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Tempe pursues new initiative to create opportunity for all

The Tempe City Council has agreed to explore the formulation of a plan to address opportunity gaps in underserved families that put the city's youth at risk.

The aim is to evaluate and address some of the underlying, systemic issues that are the root causes of underserving and disenfranchising communities of color, especially youth. The idea, being dubbed as "The Right to Breathe," was recommended by the city's Office of Strategic Management and Diversity after discussions with the City Council-appointed Human Relations Commission and African-American Advisory Board. It was conceived during the course of discussions with the city's advisory groups following the horrific killing of George Floyd in Minneapolis at the hands of four police officers.

In the recent past, Tempe has experienced tragic and high-profile incidents involving people of color. Therefore, the Mayor and City Council believe that these local and national events have compelled them to act to find Tempe-specific ideas to combat systemic racism in all areas of our community.

The City Council will soon consider a contract to hire a consultant, selected through a competitive process, to perform a "failure analysis." This examination will attempt to identify data and factors that contribute to negative outcomes for youth in Tempe, ranging from truancy to police encounters. It will analyze the impacts of factors like poverty, racism, lack of access to education and healthcare, substance abuse, mental health, childhood traumas and more.

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Reopening Tempe

Tempe is carefully reopening city operations, with the health and safety of employees and residents of utmost importance. In June, several facilities and services reopened for residents. Others are reopening when CDC coronavirus gating criteria are met; until then, the city continues to be vigilant about analyzing data and trends. We look forward to welcoming residents back in person – city employees have missed seeing the community members we serve! Visit tempe.gov/reopening for updated information.

2020-21 city budget

Conversations with the community, employees and City Council about the fiscal year 2020-21 budget took place through June and were anticipated to continue into July. The new fiscal year starts July 1. The coronavirus pandemic has prompted economic impacts in Tempe and around the country. In Tempe, we are seeing reduced tax revenues of various kinds. City departments proposed budget adjustments in order to accommodate expected lower revenues during 2020-21.

You can stay up to date about budget planning by visit tempe.gov/BudgetPlan.

Editor's note: This issue of Tempe Today went to print on June 15 and is mailed throughout July. 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 and reopening of city facilities, visit tempe.gov/reopening.

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The resulting analysis is expected to point to specific issues and gaps where the city can address the systemic problems that affect its youth. With community brainstorming around these issues, to include school districts, non-profit groups, our faith-based community and others, a comprehensive plan to address opportunity gaps will be developed. City employee groups and departments also will review this plan and contribute to suggested actions.

The Right to Breathe initiative is one of several actions the Council is taking. For more information about Tempe's diversity and inclusion efforts, visit tempe.gov/diversity.

Back to school resources

The new school year is right around the corner and, although it may look different this year due to COVID-19, Tempe has teamed up with local schools and community partners to provide resources for students and families. Students from pre-school through graduate school can access tips and information on student safety, educational resources, transportation options and opportunities to get involved in the community.

The Arizona Department of Education posted new guidance and suggestions for reopening Arizona's public schools amid COVID-19. Find resources for educators, families and students at azed.gov.

Learn about all available resources on the Tempe Goes Back to School website at tempe.gov/BackToSchool. Follow us on Facebook @CityofTempe and Twitter @TempeGov for more tips and updates.

Get your free Youth Transit Pass

Starting a new school year can be a little hectic – let Tempe help relieve some of the stress with a free Youth Transit Pass! Tempe kids, ages 6 to 18, can ride all local and regional Valley Metro buses and light rail for free with a Youth Transit Pass. Tempe is issuing new transit passes to current and new participants of the program.

The new passes, valid July 1, 2020 through June 30, 2021, can be obtained at the Tempe Transit Store, 200 E. Fifth St., between 8 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday.

To sign up for the pass, bring a parent/guardian and their ID, a copy of the youth's birth certificate, and proof of Tempe residency, such as a utility bill, dated within the last 60 days.

In addition, students who attend Tempe, Marcos de Niza, Compadre and McClintock high schools and live in Tempe can get their pass at the school. To download the registration form and learn more, visit tempe.gov/YouthPass.



