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Register for winter recreation classes

Tempe offers classes and programs for all ages and interests – and the winter issue of the Tempe Opportunities brochure showcases them all. Options include fitness, sports, music, art, dance and more. Quality programs are offered at convenient times and locations, at affordable prices. The brochure will be available Dec. 6. Download it at www.tempe.gov/brochure or pick up a copy at City of Tempe facilities. Registration for Tempe residents begins at 9 a.m. on Dec. 10; non-resident registration begins Dec. 17. Most classes begin the week of Jan 7. For questions, call 480-350-5200.

Local authors bring books to life

The Tempe Public Library is visited more than 650,000 times a year. Patrons check out books, use computers or attend storytimes and events. But what you may not know is the library is also a hub for aspiring writers. It has even cultivated the careers of some of Tempe's most successful authors and literary wavers.



Andrea Avery

Tempe author Andrea Avery was a budding pianist at age 12 when she was diagnosed with rheumatoid arthritis. Her musical ambitions in question and her life forever changed, Avery chronicled her health and emotional journey in her non-fiction book, *Sonata*. The Tempe Public Library was home for Andrea early on, helping her to hone her talent.

"I used the library often when I lived here, and as a grad student at ASU," Avery said. "I entered the library's writing contest and won in the fiction and non-fiction categories. It was a great inspiration to keep plugging away at my writing."



Dusti Bowling

Former Tempe Public Library Writer in Residence Dusti Bowling wanted to be a writer since childhood. Fear held her back for way too long.

"I had a lot of self-doubt, and writing a whole book seemed like an insurmountable task," Bowling said. "I'd read about the difficulties getting published and thought I could never write well enough to make anything happen."

Luckily her love of reading, overpowered her doubts and she has published two middle-grade books, *Insignificant Events in the Life of a Cactus* and *24 Hours in Nowhere*." She credits the library for her upcoming third book.

The library's seasonal Writer in Residence program highlights local authors who host workshops and provide one-on-one consultations to help inspire other writers to stay on track. For more information, visit www.tempe.gov/TempeWrites.

Library holds annual writing contest

The Tempe Writing Contest is back in 2019 and now is the time for aspiring writers to prepare. The Tempe Public Library will host several writing workshops this fall and winter to help writers hone their skills leading up to the contest kickoff in January. Check out the library calendar for class options. Submissions for the contest will be accepted next year from Jan. 7 through Feb. 18. For more information, visit www.tempe.gov/WritingContest.

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Winter fun abounds in Tempe

Golf with Santa

Come start your holiday season with Santa at Ken McDonald Golf Course. Our 2nd annual Golf with Santa event is Saturday, Dec. 1, from 11 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. There will be plenty of wintry fun and treats. Bring food donations for Tempe Community Action Agency. For more information, visit www.tempe.gov/GolfTempe.

Fantasy of Lights Parade is Nov. 23

Nothing says the holidays like a parade! Kick off your holiday season right at the 24th Annual Fantasy of Lights Opening Night Parade, presented by Wells Fargo. Enjoy live entertainment, shop at the Holiday Market and be dazzled as the streets of Downtown Tempe sparkle with festive décor. Festivities begin at 4 p.m. on Nov. 23. The parade starts at 6 p.m. from Mill Avenue and Third Street. After the parade is the customary Tree Lighting Ceremony, this year presented by Tempe St. Luke's Hospital. For more information, visit www.downtowntempe.com/streetparade.

50th Annual Fall Tempe Festival of the Arts

Join us as we celebrate the 50th anniversary of Tempe's most beloved community event, happening Nov. 30 to Dec. 2 on and around Mill Avenue in Downtown Tempe. This urban fine art festival features more than 350 visual artists and creators from around the country, two stages with live music, a kid-friendly section that includes a K-12 Young Artist Exhibition, wine and spirit tasting and many other features. Visit www.tempefestivalofthearts.com.

Winterfest family celebration

Kick-start your holiday season at Tempe's Winterfest. The free, family-friendly event will delight visitors of all ages from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. on Friday, Dec. 7, at the Tempe Community Complex, 3340 S. Rural Road. Create unique holiday décor and crafts, make your own snow, write letters to Santa and decorate cookies. While you are there, enjoy a cup of cocoa, listen to live music and visit with the jolliest elf himself, Santa Claus. For more information, visit www.tempe.gov/FamilyFun or call 480-350-5200.

Fantasy of Lights Boat Parade

Everyone loves a parade, right? A parade that floats...even better! We invite the community to take part in our holiday tradition at Tempe Town Lake by joining us for the 19th Annual Fantasy of Lights Boat Parade on Saturday, Dec. 8. Light up the night and be dazzled by the Valley's most unique holiday event. Grab a bite from the on-site food vendors, get your holiday shopping done at the Holiday Market, take a selfie with Santa Claus, enjoy beer or wine while watching live entertainment and behold as the waters of Tempe Town Lake glisten from the decorated boats. Festivities begin at 4 p.m. and the parade starts at 7 p.m. Visit www.downtowntempe.com/boatparade for more information and transportation options.

