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Healing Field is Sept. 8-11

Tempe will honor the victims of the Sept. 11, 2001, attacks with a display of patriotism and unity at the 15th annual Healing Field tribute at Tempe Beach Park, located at Mill Avenue and Rio Salado Parkway.

The free event runs Saturday, Sept. 8, through Tuesday, Sept. 11, from 6 a.m. to 8 p.m. On Sept. 10, there will be a Freedom Concert featuring patriotic songs in the park from 6-8 p.m. On Sept. 11, there will be a memorial ceremony at 5:46 a.m. and a candlelight vigil at 7 p.m.

Healing Field is presented by the Exchange Club of Tempe. For more information, visit www.tempe.gov/HealingField.



Nov. 6 Special Election ballot to have two questions

A City Charter amendment and a sales tax question will appear on the city's Nov. 6 Special Election ballot. The City Council approved the addition of both items at its June 28 Regular Meeting.

Proposition 417 proposes a new sales tax and use tax of one-tenth of one percent to be implemented when an existing one-tenth of one percent tax expires in 2020. The funds would be used for arts and culture in Tempe, as guided by the city's 2015 Arts and Culture Plan.

The current city sales tax for arts (one-tenth of one percent), authorized by Tempe voters in 2000, expires in 2020. It has funded the construction and operations of the Tempe Center for the Arts sponsored by Northern Trust.

The City Council directed in May 2017 that city staff pursue a future ballot proposition to request a permanent arts and culture sales tax of the same amount (one-tenth of one percent) to fund arts and culture in Tempe.

In 2015, the city finalized its Arts and Culture Plan, which was crafted over months of research and collaboration with nearly 1,000 community members. Since then, Tempe has been working to execute the recommendations of the plan, which include initiatives like developing more after-school and summer arts programs for youth and bringing art of all kinds into neighborhoods to enrich quality of life. The plan is available at www.tempe.gov/arts.

Proposition 418 is a proposed amendment to the City Charter to provide the Tempe City Council with parameters for considering the removal from office of a Councilmember.

Currently, the Tempe City Charter directs that Councilmembers forfeit office if they: no longer meet qualifications to hold office, such as Tempe residency; if they are convicted of a crime involving moral turpitude; if they violate a Charter provision; or if they have three consecutive, unexcused absences from regular Council meetings. At any time, Tempe voters also can collect petition signatures to force an election to recall a Councilmember.

In 2009, the City Council voted to establish a Code of Conduct for its members. The code referred to the city's Personnel Rules and Regulations and its Code of Ethics, both of which pertain to the conduct of city employees. Councilmembers reasoned that they should uphold the same values and behaviors that are required of city employees. According to the Code of Conduct, written censure of the offending Councilmember is the maximum recourse that the Council possesses.

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The City Charter can only be amended by Tempe voters.

The proposed Charter Amendment would add a subsection allowing the Council to remove a Councilmember with an affirmative vote of at least five of seven Councilmembers, with due process and clear and convincing evidence, for unlawful conduct involving moral turpitude, fraud or corruption. Provisions about voter-initiated recall efforts would not be impacted.

For more about the Nov. 6 election, including voter registration information and details about how to submit a publicity pamphlet argument for or against either of the ballot measures before the Aug. 8 deadline, visit www.tempe.gov/election.

The City of Tempe and its employees are governed by Arizona law prohibiting the use of city resources to influence an election. (A.R.S. § 9-500.14) Nothing in this distribution is or should be construed as an attempt to influence the result of any election, and is provided solely for informational purposes.

Free Art Friday returns

Young aspiring artists can explore their creative sides at Free Art Friday, which kicks off in August. Children ages 1-6 and their parents or caregivers will create take-home art projects and experience music and movement in a fun, themed setting. This program is free to attend and registration is not required. The themes will be: Color (Aug. 17); Out of this World (Sept. 28); Magic and Myths (Oct. 26); and Winter in the Desert (Nov. 30). All classes are held from 9-11 a.m. at the Edna Vihel Arts Center, 3340 S. Rural Road. For more info, visit www.tempe.gov/FamilyFun.



