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Important dates for Nov. 6 Tempe Special Election

The City of Tempe's Special Election is coming up Nov. 6 and voters can get information and important dates by calling Tempe 311 at 480-350-4311 or visiting www.tempe.gov/election or www.maricopa.vote. Publicity pamphlets will be mailed during the week of Oct. 1 and voter registration ends Oct. 9. Early voting begins Oct. 10 and Oct. 26 is the last day to request an early ballot by mail. Tempe has Propositions 417 and 418 on the ballot. Proposition 417 is regarding a sales and use tax for arts and culture throughout Tempe. Proposition 418 is regarding a City Charter amendment concerning removal of a Councilmember from office.

Volunteers needed for 2020 U.S. Census outreach efforts



The City of Tempe encourages community members to apply for volunteer positions on the city's 2020 U.S. Census Complete Count Committee. Apply online at www.tempe.gov/BoardsandCommissions through Sept. 14.

Cities and towns around the country form Complete Count Committees to help get the most accurate count of their residents. Tempe residency is not required to serve on the Complete Count Committee, if the individual works in Tempe and brings a valuable perspective or expertise in reaching audiences. More information about the Complete Count Committee role is available at www.census.gov.

Census Day for the 2020 U.S. Census is April 1, 2020. Tempe wants to educate and encourage a full count of those living in the city because the results determine how much federal funding Tempe will get for needs like transportation, housing assistance and more.

The 2020 Census will have 10 questions and response will be heavily geared toward online completion. Every household will get a mailer prompting online response using a unique authentication code. Residents also can reply by phone or mail. Confidentiality of Census data is guaranteed by law.

Three Councilmembers take office



Three City Councilmembers took the oath of office in July and the Council appointed a new Vice Mayor.

Lauren Kuby was sworn in to her second term in office and was appointed Tempe's new Vice Mayor. Jennifer Adams, a former City of Tempe employee, was sworn in for the first time as a Councilmember. Robin Arredondo-Savage returned to office for a third term.

Find more information about the City Council at www.tempe.gov/elected.

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COZY UP TO SOME FALL EVENTS

It's that time of year – the air is cooling (slightly) and everyone starts emerging for months of activities and fun! Find your special activity here and be sure to check out the city's website (www.tempe.gov) and social media channels to follow everything there is to choose from.

Walk for POP is Sept. 29

This annual fundraiser and awareness building event of the Prostate On-Site Project takes place at Kiwanis Park. The first 100 men who register get a free prostate screening. This is the 10th year of the event. www.prostatecheckup.org or call 480-964-3013.

Movies in the Park

Movies in the Park returns in October with three family-friendly flicks that you can enjoy in the outdoors. Bring a blanket and picnic dinner to all three showings. Movies are on Friday evenings and start at dusk, around 6 p.m. They are free to attend. Find additional info at www.tempe.gov/FamilyFun. Oct. 5 is "Peter Rabbit" (PG), Oct. 12 is "Ratatouille" (G) and Oct. 19 is "Cars 3" (G).

Tempe Tardeada celebrates Hispanic Heritage

Celebrate Tempe's Hispanic roots at the 20th Annual Tempe Tardeada. A tardeada is an afternoon social festival featuring music, dancing, traditional Mexican foods, arts and crafts for children, community booths and inflatables. Admission is free. The event takes place each year in conjunction with National Hispanic Heritage Month. Join us from noon to 8 p.m. on Sunday, Oct. 7, at the Tempe Community Center Complex, 3500 S. Rural Road. For more information, visit www.tempe.gov/tardeada or call Ginny Belousek at 480-350-8979.

Sixth Street Market in downtown Tempe

The Downtown Tempe Authority is once again bringing its fantastic market for the season. Opening day is Sunday, Oct. 14, and thereafter it will be open every Sunday through April from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Learn more at www.downtowntempe.com/6thstreetmarket.

Old Settlers reconnect

Longtime Tempe residents will once again gather for their annual reunion to socialize and share memories. On Saturday, Oct. 20, the Tempe Old Settlers Association will hold its annual celebration from 10:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Arizona Community Church, 9325 S. Rural Road. Registration is at 10:30 a.m. and lunch is from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Guests are asked to bring a potluck dish to share. Old Settlers members are those who were born in Tempe or have lived in the city for at least 30 years. For more information, call Councilmember Joel Navarro at 480-688-9907.

