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## City drives for safer streets

### Texting and driving now illegal in Tempe

Drivers in Tempe cannot text or talk on a mobile device while driving – unless they use their devices in hands-free or voice-operated modes. The City Council approved the change to the city's 2015 Distracted Driving Ordinance on Feb. 28, as part of a larger Vision Zero initiative to eliminate traffic fatalities.

The changes, which took effect immediately, allow Tempe Police to cite drivers for holding, typing on or operating a mobile device while driving. The aim is to allow drivers to focus on driving, in order to improve safety for all roadway users. Exceptions include holding or typing on a mobile device while parked on the side of a road, or while stopped at a railroad crossing or red light.

For more information about Vision Zero, visit [tempe.gov/VisionZero](http://tempe.gov/VisionZero).

## Scooter companies must now be licensed

Tempe passed a license to regulate scooter and bicycle company operations in January. The license addresses safety, parking and staging, operations, data sharing and fees. Bird and Razor each have a Shared Active Transportation Vehicle license and the companies are officially staging and operating in Tempe.

Now Tempe is taking an additional step to ensure local streets are safe for all users, including pedestrians, bicyclists and motorists. A working group comprised of Councilmembers and city staff is examining the creation of new regulations related to rider behavior. They expect to have final recommendations for the City Council to consider adopting in June; those recommendations would determine how bicycles and scooters operate on city streets and sidewalks.

Until regulations are in place, the Tempe Police Department will continue to enforce local and state traffic laws, including wrong-way riding, impairment violations and stopping at stop signs and traffic lights. In addition to wearing helmets, scooter and bike riders should avoid blocking sidewalks, parking on residential properties and leaving vehicles in unsafe areas. If a scooter is blocking sidewalk access or poses a safety concern, residents are asked to contact the companies directly.

For questions or concerns, contact Tempe 311 by using the app, visiting [tempe.gov/Tempe311](http://tempe.gov/Tempe311) or calling 480-350-4311. For more information about the approved license, visit [tempe.gov/bike](http://tempe.gov/bike).

## Award-winning Tempe programs

### Tempe Public Library named a finalist for national award

The Institute of Museum and Library Services has selected Tempe Public Library as one of 30 finalists for the 2019 National Medal for Museum and Library Service. Tempe's is the only library in Arizona to be selected as a finalist.

The National Medal is the highest honor given to museums and libraries for service to their communities. For 25 years, the award has celebrated institutions that demonstrate extraordinary and innovative approaches to making a difference for individuals, families and communities. Tempe Public Library stands out for programs such as Tempe Book Bike, Dementia Friendly Tempe (Memory Café), FanCon and an array of free classes that promote and expand literacy.

National Medal winners will be announced later this spring. Representatives from winning institutions will be honored at the National Medal Ceremony on June 12 in Washington, D.C.

### Tempe PRE heralded for excellence



Launched in August 2017, the City of Tempe's high-quality, full-day preschool program was recently recognized with the annual Excellence Award from the Tempe Elementary School District. The district's governing board awarded Tempe PRE for its vision, mission and goals for the students of Tempe. The award recognized Mayor Mark

Mitchell, the Tempe City Council – including former Councilmember David Schapira – Tempe City Manager Andrew Ching and Human Services Department staff members.

Tempe PRE accepts children ages 3 and 4. Applications are being accepted now. Classrooms are housed in local elementary schools citywide. To find out more, visit [tempe.gov/TempePRE](http://tempe.gov/TempePRE). For questions, contact Tempe PRE staff by email [pre-k@tempe.gov](mailto:pre-k@tempe.gov) or by phone 480-858-7735.

## Connect with Councilmembers

Tempe City Councilmembers want to make it easy for you to talk with them about city issues, so they are coming to you in some of your favorite places, like the Tempe Public Library, local coffee shops and community clubhouses. All Council community meetups are free and no RSVP is required.

### Conversations with Kolby

– 6 p.m., Tuesday, April 23,  
Tempe Public Library  
Connections Café,  
3500 S. Rural Road.

– 6 p.m., Wednesday, April 24,  
Snakes & Lattes, a Game Café,  
20 W. Sixth St., Tempe.

Contact Council Aide Parrish Spisz, [parrish\\_spisz@tempe.gov](mailto:parrish_spisz@tempe.gov), 480-350-8816, for more information or visit [tempe.gov/granville](http://tempe.gov/granville).

### Connecting with Kuby

– 1 to 4 p.m., Saturday, April 27,  
Tempe Public Library  
Connections Café,  
3500 S. Rural Road.

Contact Council Aide Kristin Gwinn, [kristin\\_gwinn@tempe.gov](mailto:kristin_gwinn@tempe.gov), 480-350-8916, for more information or visit [tempe.gov/kuby](http://tempe.gov/kuby).