Popular summer programs go virtual

Two of Tempe's popular summer programs for youth have gone digital this year. Summer Reading is underway at Tempe Public Library, where kids can track their reading to earn points and prizes. Register at tempepubliclibrary.org/SummerReading.

Tempe History Museum launched a virtual version of Tempe Time Machine, featuring Video Games Through the Decades. Throughout June and July, explore vintage, retro and modern video games with online playable versions. Take part in crafts and activities at home and stay tuned for an announcement about a live game competition later this summer. Weekly themes are announced every Wednesday at tempe.gov/TimeMachine.



Register for summer classes

Several summer classes are now open for online registration. You'll find in-person and virtual options for fitness, arts and culture, sports, adaptive recreation, STEM and special interest camps. Peruse all offerings and register by visiting tempe.gov/play.

In-person classes won't look quite the same, as several safety measures will be put in place to ensure the health and safety of participants. Patrons will notice modified class sizes, physical distancing requirements and thorough sanitizing protocols. Additionally, staff will wear face coverings and temperature checks may be required before classes begin.

New opioid response grant focuses on awareness, prevention

A new opioid response grant awarded to Tempe Coalition will bring together city and nonprofit partners to help reduce rates of prescription drug misuse and abuse in Tempe.

The \$120,000 grant from the Governor's Office of Youth, Faith and Family, focuses on several key strategies, including training for pharmacists, youth prevention support groups and education about how to properly dispose of prescriptions.

Tempe Coalition is a program of Tempe Community Council, a nonprofit partner of the City of Tempe.

Tempe Coalition has convened several city and community partners for an Opioid Short Term Action Team. Partners include Tempe Police Department, Tempe Fire Medical Rescue, the city's CARE 7 crisis response program, the nonprofit notMYkid, a teen athlete and a mother who lost a son to an opioid overdose. For more details: tempecoalition.org.

New domestic violence video highlights community resources

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 are on the rise 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 and friends. But community resources are available.

A new video from the Tempe Police Department and the city's CARE 7 crisis response team highlights available victim services, the text-to-911 option and more. Watch the video and learn more: tempe.gov/CARE7.

If you think someone is in danger or suspect violence in a home, call the non-emergency number for Tempe police at 480-350-8311, or 911 for an emergency.



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 in our community may need additional help to stay safe and healthy during the summer months. Watch a new video from the City of Tempe about community resources such as utility assistance and tips for staying cool and hydrated at tempe.gov/HeatRelief.



Fireworks safety

Which fireworks are legal and which are not? Read about fireworks laws, safety and information at tempe.gov/fire. Many people have stopped using fireworks entirely, out of concern for people who have suffered trauma and for household pets.



Be Streetcar Smart!

As Tempe Streetcar construction continues, bicyclists and scooter riders should take extra precautions. Stay alert when navigating the track installed in the street – your tires can get stuck! Always remember:

- Cross tracks at a 90-degree angle.
- To make a left turn across tracks, do so in two stages:
 - 1) Cross in the right lane through the intersection
 - 2) Pivot to the left to cross tracks perpendicularly with the next traffic signal.
- Never ride between the rails.

For more information on how to navigate streetcar tracks safely, visit <https://www.valleymetro.org/project/streetcar-safety>.

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** On July 2, the Council will vote to fill the office of Vice Mayor*

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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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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.

Tempe is here to help you with monsoon clean up

Worried about downed trees and other debris during monsoon season? Tempe’s solid waste and recycling team can help. We offer residents a 10 percent discount on roll-off rentals. You can take all your downed trees, shrubs and other green organics to our compost yard at 1001 N. Rio Rd. Residents can also request a Bulk Trash or Green Organics pickup outside of their regular schedule for a fee. Call Tempe 311 at 480-350-4311 for current prices or to schedule a pickup.

