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## An affordable home for everyone: Tempe commits to three new housing efforts

Tempe is moving ahead with an ambitious Affordable Housing Strategy to boost housing options for people of all income levels and bring together partners to tackle an increasingly complex issue. The City Council, in unanimously approving the city’s Affordable Housing Strategy (AHS), is backing three aggressive efforts.

Adoption of the AHS aligns with Tempe’s long-held values as a compassionate community, said Mayor Mark Mitchell.

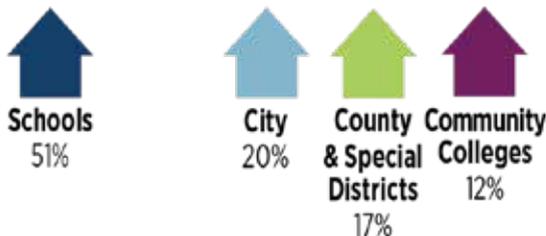
“In Tempe, we care about our neighbors and we want them to thrive. Having affordable places to live, raise families and dream about the future is a critical part of their success,” Mitchell said.

The AHS is a powerful tool that includes 20 comprehensive approaches to preserve, create and develop more affordable housing options in Tempe. The City Council is prioritizing three of the most aggressive strategies:

- Implement Affordable Housing Impact Statements, which developers submit voluntarily to help the city better track affordable housing. Tempe is believed to be the first city in the state to ask developers to file these impact statements.
- Expand use of incentives, such as fee waivers, reimbursements and abatements, to boost the inclusion of affordable units in market-rate projects.
- Dedicate seed funding to the existing Affordable Housing Trust Fund, which currently does not have a local, dedicated source of revenue. The seed funding could come from sources such as a one-time general fund allocation or donations from developers.

Learn more about Tempe’s affordable housing efforts at [tempe.gov/AffordableHousing](http://tempe.gov/AffordableHousing).

### where does my property tax payment go?



## Simple city budget guide available

Reading the city budget just got a lot easier for residents. Tempe’s first Budget in Brief report is now available at [tempe.gov/budget](http://tempe.gov/budget). This new tool gives residents a clear, concise snapshot of essential elements in the fiscal year 2019-2020 budget approved by the Tempe City Council.

Residents can use this reader-friendly report to see how the city spends its money, where the money comes from, as well as an overview of the budget itself. There is also information about the budget process and how residents can get involved.

Making the document easier to understand is one of the best practices recommended by the Government Finance Officers Association. It also helps the city reach its goals for transparency and disclosure of information. The full, detailed city budget will continue to be published and is also available at [tempe.gov/budget](http://tempe.gov/budget).

## City invests in neighborhoods and arts

Several Tempe neighborhoods and local arts organizations will bring their ideas to life this year after the Tempe City Council approved providing more than \$470,000 in grant funding.

In July, the Council approved \$175,000 in funding for arts grants, which will result in 32 non-profit organizations across the Valley receiving funding to provide quality arts programming in Tempe. Projects range from school residency programs to festivals to theater and music performances. For more information, visit [tempe.gov/arts](http://tempe.gov/arts).

The Council also awarded \$296,417 in funding for the Maryanne Corder Neighborhood Grant Program, which provides grants to Tempe homeowners associations and neighborhood associations to help fund neighborhood-initiated enhancements that help build community and become points of pride for residents. For more information, visit [tempe.gov/NeighborhoodGrants](http://tempe.gov/NeighborhoodGrants).



## Tempe expands adapted recreation programs

Two of Tempe's adapted recreation programs – Life Skills After School Program (LEAP) and Camp Challenge – have been approved by the City Council to receive \$100,000 in additional funding in the 2019-20 fiscal year and beyond. These programs, which are designed for students with intellectual and developmental disabilities, will now be able to expand their offerings.

LEAP, an after-school program for middle and high schoolers, will hire new staff to accommodate more students. Camp Challenge, a summer camp program, will add more than a dozen new campers and offer new activities like art and cooking.

Tempe's Adapted Recreation team connects parents to several resources for kids with disabilities, including LEAP, Camp Challenge, sports opportunities, social outings, camps and Special Olympics. For more information, visit [tempe.gov/AdaptedRecreation](http://tempe.gov/AdaptedRecreation).

