

Tempe Today

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Making Waves in the Desert

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Corey Woods



Doreen Garlid

Mayor-Elect and Councilmembers take oath of office July 2

Mayor-Elect Corey Woods and Councilmembers-Elect Doreen Garlid, Randy Keating and Joel Navarro are scheduled to take the oath of office on Thursday, July 2, at 6 p.m. Their four-year terms will begin after this ceremony.

If public gatherings are allowed at that point in the coronavirus pandemic, an in-person ceremony will be held in the Tempe City Council Chambers, 31 E. Fifth St., and community members would be invited to attend. The audience may be limited so that physical distancing, state and CDC guidelines can be followed.

If gatherings are not possible or advisable by July 2, the live ceremony will be available virtually for anyone to watch via Tempe 11 at tempe.gov/tempe11, on channels 11 or 1011 for Cox subscribers, and on Century Link 8012. To verify the ceremony information closer to the event date, the agenda will be posted at tempe.gov/MeetingAgendas.

Details about the full City Council are at tempe.gov/elected.



Randy Keating



Joel Navarro

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iCount 2020

The 2020 U.S. Census is ongoing. You can still mail in your paper questionnaire or choose the online or phone options in 13 languages. The Census Bureau re-starts outreach work in June and on Aug. 11, Census takers begin knocking on the doors of non-responsive households. Take the Census today to skip the in-person interview. Find out about your response options at tempe.gov/census.

City carefully plans to re-open

Tempe continues to respond to the coronavirus pandemic, including planning on re-opening facilities and restoring services with community members and employees in mind. The city has identified Monday, June 15, as the target date for re-opening city facilities, including community centers, the Tempe Public Library, the compost yard and Household Products Collection Center. Some city programs and services may restart after this date. For the latest information, visit tempe.gov/coronavirus or call Tempe 311 at 480-350-4311.

Editor's note: This issue of Tempe Today went to print on May 18 and is mailed throughout June. Please excuse any information that may be outdated by the time you receive this newsletter. For the latest information on the city's coronavirus response, visit tempe.gov/coronavirus.

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Are you monsoon-ready?

Steer clear of the storm with help from the City of Tempe. As monsoon season approaches in June, residents are encouraged to take precautions and be prepared in case of severe weather. Here are just a few tips to help you stay safe and prepare for before, during and after storms:



- Clear debris from roof gutters and downspouts.
- Trim trees, especially those close to the house, to help prevent breakage and uprooting.
- Pretreat pools with chlorine shock to help prevent algae growth.
- Keep storm drains and gutters clear of debris. City crews are checking and clearing storm drains to allow rainwater to drain as efficiently as possible; residents can help by clearing any debris from the gutters adjacent to their property.
- Pack a three-day bag of supplies, including clothes and medications, in case of emergencies.
- Keep pets indoors when storms are predicted.

Check out our Monsoon Prep Checklist for more tips on what to do before, during and after a storm to keep your family and property safe and secure. Visit tempe.gov/monsoons or call 480-350-4311 for more information.

Keep stormwater system safe during monsoon season

Monsoon season officially starts June 15. With the arrival of summer monsoons, residents are urged to take steps to protect the stormwater system and the environment by avoiding use of pesticides, herbicides, fertilizers and other outdoor chemical products when rain is likely.

When it rains, excess fertilizer, pesticides, oil, gasoline and other chemicals can wash off lawns and driveways, creating the potential to pollute Tempe's lakes and drinking water aquifers. Residents can keep these products from ending up in the stormwater by avoiding use when rain is likely, properly storing them under cover and cleaning up spills immediately after they occur.

Making sure that only rain goes in the storm drains ensures that the water supply remains clean and safe. For tips and more information, visit tempe.gov/stormwater.

Prepare for monsoons with flood insurance

Monsoon storms are unpredictable and can cause devastating flood damage to homes, businesses and other properties. Structures located in or near a floodplain are at greatest risk of experiencing a flood and sustaining damage.

The City of Tempe is one of 20,000 cities nationwide that participate in the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP). Tempe adopted and enforces floodplain management ordinances to reduce flood damage risk. In exchange, the NFIP makes federally backed flood insurance available to homeowners, renters and business owners in our community.

For more information or to find out if your property is located in or near a floodplain, visit tempe.gov/floodplain or call Tempe 311 at 480-350-4311. If you are interested in purchasing flood insurance, contact your personal insurance carrier for coverage and pricing.

Supporting businesses through crisis

To help struggling local businesses during this unprecedented time, the City of Tempe and Desert Financial Credit Union have developed a first-of-its-kind program for Tempe-based companies, creating the \$1 million Tempe Small Business Emergency Loan Program.

Tempe businesses that employ under 50 people may be eligible for microloans of between \$5,000 and \$20,000. Home-based businesses are not eligible for this program. The intent is to help local companies overcome the financial challenges that coronavirus has caused.

The program could serve as many as 200 eligible companies. Loans are awarded on a first-come, first-serve basis to qualified applicants. The first payment for these loans is deferred for 90 days to help businesses get back on their feet.

The program will end either within three months or when the total guaranteed amount is loaned, whichever comes first. Businesses can get started by phone at 602-335-6318 or at www.desertfinancial.com/TempeLoanProgram. For additional services or assistance, reach out to Jill Buschbacher, Tempe Economic Development Program Manager at jill_buschbacher@tempe.gov.

Free parenting discussions and one-on-one support

Are you struggling to balance working from home and your child's education? Are there new stressors in life impacting your parenting? You're not alone. Triple P (Positive Parenting Program) is here to help with free support services.

