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Tempe approves regional collaboration on homelessness

The City of Tempe has become the first city in the region to sign onto an official partnership to tackle homelessness across municipal boundaries.

Regional collaboration is a key piece of Tempe's work toward the goal of ending homelessness. The regional resolution, approved unanimously by the City Council in June, represents a pledge by Tempe to work jointly with cities and towns to address a range of homeless-related issues.

Since 2017, the cities of Apache Junction, Chandler, Mesa, Phoenix, Scottsdale and Tempe, the Town of Gilbert, Maricopa County and the Maricopa Regional Continuum of Care Governing Board have been meeting to discuss their current approaches to helping people become housed, as well as the types of future initiatives that could make those efforts even more efficient and effective.

Tempe is making steady progress toward housing chronically homeless people and successfully keeping them housed. Focusing on this population is vitally important, as people who are chronically homeless are the most frequent users of public safety and other services.

The City Council approved additional investments in its homelessness efforts for the new fiscal year that began July 1. More than \$1 million in additional funds will add city employees to work directly with people who are homeless, grow the Tempe Works program and expand park maintenance to enhance city parks. To learn more, visit tempe.gov/EndingHomelessness.

City renovates Council Chambers

The City Council Chambers at Tempe City Hall is undergoing renovations to update technology and increase accessibility. Until early 2020, City Council meetings and some Boards and Commissions meetings will be moved to the Tempe History Museum, 809 E. Southern Ave. Check tempe.gov/clerk for meeting agendas and locations.



The Chambers space is located at the base of the inverted pyramid City Hall building, which is the centerpiece of the Harry E. Mitchell Government Center at Fifth Street east of Mill Avenue. It was last renovated in 1989.

Work on the Chambers will include new public restrooms, improved audio and video technology, improved access for everyone, new audience seating and more efficient heating and air conditioning.

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Meet up with Councilmembers

Your Tempe City Councilmembers hold occasional conversation events to hear directly from community members. Here are the next few opportunities:



Join Jennifer

Councilmember Jennifer Adams is holding the next in her series of zip code-focused events. Join Jennifer will be held Tuesday, Sept. 17, from 6-7 p.m., at Kiwanis Recreation Center, 6111 S. All-America Way. All

residents are invited but the focus for the evening will be especially on issues pertaining to the 85283 zip code. Every other month, Adams' event focuses on a different Tempe zip code. The September conversation will include city staff presenting the Water Smart Portal and Kiwanis Park Management Plan. For more information about Adams' service to Tempe, visit tempe.gov/adams.



Connecting with Kuby

Vice Mayor Lauren Kuby hosts monthly office hours at the Tempe Public Library, 3500 S. Rural Road. Stop by Connections Café and talk about ways to make Tempe better. The upcoming dates

are all Saturdays – Aug. 31, Sept. 28 and Oct. 26, from 1-4 p.m. For more information about Kuby's service to Tempe, visit tempe.gov/kuby.

Coming soon: water leak alerts

At the end of August, Tempe is turning on the "leak alerts" capability within its new WaterSmart Portal to notify residents when there is continuous water usage. Residents with a dedicated water meter will receive alerts if their meter registers 5 gallons per hour for at least 72 hours or a "burst" amount of 74.8 gallons per hour for at least eight hours.

Residents can register for a free WaterSmart Portal account and update their email address to receive alerts as soon as possible. The portal can also be used to set communication preferences, including turning alerts on or off by email, text message or voice mail. For a limited time, residents without an email address on file will receive a notification by mail.

Visit tempe.gov/WaterSmart to set up a free account today to avoid delays in receiving alerts.