Help us keep contamination out of blue recycling cans

Never put textiles, plastic bags, appliances, electronics, scrap metal, plastic toys or construction waste in your blue recycling can – and never bag any recyclables. For more information about how to recycle properly, visit www.tempe.gov/SMART.

Tempe's Experience Corps a national model



The City of Tempe is serving as a national model for a unique early literacy program that matches older adults and young students to boost reading skills and encourage school success.

For the past 12 years, volunteer tutors in Tempe

have helped about 3,000 at-risk students reach grade-level reading benchmarks thanks to a partnership of the city, Tempe Elementary School District and the national AARP Foundation Experience Corps program. This school year, as many as 500 students will be served at elementary schools and after-school sites citywide.

Tempe's success with Experience Corps led to its larger role developing and implementing a tutoring model that will be used by other communities across the country. Every year, more than 30,000 students in about 20 cities participate in the program.

Experience Corps matches highly-trained volunteers aged 50 and older with students in kindergarten through third grades. These volunteers work one-on-one with boys and girls, reading together and working their way through multiple books during the school year.

Tutors like Rich Favaro, a retired tech executive in Tempe, are grateful for the opportunity to help kids get over that hurdle.

"One of my kids is going to finish high school that wouldn't have, one of them is going to go to college that wouldn't have," he said. "I will never know. But if a kid goes to college that wouldn't have, think of what a difference that makes in his life."

For more information, visit www.tempe.gov/ExperienceCorps.

The Cloud at Kiwanis Park is now open

Now you can sing in the rain every day at Kiwanis Park! Tempe's newest aquatics feature, The Cloud at Kiwanis Park, is open daily from 8 a.m. to 10 p.m. through October. Located next to the north soccer field off Baseline Road, The Cloud is a huge shaded splash playground with water loops, jelly sticks, misting sprays and pillars. Once activated, there is six minutes of spray play throughout the area. Then a thunderstorm sequence overtakes the splash playground for four minutes, creating a rainforest vibe right in the middle of the desert. The Cloud is free to use and has plenty of seating for parents and caregivers. For more info, visit www.tempe.gov/KiwanisSplashPlayground.



Bike back to school in Tempe

Tempe, a Gold-Level Bicycle Friendly Community, is biking back to school! Ensure you have a healthy and safe school year by remembering that safety is a two-way street. When sharing the road, always ride with the flow of traffic, wear a helmet, use hand signals and proper bike lighting; and wear bright-colored clothing. Get more rules of the road and our bikeway map at www.tempe.gov/bike.

Better safe than sorry – register your bike

Did you know Tempe has a free bike registration program? Bike registration helps Tempe Police identify lost or stolen bikes. All you need is your bike's serial number, make, model and color and your name and contact information. Protect your bike by registering it at www.tempe.gov/RegisterYourBike.

No bike – no problem!

Visit any of 32 locations to access a GRID Bike in Tempe. Bike sharing is a fun, healthy and affordable transit option, perfect for short trips and first and last mile of a journey, when paired with the light rail or bus.

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. Visit www.gridbikes.com.

Car Free Tempe on Sept. 22

Tempe residents are encouraged to join communities worldwide in celebrating World Car Free Day on Sept. 22 by giving up their cars for a day. Tempe makes it easy to go car free, with a comprehensive transportation system that includes more than 215 miles of bikeways, six free Orbit neighborhood circulator routes, three express routes, 16 bus routes, two free Flash routes and the light rail. All Tempe buses are wheelchair accessible and have bicycle racks.

The goal of Car Free Day is to reduce the number of cars on the streets, providing a day with less traffic congestion, a greener environment and reduced gasoline demand. Today, Car Free Day includes celebrations in 46 countries and in 2,141 cities. For more information about alternative transportation, visit www.tempe.gov/tim.

GAIN kickoff meeting is Sept. 13 - Join us!

The City of Tempe invites you to join fellow neighborhood chairs, block watch captains and residents from all over Tempe to engage in party planning for Getting Arizona Involved in Neighborhoods (GAIN). Let's continue to work together as a community to help create even safer and better-connected neighborhoods. Mayor Mark Mitchell and city staff will be on hand to help your neighborhood jump start your party planning at the GAIN Kick Off Celebration on Thursday, Sept. 13, at 6 p.m. at the Tempe History Museum, 809 E. Southern Ave.