The FLASH (Free Local Area Shuttle) has a new route connecting riders to popular ASU and downtown Tempe locations. 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](http://tempe.gov/FLASH).

## Census address canvassing

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In advance of the 2020 U.S. Census, the Census Bureau needs to verify physical addresses in order to be able to mail Census information to households. This verification process is known as canvassing and it involves Census workers (who wear official badges

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and bags) walking neighborhoods on weekdays during daylight hours. They may knock on some doors, and their only questions will be to verify the physical address of the home and to ensure they are aware if there are separate units on the same property. The workers will not ask personal questions or ask for information about who is living at the residence. This canvassing effort is not the actual Census itself; it will last through approximately mid-October. Census Day is April 1, 2020. For more information, check out the frequently asked questions section of the Maricopa County-area website that is devoted to the Census: [www.iCount2020.info](http://www.iCount2020.info).

## EVENTS

### SEPT. 20

The Gallery at TCA holds a free opening reception from 6-9 p.m. for the exhibition Myths, Maps & Legends.

[TempeCenterfortheArts.com/TCAGallery](http://TempeCenterfortheArts.com/TCAGallery)

### SEPT. 28

The annual Walk for POP at Kiwanis Park raises funds for the Prostate On-Site Project.

[prostatecheckup.org](http://prostatecheckup.org)

### OCT. 12

The Tempe Old Settlers Association will hold its annual gathering for those who have claimed Tempe as home for 30 or more years. 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Arizona Community Church, 9325 S. Rural Road.

### OCT. 25

Tempe Community Action Agency (TCAA) fundraiser for hunger relief, emergency shelter and more is at Big Surf from 6:30 to 9:30 p.m.

[tempeaction.org](http://tempeaction.org)

### OCT. 26

GAIN (Getting Arizona Involved in Neighborhoods) parties happen all over the city from 3-7 p.m. – they're a great to meet your neighbors and form connections.

[tempe.gov/GAIN](http://tempe.gov/GAIN)

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

## Streetcar construction moving along

Nearly half of the track – more than 520 tons of rail – for Tempe Streetcar is in the ground, including along Mill Avenue, around the Gammage Curve and east on Apache Boulevard, as well as parts of Rio Salado Parkway.

When streetcar begins operating in 2021, automobiles will share the lane with streetcar vehicles along much of the route. Drivers and cyclists are getting used to operating in the streetcar lanes now, as track gets installed and traffic lanes are opened. Drivers are encouraged to be aware and use caution when traveling in construction zones. Bicycle and scooter riders should cross tracks at a 60- to 90-degree angle.

As construction continues, remember to support our businesses along the streetcar route. Shop On Tempe gives you discounts and special offers at more than 40 local businesses. To download a Shop On Rewards card, visit [valleymetro.org/tempe-streetcar-business-directory](http://valleymetro.org/tempe-streetcar-business-directory).

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.

## Participate in solid waste rate study

The City Council will be considering a solid waste rate adjustment that, if approved, would begin in January 2020. Changes in the solid waste industry over the past few years have contributed to rising costs associated with recycling. These market realities resulted in the city taking a proactive approach to finding ways to reduce costs and create value for residents. For example, the SMART program (Save Money and Recycle Tempe) was designed to give you choices on managing your household waste to save money. We would like your input in determining what programs and services are the most important as we work towards making additional operational improvements and efficiencies. This also relates to the rates you pay for those services.

Your input is valued and there are opportunities to get informed and offer opinions between September and December. Two of the input options are Solid Waste Rate Study public meetings – they are happening on Oct. 3, at 5:30 p.m., at the Tempe History Museum, and on Oct. 5, at 9:30 a.m., at the Tempe Public Library in Room A. The same material will be available on both dates. Residents also will be able to offer input online from Sept. 23 to Oct. 7. More information can be found at [tempe.gov/SolidWasteRateStudy](http://tempe.gov/SolidWasteRateStudy).



## 2019 Bike Hero is named

Dr. Trisalyn Nelson, founder of BikeMaps.org, has been selected as Tempe's 2019 Bike Hero for her contributions in promoting bicycle awareness and making Tempe, Arizona State University and beyond great for biking. Nelson organizes community events intended to promote bicycling as a form of transportation and recreational activity.