Fall Annual Arts & Crafts Boutique

Start your holiday shopping early at the Pyle Adult Recreation Center's Annual Fall Arts & Crafts Boutique. Shop Friday, Oct. 19, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., and Saturday, Oct. 20, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., at the center, 655 E. Southern Ave. Dozens of artists and crafters will sell original and handcrafted items. For more information, visit www.tempe.gov/FamilyFun or call 480-350-5211.

GAIN is Oct. 20

Neighbors throughout Tempe will gather for food and socializing on Saturday, Oct. 20, from 3-7 p.m., as part of Getting Arizona Involved in Neighborhoods (GAIN) Night. Check with your neighborhood association chair or HOA board to find out about events and activities being planned in your neighborhood. For more information, visit www.tempe.gov/GAIN.

Spooky stroll

For the first time, the Downtown Tempe Authority is bringing a free Halloween Stroll to the Mill Avenue area. It's happening Sunday, Oct. 28, at 2 p.m. Families can meet at Hayden Square Amphitheater at Fourth Street and trick or treat in costume in downtown Tempe. There will even be a costume contest!

Free movies at Tempe Center for the Arts (TCA)

Grab a blanket and come out to the Art Park next to TCA on Friday, Oct. 26, from 5 to 9:30 p.m. for a showing of the 1974 Mel Brooks classic "Young Frankenstein." There will be live music and a beer garden. Then, on Saturday, Nov. 3, from 6-9 p.m., the 1993 Tim Burton film "Nightmare Before Christmas" will be showing in the Gallery at TCA. Wear your cozy pajamas! There will be live music in the lobby and a meet-and-greet with stop-motion animator Rich Zim.

Halloween Carnival

Get ready for Tempe's 41st annual Family Halloween Carnival on Saturday, Oct. 27, from 5-9 p.m. New this year, the carnival will be held at the Kiwanis Park Softball Complex, 5805 S. All-America Way. Admission is free. Tickets for carnival games, face painting, food booths, train rides, inflatables and more can be purchased on-site for 25 cents each. Most booths require three or four tickets. Dress up and participate in the Halloween costume contest. For more information, visit www.tempe.gov/FamilyFun or call 480-350-5200.

Tempe Book Festival

On Saturday, Nov. 3, The Tempe Public Library is hosting a fall book festival that will feature more than 50 local authors, book sellers and publishers. Families can meet their favorite local authors, browse book selections, take part in arts and crafts and more. Best-selling author Sue Halpern will be the special guest at this year's event. For more information, visit www.tempe.gov/BookFestival.

Free music at the museum this fall

The Tempe History Museum's popular *Performance at the Museum* series returns this fall with a fantastic lineup of local musicians who will perform live. These shows are free and family-friendly, showcasing a variety of musical genres and local talent. Most performances begin at 7 p.m. Visit www.tempe.gov/MuseumEvents to see the full schedule.

Connect with Councilmembers

Want to discuss your ideas and input about Tempe? Join these Councilmembers as they host conversation events to connect with community members. No registration is required.

Community Roundtable with Randy and Robin – Join Councilmembers Randy Keating and Robin Arredondo-Savage to share ideas and talk about important issues on Tuesday, Sept. 25, at 6 p.m., at North Tempe Multigenerational Center, Manzanita Room, 1555 N. Bridalwreath St. Contact Parrish Spisz at parrish_spisz@tempe.gov or call 480-350-8816.

Connecting with Kuby – Vice Mayor Lauren Kuby hosts monthly office hours at Tempe Public Library the last Saturday of each month from 1-3 p.m. Stop by, get a cold beverage at Connections Café and talk about ways we can make Tempe better. The next two dates are Sept. 29 and Oct. 27. Contact Kristin Gwinn at Kristin_gwinn@tempe.gov or call 480-350-8916.

Conversations with Kolby – Councilmember Kolby Granville is hosting two opportunities to talk about Tempe: Oct. 23 at 6 p.m. at The Lakes of Tempe Clubhouse, 5501 S. Lakeshore Dr.; and Oct. 24 at 6 p.m. at Boulders on Broadway, 530 W. Broadway Road. Contact Parrish Spisz at parrish_spisz@tempe.gov or call 480-350-8816.