For the latest details on these events and others, visit [tempe.gov/calendar](http://tempe.gov/calendar).

## 2019-20 budget development underway

The City of Tempe is drafting operating and capital budgets for the 2019-20 fiscal year, which begins July 1. Public input and city staff work has been occurring since late 2018 and will continue until the budgets are finalized by the City Council in June. For updated details on the formulation of city budgets, as well as the scheduled City Council public hearing dates in April, May and June, visit [tempe.gov/BudgetPlan](http://tempe.gov/BudgetPlan).

## EVENTS

### APRIL 20

The next Zero Waste Day will be 7 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Tempe Fire Training Facility, 1340 E. University Drive. Recycle your hazardous household products, shred documents and donate items to charity. [tempe.gov/ZeroWaste](http://tempe.gov/ZeroWaste)

### APRIL 27

Turn in old/expired or unneeded medications from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Tempe Police south substation, 8201 S. Hardy Drive. Disposal is anonymous. Dropoff kiosks also are available year-round at two locations.

### MAY 7

FLASH, Tempe's Free Local Area Shuttle, starts a new route today! Connect to destinations at ASU campus and downtown Tempe. Check online for new route, frequency and hours. [tempe.gov/flash](http://tempe.gov/flash)

### MAY 14

Experience Corps will hold an info session from 9:30-10:30 a.m. at the Tempe Public Library, 3500 S. Rural Road, in lower level Program Room B. Adults age 50+ can volunteer to tutor young students in reading. [tempe.gov/ExperienceCorps](http://tempe.gov/ExperienceCorps)

### MAY 14

The Tempe History Museum, 809 E. Southern Ave., will host a 6:30 p.m. opening party for its new exhibit on Mill Avenue history. Admission is free. [tempe.gov/museum](http://tempe.gov/museum)

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

## Weigh in on Tempe's plans for future

Over the last year, Tempe has been working on a major planning effort to help guide development in the city's urban core – the area that includes Town Lake, Rio Salado, downtown, ASU and Apache Boulevard – as well as strategies to create a transit and pedestrian friendly community and encourage affordable housing. Draft plans are being developed now based on public input; they will be presented for feedback over the coming months.

Here's what to expect with the three primary elements of Tempe's Urban Core efforts:

- **Affordable Housing Strategies** – a draft plan was presented for public feedback in March and will be considered by the City Council for adoption in May or June.
- **Urban Core Masterplan and Transportation Overlay District** – draft plans are being developed and will be released for public comment beginning in April, with public meetings anticipated in May. The plans will also be presented to several Tempe advisory boards and commissions throughout the coming months, with City Council consideration anticipated in fall 2019.

Visit [tempe.gov/UrbanCore](http://tempe.gov/UrbanCore) for meeting dates and updated information.

## Museum remembers history of Mill Ave.



Horse-parking was a must-have feature at all the very best 1890s Tempe saloons. There were public parades that celebrated diversity long before Tempe was a city or Arizona a state. And, of course, there was that one time two wacky Gila monsters got in a fight and trashed a downtown bar. Discover these stories and many more at the Tempe History Museum's new

feature exhibit, Walking Mill Avenue, opening on May 14.

An opening night celebration will take place on Tuesday, May 14, at 6:30 p.m. Admission is free. The Tempe History Museum is located at 809 E. Southern Ave. Information is at [tempe.gov/museum](http://tempe.gov/museum).

## Tempe takes action on AIDS

The City of Tempe is now a Fast Track City, working to achieve:

- Zero stigma and discrimination against those with HIV/AIDS
- 90 percent of people living with HIV know their HIV status
- 90 percent of people living with HIV who are HIV-positive status are on antiretroviral therapy
- 90 percent of people living with HIV achieve viral suppression through treatment

Fast Track Cities is a global partnership and Tempe is the 22nd city in America to sign the Paris Declaration. Visit [www.fast-trackcities.org](http://www.fast-trackcities.org) to see a list of cities that are working to end AIDS as a health epidemic.

Mayor Mark Mitchell, Vice Mayor Lauren Kuby and Councilmember Jennifer Adams have served on the City Council working group that brought this forward to the whole Council. City staff members have now formed an implementation group that includes healthcare centers, non-profit organizations, first responders and more. For more information, contact Kristin Gwinn at [kristin\\_gwinn@tempe.gov](mailto:kristin_gwinn@tempe.gov) or 480-350-8916.

