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Tempe goes back to school

With the new school year right around the corner, Tempe is teaming up with local schools and community partners to provide resources for students and families as they head back to the classroom. Students from preschool through graduate school can access tips and information on student safety, educational resources, transportation options and opportunities to get involved in the community.

Learn about Kid Zone's before and after school programs. Sign your child up for a free Youth Transit Pass. Find out where to get free children's immunizations. Discover the wide array of online homework and research tools available through the Tempe Public Library and Tempe History Museum. All of these resources and more are available at tempe.gov/BackToSchool.

Back to School Dates:

Kyrene School District	Thursday, Aug. 1
Tempe Elementary School District	Monday, Aug. 5
Tempe Union High School District	Monday, Aug. 5
Arizona State University	Thursday, Aug. 22
Rio Salado Community College	Rolling start dates

In addition to the webpage, follow us on Facebook @CityofTempe and Twitter @TempeGov for more tips and updates.

Kids: put a free Youth Transit Pass on your back to school list

Starting a new school year can be a little hectic - let Tempe help relieve some of the stress with a free Youth Transit Pass! Tempe kids, ages 6 to 18, can ride all local and regional Valley Metro buses and light rail for free with a Youth Transit Pass. Tempe is issuing new transit passes to current and new participants of the program.

The new passes, valid July 1, 2019 through June 30, 2020, can be obtained at the Tempe Transit Store, 200 E. Fifth St., between 8 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday. Saturday on-site registration will be held Aug. 3 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

To sign up for the pass, bring a parent/guardian and their ID, a copy of the youth's birth certificate, and proof of Tempe residency, such as a utility bill, dated within the last 60 days. In addition, any student who attends Tempe, Marcos de Niza, Compadre and McClintock high schools and live in Tempe can get a pass at school.

To download the registration form and learn more, visit tempe.gov/YouthPass.



Separate trash & organics

Bulky items and green material must be a minimum of 4 feet from utility boxes. Bulk trash piles should be 4 feet from the green organics bulk pile. The amount of green and mixed waste allowed for each collection will be limited to approximately 10 cubic yards – roughly the size of a small SUV. Items should be placed out for collection no earlier than 10 days prior to the Monday of your collection week and no later than 5:30 a.m. on Monday of your collection week.



Residents with alleys: consider placing your items out the weekend immediately prior to the start of your collection week to reduce contamination and increase diversion from the landfill. Place all items in the alley along your fence line so the collection vehicles can pass. Plan your major brush and bulk disposal projects around the city's collection schedule to avoid putting out your material too early. Residents who place their material out prior to the 10-day rule are subject to fines. For more information, visit tempe.gov/SMART.

Fall class registration starts Aug. 12



The fall issue of the Tempe Opportunities brochure is full of new and continuing classes and programs for all ages and interests. Options include exercise and fitness, educational activities/classes, sports leagues, languages, music, art, theatre and dance. Our quality programs are offered at convenient times and locations, at affordable prices.

The brochure can be viewed starting Aug. 8 at tempe.gov/brochure. Registration begins Aug. 12 for Tempe residents and Aug. 19 for non-residents. Classes begin the week of Sept. 3. For more information, call 480-350-5200.

Tempe has a Community Services Scholarship Program for kids up to age 17 who are residents of Tempe or Guadalupe, or who are enrolled in a Tempe school. Scholarship program information is in the brochure.

Kid Zone before and after school programs

Studies show that students who participate in after school programs can improve their reading and math skills by more than 40 percent. Students can also build their social skills while giving parents peace of mind that their children are safe and supervised. Tempe's Kid Zone Enrichment Program operates before and after school programs at several schools in the Tempe Elementary School District. Children in kindergarten through eighth grade can take part in expanded learning including STEM, fine arts, sports and nutrition activities. The state-licensed, accredited program is affordable and offers low child-to-instructor ratios.

Kid Zone has openings for the 2019-20 school year, along with fall, winter and spring break options. For more information on fees, scholarships, registration and site tours, call 480-350-5405 or visit tempe.gov/KidZone.

Batten down the hatches!
Resources, tips, information:
tempe.gov/monsoons



Enroll now: 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 tuition 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.

Creating affordable housing opportunities



Eighteen families have a new place to call home with completion of the unique Tempe Parkview Townhome community, a partnership between the City of Tempe and Habitat for Humanity Central

Arizona designed to increase affordable housing options in the city.

On the heels of that successful development, Tempe and Habitat will collaborate on another 16 homes in the city with construction expected to begin in September.

“The Mayor and City Council, along with our residents and our entire community, are committed to expanding affordable and workforce housing across our city,” said Vice Mayor Lauren Kuby. The Tempe Parkview Townhome community, 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 with federal Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds to create more affordable housing. The city later partnered with Habitat to create a new kind of community that maximized the one-acre lot with 18 modern three-story townhomes.

Now, Tempe and Habitat will move ahead with 16 new homes to be built on four lots around Tempe. They were purchased by the city with CDBG funds.