College Connect returns with free workshops and one-on-one guidance



Tempe's College Connect program connects students and parents to the resources they need to fulfill their dreams of a post-secondary

education. Participants can attend free workshops and group sessions and meet one-on-one with college experts. Topics include applying for college, paying for college, available scholarships, career choice, picking the right high school classes, and many more. Upcoming workshops will take place at the Tempe Public Library on Sept. 8, Oct. 20, Dec. 1, Feb. 2 and April 13. For a full calendar and to schedule a one-on-one appointment, visit www.CollegeConnectTempe.org.

Golf course closures for seasonal reseeding

Golf Tempe is gearing up the greens as golf season approaches. Overseeding will take place at both municipal golf courses in the coming weeks, resulting in some course closures. Overseeding schedules will happen Oct. 15 to Oct. 28 at Ken McDonald and Oct. 22 to Nov. 4 at Rolling Hills. For more information about Tempe's courses, visit www.tempe.gov/GolfTempe.

Monsoon tips

www.tempe.gov/monsoons

Learn water-saving landscape tips



Want to learn how to plan, design and maintain a beautiful, low water-use yard? Join Tempe's water conservation experts for a series of workshops that focus on techniques for your yard. The workshops will be held this fall, from September to mid-November, each focusing on a different landscape topic:

- Creating a Desert Lush Landscape Part 1 and 2
- Landscape Watering by the Numbers
- Caring for Our Young and Old Growth Trees
- Rainwater Harvesting and Greywater 101
- Cisterns and Rain Barrels
- Water-Wise Edible Gardening
- Irrigation System Maintenance, Troubleshooting and Repair

To register, call 480-350-2627. For more information on the city's conservation programs, visit www.tempe.gov/conservation.

Give feedback on multi-use path project

Tempe wants feedback on plans for a new bicycle and pedestrian pathway that will run along the Union Pacific Railroad. The North-South Rail Spur Multi-use Path is a seven-mile, mixed-use path connecting Tempe Town Lake to Knox Road near the Chandler border, making it the longest continuous pathway in the community.

The path will be completed in two segments: University Drive to Baseline Road (Phase I) and Baseline Road to Knox Drive (Phase II). Public meetings to provide input on design priorities for the first phase, including lighting, landscape and public art features, will be held:

- Wednesday, Oct. 3, from 5:30 to 7 p.m., at Culinary Dropout, 149 S. Farmer Ave.
- Saturday, Oct. 13, from 9:30 to 11 a.m., at Landings Credit Union, 2800 S. Mill Ave.

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

Calendar

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

September 6, 2018

4 p.m., Work Study Session

September 20, 2018

4 p.m., Work Study Session

September 21, 2018

2 p.m., City Council Retreat
Arizona State University Fulton Center,
4th Floor, Lincoln- Conference Room
6440, 300 East University Drive, Tempe

September 27, 2018

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

October 4, 2018

4 p.m., Work Study Session

October 22, 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.

Tempe City Council

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Lauren Kuby
Vice Mayor

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Robin Arredondo-Savage
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News you can use

Kid Swim Free

Bring the family and enjoy the calm waters at the Kiwanis Wave Pool Monday through Thursday. Up to two kids age 10 and under are free with one \$4 adult admission. Mid-day Swim is 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. beginning Aug. 6 through the end of November. Evening Swim is 5-8 p.m. beginning Oct. 1 through the end of November. There will be no Midday Swim on Sept. 3. The wave pool is located at 6111 S. All-America Way. Visit www.tempe.gov/pools for additional information on all of Tempe's aquatic facilities.

Equal pay training workshops

Do you think you should be earning more for your hard work? Learn how to ask for a raise or to negotiate the best salary at a new job. Free equal pay negotiation training classes are open to anyone who lives, works or studies in Tempe. The City of Tempe has partnered with the American Association of University Women to offer the workshops, which are designed to help community members build confidence and skills around salary negotiation, market worth, tools of persuasion and business strategies. Registration is required. Visit www.tempe.gov/EqualPay to sign up. All classes below are located at the TLC Classroom, Tempe Public Library, 3500 S. Rural Road:

- 6 to 8:30 p.m., Oct. 9
- 6 to 8:30 p.m., Nov. 6
- 6 to 8:30 p.m., Dec. 4
- 9:30 a.m. to noon, Oct. 20
- 9:30 a.m. to noon Nov. 17
- 9:30 a.m. to noon, Dec. 15

Help your neighbors with \$1

Together Tempe – formerly known as Help to Others (H2O) – can turn \$1 donations given through your monthly water bill into help for those in need right in our own backyard. Your voluntary donation each month goes a long way, funding human service organizations that help children, teens, seniors, veterans and people with disabilities. Together Tempe is a longtime program of the nonprofit Tempe Community Council, which has been working to address current and future human service needs in Tempe since 1972. Being a part of Together Tempe is easy. Donate online or through utility bills. To give on a one-time or recurring basis, visit www.togethertempe.org or call 480-858-2300.