Her advocacy for bicycle safety extends beyond Tempe's borders. She founded BikeMaps.org after a near-miss bicycling incident. BikeMaps.org collects crowdsourced data to identify where crashes, near misses, hazards and bike thefts take place. Find more information on biking in Tempe at [tempe.gov/bike](http://tempe.gov/bike).

## Five ways to cozy up to fall

Temps may not be crisp and leaves may not be crunching, but fall is on the way! Check out these fun things to do.



### BALLET UNDER THE STARS

Let the graceful dancers do all the work while you relax with family and friends at 7 p.m. on Sept. 12 at the Tempe Arts Park next to Tempe Center for the Arts. [balletaz.org](http://balletaz.org)

### BOO TO YOU!

The annual Halloween Carnival comes to Kiwanis Park on Oct. 26, from 5-9 p.m. [tempe.gov/FamilyFun](http://tempe.gov/FamilyFun)

### MOVIES IN THE PARK

Free family movies at Kiwanis Park around 6 p.m. on Oct. 4, 11 and 18. Bring blankets and dinner! [tempe.gov/FamilyFun](http://tempe.gov/FamilyFun)

### FALL ARTS & CRAFTS BOUTIQUE

Pyle Adult Recreation Center's annual shopping-palooza is Oct. 25, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., and Oct. 26, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. [tempe.gov/FamilyFun](http://tempe.gov/FamilyFun)

### TEMPE BOOK FESTIVAL

On Nov. 2, more than 50 local authors, book sellers and publishers will be at Tempe Public Library. [tempepubliclibrary.org/BookFestival](http://tempepubliclibrary.org/BookFestival)

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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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## College Connect returns with free guidance

Tempe's College Connect program connects students and parents to the resources they need to fulfill their dreams of post-secondary education. Participants can attend free workshops and group sessions and meet one-on-one with college experts. Topics include applying for college, paying for college, available scholarships, career choice, picking the right high school classes, and more. Workshops will take place at the Tempe Public Library beginning in September. For a full calendar and to schedule a one-on-one appointment, visit [www.CollegeConnectTempe.org](http://www.CollegeConnectTempe.org).

## City urges Arizona to ratify the Equal Rights Amendment

At its July 31 Regular Council Meeting, the Council voted to formally urge the Arizona Legislature to take action and make Arizona the 38th state to ratify the Equal Rights Amendment to the U.S. Constitution.

## Fall water conservation workshops

Residents can register for October and November water conservation workshops at [tempe.gov/conservation](http://tempe.gov/conservation).

## Free swimming at Kiwanis

Enjoy the calm waters at Kiwanis Wave Pool, 6111 S. All-America Way, every Monday through Thursday this fall. Up to two kids age 10 and under are free with one \$4 adult admission. Midday Swim is 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. from September through Dec. 12. Evening Swim is 5-8 p.m. beginning Oct. 1 through Dec. 12. Tempe's three splash pads at Esquer, Jaycee and Hudson parks, along with The Cloud at Kiwanis Park, are free and open daily from 8 a.m. to 10 p.m. through the end of October. Visit [tempe.gov/pools](http://tempe.gov/pools) for more details.

## Nominate someone for a 2020 MLK Diversity Award

Tempe is seeking nominations for its 22nd Annual MLK Diversity Awards. These prestigious awards recognize and honor community members and organizations who selflessly work towards inclusiveness while demonstrating the characteristics that

exemplifies the spirit of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Five nominating categories are offered. Nominations must be received by 5 p.m. on Nov. 15. For more information or to obtain a nomination form, visit [tempe.gov/mlk](http://tempe.gov/mlk) or call 480-350-8979. The MLK Diversity Awards will be presented by the Mayor and Council at the annual City of Tempe MLK Diversity Awards Breakfast on Jan. 13, 2020, at The Buttes Resort.

## Golf course reseeding

Tempe's two golf courses will be closed for seasonal reseeding – Oct. 14 to Oct. 27 at Ken McDonald and Oct. 21 to Nov. 3 at Rolling Hills. For more information about Tempe's courses, visit

### October 2019 Mixed Bulk & Green Organics Collection Schedule

Collection Dates	Collection Type
Area A	OCT 7-11
Area B	OCT 14-18
Area C	OCT 21-25
Area D	OCT 28-NOV 1

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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