6th Street Market: Santa's in town!

The 6th Street Market is a weekly event highlighting the uniquely fantastic selection of Arizona-made goods in Downtown Tempe. Stop by every Sunday from Oct. 14 to April 14 for a unique shopping experience, live music, delicious eats and more! Santa will be there for free pictures each Sunday in December. For more information, visit www.downtowntempe.com/6thstreetmarket.

Residents invited to attend budget forums, submit online comments

The City of Tempe will hold public meetings and host an online forum to inform community members about projections for the city's operating and capital budgets, and to hear the community's priorities for the 2019-20 fiscal year and beyond.

Preparation has begun for the upcoming 2019-20 fiscal year, which will begin July 1, 2019 and end June 30, 2020. The operating budget consists of program and service costs, such as materials, employee compensation and other costs. The capital budget represents major equipment replacements, street improvements, new facilities and building updates; they are budgeted separately from operating budget expenses.

At the public forum, the city's budget team will make a presentation and residents will be able to ask questions and provide written comments. The forum will be held Wednesday, Feb. 20, from 6-8 p.m., at the Tempe History Museum, 809 E. Southern Ave.

Community members also are invited to submit ideas and feedback via Tempe Forum, the city's online input tool. Visit www.tempe.gov/forum and select the budget question. Respondents must register with the city's online forum vendor to have their viewpoints officially included. Your name does not have to appear beside your comment if you would prefer not to have it displayed. The identities of anonymous writers are never made known to the city.

For updated details on the formulation of budgets for the 2019-20 fiscal year, information presented at the public forum, as well as scheduled public meetings, visit www.tempe.gov/BudgetPlan.

Volunteer to bring holiday cheer

Every year, a nonprofit called Tempe Neighbors Helping Neighbors puts up and takes down holiday lights for residents who cannot do so on their own. In 2017, 100 volunteers decorated 50 houses in a day. This year, the festive event starts at 9 a.m. Saturday, Dec. 1, with volunteers meeting at Clark Park, 1730 S. Roosevelt St. Volunteers also are needed Jan. 7, to take lights down. Beyond volunteering, the group also accepts donations of money or holiday lights, extension cords or gift cards to hardware stores.

For more information about volunteering or to nominate someone for home decoration by Nov. 20, email laura.kajfez@gmail.com. Visit www.tempeighbors.com.



Homeless outreach team helps those in need

Paul Van Proyen appeared to have it all: A steady career, consulting work on the side,

marriage and fatherhood. Aviation, his chosen field, had been a good ride.

But he also struggled with alcohol, a college habit that took hold and ultimately took over. The stability of home and work gave way to a day-by-day existence on the streets.

“At some point I came to a fork in the road and I took the wrong fork,” he said.

Chronically homeless and extremely ill after more than a decade spent outside, it seemed unlikely that Van Proyen could change his direction. Until he did, with help from the City of Tempe’s HOPE team and Homeless Outreach Specialist Kelly Denman.

Today, Van Proyen, 64, is living in his own apartment, getting back to good health and volunteering in the community. He thinks about the future and leans on Denman when he comes to a new fork in the road.

“Kelly’s on my front line,” Van Proyen said.

And she’s not the only one. Tempe has an ambitious goal to end homelessness and has been building up a “front line” that includes a full range of support and solutions citywide for people experiencing homelessness.

The city has been engaged in this intensified effort since 2016, focused on making measurable progress to address what is a pervasive, complicated, national issue in a compassionate way.

Tempe takes a coordinated approach that relies on multiple city departments, and collaboration with regional partners. The Tempe City Council also directs additional funding to this effort and pursues policy-related solutions such as a “housing first” approach to homelessness.

In many cases, the city’s work begins with the HOPE - Homeless Outreach Prevention Effort – team offering one-on-one case management, housing services and more.

For Van Proyen, that outreach saved his life. He was spending nights outside and days at the Tempe Public Library, a sanctuary where books offered a temporary reprieve from the realities of his world.

Denman, whose office is based at the library, kept an eye on Van Proyen and gently offered help until he was ready to accept.

Recycle your holiday cooking grease

Whether you stuff, roast or deep-fry the bird, holiday cooking can create a significant amount of grease. You can help put that grease to good use – and keep it from ruining your pipes – by having it recycled. The City of Tempe offers for convenient drop-off locations where residents can recycle turkey grease and other used cooking oil.

