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Enroll now in Tempe PRE preschool program



Tempe PRE, the city's high-quality, full-day preschool, has gained an excellent reputation since it started in 2017 by preparing hundreds of 3- and 4-year olds to move on to kindergarten.

With 20 classrooms located in 12 elementary schools throughout the city, parents and guardians who live or work in Tempe may find a spot for their child close to home or work. Tempe PRE is a licensed program with a 9:1 student-to-adult ratio.

Full tuition is \$750 a month and financial

assistance is available to income-qualified families who reside in Tempe. All students must be age 3 or 4 by July 31 and fully potty trained to be eligible.

Enroll today – school begins in August. Go to tempe.gov/TempePRE. Contact staff by email pre-k@tempe.gov or call 480-858-7735.



City Council appoints Arlene Chin

Arlene Chin took the City Council oath of office in May to begin a 14-month term to fill a vacancy on the Tempe City Council. Councilmembers voted unanimously to appoint Chin. She will serve the remainder of the Council term, until July 2020.

A 45-year resident of Tempe, Chin is an administrator at ASU Foundation and community volunteer. Her community involvement in Tempe began in 1982, when she served on the Mayor's Youth Advisory Commission. She has since served on the Tempe Human Relations Commission and the Tempe Neighborhood Advisory Commission, among other roles.

A total of 49 residents applied to be considered for the City Council vacancy. Councilmembers interviewed Chin and two other longtime residents and public comment was taken. Visit tempe.gov/chin to learn more about Tempe's newest Councilmember.

July 4th Festival

Celebrate Independence Day at one of the largest fireworks displays in Arizona. The annual FOX 10 July 4th Tempe Town Lake Festival is back with live, local entertainment, kids' activities and a 35-minute fireworks show. The event, produced by the Kiwanis Club of Tempe, happens July 4 at Tempe Beach Park, Mill Avenue and Rio Salado Parkway. Gates open at 5 p.m. Tickets are available at Tempe4th.com, City of Tempe facilities, Fry's food stores and at the gate.

Celebrate Tempe Garbologists in June

Tempe's garbology experts (Solid Waste staff) take pride in their work. Their efforts help keep Tempe clean by collecting your solid waste and recycling each week. Nationally, June 17 is the official day of recognition for these committed employees.

We know how special a neighborhood's relationship can be with its "Garbologist" – even the smallest Tempe kids love to wave and watch them at work! If this fits you and your neighbors, take a moment to show your appreciation in June. Make a sign for your yard, send a letter or email or just wave and smile. Calls will be taken by Tempe 311 at 480-350-4311. Signs and letters can be dropped off at Tempe's Priest Yard, 55 Priest Drive, Building A.

Help shape our urban core

Over the last year and half, hundreds of community members have participated in public meetings, workshops and online forums to provide feedback on plans to help guide future development in Tempe's urban core. The Urban Core Master Plan is designed to guide future development in Tempe's urban core, while the updated Transportation Overlay District will help promote transit ridership and shape development around the light rail and streetcar routes.

Both plans aim to further the goals of Tempe's General Plan 2040, ratified by voters in 2014. Because the plans include proposed new development patterns in some locations that would change densities and land uses, a Major General Plan Amendment is required. Following a final round of public meetings and online feedback this spring, the plans will go through the formal General Plan Amendment process, with recommendation hearings at the Development Review Commission in August and adoption hearings at the City Council in the fall. Community members can provide input at those meetings. Visit tempe.gov/UrbanCore to view the plans and meeting details.

Summer street projects

This summer, with decreased traffic in the downtown area, Tempe will make start improvements in the urban core. We are investing in infrastructure improvements, such as water main, paving, intersection enhancements and Streetcar.

The goal is to coordinate and phase these projects to minimize inconvenience to businesses and residents. 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 several local buses, five free Orbit circulator routes, a free FLASH route and six light rail stops serving the downtown area.
- Try walking, biking or scootering around Tempe to avoid construction and traffic delays.