Tempe invests in ending homelessness

Tempe is making steady progress toward housing chronically homeless people and successfully keeping them housed.

Focusing on this population of homeless individuals is vitally important, as people who are chronically homeless are the most frequent users of public safety and other services. The city also is successfully connecting the broader homeless population with housing and social services.

Tempe will make additional investments toward its homelessness efforts in the upcoming fiscal year, including adding city employees to work directly with people who are homeless and expanding park maintenance to enhance city parks. The City Council approved the allocations as part of their June 6 approval of the 2019-20 fiscal year budget. The new fiscal year began July 1.

Significant investments in recent years have been crucial to the city’s ability to serve people in need. Mayor Mark Mitchell expressed pride in the city’s progress and belief that investments are slowly showing progress.

“Tempe is a compassionate community. Our residents have a right to clean, safe neighborhoods and parks – at the same time, they care about helping homeless people and families,” Mitchell said.

For more information: tempe.gov/EndingHomelessness.

Weigh in on General Plan amendments

Tempe’s General Plan is the overarching policy document for the city; it holds the community’s vision for the future and is an expression of how the community wants to grow and change over the next 30 years. The General Plan is designed to be a broad, flexible, living document that can be amended to respond to the changing conditions and needs of the community. Tempe is currently looking at two proposed major amendments to the General Plan 2040 – the Urban Core Master Plan/ Transportation Overlay District and Broadway Industrial Hub.

The Urban Core Master Plan is designed to guide future development in Tempe’s urban core, while the updated Transportation Overlay District code will help promote transit ridership and shape development around the light rail and streetcar routes. The proposed Broadway Industrial Hub – Tempe Maker District is designed to encourage redevelopment, increased densities and diverse land use options in the area between Broadway Road, Southern Avenue, Priest Drive and Kyrene Road alignment.

Following extensive public planning processes, these efforts are now heading through the formal General Plan amendment process, with hearings over the next few months:

- **Development Review Commission** (first hearing) – Aug. 13 at 6 p.m., Tempe History Museum, 809 E. Southern Ave.
- **Development Review Commission** (second hearing) – Aug. 26 at 6 p.m., Tempe Transportation Center, 200 E. Fifth St.
- **City Council** (first hearing) Sept. 26 at 6 p.m., Tempe History Museum, 809 E. Southern Ave.
- **City Council** (second hearing) Oct. 17 at 6 p.m., Tempe History Museum, 809 E. Southern Ave.

Visit tempe.gov/GeneralPlan for more information.

Tempe City Council

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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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Make the summer a little less harsh for the homeless

You can help. Something as simple as a granola bar and a warm smile can help our homeless outreach team engage with people who are experiencing homelessness. Conversations can lead to connections with housing and social services. Supplies are low this summer – you can help by donating peanut butter crackers, toaster pastries, fruit cups and granola bars. Drop off items 8 a.m. – 5 p.m. weekdays at the city’s Human Services office, located on the second floor of the Tempe Public Library, 3500 S. Rural Road. For large donations, contact Homeless Solutions Supervisor Nichole Stevens at nichole_stevens@tempe.gov.

We’re planning for the future

This summer, with decreased traffic in the downtown area, Tempe started a record-level number of improvements in the urban core. We are investing in important infrastructure improvements, such as water main, paving, intersection enhancements and Streetcar. The goal was to coordinate and phase these projects to minimize the inconvenience to businesses and residents, while getting the work done as quickly and efficiently as possible. 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 other modes to get around Tempe and avoid construction and traffic delays.

Visit tempe.gov/SummerStreetProjects for detailed information.

Manage your water use

Get ahead of summer high water use season with a free WaterSmart Check-Up offered by Tempe’s friendly water conservation staff. Space is limited to 20 appointments per week. Sign up today to secure your spot. Visit <https://tempe.watersmart.com/consultation> or email conservation@tempe.gov.

Vision Zero Action Plan

Tempe’s Vision Zero Action Plan was approved by the Tempe City Council. The plan seeks to eliminate traffic fatalities and serious injury crashes by using crash data and developing strategies in several key areas, including distraction, pedestrians and intersections.

While the plan was being developed, Tempe took a proactive approach to implementing a few Vision Zero strategies, including adopting a distracted driving ordinance and the installation of LED streetlights improving nighttime visibility.

Visit tempe.gov/VisionZero for more information.

August 2019 Mixed Bulk & Green Organics Collection Schedule

Area	Collection Dates	Collection Type
Area A	AUG 5-9	BULK TRASH
Area B	AUG 12-16	TRASH and GREEN
Area C	AUG 19-23	GREEN
Area D	AUG 26-30	ORGANICS

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The map shows the city of Tempe divided into four collection areas: Area A (pink), Area B (green), Area C (blue), and Area D (yellow). Major streets labeled include Priest Dr, Rural Rd, McClintock Dr, McKellips Rd, Curry Rd, Rio Salado Pkwy, University Dr, Apache Blvd, Broadway Rd, Alameda Dr, Southern Ave, and Superstition Fwy.