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## Streetcar construction ramps up downtown this summer

With more than a mile of track installed on the Valley's first streetcar, construction in the busiest part of downtown Tempe will be concentrated during summer, when Arizona State University isn't in regular session and traffic is seasonally lower.

Work on Mill Avenue between University Drive and Rio Salado Parkway will close the northbound traffic lane, bike lane and parking from mid-May to mid-August, after ASU's spring graduation and before fall classes begin. Major streets crossing Mill Avenue will remain open most of that time, except Seventh Street and some intermittent intersection closures. Businesses will be open.

Remember to use caution when traveling in construction zones. Bicycle and scooter riders should cross tracks at a 60- to 90-degree angle.

For more information, visit [tempe.gov/streetcar](http://tempe.gov/streetcar) or [valleymetro.org/tempestreetcar](http://valleymetro.org/tempestreetcar). Email Jordan Brackett at [jbrackett@valleymetro.org](mailto:jbrackett@valleymetro.org) to be added to the weekly construction notification email list.



Photo by: Matt Acosta

## Are you monsoon ready?

Steer clear of the storm with help from the City of Tempe. As monsoon season approaches in June, residents are encouraged to prepare for severe weather. Need a checklist?

- Clear debris from roof gutters and downspouts
- Trim trees, especially those close to your house, to help prevent breakage and uprooting
- Pretreat pools with chlorine shock to prevent algae growth
- Keep storm drains and gutters clear of debris. City crews check and clear storm drains to allow rainwater to drain efficiently. Help them by clearing gutters near your property
- Pack a three-day emergency supply bag, including clothes and medications
- Keep pets indoors when storms are predicted

Join us on Saturday, June 1, from 9-11 a.m., for Operation Sandbag, a monsoon prep event! Get free sand, bags and information. If you can't make it, the city will have sand and bags available from June 1 through Sept. 30 at:

- Solid Waste Compost Facility: 1001 N. Rio Road  
(access drive north of Rio Salado Parkway and Hardy Drive, near free compost)
- Benedict Sports Complex: 490 W. Guadalupe Road  
(northwest corner of Guadalupe and Kyrene roads, east side of parking lot)

Check out our Monsoon Prep Checklist for more tips on what to do before, during and after a storm to keep your family and property safe and secure. Visit [tempe.gov/monsoons](http://tempe.gov/monsoons) or call Tempe 311 for more information, at 480-350-4311.

## 2020 U.S. Census is less than one year away

Cities across the Valley held a special kickoff event April 1 to mark one year until Census Day, which is April 1, 2020. Tempe has a City Council-appointed Complete Count Committee of dedicated volunteers who are planning all aspects of Tempe's outreach to everyone in our community. We want to get the most accurate count possible of anyone living in Tempe because our share of federal funding depends on it! The Census Bureau is hiring in our region, too. To get the latest on the Census preparation efforts, visit [tempe.gov/census](https://tempe.gov/census).

## Online water use portal: are you using it?

All Tempe single family residential water customers now have fully automated water meters that track water usage in near real time. The ambitious project has been completed on time and is the first of its kind in the Valley because of the simultaneous rollout of the WaterSmart Online Water Use Portal. The portal allows users to see their hourly water usage, compare it to similar homes in the same zip code, learn how to save water using step-by-step actions and sign up for alerts about high water use and high bills. Stay tuned for future announcements, as the upcoming rollout of the city's new payment processing system will add more features and ways to access WaterSmart. Visit [tempe.gov/WaterSmart](https://tempe.gov/WaterSmart) today!

## Put your old bikes to good use

Tempe's Recycle-a-Bicycle program wants your old bikes, new and used bike parts, and new and used repair stands. The program fosters health, development, stewardship and empowerment among Tempe youth by getting donated bicycles. Tempe and Guadalupe residents can drop off donations at the Household Products Collection Center at 1320 E. University Drive on Fridays from 7 a.m. to noon and on Saturdays from 7 a.m. to 1 p.m. Anyone can drop off donations at these fire stations on the first Monday of every month between 8 a.m. and 9 p.m.: Station 1 at 1450 E. Apache Blvd.; Station 3 at 5440 S. McClintock Drive; and Station 4 at 300 E. Elliot Road. Gililand Middle School also accepts donations in the front office during school hours through May 17.