Triple P classes normally happen face to face. But the City of Tempe Human Services Department, in partnership with Tempe Community Council, is now offering its Triple P program on a virtual platform. Parenting experts with Triple P are available to support parents and caregivers of:

- Children ages 0 – 12, in English and Spanish
- Teens ages 13 – 16
- Children with diagnosed disabilities

Triple P is hosting a range of discussions on managing stress and parenting during the COVID-19 pandemic. Topics include: Taking care of yourself, helping your child build resilience, the importance of routines, and planning interesting things to do. There are multiple dates planned through August. In addition, parents can schedule one-on-one consultations. Learn more at tempe.gov/TripleP.

Stay cool. Stay hydrated. Stay informed.

Arizona's heat can be deadly for those experiencing homelessness, the elderly and households without access to adequate air conditioning.

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, many of the regional heat relief centers are not open. In response, the city has opened what we're calling the Cahill Cooling Center, a heat relief effort at Cahill Senior Center, 715 W. Fifth St., from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. daily. The Salvation Army is also operating a heat relief center, 40 E. University Drive, that is open 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. when excessive heat warnings are in place.

"We want everyone to keep themselves and their pets safe, drink water, check in on vulnerable folks, stay informed and ask for help if they need it," said Tempe Mayor Mark Mitchell. Tempe Community Action Agency offers financial assistance with utility bills to eligible households. Learn more at tempeaction.org or by calling 480-422-8922.

The City of Tempe can provide assistance with emergency air conditioning repairs to income-eligible households. Learn more at tempe.gov/Housing or by calling 480-350-8950.

If you are a renter in Tempe, you are entitled by city ordinance to working air conditioning. Contact your management company or landlord to resolve any issues. If needed, file a complaint with the city's Code Enforcement division through Tempe 311 at 480-350-4311.

Residents can find information about heat relief at tempe.gov/HeatRelief.

Gallery at TCA's annual Draw-A-Thon goes digital

The Gallery at TCA's annual Draw-A-Thon will be hosted digitally this year. On Saturday, June 20, from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m., the interactive community event will be a free, live stream, virtual experience you can watch anywhere with your phone, tablet or computer. Enjoy interactive family, teen and adult workshops, demonstrations, and open studio opportunities with local artists. A free Draw-A-Thon coloring book featuring artwork by 10 Arizona artists will be free and available for download in time for the event. For more information, visit tempecenterforthearts.com/drawathon.

Domestic violence resources available for those in need

For many of us, staying at home during the pandemic has been critical to staying healthy and safe. But there are some in our community who are not safe. Domestic violence calls have increased dramatically in Tempe and across the nation.

During this challenging and isolating time, some victims are unable to leave their homes. They are unable to connect with family, friends and co-workers. They are unable to seek out help – whether from police or victim advocates.

But resources are available in our community. In addition to calling 911, which may be unsafe, victims can text 911 for emergencies. This allows victims to communicate with police without fear of conversations being overheard. Find out how to use this option at azmag.gov/newsroom.

Connect with one of our CARE 7 victim advocates by calling 480-350-8004. Our team of specialists is here as a confidential resource to help with safety planning, counseling and assistance navigating the court system. If you think someone is in danger or suspect violence in a home, call the Tempe Police Department non-emergency number 480-350-8311, or 911 for an emergency.

The City of Tempe is committed to helping our community stay healthy and safe during the pandemic and beyond. For more information about our CARE 7 crisis response program, go to tempe.gov/CARE7.

Tempe City Council



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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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State of the Neighborhoods 2020 rescheduled

Due to coronavirus impacts and closures, Tempe has postponed the April 4 State of the Neighborhoods event. Plans are in the works to hold a virtual State of the Neighborhoods event on Saturday, June 27, at 9 a.m. For more information on how to participate and watch online, visit tempe.gov/StateOfTheNeighborhoods.

Emergency grants awarded

The Tempe Community Foundation (TCF) in collaboration with Tempe Community Council (TCC) has awarded \$50,000 in emergency grants to help five agencies in Tempe continue to provide services during the COVID-19 pandemic. The emergency grants are part of an ongoing commitment by both organizations to support human services in Tempe. Grants were awarded to: Tempe Community Action Agency (TCAA); Tempe Salvation Army; Mountain Park Health Center (Tempe location); HOPE, the City of Tempe's homeless outreach program; and Tempe YMCA. Funds will be used to purchase food, disinfectant wipes and diapers for families in need, cleaning supplies, bus passes, emergency shelter nights and childcare for essential workers with low incomes. For more information, visit tempecommunitycouncil.org.

Zero Waste Day is scheduled for July 25 **CANCELLED**

Tempe residents can recycle anything that won't fit in the blue bin for free at Tempe's Zero Waste Day on Saturday, July 25, from 7 a.m. to 1 p.m., at the Tempe Fire Training Facility, 1340 E. University Drive. Visit tempe.gov/ZeroWaste for a list of accepted items and to learn more about how these items are recycled at Tempe's Household Products Collection Center.

Learn landscape watering best practices online

Tempe is offering live online workshops on sustainable landscape practices that save water, money and the planet. Workshop topics include Landscape Watering 101, Rainwater Harvesting, Veggie Gardening, and Tree Pruning. Visit tempe.gov/conservation and select "Workshops" for a full schedule.

Please don't overload your trash bin

Keep your neighborhood litter-free by not overloading your trash bins. All trash should be bagged and tied. All bags should fit inside your trash bin so that the lid completely closes. This simple rule ensures that trash does not fall on the ground when the truck dumps it.

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 your solid waste services, visit tempe.gov/SMART.

July 2020 Mixed Bulk & Green Organics Collection Schedule

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

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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