No recreational swimming at Tempe Town Lake

Athletes can swim in Tempe Town Lake at organized special events, such as triathlons, after county-regulated water quality tests. But the City of Tempe wants to remind more casual fun-seekers that they cannot swim at Town Lake. In fact, it is against Tempe City Code Sec. 23-39 and 40 and violators could be cited and fined up to \$1,000. The lake is regulated by Maricopa County as an artificial body of water, which shares some of the same regulations as swimming pools. For recreational swimming to take place, the city would be required to have lifeguards present and administer regular water quality tests. Town Lake has never been operated with recreational swimming allowed. For information about all the activities available around Town Lake, visit tempe.gov/lake.

Parks & Rec master plan

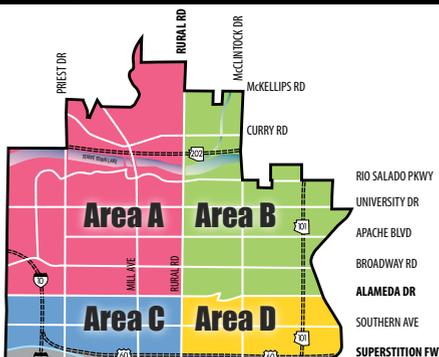
The community will get another opportunity to weigh in on the city’s Parks and Recreation Master Plan this fall. Tempe is updating the plan to create city standards for park amenities, sports fields, equipment and recreation programming. It will be used as a blueprint for future park projects and program offerings. The city will be asking for feedback on the draft plan, which will then need final approval by Tempe City Council. Visit tempe.gov/parks for public input dates, which will be announced soon.

Aug 2020
Mixed Bulk & Green Organics
Collection Schedule

	Collection Dates	Collection Type
Area A	Aug 3-6	
Area B	Aug 10-13	
Area C	Aug 17-20	
Area D	Aug 24-27	

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

tempe.gov/smart 480-350-4311





Separate trash and organics

Bulky items and green material must be a minimum of 4 feet from utility boxes. Bulk trash piles should be 4 feet from the green organics bulk pile. The amount of green and mixed waste allowed for each collection will be limited to approximately 10 cubic yards – roughly the size of a small SUV. Items should be placed out for collection no earlier than 10 days prior to the Monday of your collection week and no later than 6 a.m. on Monday of your collection week.

Residents with alleys: consider placing your items out the weekend immediately prior to the start of your collection week to reduce contamination and increase diversion from the landfill. Place all items in the alley along your fence line so the collection vehicles can pass. Plan your major brush and bulk disposal projects around the city's collection schedule to avoid putting out your material too early. Residents who place their material out prior to the 10-day rule are subject to fines. For more information, visit tempe.gov/SMART.

All residents are reminded to have trash containers curbside by 6 a.m. Bag and tie trash to keep the flies away. For help with what to recycle, visit tempe.gov/recycle. Contact Tempe 311 at 480-350-4311 for any concerns.

Survey: Has COVID-19 affected you?

The City of Tempe launched two COVID-19 related surveys today: one to determine how COVID-19 has affected the lives of residents and their families who have had the illness and another regarding the socio-economic effects the virus has had on the community.

Results from the first survey will help the City of Tempe gain an understanding of what those who have experienced COVID-19 most need in order to find ways to best help.

Results from the second survey will be used to formulate topics for virtual Tempe Listens sessions in the weeks to come. Tempe Listens is an ongoing series of candid, open dialogues about issues important to the community. In the upcoming sessions, we will explore how this historic pandemic affected our entire community.

Both surveys, in English and in Spanish, may be found at tempe.gov/diversity.

Smart irrigation tips

As much as 50 percent of the water we use outdoors is wasted due to inefficient watering methods and systems. Follow these tips to help your landscape survive the summer sizzle with as little water waste as possible:

- Turn on your irrigation system and walk around your yard to look for leaks and inefficiencies.
- Water established plants deeply and infrequently to ensure deep root growth.
- Water before sunrise to reduce water loss from the sun and heat.
- Place rock or wood mulch over the soil surface to save water and reduce weeds.
- Provide temporary shade for sun-sensitive plants, like roses, sago palm, aloe, ash, mulberry and citrus.

Visit tempe.gov/conservation or call 480-350-8351 to request a Landscape Watering Guide or schedule a free water consultation one-on-one, virtually with a Conservation Specialist to discuss specific recommendations for your home and landscape and any rebates that can help.