## 5 Ways to Celebrate Earth Day

Tempe cares about sustainability and taking local action for the planet. Here's how you can participate on April 22 and all year long. [tempe.gov/SustainableTempe](http://tempe.gov/SustainableTempe)

### GIVE US YOUR GREEN

Join the more than 2,600 Tempe households with a green organics bin. Sign up for the curbside green bin collection if it's available in your neighborhood. If it's not, be sure to put out green organics with your bulk trash. We use your clean green to make compost for parks, golf courses and residents' yards. [tempe.gov/GreenOrganics](http://tempe.gov/GreenOrganics)

### RECYCLE HOUSEHOLD PRODUCTS

Tempe's Household Products Collection Center turns 20 on Earth Day 2019. The HPCC accepts and properly disposes of household, automotive and electronics waste for Tempe and Guadalupe residents. [tempe.gov/HHW](http://tempe.gov/HHW)

### PLAN THE FUTURE

Tempe's first Climate Action Plan is being developed now with residents, businesses and stakeholders. It will be considered by the City Council in mid-2019. The plan will describe a shared roadmap for focusing on energy, emissions, transportation and extreme heat. [tempe.gov/ClimateAction](http://tempe.gov/ClimateAction)

### CONSERVE WATER

Up to 70 percent of home water use can go to landscaping, but there are ways to increase efficiency while maintaining or improving the health of your yard. Indoors, more efficient plumbing could save you money and water. Tempe provides rebates, workshops and free brochures that can help you make permanent changes that save water indoors and outdoors. [tempe.gov/conservation](http://tempe.gov/conservation)

### GET OUT OF THE CAR

Public transportation saves energy, improves air quality and eases traffic congestion. Tempe's transit system was designed to be a safe and effective multi-modal system, where residents can walk, bike, or use public transit to get around the city with ease. [tempe.gov/TempeinMotion](http://tempe.gov/TempeinMotion)

# 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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## Tempe Community Salutes

The city will once again give a rousing sendoff and salute to new U.S. military service members through Community Salutes. The event is happening at 6 p.m. on Monday, May 13, at the Tempe Center for the Arts, 700 E. Rio Salado Parkway. It's the city's fifth annual recognition ceremony for future military service members and their families. The public is invited. This year's event features live music performances and is sponsored in part by Opus Development, Cox Communications, Waste Management and Sender Associates.

## Tempe podcasts feature local artists from 85283 and 85284

More than 100 local artists can be heard on two new podcasts that are available to download for free. Tempe Playlist: Saturn Sessions features musicians, poets and singers who live, work or study in the 85283 and 85284 zip codes. The two podcasts range from poems to percussion performances to original songs by local bands in a variety of genres. The purpose of the podcasts is to showcase the talented blend of artistry that exists in the south Tempe community. Orbit Saturn is a free neighborhood circulator that travels within the two zip codes and is a free service. Download the podcasts at [tempe.gov/TempePlaylist](http://tempe.gov/TempePlaylist).

## Nominations open for Don Carlos Humanitarian Awards

Nominations are being accepted for Tempe's 36th Humanitarian of the Year. Presented annually by Tempe Community Council, the Don Carlos Humanitarian Award is Tempe's most prestigious honor. This award is presented to a person or couple who has given outstanding service to our community over an extended period. Also available for nominations are volunteer, philanthropist and impact awards. Deadline for submission is June 2. The awards will be presented at the 2019 Don Carlos Humanitarian Awards on Oct. 2. For more information, visit [www.tempecommunitycouncil.org](http://www.tempecommunitycouncil.org) or call 480-858-2300.

## Discover freedom: Tempe kids can get a free transit pass

Tempe kids ages 6-18 can sign up for a Youth Transit Pass and ride all regional and local Valley Metro buses and light rail for free. Beginning May 13, Tempe will begin issuing new transit passes to

current and new program participants. The new passes, valid July 1, 2019, through June 30, 2020, can be obtained at the Tempe Transit Store, located at 200 E. Fifth St., between 8 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday. Special Saturday registration will be held June 29 and Aug. 3 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Transit Store. To get 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. Any student who attends Tempe, Marcos de Niza, Compadre or McClintock high schools and lives in Tempe can get a pass at school. For more information and to download the registration form, visit [tempe.gov/YouthPass](http://tempe.gov/YouthPass).

### May 2019 Mixed Bulk Collection Schedule

	Collection Dates	Collection Type
Area E	MAY 7-11	BULK TRASH
Area F	MAY 13-17	
Area G	MAY 20-24	
Area H	MAY 27-31	

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.

[tempe.gov/smart](http://tempe.gov/smart) • 480-350-4311



## Tempe 311 app

Have you used the Tempe 311 mobile app yet? It's a one-stop-shop for city services and connecting with the city. Simply download the app from the iTunes app store or Google Play and create a new account.

In the app store, from a smartphone, search Tempe 311. Tempe 311 is also accessible via the internet at [tempe.gov/311](http://tempe.gov/311) and via phone at 480-350-4311.

Tempe 311 is a robust service, with specially trained employees that have access to information for every area of the city. If they don't know the answer, they will rapidly find the people who do. The system also streamlines the process for getting requests for service to city employees in the field, for a quick resolution of issues.

