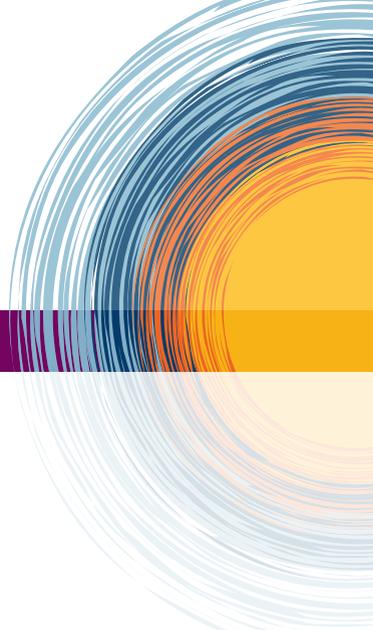




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2020 U. S. Census

Every Tempe household will receive a letter in the mail in mid-March, letting you know that it's time to respond to the 2020 U.S. Census. It's easy, secure and important to be counted! For the first time, the questionnaire can be filled out online, along with by phone. It is only nine questions about who is living in your household. Personally identifying information is never revealed. By law, it's confidential and will not be shared with any state or federal agency. Look for the letter and respond online using the unique access code meant just for your household. The Tempe Public Library has many computers open for public use to complete the Census online. For more information, visit tempe.gov/Census.

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Find services, volunteering opportunities at Human Services Day

Join the City of Tempe and Tempe Community Council March 21 for the annual Tempe Human Services Day – it's all about connecting those in need with those who care. The day includes Care Fair Tempe, featuring resource booths and on-site services, as well as activities provided by the City of Tempe's Human Services Department. The event is happening from 9 a.m. to noon at the Tempe Community Complex, 3500 S. Rural Road.



Find out how the city and TCC are working to enhance the lives of individuals and families through a broad range of inclusive services and programs. More than 50 local nonprofits and service providers will be on hand. Come learn about available assistance or explore opportunities to volunteer.

We are looking for nonprofit organizations, food vendors, qualified presenters and volunteers to participate in Human Services Day – visit www.tempehumanservicesday.org for more information.

The city and TCC support Tempe residents through an array of services and programs that address affordable housing, homelessness, aging, education, crisis services and more. For details, visit tempe.gov/HumanServices and www.tempecommunitycouncil.org.

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2020 State of the Neighborhoods and Awards is April 4

It's a new decade, and we're creating a new and improved format for Tempe's annual State of the Neighborhoods awards. Join us to find out how to brew strong connections with other Tempeans. Good coffee and interactive fun are in store.

You can also help by nominating a great neighbor for one of the awards. Nominations are being accepted through Feb. 19. 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 at the Tempe History Museum, 809 E. Southern Ave. For nomination forms and event information, visit tempe.gov/StateoftheNeighborhoods.

Annual Dementia Friendly Tempe Summit

The 2020 Dementia Friendly Tempe Summit brings together a dynamic panel of experts – including those living with dementia and their caregivers – to share the latest to Live Well (with Dementia). You are invited to this free community event on Saturday, March 28, from 10 a.m. to noon, at the Edward Jones Training Center, 8333 S. River Parkway, in Tempe.

There is emerging good news about the role of future treatments and a healthy lifestyle in treating and delaying the onset of dementia's symptoms. Please register at <https://agefriendlytempe.eventbrite.com> to secure your seat at the summit, or call 480-350-8534. Walk-ins are welcome if space is available. Respite care is for a loved one with dementia is provided free of charge if you reserve in advance.

Connecting with Kuby

Join Vice Mayor Lauren Kuby for a cup of coffee or tea and the opportunity to talk about what you care about most in our city. She'll be in Connections Cafe at Tempe Public Library, 3500 S. Rural Road, the last Saturday of most months from 1-4 p.m. The first 20 minutes will cover a topic and then the events are open for any other conversations. The next two events take place Feb. 29 and March 28. These are free opportunities and open to everyone. Drop in any time with your Tempe-related questions, compliments and concerns. For questions, reach out to Kristin Gwinn, 480-350-8507, or kristin_gwinn@tempe.gov To learn more about Kuby's service to Tempe, visit tempe.gov/kuby.