## Mayor recognized for dementia initiative



*Jan Dougherty, with Banner Alzheimer's Institute, presents Mayor Mitchell with the Inspiration Award.*

Inspired by his experience as a family caregiver to his mother Marianne, who was diagnosed with Alzheimer's in 2015, Mayor Mark Mitchell set Tempe along the path of making it a more livable city for people with memory loss. As recognition for initiating Dementia Friendly Tempe, he received the first annual Inspiration Award during this year's Dementia Friendly Tempe community summit in March. The award is given to highlight efforts to raise awareness, reduce the stigma and show examples of how to live well with dementia. To learn how you can help, email [DFT@tempe.gov](mailto:DFT@tempe.gov) or visit [tempe.gov/DFT](https://tempe.gov/DFT).



## Swan boats at Tempe Town Lake

Swans have migrated to Tempe Town Lake – and each is big enough for a family to float on together. Tempe Boat Rentals has added a flock of swan-shaped pedal boats to their fleet for fun water excursions. Visit [boats4rent.com](https://boats4rent.com) to reserve one. If you'd rather try kayaking or standup paddleboard, check out [tempe.gov/boating](https://tempe.gov/boating) and look for our monthly moonlight kayak adventures or take one of our classes.

## EVENTS

### MAY AND JUNE

Free Positive Parenting classes from 10 a.m. to noon at the Thrive to Five Family Resource Center at Thew Elementary School, 2130 E. Howe Ave. Free childcare is provided. [www.thrivetofive.org](https://www.thrivetofive.org)

### EARLY JUNE

Summer recreation classes begin the first week of June. Register now! We have affordable, high-quality classes in art, dance, sports, aquatics, fitness, boating and more. [tempe.gov/brochure](https://tempe.gov/brochure)

### JUNE 4

A Summer Reading Kick Off Party begins this year's Tempe Public Library Summer Reading Program. Win prizes for reading. There are programs for babies, tots, kids, teens and adults. [tempepubliclibrary.org/SummerReading](https://tempepubliclibrary.org/SummerReading)

### JUNE 20

Tempe will celebrate the 14th Annual National Dump the Pump Day. Residents are encouraged to leave cars at home and take bus or light rail, walk or ride a bike instead of driving. [tempe.gov/TempeinMotion](https://tempe.gov/TempeinMotion)

### JUNE AND JULY

Tempe Time Machine is an annual summer youth enrichment program at the Tempe History Museum. Join performances, hands-on crafts, stories, games and more. Admission is free. [tempe.gov/TimeMachine](https://tempe.gov/TimeMachine)

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

## Help Tempe recycle right

Due to global changes in recycling markets, there is an increasing amount of pressure on municipalities across the country to decrease contaminants in curbside recycling bins. Contaminated recycling must be sent to the landfill, which costs the city four times more in disposal fees. Therefore, like other cities across the Valley, the City of Tempe is increasing its efforts in the field to educate residents about recycling right. The city now does quick checks of curbside recycling bins to remove larger contaminants like electronics and leave educational notices. In any case of severe contamination, the city will issue a Notice of Violation. Help us by never placing these items in your recycling bin:

- Bagged items. Everything should be loose.
- Construction material
- Ice packs/insulated packaging from food delivery boxes
- Clothing or stuffed animals
- Appliances or electronics
- Bulky plastics like toys or potted plant containers
- Scrap metal like shelving or nails
- Shredded paper (bagged or unbagged)
- Plastic bags, soft plastics, hoses, coat hangers
- Styrofoam
- Food or items with food residue

Check out more details at [tempe.gov/RecycleRight](https://tempe.gov/RecycleRight).

## It's the perfect time of year for golf

Golf Tempe offers two high-quality city golf courses: Rolling Hills and Ken McDonald. You get way more than you expect from a municipal golf course, with fantastic greens and great service.

There's a buy one, get one free offer happening right now – play at Ken McDonald and get a free round at Rolling Hills. A free food ticket can be used at either course.

Rolling Hills has a summer golf league on Tuesday nights from May 7 to Aug. 27. For a \$50 registration fee and a \$20 weekly fee, you get greens fees, a cart, a small bucket of range balls, light appetizers after play, fun formats each week and a season-ending party with great prizes. We can only accommodate the first 72 paid registrants for this program.

