

### TO RECYCLE OR NOT TO RECYCLE?

Here's what goes in the blue bin and what never should.

### LOVE-LOVE

You will love the new courts at Kiwanis Tennis Center.

### INSIGHTS ON DEMENTIA

Learn the latest on prevention and treatment at summit.

### GET YOUR GEEK ON

Annual celebration of science, technology, engineering, arts and math.



## Homeownership a sweet dream for young family

As Abdi Aden made his way up the ladder, the heat of the morning and uncertainty of the work ahead hung in the air. For the first time in his life, he was building a home – his own home – and, with each swing of a hammer, a new future for his young family.

Down below, his wife Mariam and the couple's three children – sons Imran, 6, and Idris, 1, and daughter Iman, 4 – took in the sights and sounds of the busy construction scene. Imran was already dreaming of his future, specifically a Mickey Mouse-themed bedroom.

The Adens are the 15th family to help build their own homes at the Tempe Parkview Townhome development, a partnership between the City of Tempe and Habitat for Humanity of Central Arizona. This year, all 18 townhomes in the community will be filled with families who never imagined that they could find a path to homeownership.

"I couldn't buy a home with the amount of money I was making," said Abdi. "When I found out about Habitat for Humanity and the locations they had, I was excited. Tempe basically offered us the location and the convenience of everything that we needed for a family of our size."

### Expanding housing options

Tempe Parkview Townhomes, at 1937 E. Don Carlos Ave., is the first of its kind for the nonprofit Habitat for Humanity.

The City of Tempe purchased the property near McClintock and University drives using federal

Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds. With an eye toward creating more affordable housing, the city later partnered with Habitat to create the unique development with modern three-story townhomes.

The city contributed federal HOME funds to maintain affordability of individual townhomes and to assist with down payments.

### A place to call home

The City of Tempe is focused on providing a variety of affordable housing options through government programs and partnerships to assist families like the Adens.

The Adens are originally from Somalia and both fled the civil war there, landing in the United States at different times and in different places. They met in Phoenix and married in 2011.

Both U.S. citizens now, the couple has moved from apartment to apartment as the family has grown. Homeownership always seemed out of reach financially. Abdi works as a truck driver for a company in Glendale and Mariam stays home with the children.

When Mariam's sister qualified for a townhome through Habitat, the Adens set their sights on joining her family in the community.

"We are very blessed to have an affordable home in Tempe," Abdi said. "This is a great city."

See more about the Habitat community at [www.youtube.com/tempe11video](https://www.youtube.com/tempe11video). For more information about Tempe's housing programs and services, visit [tempe.gov/housing](http://tempe.gov/housing).



## Spring training

The Angels will take on the Giants on Saturday, Feb. 23, for this year's spring training home opener at Tempe Diablo Stadium. Tickets are on sale now at [angels.com](http://angels.com) or you can purchase them at the Tempe Diablo box office beginning Saturday, Feb. 9. Tempe Diablo

Stadium is located at 2200 W. Alameda Drive. Visit [tempe.gov/diablo](http://tempe.gov/diablo) for information on games, tickets, stadium hours, directions and parking.

Each year the Tempe Diablos host a charity game, with proceeds going to the local charities that the Diablos support. This year's "Diablo Day" is Monday Feb. 25, at 1:10 p.m., with the Angels taking on the Brewers. Purchase tickets at [www.tempediablo.org](http://www.tempediablo.org).

## Tempe's first Climate Action Plan takes shape

Climate Action Plans help cities decide how to make investments and take actions to create lasting, positive environmental change. Tempe is working on its first plan, which will include specific strategies, goals, actions and supporting measures.

Tempe will focus climate action efforts on lowering carbon emissions in transportation and energy and adapting to extreme heat. Tempe is working with residents, businesses and stakeholders on the plan, which will be considered by the Council in mid-2019. There will be public involvement opportunities this year including an open house and public comment. For specific dates, visit [tempe.gov/ClimateAction](http://tempe.gov/ClimateAction).

## When in doubt, throw it out!

Tempe residents show they care about recycling every day by participating in the city's blue bin recycling program, among other sustainability efforts. The City of Tempe thanks community members for doing their best for the planet. We also know it can be frustrating to keep up with the latest 'rules' about what can and cannot be recycled! The city hears about the latest rules from our recycling processor and we pass them on to you as soon as possible. Because recyclable materials are a commodity, after all, these decisions are based on what national and international markets, such as China, are buying when it comes to recycled materials. If the markets aren't buying it, we should not collect it.

