor Opus Development and Challenge Coin Sponsor Wexford Developments. Stars and Strippers sponsors included Sender Associates, Cousins Properties, Spike Lawrence Ventures, Gorman & Company, Waste Management, U.S. Army, American Airlines and The Airpower Foundation.



### Make a 3-day disaster supply kit:

1 gallon of water per person/pet per day, nonperishable food, flashlights, radio, batteries, medications, first aid kit and a back-up power source



### Free sandbags available beginning June 1.

**North Tempe:** access drive north of Rio Salado Pkwy and Hardy Dr (near city's free compost pile)

**Benedict Sports Complex:**  
490 W. Guadalupe Rd (NW corner of Guadalupe and Kyrene Rds)

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## Does your child have a free Youth Transit Pass?

Tempe kids ages 6 to 18 can sign up for the free Youth Transit Pass and ride all Valley Metro bus routes and light rail for free. Tempe is issuing new transit passes to current and new participants of the program. Special Saturday registration will be held June 30 and Aug. 4 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Tempe Transit Store, 200 E. Fifth St.

The new passes, valid July 1, 2018, through June 30, 2019, can also be obtained at the transit store at the Tempe Transportation Center, Monday through Friday, from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. 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. Students who attend Tempe, Marcos de Niza, Compadre and McClintock high schools and live in Tempe can get their pass at school. For more information and to download the registration form, visit [www.tempe.gov/YouthPass](http://www.tempe.gov/YouthPass).

## SMART bins rolling out

More than 1,000 Tempe residents with curbside trash can collection service have signed up for the new Save Money and Recycle Tempe (SMART) program that launches in July. SMART will help residents right-size their trash can, throw away less, recycle more and save money each month. Sign up today [www.tempe.gov/SMARTprogram](http://www.tempe.gov/SMARTprogram).

## Have yard waste to recycle? Need compost?

The secret is out regarding the City of Tempe's thriving compost and green organics program. The program has been expanded to make it more accessible to all residents.

Free compost is available for pickup anytime at Tempe's compost yard, located at 55 N. Rio Road, near the intersection of Rio Salado Parkway and Hardy Drive. Bring your own buckets and shovels.

Green organics are collected during bulk trash pickups three times a year and green organics curbside bins are available in pilot areas across the city. You can also drop off green organics – there are new, revised hours. For more information, visit [www.tempe.gov/BulkTrash](http://www.tempe.gov/BulkTrash).

## Prepare for monsoons with flood insurance

Monsoon storms are unpredictable and can cause devastating flood damage to homes, businesses and other properties. Structures located in or near a floodplain are at greatest risk of experiencing a flood and sustaining damage.

The City of Tempe is one of 20,000 cities nationwide that participate in the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP). Tempe adopted and enforces floodplain management ordinances to reduce flood damage risk. In exchange, the NFIP makes federally backed flood insurance available to homeowners, renters and business owners in our community.

The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) is responsible for determining the extent to which flooding might threaten an area, with classifications ranging from minimal to severe, categorized as "Special Flood Hazard Areas" (SFHAs).

Properties located in SFHAs, as indicated on Flood Insurance Rate Maps produced by FEMA, are required to carry adequate flood insurance protection. However, even properties outside of these boundaries can experience flooding, which is why the NFIP recommends insurance for all property owners and renters.

For more information or to find out if your property is located in or near a SFHA, visit [www.tempe.gov/floodplain](http://www.tempe.gov/floodplain) or call Tempe 311 at 480-350-4311. If you're interested in purchasing flood insurance, contact your personal insurance carrier for coverage and pricing.

## College Connect one-on-one sessions available

School may be out but parents and students can still get a head start on all that college research. College Connect will offer one-on-one sessions all summer long. These sessions offer personalized help with a college expert to answer questions about the different schools, class choice, scholarships and more. Visit [www.CollegeConnectTempe.com](http://www.CollegeConnectTempe.com) to schedule.

## Landscape watering from dusk 'til dawn

Did you know that the water needs of our plants climb in May and peak in June? From searing temperatures to low humidity levels, our plants need more water in June than any other month. Here are five ways to help your plants survive summer while keeping your water consumption bills as low as possible:

- **Water When It's Cool:** Irrigate after sundown and before sun-up, when lower temperatures means less water lost to evaporation.
- **Wait Until It's Still:** Avoid watering during windy days, especially if you use a sprinkler system, which are designed to distribute water to specific locations in your lawn.
- **Water for Depth:** Aim to water about 6-10 inches deep for grass, and 3 feet deep at the drip zone for trees. Carefully sink a long screwdriver into your soil until you hit a dry spot to test how deeply you've watered.
- **Don't Overwater:** Even in June, you should water your lawn deeply only about once every three days. Check the depth after watering. Do a quick walk-through of your lawn to ensure all the sprinkler heads are applying water properly.
- **Care for Your Plant's Other Needs:** Even properly watered plants have other needs to maintain health and beauty, such as fertilizer, proper trimming and mowing practices, and aeration.

