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City adopts first Climate Action Plan

Tempe has become the second city in Arizona to adopt a Climate Action Plan (CAP), identifying ways to reduce the city's greenhouse gas emissions and prepare for climate change. The City Council voted unanimously Nov. 7 to adopt the plan.

The CAP will create a more sustainable and resilient Tempe by tackling local problems to contribute to global solutions. In 2016, Tempe joined the Global Covenant of Mayors for Climate and Energy to demonstrate our commitment to sustainability. Tempe's first CAP focuses on transportation and energy use because they are main sources of emissions in our community. In addition to reducing emissions, the city is adapting to the changing climate by make sure we are prepared for extreme heat.

City staff wrote the plan with input from a wide and diverse range of community members, local businesses, and the utilities. It outlines the strategies to achieve the greenhouse gas reduction.

Tempe's CAP serves as a roadmap for how the city prepares for and responds to climate change. The plan is a 60-page document that focuses on the specific activities that the city and the community will take to reduce greenhouse gas emissions and adapt to climate change.

Alongside the CAP, Tempe has been taking steps to embed sustainability into municipal operations. One of the city's measures is to achieve carbon neutrality in municipal operations by 2050, with a strategy of using 100 percent renewable electricity sources by 2035. Tempe moved towards carbon neutrality by investing in the Johnny G. Martinez Water Treatment Plant Solar Project. Over 2,000 solar panels at the plant supply 25 percent of the power needed for that facility. This effort helped Tempe to attain 10 percent of municipal electricity from clean sources. Tempe can build upon that success by taking climate action into the community.

Tempe will begin to work on an update to the CAP throughout 2020 for presentation to the City Council in fall 2021. The update will continue to build upon the 2019 CAP to achieve our performance measures and goals in an inclusive manner. The CAP 2021 update will be guided by several principles: fiscal responsibility; enterprise; equity and engagement; and effectiveness and evidence.



City's 7th fire station opens

Hundreds of neighbors turned out in November to celebrate the completion of Fire Medical Rescue Station 7, which will serve residents in southeast Tempe. The station is projected to respond to a significant amount of calls each year while greatly reducing response times. It has three bays for firetrucks and solar panels that provide 50 percent of its power. Learn more at tempe.gov/Station7.



Candidates certified for March 10 election

City Clerk Carla Reece has certified that two Mayoral candidates and five City Council candidates will be on the March 10, 2020 election ballot.

As of the Nov. 11 filing deadline, certified candidates for Mayor are Mark Mitchell and Corey Woods. Certified candidates for City Councilmember (three seats) are Casey Clowes, Doreen Garlid, Randy Keating, Joel Navarro and Marc Norman. Elected candidates will be sworn in to four-year terms in July 2020.

Prospective candidates were required to submit nomination paperwork and petitions containing between 763 and 1,524 valid signatures. Nomination petitions and paperwork are subject to legal challenge.

This will be Tempe's second Ballot by Mail election, which means that every registered voter will automatically get a ballot. Register to vote by Feb. 10. Ballots will be mailed starting Feb. 12 for the March 10 election. Register to vote through the Maricopa County Elections Department at 602-506-1511 or at www.maricopa.vote.

Information about the election can be found at tempe.gov/election. Voters also can call Tempe 311 at 480-350-4311 or email clerk@tempe.gov.

Weigh in on new transit shelters

Tempe is working on keeping it cool for transit users with new shelter designs. Residents and transit users are encouraged to attend public meetings to view and provide feedback on proposed shelter designs on Jan. 18 from 9-11 a.m. and Jan. 21 from 6-8 p.m. at the Tempe Transportation Center, 200 E. Fifth St. Tempe is looking for a design with at least three different size options that will be able to maximize shade and passenger comfort and visibility, while incorporating sustainable strategies and materials. For more information, or to provide online input Jan. 18-Feb. 18, visit tempe.gov/TransitShelters.

MLK Diversity Awards

Tempe strives to be a city where every person is included, has equal opportunities to excel and is treated with respect. Each year, the City of Tempe recognizes those who help us reach that goal with the MLK Diversity Awards. This year's event takes place at 7:30 a.m. on Jan. 17 at Tempe Marriott on the Buttes, 2000 Westcourt Way. The 22nd Annual event includes breakfast, entertainment and a keynote speech by Erica Maxwell, Arizona Department of Education's first-ever Associate Superintendent of Equity, Diversity and Inclusion. RSVP is required. For more details, visit tempe.gov/mlk.