Tempe residents can drop off used grease beginning late November through early January at four Tempe locations:

- Household Products Collection Center – 1320 E. University Drive
- Fire Station #2 – 3025 S. Hardy Drive
- Fire Station #3 – 5440 S. McClintock Drive
- Fire Station #4 – 300 E. Elliot Road

Residents can pour fryer and cooking grease directly into barrels at the collection locations, or simply place containers of grease on a spill-proof surface next to the barrels. For more information, call 480-350-4311.

Holiday solid waste collection dates

Tempe wants residents to know about alternate solid waste collection days this holiday season. Thanksgiving Day is Thursday, Nov. 22, and Thursdays would be the normal collection day for some residents – instead, those collections will move to Wednesday, Nov. 21. Christmas Day is Tuesday, Dec. 25, and Tuesdays would be a normal collection day – but it’s moving to Thursday, Dec. 27. Finally, New Year’s Day is Tuesday, Jan. 1, and Tuesdays are the normal collection day for some – instead, those collections will happen Thursday, Jan. 3. All other normal collection days will remain the same. You can always call Tempe 311 (480-350-4311) if you have questions or visit www.tempe.gov/SlashtheTrash.

SRP plants new trees

The City of Tempe has partnered with SRP to remove hazardous trees encroaching on powerlines and to replace them with trees more suitable for the area. The Right Tree, Right Place installation project includes three phases – the pilot phase ran Oct. 15-19 and the first phase will begin Dec. 3. For every tree removed, SRP will plant three new trees in the city’s rights of way, increasing the tree canopy coverage while enhancing electric reliability and safety. The removed trees will be chipped and used for composting as part of the city’s green organics program. For more information, visit www.tempe.gov/RightTreeRightPlace.

Calendar

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

November 1, 2018

4 p.m., Work Study Session

November 15, 2018

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

November 29, 2018

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

December 13, 2018

4 p.m., Work Study Session

December 20, 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.

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News you can use

Give the gift of freedom, with a Youth Transit Pass

Looking for a perfect stocking stuffer? Sign your child up for a free Youth Transit Pass! Tempe kids, ages 6-18, can ride the light rail and buses for free with a Youth Transit Pass. Pick one up at the Tempe Transportation Center, 200 E. Fifth St., Monday through Friday, between 8 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. To sign up, you need a parent or guardian to accompany the youth, a copy of the youth's birth certificate, a parent ID matching the name on the youth's birth certificate, and proof of Tempe residency, such as a utility bill dated within the last 60 days. In addition, students who attend Tempe, Marcos de Niza, Compadre and McClintock high schools and live in Tempe can get their pass at school. To download the registration form and learn more, visit www.tempe.gov/YouthPass.

Free classes for HOA residents, leaders

Residents within Tempe homeowners' associations are invited to free classes this fall. Advance registration is preferred at www.tempe.gov/neighborhoods but not required. You can also email neighborhoods@tempe.gov. On Thursday, Nov. 1, from 1 to 2:30 p.m. at the Tempe History Museum, 809 E. Southern Ave., learn more about emerging HOA issues like artificial turf, backyard gardens, VRBO rentals, unusual pets and more, and get an update on the city's upcoming Climate Action Plan effort. On Friday, Nov. 9, from 1 to 2:30 p.m. at the museum, learn more about HOA governing documents and organizational structure, and strategies for increasing resident engagement.

Free meals for kids at Tempe Public Library through Nov. 27

Children 18 and under can enjoy a free, healthy meal and educational activity at the Tempe Public Library, 3500 S. Rural Road, as part of the Kids Café program from St. Mary's Food Bank and Feeding America. Meals are available from 3-4 p.m. on Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays through Nov. 27. No pre-registration is required. For more information, visit www.tempe.gov/YouthLibrary.

MLK Diversity Awards Breakfast

All are invited to attend the 21st Annual City of Tempe MLK Diversity Awards Breakfast. The breakfast will be held Monday, Jan. 14, 8 a.m. at The Tempe Marriott Buttes Resort. The awards breakfast honors community members and groups who have demonstrated a commitment to honoring and celebrating diversity in Tempe. The cost of the event is only \$10 to the first 500 people who RSVP. Call 480-350-8979 for registration information. Visit www.tempe.gov/mlk for more information.

Tempe **DECEMBER 2018**
Mixed Bulk Trash Collection Schedule

	Collection Week	Collection Type
Area A	DEC 3-7	MIXED BULK WASTE
Area B	DEC 10-14	
Area C	DEC 17-21	
Area D	DEC 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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Want more trees?

Tempe has launched the new pilot program, TreeBate, which provides rebates for approved desert-friendly trees installed on residential properties. For details about this rebate, visit www.tempe.gov/conservation. In addition, SRP's Shade Tree program provides customers with free desert-adapted shade trees and planting advice to reduce cooling costs. For details about this program, visit www.savewithsrp.com.