Tempe 311 is not intended for emergencies. Residents should continue to reach the Tempe Police Department for emergencies by calling 911 for emergencies and 480-350-8311 for issues like minor property crimes and loud parties.

## Tempe recognized as first Vision Zero city in Arizona



The Vision Zero Network officially recognized Tempe as the first Vision Zero city in Arizona. Vision Zero is a goal to eliminate traffic fatalities and reduce the severity of

other crashes. A Vision Zero Action Plan containing strategies to achieve road safety for all users will be presented at two public meetings for public feedback on March 23 and 27. For more information, visit [tempe.gov/VisionZero](http://tempe.gov/VisionZero).



## Town Lake's buoy line gets closer to western dam

Tempe Town Lake boaters are raising their paddles with glee now that they have an extra quarter-mile of lake to use. In February, the city moved the buoy lines closer to the Elmore Pedestrian Bridge at the Tempe Center for the Arts.

Thousands of people boat on Town Lake each year. Beyond City of Tempe classes, there are dragon boat clubs, outrigger canoe clubs, and opportunities to kayak, use standup paddleboards and even rent those fun pedal boats.

The buoy line keeps people safely within the area designated for recreation. It also provides an extra safety opportunity for someone in the event they fall into the lake while water is flowing over the dam during a flood event.

As part of the dam replacement project, the City of Tempe conducted an analysis to find out where the best place to position the new buoy line would be, allowing for the maximum amount of lake surface for recreation while also ensuring safety. This new location, close to Tempe Center for the Arts, met those needs. The actual length of the lake is not changing - only the amount that is usable for recreation. The additional boating space may also help attract more boating regattas to Tempe Town Lake, creating more hotel nights and tourism revenue.

Town Lake has already proven itself as a great destination for boating, hosting large regattas like Desert Sprints, the annual Dragon Boat Festival. This winter, Olympians Henrik Rummel and Seth Weil are training for the 2020 Olympic Games at Tempe Town Lake.

For more information on boating at Tempe Town Lake, visit [tempe.gov/boating](http://tempe.gov/boating).

## Make 2019 un-FORE-gettable

Golf season is in full swing. Come out to enjoy the best weather of the year at one of Golf Tempe's two courses this year! It's affordable fun for the whole family. Whether you're the family who golfs together or you're looking for a new weekend brunch venue, Ken McDonald Golf Course and Rolling Hills Golf Course offer gorgeous views, excellent course conditions, 30-day advance bookings and tasty food with a brand-new menu. Visit [tempe.gov/GolfTempe](http://tempe.gov/GolfTempe) to book your tee times and see promotions and monthly specials.

## Kiwanis Recreation Center is hiring

Know a student who wants a great part-time gig? Kiwanis Recreation Center is hiring for concession attendants, birthday/pool party associates, batting cage cashiers and lifeguards. Visit [tempe.gov/jobs](http://tempe.gov/jobs) to apply and check out [tempe.gov/lifeguards](http://tempe.gov/lifeguards) for lifeguard certification information.

## Be aware of street closures and restrictions with spring events

Spring in Arizona means great weather and fun activities every weekend. Along with these fun events come street restrictions and bus detours. In order to stay ahead of the news, Tempe encourages residents and visitors to get up-to-date information about major street restrictions, closures and bus detours by:

- Follow us on Twitter @Tempegov or Facebook @CityofTempe;
- Visit our web site for event closures and bus detours at [tempe.gov/StreetClosures](https://tempe.gov/StreetClosures);
- Visit AZ511.gov for Valley-wide daily street restrictions and closures.

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

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

If you love Tempe and want to help keep it beautiful, consider adopting a street, park, path or alley! Join other volunteers who give back to their community by cleaning up Tempe.

Tempe residents, businesses and organizations with a passion for their community can invest time and love into their favorite areas, improving the community and environment for those around you.

For more information and to sign up for your favorite spot today, visit [tempe.gov/adopt](https://tempe.gov/adopt).

## Top 5 bike safety tips

Here are five general rules to follow while riding a bike:

### • Ride with the flow of traffic

Don't be a bike salmon! Whether you're in a bike lane or on a sidewalk, be sure to ride with the flow of traffic, not against it.

### • Use a bike light at night and wear brightly colored clothing

Don't be a bike ninja! When biking at night, be sure to wear brightly colored clothing and have a white headlight on the front and a reflector on the rear.

### • Stop at stop signs and stop lights

California rolls are only good as sushi! Be sure to stop at all stop signs and stop lights.

### • Distracted biking

Don't text and bike! Pay attention to your surroundings to ensure a safe and smooth ride.

### • Wear a helmet

Protect your melon! Wearing a helmet reduces your risk of head injury by 85 percent.

Get more rules of the road at [tempe.gov/bike](https://tempe.gov/bike).