Geeks Night Out is March 18



Discover the science at the 8th annual Geeks Night Out on Wednesday, March 18, from

4:30 to 7:30 p.m., at the Tempe Community Complex, 3500 S. Rural Road. Tempe's signature Arizona SciTech Festival event is presented by State Farm and blends science, technology, engineering, arts and math (STEAM). The free event showcases everything from robotics and solar-powered race cars to science experiments and coding exercises. There will be live entertainment, food trucks, eSports and more. For more information, visit tempe.gov/geeks.

EVENTS

FEB. 7

Every Friday from Feb. 7 to May 1, it's Free Art Friday at the Edna Vihel Arts Center!

tempe.gov/FamilyFun

FEB. 11, 19, 22

City budget public input meetings at various locations. Offer your input for the 2020-21 fiscal year budget.

tempe.gov/BudgetPlan

FEB. 26

Free business workshops provided by the city featuring experts on various topics. 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Tempe History Museum.

tempe.gov/EconomicDevelopment

FEB. 26, MARCH 24

Information sessions for older adults interested in volunteering for the city's AARP Foundation Experience Corps program for youth literacy.

tempe.gov/ExperienceCorps

MARCH 6

Tempe kicks off the annual celebration of Hayden's Ferry Days with dinners, galas, festivals, tours and teas.

tempe.gov/MuseumEvents

Full events calendar at tempe.gov!

Country Club Way public meetings

Join Tempe at one of two public meetings for the Country Club Way Streetscape project to view preliminary design alternatives and learn about opportunities and constraints of Phase I, spanning from the U.S. 60 to Warner Road, on March 18, from 6-7:30 p.m., and March 21, from 9-10:30 a.m. Phase I will include public art, landscaping, enhanced sidewalks and bikeways.

Once completed, the Country Club Way Streetscape project will be about seven miles long, spanning from Tempe Town Lake to Warner Road. The project will connect to several regional multi-use paths, bicycle and pedestrian corridors, schools, parks and transit. For more information, or to comment online March 18 through April 6, visit tempe.gov/CountryClubWayPath.

Streetcar project on track

Tempe Streetcar construction remains on track. The first phase of work tying streetcar tracks to light rail tracks was completed in early 2020, and construction of Tempe's first roundabout at Ash Avenue and Rio Salado Parkway will be completed at the end of February. In March, crews will be working on the next phase of system integration to tie streetcar tracks into the light rail tracks on Apache Boulevard at Dorsey Lane. In order to complete the work as efficiently as possible, crews will be working 24/7 and the Valley Metro Rail schedule will be adjusted from March 7 to 9.

Visit www.valleymetro.org/pardonourprogress for more information about the temporary light rail schedule during this work and www.valleymetro.org/tempestreetcar for information about the streetcar project. Email Jordan Brackett at jbrackett@valleymetro.org to receive weekly emails with the latest information on the Tempe Streetcar project.

Remember to check out the latest deals when you Shop On the Tempe Streetcar route. Visit www.valleymetro.org/shopon to save at unique shops and restaurants.

March 10 city election

Tempe has an all-mail election on March 10 to fill the Mayoral seat and three City Council seats. Each registered voter will automatically receive a ballot in the mail for the city election.

To avoid voter confusion, the Maricopa County Recorder's Office and the Maricopa County Elections Department have an important message for registered Democrats in Tempe who are on the Permanent Early Voting List. Those Democratic voters will receive two ballots and this is not an error. The city election is March 10 and the envelope of that ballot will have a prominent black stripe – it must be returned by 7 p.m. on March 10. The national Presidential Preference Election will have a separate ballot for registered Democrats on the Permanent Early Voting List and its envelope will have a prominent red stripe – that ballot must be returned by 7 p.m. March 17. Both envelopes are green.