Healing Field



Tempe will honor the victims of the Sept. 11, 2001, attacks with a display of patriotism and unity at the annual Healing Field tribute at Tempe Beach Park, located at Mill Avenue and Rio Salado Parkway. The free event runs Saturday, Sept. 7, through Wednesday, Sept. 11, from 6 a.m. to 8 p.m. On Sept. 10, there will

be a Freedom Concert featuring patriotic songs in the park from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. On Sept. 11, there will be a memorial ceremony at 5:46 a.m. and a candlelight vigil at 7 p.m. Healing Field is presented by the Exchange Club of Tempe. For more information, visit

www.tempehealingfield.org.

Bag and tie your trash

Did you know that the City of Tempe can be fined for non-compliance with Maricopa County's Environmental Solid Waste Ordinance if a resident's trash container is not properly bagged, tied and closed completely? You can help us avoid the fines and keep your neighborhood litter-free. Bag and tie your trash, and close the lid so it doesn't overflow and fall on the ground when the truck picks it up. Note that while trash should be bagged and tied, recycling should never be bagged, and it must be placed in your recycling bin loosely. If it's not loose, it doesn't get recycled at the recycling facility. For more information about Tempe's trash and recycling programs, visit tempe.gov/SMART.

EVENTS

SEPT. 6

Free Art Friday returns to the Edna Vihel Arts Center, 3340 S. Rural Road, with a Forest Friends theme for children 1-6. Take-home art projects and music will keep them engaged from 9-11 a.m. Class dates and themes are at tempe.gov/arts.

SEPT. 21 & SEPT. 25

Residents and transit riders are invited to meetings to discuss design priorities for new transit shelter designs that are sustainable and maximize shade. Online input is also invited. tempe.gov/TransitShelters

SEPT. 22

World Car Free Day encourages everyone to give up their cars for one day. Tempe makes it easy to go car-free, with a robust transportation system. tempe.gov/TempeinMotion

OCT. 6

The 21st annual Tempe Tardeada festival is happening from noon to 8 p.m. at the Tempe Public Library complex, 3500 S. Rural Road. Free admission. Celebrate Tempe's proud cultural history in conjunction with National Hispanic Heritage Month. tempe.gov/tardeada

Full events calendar at tempe.gov!

We want your input!

Heat and Health Survey

All residents are invited to contribute their perspectives to the first-ever Tempe Citywide Heat and Health Survey this September. The city wants to learn more about how heat impacts the health and quality of life of residents to inform policy and program development. The city is also seeking more data about the services that residents are using to cope with summer heat and those that could be improved. The survey is being conducted with support from the Pew Charitable Trust Health Impact Project and researchers at ASU. The survey is available at links.asu.edu/tempeheat2019. Randomly selected survey respondents will receive a gift card.

Surveys for residents and businesses

Tell us what you think about our programs, services and more. The Tempe Community Survey and the Tempe Business Survey are underway.

Through the end of August, ETC Institute is conducting its annual surveys for the City of Tempe. Surveys are mailed to random samples of households and businesses in Tempe. People may also receive an email or phone call to remind them to take the survey.

These surveys assist the City Council and city staff in setting priorities, dedicating resources and establishing goals to improve service.

Residents who would like to take the Tempe Community Survey may visit tempe.gov/CommunitySurvey. Businesses that would like to take the Business Survey may visit tempe.gov/BusinessSurvey.

SMART program celebrates one year

Tempe's Save Money and Recycle Tempe (SMART) program launched in July 2018. As of June 2019, nearly 2,700 SMART 48- and 65- gallon containers have been distributed. Residents who enrolled over a year ago have been able to save about \$65. SMART is a voluntary program for residents with curbside trash can service who want to save money by recycling more and help the environment by choosing a smaller trash can. Many Tempe residents with curbside trash collection are happy about participating in SMART because it: potentially reduces material that is landfilled; saves money on monthly bills; and helps reach the city's residential diversion and recycling goals. If you're a curbside customer who has not yet enrolled in SMART, call Tempe 311 at 480-350-4311 and you can receive your new bin in about a month. To learn more, visit tempe.gov/SMARTprogram.