Whether this is your first experience with planning a GAIN event or you are a seasoned planner, there will be plenty of handouts and helpful information along with chances to win raffle prizes from our event sponsors and opportunities to win party visits from city departments such as Police, Fire Medical Rescue and Public Works. Pre-register your event at www.tempe.gov/GAIN or come prepared to register at the kickoff.

Be sure to save the date for this year's GAIN gatherings which will be held Saturday, Oct. 20, from 3-7 p.m. We look forward to seeing you soon for this decades-long Tempe tradition.

Free landscaping classes



How much water do your plants really need? How do you create an attractive landscape that isn't a headache to maintain? Answers to these questions and more can be

found in the next series of landscape workshops offered by the city. Topics include cisterns and rain barrels, water-wise edible gardening, creating a desert lush landscape and more. Visit www.tempe.gov/conservation or call 480-350-2668 to get a schedule of classes.



New golf carts at courses

Ken McDonald and Rolling Hills golf courses

have new golf carts. They even have USB ports! Book your tee time today at www.tempe.gov/GolfTempe.

Calendar

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

August 2, 2018

4 p.m., Work Study Session

August 9, 2018

4 p.m., Executive Session
5:30 p.m., Housing Authority Meeting
6 p.m., Regular Council Meeting

August 30, 2018

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

September 6, 2018

4 p.m., Work Study Session

September 20, 2018

4 p.m., Work Study Session

September 27, 2018

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

September 28, 2018

2 p.m., City Council Retreat
Location to be determined

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

Monsters at TCA

From the fantastic to the frightful, the Gallery at TCA's new exhibition, Monster Stories, explores our fascination with monsters through popular culture, literary characters, mythology and the idea of the "other" in society. The exhibition features memorabilia, pop culture toys and monster imagery from local and national artists as well as hands-on workshops for all ages. A free opening public reception will be held Friday, Sept. 14, from 6-9 p.m. The exhibition runs through Jan. 6. For more information about the exhibition and Tempe Center for the Arts, visit tempecenterforthearts.com.

TCA's new season

Tempe Center for the Arts sponsored by Northern Trust is excited to announce its 2018-19 presenting series which includes partnerships with several resident artist companies. The season features Arizona premieres of critically-acclaimed theatre, cutting-edge hip-hop, boisterous comedy, Grammy award-winning musicians and more. Musical highlights include classical, folk, bluegrass and hip-hop. Arizona Theatre debuts include THE REVOLUTIONISTS, a play about feminism, legacy and change; and DETROIT '67, which explores the 1967 race riots set to the soulful sounds of Motown. Tickets for the TCA Presents season are on sale through the TCA Box Office, online at tca.ticketforce.com/TCAPresents or by calling 480-350-2822. For more information, visit www.tempecenterforthearts.com.

Residents: we want your feedback

In September, 4,000 randomly selected households will receive Tempe's annual resident satisfaction survey in the mail. Please take the opportunity to provide feedback on how you see your community and the services offered by the City of Tempe. An online response option also will be available (www.TempeGov.com) and all residents are invited to fill it out, regardless of whether you received a hardcopy survey. Each year, the city asks residents about their satisfaction with everything from facilities and events to customer service and quality of life. The results of this survey, along with those from previous years, are available at www.tempe.gov/surveys.

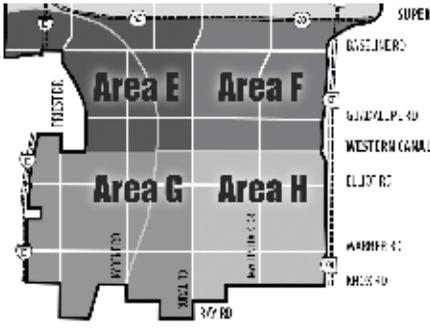


SEPTEMBER 2018

Mixed Bulk Trash & Green Organics

	Collection Week	Collection Type
Area E	SEP 3-7	MIXED BULK WASTE AND GREEN ORGANICS
Area F	SEP 10-14	
Area G	SEP 17-21	
Area H	SEP 24-28	

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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35th Don Carlos Humanitarian Awards

Tempe Community Council (TCC) is proud to host the 35th annual Don Carlos Humanitarian Awards on Wednesday, Sept. 26, at the SRP PERA Club, in Tempe. A Tempe humanitarian along with other extraordinary community members will be recognized for their generosity, commitment and service to improve the lives of others. The public is invited to attend. Tickets go on sale Aug. 1. Event sponsorships are available. For more information, visit www.tempecommunitycouncil.org or call 480-858-2300.