The Republican party in Arizona is not having a Presidential Preference Election prior to the 2020 Presidential Election in November.

All voters should be aware that your ballot will now have ovals, rather than arrows, that you fill in to make your selections.

Access any information about the Tempe election at tempe.gov/election or by calling Tempe 311 at 480-350-4311.

A change in the Earth's orbit

Tempe is exploring a potential change to the Orbit Earth route to better serve new activity centers near Rural Road and Playa Del Norte Drive. Pending community response, the changes would be implemented in October 2020.

Public meetings to gather resident and rider feedback are scheduled for Wednesday, March 18, from 5:30-7 p.m., at Aloft, 951 E. Playa Del Norte Drive, and Saturday, March 21, from 9-10:30 a.m. at North Tempe Multi-Generational Center, 1555 N. Bridalwreath St. Online input will be open March 18 through April 1. Find more information at tempe.gov/orbit.



Spring training in Tempe

Take in a Los Angeles Angels game at beautiful Tempe Diablo Stadium as spring training begins on Feb. 22. Nothing beats a day at the ball park, where you can see your favorite players play and even interact with some and they enter and leave the field. This year's season boasts matchups with the Diamondbacks, Giants, Cubs, Dodgers and Padres. Visit tempe.gov/diablo for a full schedule and ticket information and don't miss the charity game against the Cincinnati Reds on Tuesday, Feb. 25.

Tempe City Council



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Councilmember

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Councilmember

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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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Give your input on Town Lake-area recreation ideas

In fall 2018, Tempe adopted the Rio Salado and Beach Park Master Plan, which provides a planning blueprint for the next 20 to 30 years. In November 2019, the city issued an invitation for businesses to submit ideas for indoor and outdoor recreation opportunities. This March, we need your feedback. Mark your calendars for March 24 for two public meeting opportunities to provide input on the concepts that have been submitted. Visit tempe.gov/parks for meeting times and locations, a link to an online survey beginning March 24 and the master plan.

Heed 'No Burn Day' warnings

The Arizona Department of Environmental Quality (ADEQ) regularly conducts tests on particulate matter (PM) to ensure our air quality meets federal and state guidelines. On days when PM is expected to be too high, a health watch or high pollution advisory is issued, resulting in a No Burn Day. Residents are not allowed to burn wood in their fireplaces, stoves, chimneys and fire pits on these days. Gas or electric fireplaces are fine to use. Check out tempe.gov/AirQuality and visit www.cleanairmakemore.com to sign up for No Burn Day alerts.

Provide input on the future of the Tempe Public Library

Are you a lover of the library? Or maybe you haven't checked it out recently, but would for the right program. Tempe Public Library wants your input on future programs and offerings. Share your thoughts by taking an online survey from Jan. 20 through March 1 at tempe.gov/forum. Your input will be used to help shape the library's five-year strategic plan beginning in 2020. For more information on all the Tempe Public Library has to offer, visit tempepubliclibrary.org.

Disability Awards

Since 1988, the City of Tempe has proudly acknowledged the accomplishments of exceptional individuals with disabilities,

employers who have demonstrated a strong commitment to employing people with disabilities, and others who have shown dedication for improving the quality of life for all Tempe residents at the annual Tempe Mayor's Disability Awards. This year's awards will take place on April 28 at Tempe Center for the Arts. Nominations are being accepted through March 27 for amazing people and businesses. Details are available at tempe.gov/DisabilityAwards.

March 2020 Mixed Bulk & Green Organics Collection Schedule

Area	Collection Dates	Collection Type
Area E	Mar 2-5	BULK TRASH & GREEN ORGANICS
Area F	Mar 9-12	
Area G	Mar 16-19	
Area H	Mar 23-26	

Items may be placed for collection **no earlier than 10 days prior** and **no later than 6 a.m.** on Monday of your collection week

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