Sunday Family Days are happening at both courses. Beginning at noon, families get a free youth green fee with each paying adult. Check out these offers and more at [tempe.gov/GolfTempe](https://tempe.gov/GolfTempe).

## Learn to swim

Lessons are available for swimmers of all ages and skill levels at Kiwanis Recreation Center and Escalante Pool this summer. Children as young as eight months old can learn to swim in parent-assisted lessons. Classes are available for adults and older children as well. Visit [tempe.gov/brochure](https://tempe.gov/brochure) for lesson times, locations and registration.

## Attention, campers!

Looking for ways to keep the kids active and engaged this summer? Tempe offers a variety of quality camps ranging from full-day, summer-long options to week-long special interest, sports, arts and STEM choices. Check out the complete list at [tempe.gov/SummerCamps](https://tempe.gov/SummerCamps).

## 5 new website features

The city redesigned its website, [tempe.gov](https://tempe.gov). Explore the site and resave your old bookmarks! Here's what is new and cool.



### BUTTONS!

Get just about anywhere by clicking on the four big buttons on the new homepage. Called “Connect,” “Request/Report,” “Apply/Register” and “Pay,” the buttons can lead you to whatever you need.

### WATCH IT

Check out the latest Tempe 11 videos about programs, services and your neighbors. The most recent or favorite ones are on the lower part of the homepage.

### GREATER ACCESSIBILITY

ADA-accessible features, including a new page reader, are on every page.

### PICTURE PERFECT

The new design incorporates gorgeous photos taken by community members. See who took our homepage photo by clicking on the camera icon on the right side of the photo

### BETTER SEARCHES

Find what you need faster using our new search function. Just click the magnifying glass in the upper right corner of any page or use the prominent search bar on the homepage.

# Tempe City Council

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**Councilmember**

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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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## Register now for Tempe PRE preschool program!

Tempe PRE has opened its preschool program to a wide range of families this year: anyone who lives or works in Tempe and its neighboring cities can apply for their 3- or 4-year-old. Families seeking financial assistance to pay for tuition must reside in Tempe and meet income qualifications. Apply now at [tempe.gov/TempePRE](http://tempe.gov/TempePRE). Questions: 480-858-7735 or [pre-k@tempe.gov](mailto:pre-k@tempe.gov).

## Beat the summer heat!

Stay cool at Tempe's pools and splash pads this summer. The Kiwanis Wave Pool is open for weekend waves through May; daily waves will resume Memorial Day weekend. The city also has two recently renovated outdoor pools, McClintock and Escalante, that will open at the end of May. Hours vary for all pools. Cool off at The Cloud at Kiwanis Park, Tempe's new splash playground, or at one of Tempe's splash pads located at Jaycee, Esquer and Hudson parks. All are open daily from 8 a.m. to 10 p.m. For more information, pool hours and fees, visit [tempe.gov/pools](http://tempe.gov/pools).

## Summer street projects

This summer, with seasonally decreased traffic in the downtown area, Tempe will start a record level of improvements in the urban core, such as water main, paving and intersection enhancements. The goal is to coordinate and phase these infrastructure investments to minimize inconvenience to businesses and residents, while getting the work done quickly and efficiently. Some things you can do:

- Be aware of construction restrictions and plan extra travel time
- Obey all posted traffic restrictions and give workers space
- Try alternative transportation. There are five free Orbit routes, several local bus routes and light rail stops in the downtown area. Visit [tempe.gov/SummerStreetProjects](http://tempe.gov/SummerStreetProjects) for detailed information.

## Help us wipe out graffiti

The City of Tempe is committed to removing graffiti as soon as possible and encourages property owners to do the same. Here's how you can help:

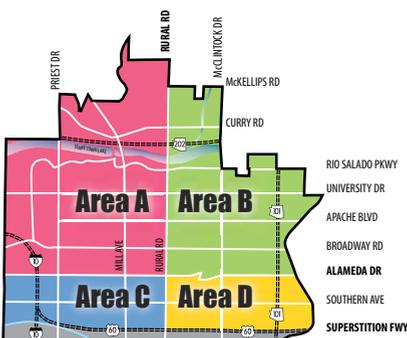
- Tempe's Graffiti Referral Program – remove graffiti from your home or business by using Graffiti Protective Coatings, Inc., a licensed, bonded and insured removal service. Find out more at [tempe.gov/OpenMind](http://tempe.gov/OpenMind).
- Tempe 311 – report graffiti on city property to Tempe 311 by using the phone app, calling 480-350-4311 or visiting [tempe.gov/311](http://tempe.gov/311).