Safely dispose of expired drugs

Tempe Police are partnering again with the Arizona Drug Enforcement Administration for a drug “take back” event. Community members can anonymously bring unused and expired medications for safe disposal on Saturday, Oct. 27, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., at the Tempe Police South Substation, 8201 S. Hardy Drive. Bring medications in original containers. We are unable to safely accept glass, syringes, injectables or sharps of any kind. For those unable to attend, two secure prescription/over-the-counter medication disposal kiosks 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 additional information about the event, contact: Molly_Enright@tempe.gov or 480-858-6148.

Area	Collection Week	Collection Type
Area A	OCT 1-5	MIXED BULK WASTE AND GREEN ORGANICS
Area B	OCT 8-12	
Area C	OCT 15-19	
Area D	OCT 22-26	

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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Volunteers needed for Threadz - Teen Clothes Closet



If you enjoy working with teenagers and are looking for a new volunteer opportunity, consider helping out at Threadz – Teen Clothes Closet, a free resource that provides clothing, school supplies, hygiene products and more for Tempe middle and high school students in need. Threadz, located at Marcos de Niza and Tempe high schools, is looking for volunteers to sort donations, merchandise the stores and help kids shop. Volunteers typically work a three-hour shift, 1:30 to 4:30 p.m., on Tuesdays or Thursdays. Spanish-speaking volunteers are particularly in demand. A fingerprint clearance is required, but at no cost to the volunteer. Threadz is a program of the nonprofit Tempe Community Council and more information can be found at www.tempecommunitycouncil.org/threadz. Interested volunteers can contact Threadz Coordinator Mary Mezey at 480-350-5448, or mary_mezey@tempe.gov.



ASU's Christine Wilkinson named Don Carlos Humanitarian Award recipient

Christine Wilkinson, senior vice president and secretary of Arizona State University and a longtime community leader, has been named the 35th recipient of the Don Carlos

Humanitarian Award by Tempe Community Council (TCC).

Wilkinson and four other award recipients will be recognized at the 2018 Don Carlos Humanitarian Awards ceremony and dinner on Sept. 26 at the PERA Club in Tempe.

The Don Carlos Humanitarian Award, presented in partnership with Salt River Project, honors individuals who have made Tempe a better place to live through impactful and lasting work that addresses human service needs in the city.

Wilkinson has been a fixture in the community for decades, serving a wide range of organizations focused on education, healthcare, diversity, youth, special needs and more. From her work with the Tempe Salvation Army to the American Red Cross, Wilkinson has time and again offered leadership, expertise and advocacy to improve the lives of others.

The humanitarian award is named after Tempe's founder, Charles Trumbull Hayden, who was known affectionately by Spanish-speaking pioneers as "Don Carlos."

New this year is the TCC Impact Award, which recognizes an individual, group or business doing good work in the community. The two inaugural recipients are Tempe First United Methodist Church and its Urban Outreach Ministry, and founder of Women4Women Tempe, Kay Wright.

The Volunteer Award recipient is Frank Quijada for his work with the nonprofit Tempe Neighbors Helping Neighbors. The Young Humanitarian Scholarship and Award will go to Corona del Sol High School's Tatum Stolworthy to recognize her leadership roles on campus and in the community.

To purchase tickets and sponsorships for the 35th annual Don Carlos Humanitarian Awards ceremony, call 480-858-2300 or visit www.tempecommunitycouncil.org/don-carlos.

Keep Tempe beautiful by adopting a street, park, path or alley

With the weather cooling down get, outside and give back to the community by adopting a street, park, path or alley.

Tempe residents, businesses and organizations with a passion for their neighborhood and its surrounding streets, parks, paths and alleys can invest time and love into their favorite areas, improving the community and environment.

The Adopt-A-Street, Adopt-A-Park, Adopt-A-Path and Adopt-An-Alley programs support litter control and storm water management throughout Tempe. These programs are a way to coordinate year-round opportunities for neighborhood groups, community organizations and local businesses to continue to enhance the appearance, safety and cleanliness of Tempe streets, parks, paths and alleys. Most major streets, parks, paths and alleys are available for adoption.