Visit tempe.gov/SummerStreetProjects for detailed information.

Successful spring training food waste program

Tempe's Solid Waste team joined forces with the Phoenix Public Works Disposal Division to launch a pilot food waste program at Tempe Diablo Stadium during the 2019 Cactus League spring training season. Tempe staff separated food waste and delivered it to Phoenix's new food and compost facility. During the 17-game spring training pilot, Tempe staff hauled 6.33 tons of food, 7.79 tons of recycling and 30.86 tons of trash. To learn more about Tempe's solid waste and recycling programs, visit tempe.gov/SMART.

EVENTS

JUNE 22

DRAW-A-THON is coming to the Gallery at Tempe Center for the Arts from 10 a.m. to 10 p.m. It's a free art adventure. tempecenterforthearts.com

JUNE 29 & AUG. 3

Special on-site registration to get the young person in your life a Youth Transit Pass will happen from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Tempe Transit Store, 200 E. Fifth St. tempe.gov/YouthPass

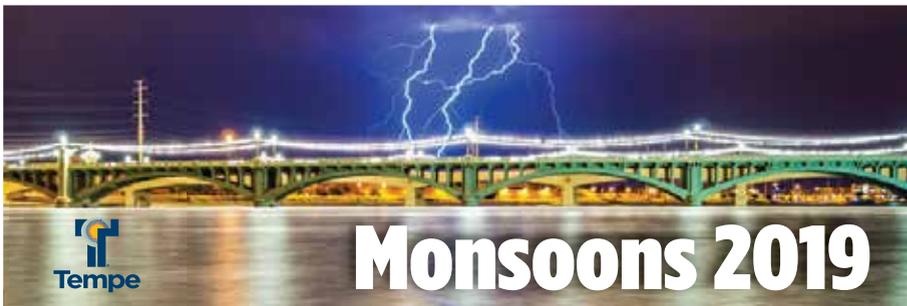
JULY 13

Santa will pay a special summer visit to The Cloud at Kiwanis Park from 6-8 p.m. This free event will have plenty of splashing and snow – and even pictures with Santa. tempe.gov/kiwanis

AUG. 1

A ribbon cutting celebration for Frank Elementary School, 8409 S. Avenida del Yaqui, in Guadalupe, will start just after 6 p.m. The school was built by the Tempe Elementary School District following a voter-approved 2016 district bond election.

Full events calendar at tempe.gov!



Monsoons 2019



Make a 3-day disaster supply kit:

1 gallon of water per person/pet per day, nonperishable food, flashlights, radio, batteries, medications, first aid kit and a back-up power source



Free sandbags available beginning June 1.

North Tempe: 1001 N. Rio Rd. (access drive north of Rio Salado Pkwy. and Hardy Dr.)

Benedict Sports Complex: 490 W. Guadalupe Rd. (NW corner of Guadalupe and Kyrene Rds.)

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Keep stormwater system safe

Monsoon season starts June 15 and Tempe urges residents to help protect our stormwater system by avoiding use of pesticides, herbicides, fertilizers and other outdoor chemical products when rain is likely. When it rains, excess fertilizer, pesticides, oil, gasoline and other chemicals can wash off lawns and driveways, creating the potential to pollute Tempe's lakes and drinking water aquifers. Residents can help keep these products from ending up in the stormwater by avoiding use when rain is likely, properly storing them under cover, and cleaning up spills immediately after they occur. Making sure that only rain goes in the storm drains ensures that our water supply remains clean and safe. For more information, visit tempe.gov/stormwater.

Did a monsoon make a mess?

Residents get a 10 percent discount on roll-off rentals all year long. Rent one to clean up downed trees and debris from monsoon season, or take your downed trees, shrubs and other green organics to our compost yard at 1001 N. Rio Road. Residents can also request a Bulk Trash or Green Organics pickup outside of their regular schedule for a fee. Call Tempe 311 at 480-350-4311 for current prices or to schedule a pickup.