Easily navigate city services with Tempe 311

Tempe 311 is a valuable service for residents that makes it easy for you to take care of city business. You can use it for trash and recycling service requests like broken containers. You can use it to report graffiti or illegal dumping. You can also get valuable information about permits, city facilities and classes. There are three ways to reach Tempe 311: call 480-350-4311; submit a request at www.tempe.gov/tempe311; or download the mobile app.

ASU Sun Devil Football Kickoff Luncheon

A new head coach, a revamped stadium, and a talented roster – there's so much to celebrate as we look forward to the 2018 football season. If you bleed maroon and gold, then you must attend the 18th Annual Sun Devil Football Kickoff Luncheon on Friday, Aug. 24, from noon to 2:30 p.m., at the Tempe Mission Palms Hotel.

"Voice of the Sun Devils" Tim Healey emcees this stellar event. You'll also hear from Head Coach Herm Edwards, a few players, and some very special guests. Sparky and the ASU Spirit Squad will also be there to pump up the excitement.

Join other fans at a VIP table with a player or coach, or take advantage of single-seat opportunities. Call 480-736-4284 to learn more. Register at <https://tempechamber.eventbank.com/event/8170/>.

Free clothing and school supplies for teens

Opening Aug. 7, middle and high school students attending Tempe schools can shop for free at any two Threadz teen clothes closets located on the Marcos de Niza and Tempe High School campuses. The Threadz centers are open Tuesdays and Thursdays from 2 to 4:30 p.m., during the school year. Students can choose clothing, shoes, personal hygiene items, backpacks and school supplies. A valid Tempe school ID is required. Tempe Community Council operates the sites in partnership with the Tempe Union High School District. Volunteers and new or gently-used items are always needed. Cash donations help purchase new socks and underwear and miscellaneous supplies. For more information, visit www.tempecommunitycouncil.org or call 480-858-2300.

Tempe Mayor Mitchell appointed as leader among U.S. Mayors



Mayor Mark Mitchell has been appointed to the Advisory Board of the U.S. Conference of Mayors (USCM) and has convened his first meeting as Chair of the USCM Mayors and Metro Universities Task Force.

Both activities took place at the USCM's 86th Annual Meeting, held in June in Boston.

Mayor Mitchell was appointed to the Advisory Committee by the USCM Nominating Committee, a group of mayors from across the country, and he will serve on the committee with six other mayors from cities large and small. Mayor Mitchell is proud to bring the Tempe perspective to this diverse group of mayors.

USCM President and Columbia, South Carolina, Mayor Stephen K. Benjamin appointed Mitchell to lead the Mayors and Metro Universities Task Force. Previously, Mitchell had served as a Vice Chair on the task force.

More than 250 mayors from across the United States attended the annual meeting.

"The ideas, issues and solutions we examine through the U.S. Conference of Mayors always yield insights that I bring home to benefit Tempe," Mitchell said. "It's an honor to now be a part of the leadership of this highly-respected organization. This is an organization that moves our nation forward by advocating for cities by lobbying for improved infrastructure, increased affordable housing and a cleaner environment."

In addition to his service with USCM, Mitchell has served as Chair of the National League of Cities (NLC) Advisory Council and as past President of the Arizona League of Cities and Towns.

Mitchell is serving his second, four-year term as Mayor of Tempe, following 12 years as a City Councilmember. Learn more about his public service and community involvement at www.tempe.gov/mitchell.

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Library brings books to veterans, seniors and homeless population

Last October, the library introduced the Tempe Book Bike, which is a modified bicycle stocked with books that are distributed at events, community centers, parks and underserved areas across the city. The library received a grant from the Arizona State Library to purchase the bike and launch the program. Since its inception, this tool for library outreach has interacted with more than 4,200 people. The bike has traveled 339 miles and checked out more than 400 books to children and adults. The program has also expanded to include partnerships with Tempe Adult Day Health

Services, the Traumatic Brain Injury House and the Valor on Eighth apartment community for veterans. For more information, visit www.tempe.gov/TempeBookBike.