GAIN kick off meeting

The City of Tempe invites you to join fellow neighborhood chairs, block watch captains and residents from all over Tempe to engage in party planning for Getting Arizona Involved in Neighborhoods (GAIN). Mayor Mitchell and city staff will be on hand to help at the GAIN Kick Off Celebration at 6 p.m., Wednesday, Sept. 18, at the Tempe History Museum, 809 E. Southern Ave.

Whether this is your first experience with planning a GAIN event for your neighborhood or you are a seasoned planner, there will be plenty of tips and handouts, along with chances to win raffle prizes from our event sponsors and party visits from city areas such as Police, Fire Medical Rescue and Recycling. Pre-register your event at tempe.gov/GAIN or come prepared to do so the evening of the Kick Off.

This year's GAIN gatherings will be held from 3-7 p.m., Saturday, Oct. 26. SRP is once again sponsoring this year's event.

5 Ways to Learn Something New

Life is more enriching when you're learning new things! Your city has many opportunities to do just that.



GET YOUR GOLF GAME UP TO PAR

Gemini Golf Professionals, which manages Tempe's two courses, offers great instruction.

tempe.gov/GolfTempe

LEARN LANDSCAPING

Free landscape workshops will help you cultivate a sustainable yard that is water-wise, beautiful and low maintenance.

tempe.gov/conservation

LIBRARY RESOURCES

Tempe Public Library offers free online research tools and in-person classes introduce residents to sign language and more.

tempepubliclibrary.org/events

TAKE A CLASS

Try kayaking on Tempe Town Lake, designing jewelry or juggling – you can learn all these nifty skills and more through city classes.

Fall classes are coming up for all ages and abilities.

tempe.gov/brochure

VISIT THE MUSEUM

The history of Mill Avenue is fascinating. Check out the pictures, quotes and artifacts at the Tempe History Museum's feature exhibit right now, Walking Mill Avenue.

tempe.gov/museum

Tempe City Council

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Robin Arredondo-Savage
Councilmember

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Joel Navarro
Councilmember

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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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Get heat relief at cooling stations, hydration stations

Tempe offers help for those who need to escape the heat or need hydration. Those working or exercising outdoors, the elderly and those without access to air conditioning are most at risk. As part of a regional effort to save lives in our hottest months, several locations are available throughout Tempe to offer respite from the heat. Cooling stations offer water and space to cool down, while hydration stations offer water bottles. For a map of locations, visit tempe.gov/HeatRelief.

Hot summer golf rates

Chill out on the golf course this summer with hot rates. Twilight rates start at \$8 at Rolling Hills. Throughout this summer, kids 17 and under can golf for only \$5 every day. For more info, visit tempe.gov/GolfTempe.

36th Don Carlos Humanitarian Awards

Tempe Community Council (TCC) is proud to be hosting the 36th annual Don Carlos Humanitarian Awards on Oct. 2 at the SRP PERA Club, in Tempe. Since 1984, the Don Carlos Humanitarian Award has been a prestigious Tempe distinction. A Tempe humanitarian along with other extraordinary community members will be recognized for their outstanding generosity, commitment and service to improve the lives of others. Tickets go on sale Aug. 10. The 2019 award recipients will be announced in early August. Event sponsorships are available. For more information, visit tempecommunitycouncil.org or call 480-858-2300.

Kiwanis Park Management Plan

Tempe is working on a Kiwanis Park Management Plan that will provide guidelines for future programming, amenities, facilities and operational needs of the park and recreation center. A public meeting will be held this fall to collect feedback on the draft master plan before it goes to the City Council for final adoption this winter. Check tempe.gov/parks for the public meeting date and project updates.