5 Ways to Stay Safe this Summer

Besides putting the cell phone down during those summer road trips, here are a few other ways to take care of you and your family as the harsh weather hits.



GET IN FROM THE HEAT!

If you meet someone needing water or a place to cool off, there are designated locations around the city. tempe.gov/HydrationStations

KNOW YOUR FIREWORKS

Fireworks can be dangerous and not all of them are legal to use in Tempe. Make sure you know the facts before you celebrate. tempe.gov/fire

WATCH KIDS AROUND WATER

Learn about swimming pool safety devices and drowning prevention – then put that information into action! tempe.gov/WaterSafety

LEARN TO SWIM

A key way for kids and adults to be safer around water: learning to swim from a professional teacher. Tempe offers quality, low-cost lessons. tempe.gov/SwimLessons

PREPARE FOR STORMS

Get a three-day disaster supply kit and sandbags ready. Free sandbags are available at two Tempe locations beginning June 1. tempe.gov/monsoons

Tempe City Council

Mark W. Mitchell
Mayor

Lauren Kuby
Vice Mayor

Jennifer Adams
Councilmember

Robin Arredondo-Savage
Councilmember

Arlene Chin
Councilmember

Randy Keating
Councilmember

Joel Navarro
Councilmember

Andrew Ching
City Manager

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

Check 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.

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Tempe pools are open for the summer

McClintock and Escalante outdoor pools offer varying hours for open swim at reasonable prices. The Kiwanis Wave Pool is open for daily waves through July. Weekend waves begin again in August through Labor Day. For hours, prices and more info, visit tempe.gov/pools. The Cloud at Kiwanis Park and the city's three splash pads located at Esquer, Hudson and Jaycee parks are also open through October. They are free to use and open from 8 a.m. to 10 p.m.

Input needed for Parks and Recreation Master Plan

Parks and recreational activities are the heart of Tempe's community, which is why resident input on the city's Parks and Recreation Master Plan is so valuable. The city is updating the plan to create standards for park amenities, sports fields, equipment and recreation programming. Be part of the process by completing an online survey that will help shape the future of Tempe's parks and program offerings. Provide feedback through mid-June at tempe.gov/parks.

College Connect one-on-one sessions available

Get a head start on all that college research at one of College Connect's one-on-one sessions this summer. These sessions offer personalized help with a college expert to answer questions about schools, class choice, scholarships and more. Visit www.CollegeConnectTempe.com to schedule.

No worries on vacation with leak alerts

Be sure to register for a free WaterSmart account before you go on vacation this summer. The WaterSmart Online Water Use Portal has high water use and potential leak alerts that can help you save water and money. The portal can send an email, text message and/or voicemails when you have unusual water usage occurring at your home. Register for a free account at tempe.gov/WaterSmart. For information, call Customer Services at 480-350-8361.

2018 Water Quality Report now available

The City of Tempe's annual Water Quality Report for calendar year 2018 is now available at tempe.gov/ccr. This report provides information about the source and quality of drinking water provided by the City of Tempe.

No transit passes at library

Beginning July 1, transit passes will no longer be sold at Tempe Public Library; however, you can purchase passes on the bus, online, at fare vending machines, at the Fry's Food on Rural and Southern or at the Circle K on Mill and Southern. Other ticketing locations can be found at valleymetro.org.

July 2019
Mixed Bulk & Green Organics
Collection Schedule

Area	Collection Dates	Collection Type
Area E	JUL 1-5	BULK TRASH
Area F	JUL 8-12	and GREEN ORGANICS
Area G	JUL 15-19	
Area H	JUL 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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The map shows the layout of Tempe, Arizona, divided into four collection areas: Area E (orange), Area F (purple), Area G (red), and Area H (teal). Major streets shown include Southern Ave, Superstition Fwy, Baseline Rd, Guadalupe Rd, Western Canal, Elliot Rd, Warner Rd, Knox Rd, Priest Dr, Knoch Rd, Rural Rd, and Ray Rd.