Tempe honored for literacy efforts by Campaign for Grade-Level Reading

The Campaign for Grade-Level Reading has recognized Tempe with its Pacesetter Honors for its work in 2017.

Reading proficiency by the end of third grade is a critical milestone toward high school graduation and career success because it marks the transition from “learning to read” to “reading to learn.” National tests show that two-thirds of U.S. fourth-graders are not reading proficiently. Students who have not mastered reading by that time are more likely to drop out of high school and struggle throughout their lives.

Tempe has made early literacy a priority. Local Grade-Level Reading (GLR) programs are supported by the city, Tempe Elementary School District and Kyrene School District, Tempe Community Council and First Things First, a state organization committed to improving the lives of children ages 0 to 5.

The programs include Read On Tempe and Experience Corps, as well as Tempe Public Library programs and events for infants, toddlers and preschoolers, children and teens. A recent addition, Tempe PRE, is a pilot program that provides free, high-quality, full-day preschool to 360 of Tempe’s most vulnerable 3- and 4-year-olds.

Tempe Mayor Mark Mitchell emphasized the city’s commitment to building a strong future for every child – a journey that starts at birth.

“As a community, we created an education roadmap, which is a collection of family and community supports from cradle to career, that recognizes their early years are critical and are the foundation for them to become successful and well-adjusted adults,” Mitchell said.

Each year, the GLR organization uses its Pacesetter Honors to highlight communities that report making measurable progress on key indicators of early school success. These communities serve as proof points and represent the leading edge of innovation, impact and improvement within the GLR Network, comprised of more than 360 GLR Campaign communities, representing 43 states, the District of Columbia, Puerto Rico, the U.S. Virgin Islands and Canada.

Ralph Smith, managing director of the Campaign for Grade-Level Reading, said the organization’s award applauds and thanks civic leaders, organizations and agencies that are building brighter futures for children in their communities.

“We are learning with them and from them what it takes to move the needle and close the gap,” Smith said. “Mobilized communities – like these Pacesetters – are essential to achieving early school success.”

To learn more, visit www.gradelevelreading.net and follow the movement on Twitter @readingby3rd.



Tempe's Kid Zone receives first AzCASE state accreditation at five schools

Five schools in the City of Tempe's Kid Zone program are the first in Arizona to be awarded full accreditation status from the Arizona Center for Afterschool Excellence (AzCASE). The newly accredited schools are: Aguilar, Fuller, Kyrene de los Ninos, Waggoner and Wood elementary schools.

Kid Zone committed to the accreditation process as part of a pilot program developed by AzCASE. The rigorous process involved a self-assessment, documentation and on-site visits by endorsers. All five schools passed with flying colors.

"Tempe's Kid Zone program is one of the best in the state, providing quality before and after school care to the students in our community," said Tempe Mayor Mark Mitchell. "We are honored to receive this recognition and look forward to working with AzCASE on accreditations at all of our Kid Zone locations."

Kid Zone will begin the accreditation process this fall for its 11 remaining Tempe schools.

Because young people spend 80 percent of their waking hours outside of school, the Arizona Center for Afterschool Excellence is dedicated to improving public awareness and support for learning and personal development in those out-of-school hours. AzCASE serves as a hub for advocacy, public awareness, collaboration, and partnerships to advance out-of-school time programming on behalf of youth and families in Arizona. AzCASE is one of 50 statewide afterschool networks nationwide supported by the C.S. Mott Foundation. For more information, visit www.azafterschool.org.

Kid Zone curriculum includes STEM programs, cooking and nutrition, sports activities, arts, crafts and Homework Club. The program is DHS-licensed, DES-certified, and offers low staff-to-student ratios. Flexible schedule options and scholarships for qualified families make Kid Zone one of the most affordable options for quality before and after school care.

For more information on Kid Zone schools, visit www.tempe.gov/KidZone. For more information on the Arizona Center for Afterschool Excellence, visit www.azafterschool.org.