But, while the particulars may change regularly, there are definite contaminants that should go in your trash bin and never the blue bin – things like electronics, paint buckets and bagged recyclables. When we have a high contamination rate in our recyclables – and we just did recently have a nearly 19 percent contamination rate – the city has to pay more to process them. So we need your help. If you're having any doubts about whether something is recyclable, just throw it away instead. And never recycle things like this:

- **electronics or appliances**
- **recyclables with food residue**
- **bulky plastics** (*clothes baskets, buckets, toys*)
- **scrap metal**
- **bagged recyclables**  
(*always place recyclables loosely in the bin*)
- **wrappables** (*hoses, strings of lights, coat hangers*)
- **construction waste**
- **diapers**
- **shredded paper - bagged or unbagged/loose**
- **soft plastics**
- **styrofoam**

Don't forget that we have the Household Products Collection Center and regular Zero Waste Days where many of these contaminants ARE accepted, like paint buckets and so much more. For more information on what goes into the blue recycling bin, visit [tempe.gov/smart](http://tempe.gov/smart).

## EVENTS

**FEB. 20**  
City hosts a public forum on the 2019-20 operating and capital budgets on Wednesday, Feb. 20, from 6-8 p.m., at the Tempe History Museum, 809 E. Southern Ave.  
[tempe.gov/BudgetPlan](http://tempe.gov/BudgetPlan)

**FEB. 22 - MARCH 16**  
Tempe hosts its 4th annual Hayden's Ferry Days, a community celebration for history lovers. Share stories, tour historic places, greet Wild West re-enactors.  
[tempe.gov/HaydensFerryDays](http://tempe.gov/HaydensFerryDays)

**MARCH 23**  
Little Sun Devils can finger paint the "A" on Hayden Butte. The ASU Alumni Association is hosting the activity at 9 a.m. Sparky will be there for photos.  
<https://alumni.asu.edu/benefits/sun-devil-generations>

**MARCH 29-31**  
The 42nd Annual Spring Tempe Festival of the Arts. This community event showcases over 350 artists from around the country.  
[tempefestivalofthearts.com](http://tempefestivalofthearts.com)

**SUNDAYS THROUGH APRIL 14**  
The weekly 6th Street Market blends local artisans, live music and food in the heart of Downtown Tempe at Sixth Street Park near City Hall. It's open 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.  
[downtowntempe.com](http://downtowntempe.com)

**Full events calendar at [tempe.gov](http://tempe.gov)!**



## Apply for Tempe PRE starting March 4

Applications open March 4 for the 2019-20 school year of Tempe PRE, the city's high-quality preschool program.

The City of Tempe was the first municipality in the state of Arizona to offer free preschool for

qualifying families. Created in 2017, Tempe PRE was designed as a pilot to assist low-income families in accessing high-quality preschool for the 2017-18 and 2018-19 school years. In December, the City Council agreed to continue Tempe PRE into the 2019-20 and 2020-21 school years, increasing access for families of all incomes. This high-quality preschool program promotes a child-directed learning environment where certified teachers facilitate play-based learning activities. Classrooms have low teacher/student ratios and use a curriculum based on the latest brain research. According to data from the first year of Tempe PRE, students in the program made remarkable strides from where they started in terms of kindergarten readiness. Families in the program also reported positive impacts on family well-being from being able to gain employment by accessing safe, stable childcare.

There will be a limited number of seats available for children ages 3 and 4 with the school year starting in August and families may qualify for tuition assistance based on household income. For full details about Tempe PRE, including information about the application process closer to March 4, visit [tempe.gov/TempePRE](http://tempe.gov/TempePRE).

## High-tech tennis center debuts

For 43 years, residents have enjoyed the courts at Kiwanis Tennis Center, taking part in classes and receiving quality instruction that rivals the most elite country clubs. In 2019, Tempe's Kiwanis Tennis Center will set a new bar for the Valley, bringing the game of tennis into the future with courts unlike any others.

New video technology includes two high-definition cameras on all 15 courts that can record a player's serves, volleys and strokes. The cameras also provide analytics on how hard the ball is hit and whether it lands in or out of bounds. All this information is recorded, letting players and coaches look back on the game to improve their skills.

The tennis center is now the only public facility in the Valley that is using Plexicusion Prestige to cover the new post-tension concrete courts. This cushioned surface is also the official surface of the Australian Open. It is easier on the knees and helps the balls bounce a little slower, making it the ideal surface for recreational tennis. Visit [tempe.gov/tennis](http://tempe.gov/tennis) for more information.

## Dementia Friendly Tempe Summit

For the fourth year, community members are invited to learn from experts about why there is hope for individuals and families affected by dementia. The summit is happening Saturday, March 16, from 10 a.m. to noon, at Edward Jones Training Center, 8333 S. River Parkway, in Tempe. Scientists at ASU's Banner Neurodegenerative Research Center are making new discoveries in identification and prevention methods that may end Alzheimer's disease in the near future.

The Tempe community and city government are championing the cause of people with dementia and their care partners through the efforts of the city's Dementia Friendly Tempe program supported by Banner Alzheimer's Institute. Registration is required. Respite care will be provided for registered attendees who bring their loved one living with dementia. There are two ways to register: go to [www.eventbrite.com](http://www.eventbrite.com) or call 602-839-6850.