## June 2019 Mixed Bulk Collection Schedule

	Collection Dates	Collection Type
Area A	JUN 3-7	BULK TRASH
Area B	JUN 10-14	
Area C	JUN 17-21	
Area D	JUN 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.

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



## Equal Pay workshops

The City of Tempe is trying to end the wage gap with free pay negotiation workshops to help anyone learn how to get paid for their skills. The next workshop takes place at 9:30 a.m. on Aug 3 at the Tempe Public Library. Sign up at <https://salary.aauw.org/tempe>.

## Join Jennifer in 85281



Councilmember Jennifer Adams is hosting community meetups in each one of Tempe's zip codes. These informal gatherings are opportunities for you to talk about what's important to you and your neighborhood.

Councilmember Adams will be in 85281 at Rolling Hills Golf Course, 1415 N. Mill Ave., at 6 p.m., Monday, May 13,

to talk about homelessness, traffic and Housing First planning. Bring your questions, compliments and concerns to be addressed.

There's no need to RSVP. This is free to attend. For questions or other details, reach out to Council Aide Alex Chin, at 480-350-8545.

## City Hall lights

When the light bulbs around the top of Tempe City Hall needed replacing, in true Tempe style, the city didn't just reach for plain white bulbs. Instead, staff looked for sustainable and glorious options.

Tempe City Hall is now decorated with 817 beautiful LED bulbs that not only are more energy efficient – they can glow in any color of the rainbow. The bulbs may glow purple for Domestic Violence Month, green for St. Patrick's Day or red, white and blue for Independence Day.

"These lights allow the building that is the seat of our government to reflect Tempe's core values of inclusivity and equality and to celebrate our community in creative and colorful ways," said Tempe Mayor Mark Mitchell.

The project took one week to install on the inverted pyramid that is Tempe City Hall. The bulbs are expected to last many years.

## Help keep pools and spray pads clean

We need your help to keep our pools and spray pads clean this summer. These simple hygiene guidelines from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention can help ensure a fun and healthy summer swim season for you and your family:

- Adults and children who are sick or have recently been ill should avoid public pool facilities.
- Children not yet potty trained should wear plastic pants or swim diapers.
- Children should take several restroom breaks throughout the visit.
- Visitors should not swallow the water in the pools or splash playgrounds.



## Mayor's Disability Award winners

The 31st Annual Tempe Mayor's Disability Awards, held in late March, honored students, educators, businesses and community groups for helping to make our city a more welcoming and inclusive place. Mayor Mark Mitchell proclaimed Tempe to be the first community in Arizona to be an Employment First city.

Employment First promotes competitive employment for everyone by recognizing the strengths of those with disabilities and finding employment that makes the best fit with those. The employment rate for people with developmental disabilities is substantially less than the national average, at about 28 percent.

Tempe has seen an increase in employment of those with developmental disabilities – from more than 3,600 people to nearly 5,600 people – because of its work in this area. The annual Deaf/Hard of Hearing and Disability Job Fair with Arizona@Work and Youth Mock Interview-Palooza help people prepare to interview for and find jobs.

Awards were presented to several students, businesses and organizations:

### Outstanding Tempe Students

Madison Knowles, *Tempe High School*  
Anthony Mendoza, *Tempe High School*  
Emmanuel Navia, *Tempe High School*  
Rafael Penate, *Tempe High School*  
Nimo Guhad, *Tempe High School*  
Mary Catherine Haynes, *Believe I Can Academy*  
Sophie Stern, *McClintock High School*

### Outstanding Youth

William Chapnek, *Believe I Can Academy*

### Exceptional Educator Award

Michael Warner, *Tempe High School*

### Employee of the Year

Joseph C. Steele III, *City of Tempe Special Olympics / LEAP*

### Community Service Award

Jay Whipple, *Tempe's GRIC ADA Wayfinding Pilot*

### Tom Ringhofer Architectural Award

Jeffrey Sherman, *Sherman Design Studios – Adapted Recreation Parcourse*

### Pride of the City

Paul Bennewitz, Sr.