To learn more, visit the new landscape watering tips page at [www.tempe.gov/conservation](http://www.tempe.gov/conservation). Questions? Call the conservation team at 480-350-2668. Want to stay on top of your watering all year long? Text WHENTOWATER to 33222 to receive a text on the first of each month with a link to watering guidelines.

## Happy Anniversary, GRID!

In less than a year, 35,000 rides – that's more than 63,000 miles – were taken using GRID bikes. Celebrate GRID's one-year anniversary in Tempe by taking a ride! Bike sharing is a fun, healthy and affordable transit option, perfect for short trips and when paired with light rail or bus Tempe's bike share system includes 300 bikes located at 32 high-activity stations. These bikes are equipped with state-of-the-art features, like a GPS-enabled panel to interact with the bike, also letting you know how many miles your trip was and how many calories were burned. Download the Social Bicycle mobile app on Google Play or at the iTunes App Store to locate and reserve these bikes. For more information, visit [www.gridbikes.com](http://www.gridbikes.com).

# Calendar

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

## 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

## July 26, 2018

6 p.m., Swearing-in Ceremony for the elected Councilmembers

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

**Mark W. Mitchell**  
Mayor

**Robin Arredondo-Savage**  
Vice Mayor

**Kolby Granville**  
Councilmember

**Randy Keating**  
Councilmember

**Lauren Kuby**  
Councilmember

**Joel Navarro**  
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**David Schapira**  
Councilmember

**Andrew Ching**  
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# News you can use

## Are fireworks legal in Tempe?

Celebrating with sparklers in Tempe this July 4th is allowed, but the Tempe Fire Medical Rescue Department and Police Department remind residents that many other types of fireworks are illegal to use within city limits. A 2011 state law allows for the sale of consumer fireworks at retail and temporary locations, while still allowing Arizona cities and towns to ban their use. In 2010, the Tempe City Council joined several other communities across the state in banning the use of consumer fireworks to prevent injuries and fires. Novelty fireworks are legal to be used in Tempe; they include handheld sparklers, smoke devices, party poppers, snappers and snakes. Consumer fireworks are illegal to use within city limits; they include ground-based sparklers in cylindrical, square, cone or rocket shapes, as well as aerial fireworks like roman candles, firecrackers, sky rockets and bottle rockets. The penalty for violating the city's ordinance is a minimum fine of \$1,000. For more information, visit [www.tempe.gov/fire](http://www.tempe.gov/fire).

## Fight graffiti by reporting it

Reporting graffiti is critical to cleaning it up and preventing it. Residents are encouraged to report graffiti by calling Tempe 311 at 480-350-4311, visiting [www.tempe.gov/311](http://www.tempe.gov/311), emailing [tempe311@tempe.gov](mailto:tempe311@tempe.gov) or using the 311 mobile app. If you witness graffiti being painted, call the Tempe Police non-emergency line at 480-350-8311. When graffiti on public property is reported, the city works to respond within 24 hours. Graffiti on private property should be painted over by the property owner within 10 days as specified in the Tempe City Code.

## Town Lake dam wins national award for engineering excellence

The Tempe Town Lake Western Dam Replacement project won top honors at the American Council of Engineering Companies' 2018 Engineering Excellence Awards Gala on April 17. The project received a Grand Award – one of only 16 projects to receive the distinction out of more than 140 contenders. The award is shared by design engineer Gannett Fleming, the City of Tempe and prime contractor, PCL Construction, Inc. For more information, visit [www.tempe.gov/DamReplacement](http://www.tempe.gov/DamReplacement).

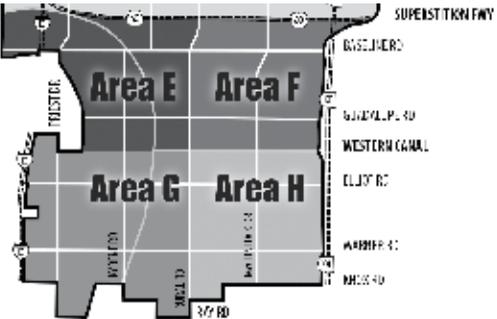


# JULY 2018

## Mixed Bulk Trash & Green Organics

Area	Collection Week	Collection Type
Area E	JUL 2-6	MIXED BULK WASTE AND GREEN ORGANICS
Area F	JUL 9-13	
Area G	JUL 16-20	
Area H	JUL 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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## Park reinvestment

Tempe 11 has produced a new video showcasing all the reinvestment that has occurred to-date in Tempe parks and highlighting the importance of resident involvement in the process. To see when your park is scheduled for improvements, visit [www.tempe.gov/parks](http://www.tempe.gov/parks). Watch the video at [www.youtube.com/watch?v=J5EynogUTw](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=J5EynogUTw).