## Five ways to get city information

Make the choice to engage with the City of Tempe and we'll get you as much information as you want in whatever ways you prefer!

### TEMPE TODAY

Yes, this publication you're reading right now! Available online ([tempe.gov/TempeToday](http://tempe.gov/TempeToday)) and in your water bill, this monthly newsletter is the second-most popular communication tool, according to residents.

### CITY WEBSITES

Tempe has three websites that are connected. They are [tempe.gov](http://tempe.gov), [tempepubliclibrary.org](http://tempepubliclibrary.org) and [tempecenterforthearts.com](http://tempecenterforthearts.com). Explore and find what you need.

### EMAIL

Sign yourself up to get info in your inbox. Go to [tempe.gov/enews](http://tempe.gov/enews) and select your interests. Soon the city is upgrading its email system, so our emails will get even more useful in 2019.

### SOCIAL MEDIA

We're on Facebook, Twitter, Instagram and Nextdoor and you're invited to engage with us there. Where do you love to go? What input do you have? These are great opportunities to express yourself. Visit [tempe.gov/SocialMedia](http://tempe.gov/SocialMedia) to see the full list.

### TEMPE 11

Your city broadcasts City Council meetings and produces original programming. Cox subscribers can watch Tempe 11 and Century Link subscribers can watch channel 8012. Anyone can stream Tempe 11 live or watch replays at [tempe.gov/tempe11](http://tempe.gov/tempe11). And brand new is a video section on the city homepage at [tempe.gov](http://tempe.gov).

# Tempe City Council



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To contact the Mayor and Council, call 480-350-8110.

Check [tempe.gov/clerk](http://tempe.gov/clerk) for updated schedules of City Council meetings and agendas or call 480-350-4311. Meeting dates are subject to change.

Meetings are aired live on Tempe 11 and streamed live at [tempe.gov/tempe11](http://tempe.gov/tempe11).

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## Geeks Night Out returns March 20

Discover the science at Geeks Night Out on Wednesday, March 20, from 4:30 to 7:30 p.m. Tempe's signature Arizona SciTech Festival event is presented by State Farm and blends science, technology, engineering, arts and math (STEAM). The free event merges fun and education, showcasing everything from robotics demonstrations and solar-powered race cars to science experiments and coding exercises. Enjoy live entertainment, food trucks, bounce houses and more. Meet us at the Tempe Community Complex, 3500 S. Rural Road. For more information, visit [tempe.gov/geeks](http://tempe.gov/geeks).

## Free Art Friday

Free Art Friday is a family-oriented, interactive art series that gives preschoolers and caregivers the opportunity to create art, learn about music and movement and have a great time! Each month explores a different theme and art projects. Free Art Friday will be held Feb. 1, March 1, April 5 and May 3 from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. at the Edna Vihel Activities Center, 3340 S. Rural Road. Registration is not required for these free, leisurely mornings of activities. For more information, visit [tempe.gov/FamilyFun](http://tempe.gov/FamilyFun) or call 480-350-5287.

## Alameda Streetscape public meetings

Tempe is designing a new premier bicycle and pedestrian corridor on Alameda Drive. Linking directly with Phoenix and eventually Mesa, this project will transform the wide street into a walkable, bikeable thoroughfare with landscaping, enhanced bike lanes and traffic calming features. Join Tempe at public meetings at the end of March to see designs and give us your feedback. Find out more at [tempe.gov/AlamedaDrive](http://tempe.gov/AlamedaDrive).

## Vision Zero public meetings

Last year, Tempe was the first city in Arizona to adopt a Vision Zero resolution, a goal to eliminate traffic fatalities and reduce the severity of other crashes. After meeting with stakeholders, a draft framework has been created with strategies to achieve road

safety for all users. Public meetings will be held in March to get input on the Vision Zero Action Plan. For more information, visit [tempe.gov/VisionZero](http://tempe.gov/VisionZero).

## Annual charity car show

Don't miss the Catch a Wave Car Show, a charity fundraiser annually held by the Tempe Nuevo Kiwanis Club. There will be classic cars and trucks, sport cars and street rods, along with music, food and raffle prizes. It's happening from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Saturday, March 16, at Kiwanis Park. For more information, visit [www.kiwanisnuevo.org](http://www.kiwanisnuevo.org).

### March 2019 Mixed Bulk & Green Organics Collection Schedule

|        | Collection Dates | Collection Type |
|--------|------------------|-----------------|
| Area E | MAR 4-8          | BULK TRASH      |
| Area F | MAR 11-15        | GREEN ORGANICS  |
| Area G | MAR 18-22        | BULK TRASH      |
| Area H | MAR 25-29        | GREEN ORGANICS  |

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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