The time commitment is manageable. For just a couple hours every few months, your community's group could make a difference in the environment. For more information and to sign up for your favorite spot today, please visit www.tempe.gov/adopt.

Reduce your trash and save money!

Tempe's new Solid Waste program SMART, Save Money and Recycle Tempe, offers curbside trash collection customers a way to save money on their utility bill by using a smaller black bin and recycling more. To order your 48- or 65- gallon SMART trash can, call 480-350-8361 and press "0" to speak to a customer service representative. For more information, visit www.tempe.gov/SmartProgram.

Tempe's Family Self-Sufficiency Program takes top spot in state rankings

Self-Sufficiency Program is the best in the state and has earned a coveted "excellent" designation, according to a new report by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development.

The federal Family Self-Sufficiency (FSS) Program is designed to help low-income families become more financially independent by boosting their earnings and building up savings.

Tempe's program ranked No. 1 in the state and 13th in the country among 709 FSS programs nationwide. Of those programs, 143 received the "excellent" rating.

In reviewing individual FSS programs, HUD officials considered participants' earnings and graduation rates. They also looked at each program's participation rates.

"For the past 25 years, the City of Tempe has been working in partnership with families to help them achieve their potential and gain economic security," said Tempe Mayor Mark Mitchell. "The Family Self-Sufficiency Program plays a vital role in our community every day, helping residents turn the dream of a better future into reality."

The FSS Program is open to families who receive rental subsidies through the Housing Choice Voucher – or Section 8 – Program. The goals are wide ranging:

- The voluntary employment and savings incentive program aims to help graduates transition off public assistance.
- Through case management, participants work on short and long-term goals such as completing a general equivalency diploma, or GED.
- As participants become more self-sufficient and can pay a portion of their rent, funds are deposited into an escrow account to help plan for the future.

Tempe launched its FSS program in 1993 and now works with roughly 68 participants a year. They typically spend five years in the program but some graduate early. For families struggling to become self-sufficient, a new future can seem out of reach. Any number of obstacles stand in the way, from poor credit to the need for job training to a lack of education.

"The FSS program opens a whole new world of opportunity for families," said Naomi Farrell, Tempe's Human Services Director. "As participants learn how to become self-sufficient, they can pursue new jobs, change careers, go back to school or work toward purchasing a new home."

Program graduate Jennifer Johnson, a medical assistant and mom of four, is currently house hunting. Through FSS, she spent five years planning for a more stable financial future and home of her own.

She said Tempe was her partner every step of the way as she worked to establish good credit and attended classes that hit on everything from financial literacy to housing options through nonprofit organizations.

"I'm a goal-oriented person and the FSS program always gave me something to strive for," she said. "It was almost like the city held my hand. And when things came along that knocked me down, they had my back. Then I could keep going."

Get ahead of the curve and stay up to date on street restrictions and bus detours

Fall means cooler weather, pumpkin spice lattes, and Sun Devil football games! Be sure to avoid unnecessary stress by staying current on street restrictions and bus detours within Tempe. You can get up-to-date information the following ways:

- Follow us on Twitter or Facebook for event street closures and bus detours;
- Visit our web site for event closures and bus detours at www.tempe.gov/StreetClosures;
- Visit www.AZ511.gov for valley-wide daily street restrictions and closures.

So get out there and enjoy the great weather, but remember to plan ahead and drive safely.

Happy Birthday Saturn!

Oct. 23 will mark Saturn's first year in Orbit! It was a great first year for Saturn, with more than 60,000 rides taken, connecting people to Tempe's public library, local schools and shopping areas south of US 60.

Like all Orbit routes, Saturn is free and operates seven days a week, giving Tempe residents and visitors a sustainable and stress-free way to get around and discover Tempe. We can't wait to see how Saturn continues to grow in the future.

HAWK signals help path users cross busy streets



Tempe's two HAWK signals (High-intensity Activated crossWalks) help make it easier for people who are biking, walking and running on the city's

Western Canal Multi-use Path to cross busy streets. Located where the path crosses Rural Road and McClintock Drive, these unique pedestrian beacon signals make it easier for path users to cross while minimizing the wait time for motorists.

The HAWK signal is designed without a green light and remains dark until a path user activates the signal. For instructions on how to use the HAWK beacon signal, watch our video at youtube.com/watch?v=x92c5SHc8yM.



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 endorers. All five schools passed with flying colors.

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