Homeless outreach specialist awarded



Kelly Denman, a homeless outreach specialist with the City of Tempe, has been honored with a statewide award for excellence for

her dedication to connecting people in need with housing and services.

Denman, a member of the city's HOPE team, received the Kevin Collins Award for Excellence in Direct Service from the Arizona Housing Coalition in October. Denman is grateful to be recognized by the coalition.

Tempe hired Denman as its first homeless outreach specialist in 2016 and she now works with a three-person team that assists hundreds of individuals each year. The HOPE team is an integral piece of the city's efforts to prevent and end homelessness. For more information about Tempe's homeless-related efforts, visit tempe.gov/EndingHomelessness.

Donate cold-weather items

As temperatures dip, the city's HOPE team is accepting donations of small fleece blankets and cold-weather items such as jackets, hats, gloves and scarves for people experiencing homelessness. The items must be new as the team is unable to launder used items. Team members distribute the items to individuals and families and use the opportunity to engage them in services. Donations can be dropped off between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. Monday through Friday at the Human Services Department located on the second floor of the Tempe Public Library, 3500 S. Rural Road.

EVENTS

DEC. 26-30

Jump right in to holiday theme days at Kiwanis Wave Pool. tempe.gov/Kiwanis

JAN. 9 & 11

Offer input at public meetings for Tempe's parks and recreation master plan. tempe.gov/parks

JAN. 24

Tempe Instagrammys 2020 awards the work of local photographers. 6 p.m. at Tempe Center for the Arts. tempe.gov/TempeInstagrammys

JAN. 25

Grab your cape and join the Tempe Public Library for a celebration of comics and pop culture at Tempe FanCon. tempepubliclibrary.org/FanCon

JAN. 25

Annual Regional Unity Walk around Tempe Town Lake. Arrive at 4:30 p.m. for festival at Tempe Beach Park. tempe.gov/UnityWalk

Full events calendar at tempe.gov!

Join Jennifer in 85284

Each quarter, Councilmember Jennifer Adams hosts a conversation event in one of Tempe's four zip codes. Anyone from anywhere in Tempe is welcome but topics for the winter meetup will focus on 85284. Join Jennifer is at 6 p.m. on Thursday, Jan. 9, at Arizona Community Church, 9325 S. Rural Road. For more information on Adams' service in Tempe, visit tempe.gov/adams. For questions about the event, reach out to Alex Chin at alex_chin@tempe.gov or 480-350-8545.

Intersection improvement public meetings

To advance its Vision Zero goal of eliminating traffic fatalities and serious injury crashes, Tempe is looking to improve the intersections at Rural Road and University Drive and at Rural Road and Rio Salado Parkway. The proposed improvements aim to increase capacity and enhance safety. Improvements include additional turn lanes, new traffic signals, updated sidewalk ramps (ADA) and improved transit stops.

Residents are encouraged to attend either of two public meetings on Wednesday, Jan. 22, from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Tempe Transportation Center, 200 E. Fifth St., and on Saturday, Jan. 25, from 9 to 10:30 a.m. at the North Tempe Multi-Generational Center, 1555 N. Bridalwreath St. Online comment will be available Jan. 22 until Feb. 14 at tempe.gov/VisionZero.

Neighborhood Day at the State Legislature

Residents are invited to join the Mayor and City Council for Neighborhood Day at the State Legislature on Wednesday, Jan. 29, from 8:30 to 10:30 a.m., at the Arizona State Senate, 1700 W. Washington St., in Phoenix. Meet our state legislators, learn about Tempe's approach to representing the city at the Legislature, and take a self-guided tour of the Capitol. Confirm your spot with the city's Neighborhood Services Division at tempe.gov/neighborhoods or 480-350-8234. Free parking is available at the League of Arizona Cities and Towns, 1820 W. Washington St., Phoenix. Policy changes at the state can affect resources, activities and operations in Tempe so it's important to stay informed. Find your state legislators and their contact information at www.azleg.gov/findmylegistrator/.