Tempe's first Climate Action Plan is ready for review

Climate Action Plans help cities decide how to make investments and take actions to create lasting, positive environmental change. We are focusing climate action efforts on lowering carbon emissions in transportation and energy and adapting to extreme heat. Tempe has worked with residents, businesses and stakeholders on the plan. The draft plan has been created and will be available for review on Aug. 26. The city is inviting input and will hold a public meeting on Tuesday, Sept. 10, at the Tempe Public Library, lower level at 6 p.m. For more information, visit tempe.gov/ClimateAction.

September 2019
Mixed Bulk & Green Organics
Collection Schedule

	Collection Dates	Collection Type
Area E	SEP 2-6	BULK TRASH
Area F	SEP 9-13	and GREEN ORGANICS
Area G	SEP 16-20	
Area H	SEP 23-27	

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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New route, new look, same great service

Tempe's FLASH, free local area shuttle, just got better. FLASH has a new route connecting riders to popular ASU and downtown Tempe locations to better serve residents, students and employees. FLASH operates Monday through Friday, from 7 a.m. to 10 p.m. every 12 minutes. Check out the new route at tempe.gov/FLASH.

Is your pet monsoon ready?

Storms can be scary, especially for your furry friends. Follow these tips to keep your pet safe this monsoon season:

- Make sure your pets are safely inside before sand, thunder, lightning or rain hit – this can prevent pets from running off or getting sick.
- Be sure your pet is microchipped or wearing a collar in case your pet does escape – this can increase chances of being reunited.
- Pick up pet poop before a storm hits – pet waste is full of bacteria and pathogens, if it gets into storm drains it could pollute our water supply.

Find other monsoon tips at tempe.gov/monsoon.

Bike back to school in Tempe

Tempe, a Gold-Level Bicycle Friendly Community, is biking back to school! Here are a few tips and tricks, to ensure you have a healthy and safe school year.

Safety is a two-way street

Whether you are on a bicycle or scooter, it's important to remember that safety is a two-way street. Make your ride safe by:

- Using a bike lane when available;
- Riding with the flow of traffic;
- Stopping at traffic signals and stop signs;
- Wearing a helmet; and
- Using bike lights at night.

Get more rules of the road at tempe.gov/bike.

Miles of adventures

Tempe has more than 215 miles of bikeways throughout the city and is continually expanding. Get our Bikeway Map and find out about upcoming projects at tempe.gov/bike.

Better safe than sorry – register your bike

Did you know Tempe has a free bike registration program? Bike registration helps Tempe Police identify lost or stolen bikes. All you need is your bike's serial number, make, model and color and your name and contact information. Protect your bike by registering it at tempe.gov/RegisterYourBike.

No bike – no problem!

Visit any of 32 locations to access a GRID Bike in Tempe. Bike sharing is a fun, healthy and affordable transit option, perfect for short trips and first and last mile of a journey, when paired with the light rail or bus. These bikes are equipped with state-of-the-art features, like a GPS-enabled panel to interact with the bike, also letting you know how many miles your trip was and how many calories were burned. Get on the GRID at gridbikes.com.



Tempe's Fleet Services receives two national awards

Tempe's Fleet Services section has been nationally recognized as an industry leader, receiving two prestigious awards in the past year. The fleet has been named one of the 100 Best Fleets in North America for the ninth year in a row at No. 46. This award recognizes fleets for optimizing operations, identifying new technologies, collaborating to work smarter and for being creative when faced with challenges.

Tempe's Fleet Services has also been named one of 50 Leading Fleets by Government Fleet Magazine and the American Public Works Association. This award recognizes the best government fleets in the nation. For 2019, Tempe was named the 14th best fleet and has been included in the list for the past six years.

Tempe's fleet consists of more than 1,150 vehicles including refuse and recycling trucks, construction equipment, police vehicles, staff cars and trucks, electric and hybrid cars, street sweepers, utility carts, riding lawn mowers and more. The team is responsible for:

- Procurement and disposal of equipment
- Service and maintenance of all city vehicles and equipment
- Fuel dispensation and metering
- Environmental and emissions compliance with federal, state and local guidelines

Fleet Manager Kevin Devery attributes the shop's consistent success over the years to having built a team of 28 employees who are committed to working hard to get the job done.