Solid waste pickup days are changing

Your trash and recycling pickup day is changing the week of Feb. 3, 2020. Schedules are changing for all city residential customers. Information is available at tempe.gov/SMART or by calling Tempe 311 at 480-350-4311.

Recycle your holiday tree

The city offers two locations where trees can be dropped off for free 24 hours a day, seven days a week through Jan. 30:

- Compost Yard, 1001 N. Rio Road, at the intersection of Rio Salado Parkway and Hardy Drive
- Kiwanis Park Recreation Center, 6111 W. All-America Way (parking lot on west side)

Before dropping off trees, remove tree stands and nails, ornaments, lights, garland and tinsel. The trees will be chipped and recycled into compost. For more information, call 480-350-4311, or visit tempe.gov/SMART.

5 ways to ace your resolutions

Your city can help with some of the most popular New Year's resolutions.



EXERCISE MORE

From Zumba to yoga, gymnastics to karate, Tempe has classes for all ages and stages. tempe.gov/brochure

LEARN SOMETHING NEW

Ready for a new hobby? Interested in trying a new sport? Tempe's got you covered with low-cost enrichment opportunities. tempe.gov/brochure

VOLUNTEER

Ready to give back? Whether you want to adopt a street (tempe.gov/adopt) or become a mentor (tempe.gov/volunteer), Tempe needs you.

GO OUTSIDE

Did you know Tempe has more than 50 parks and 26 miles of multi-use paths? Enjoy the outdoors while you can! tempe.gov/parks

BE MORE GREEN

Dump the pump and hop on a free Orbit to get around town (tempe.gov/orbit). Get a free water audit and find out how to save water and money (tempe.gov/waterconservation).

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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Holiday solid waste collection schedule

If your normal pickup day falls on Wednesday, Dec. 25, or Wednesday, Jan. 1, that will not change – there will be no alternate days. All other collection days this holiday season will remain the same. You can always call Tempe 311 (480-350-4311) if you have questions or visit tempe.gov/SMART.

Nominate a great neighbor

Nominations are being accepted through Feb. 19 for the city's annual Neighborhood Awards. Categories include Neighbor of the Year, Property Beautification, Alley Upkeep and more. Nominees and winners will be celebrated at the 2020 State of the Neighborhoods Awards and Workshops on Saturday, April 4, at the Tempe History Museum, 809 E. Southern Ave. For nomination forms and event information, visit tempe.gov/StateoftheNeighborhoods.

Know someone who makes a difference through arts and culture?

Nominations are being accepted through Jan. 31 for the city's second annual Arts & Culture Awards, which recognize people who make a difference through the arts. Nominate someone for visual arts and performing arts, a cultural event, history and heritage activities, or leadership that supports arts and culture. Criteria and submission information are at tempe.gov/arts. Award recipients will be announced at the State of the Neighborhoods event in April 2020.

Barking dog ordinance changes

The City Council recently approved a change in the City Code regarding nuisance barking. After receiving a second complaint, a petition signed by two neighbor witnesses – instead of the previous three – will be required to move the enforcement process forward, and only one of the witnesses would need to appear in court. Details may be found at tempe.gov/code under Section 21.3 (b).

Temporary changes in rail schedule for Streetcar

At the end of December, crews will begin connecting the existing light rail track at Mill Avenue/3rd Street and Ash Avenue/3rd Street

with the new streetcar track. In order to accommodate this work, light rail trains will be spaced farther apart and will operate on an adjusted schedule. From Dec. 21 through Jan. 5, trains will arrive at platforms every 24 minutes. People transferring between rail and bus will need to keep this frequency change in mind when planning their transit trips. To view the full schedule, visit valleymetro.org/pardonourprogress. To receive weekly Tempe Streetcar construction notifications, contact Jordan Brackett at jbrackett@valleymetro.org. Visit valleymetro.org/tempestreetcar to view the latest project information.

January 2020 Mixed Bulk Collection Schedule

	Collection Dates	Collection Type
Area E	JAN 6-9	BULK TRASH
Area F	JAN 13-16	and GREEN
Area G	JAN 20-23	GREEN
Area H	JAN 27-JAN 30	ORGANICS

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 480-350-4311