For more information on both awards, visit www.the100bestfleets.com and www.government-fleet.com.



Faith summit encourages collaboration

Leaders from Tempe's faith community gathered in June for a first-ever summit to discuss collaborations with the city that could help individuals

and families struggling with issues such as addiction recovery and homelessness.

Temp City Councilmembers Joel Navarro, Robin Arredondo-Savage and Randy Keating are partnering to establish connections between local faith leaders and the city to brainstorm ways to address community concerns together with compassion and creativity.

After meeting with 30 faith leaders at the summit, Navarro said he is encouraged about the possibilities for collaboration and eager to hear more about the work being done in the community.

"By making connections with our faith leaders, and by extension their congregants, we can work together on any number of issues facing our community," Navarro said. "You just don't know how someone can help meet a need or solve an emerging concern until you ask."

That collaboration could be something as simple as a job offer for a person who may be unable to find employment because of a criminal record.

"If the job piece doesn't come together for a person in recovery, then none of the other pieces come together to be successful," Navarro said.

Looking ahead, the Councilmembers envision informal conversations and sharing as opportunities and needs arise. The city expects to host an annual faith summit to strengthen collaboration and celebrate successes.

Attendee Marcus Johnson, stake president of the Tempe Stake of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints, appreciated the opportunity to meet with city leaders and others working to address community issues such as drug addiction and mental health.

Having contacts at the city is key, Johnson said.

"We all face the same challenge of limited resources and manpower," Johnson said. "That's where working together and being aware of resources that are available from the city, being aware of what guidance we can receive, is important."

Navarro was inspired to organize the summit by a National League of Cities' gathering in April with the U.S. Department Health and Human Services' Partnership Center for Faith and Opportunity Initiatives. The group, which included elected officials from across the country, discussed ways that municipalities can partner with local faith groups to tackle community concerns.

Tempe has a history of working with the faith community through I-HELP, Tempe's Interfaith Homeless Emergency Lodging Program. Coordinated by Tempe Community Action Agency, local faith organizations and community volunteers provide overnight sleeping space, evening meals, showers and laundry for up to 40 homeless men and women.

Faith leaders who are interested in collaboration with the city should contact Tim Gomez at 480-350-8816.

For information about Tempe's Human Services Department, visit tempe.gov/HumanServices.

WaterSmart data helps residents manage water use

This summer Tempe became the first city in the Valley to be completely automated with "smart meters" in conjunction with a user-friendly WaterSmart Online Portal that connects residents with hourly water usage data. Residents have been submitting feedback through a survey and Tempe 311 regarding their experiences with the portal:

"It is great. After reviewing a few days of usage, I contacted our landscape company to evaluate the irrigation system, and have seen about a 300% drop in water usage during the watering periods. I have it as a 'permanent' tab on my browser and check it every day."

"I love being able to find out about leaks more quickly. We just developed a leak in our underground backyard pipes around Thanksgiving and were able to turn off that part of our system within a few days of the leak starting..."

"I love the daily graphs and suggestions on how to reduce your water consumption."

For more information, visit tempe.gov/WaterSmart.

Threadz offers free clothing, school supplies for teens

Opening Aug. 6, middle and high school students attending Tempe schools can shop for free at any two Threadz teen clothes closets located on the Marcos de Niza and Tempe High School campuses. The Threadz centers are open Tuesdays and Thursdays, 2 to 4:30 p.m., each week during the school year. Students have a variety of items to choose from including clothing, shoes, personal hygiene items, backpacks and school supplies. Tempe Community Council operate the sites in partnership with the Tempe Union High School District. Volunteers and new or gently-used items are always needed. For more information, visit tempecommunitycouncil.org, contact Tempe Community Council, 34 E. Seventh St., or call 480-858-2300.