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JR. GOLFERS TEST SKILLS ON THE PUTTING GREEN

Watch out; the next Tiger Woods or Phil Mickelson could very well come from Tempe! The City of Tempe's [Junior Golf](#) Program held its 12th Annual Spring Break tournament where 39 junior golfers took to the course like pros. Check out the great photos from the event at www.facebook.com/TempeFun.

Junior Golf holds four tournaments a year and the last one for the 2011/12 season is right around the corner! The ["Drive, Pitch and Putt" competition](#) will be held on April 28. In its 13th year, the competition tests junior golfers, ages 5-17, on their specific skills. Golfers wishing to participate need to register by April 24. The Tempe Junior Cup will be

awarded at the competition. It is given to the junior golfer who accumulated the most points throughout the season.

If you have a Mini Mickelson at home, register them for a summer golf class! Classes are open for youth ages 6-17 and will be available from June-August. Junior Golf also hosts several week-long junior golf summer camps. For more information, check out Tempe's Summer [Opportunities Brochure](#) available April 19.

IT'S HEALTH & WELLNESS TIME

Adults 50+ are invited to explore and experience a free health and wellness expo from 8 a.m.- Noon on Thursday, April 12 at the [Pyle Adult Recreation Center](#) 655 E. Southern Ave. Expo attendees will have the opportunity



to discover services offered by more than 50 companies, including free health screenings, chair massages, class demonstrations and more! Be sure to come early to enjoy a free breakfast and enter into the door prize drawings.

For more information on the Health & Wellness Expo or other senior program offerings, contact Diana Meyer, Senior Recreation Coordinator, at diana_meyer@tempe.gov or 480.350.5214.



NEW LIVE MUSIC SERIES BEGINS IN TEMPE

Tempe is known for its live music scene – after all, the city is home to famous groups like the Gin Blossoms, the Refreshments, Meat Puppets, Jimmy Eat World and others.

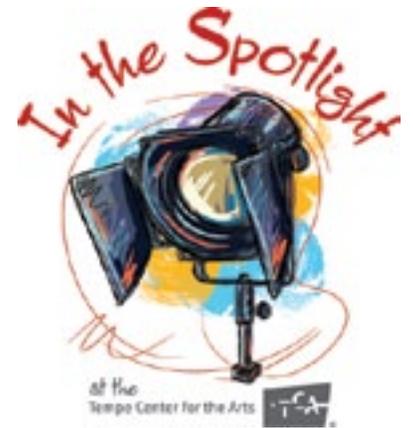
The Tempe Center for the Arts (TCA) announces a new music series, “[In the Spotlight](#),” which brings together seven of the Valley’s top musicians for an evening of music in the round. Valley favorite Walt Richardson is host to the

series, which kicks off from 7:30-10:30 p.m. on April 6 at [the Tempe Center for the Arts](#), 700 W. Rio Salado Parkway. There is no cover charge. Light food and beverage is available.

The lineup features internationally-recognized singer/songwriter Ivan Harshman; Walk-in Wednesday Open Mic Night favorites Tom Bertling, Cait Brennan, Michael Hummel and Jeff Java; and Songwriters’ Showcase veterans AJ Odneal and Justin Olson.

“In the Spotlight” is a spinoff of the popular [Walk-in Wednesdays](#) Open Mic Night series that has seen more than 2,000 performances since its beginning in February of 2009. Walk-in Wednesdays offers a beautiful atmosphere filled with an appreciative

audience of music lovers. Walk-In Wednesday happens January through May and starts again in September (through November). Youth in high school and younger, perform from 5-6 p.m. with adults performing afterward until 10 p.m.



TEMPE SPRING TRAINING’S RECORD-BREAKING SEASON



Major League Baseball has officially begun. The Angels have returned to California. And the Angels’ 2012 Spring Training Season has been safely added to the record books at [Tempe Diablo stadium!](#)

Beautiful weather, great players and a fantastic cause brought out more fans to Diablo Stadium than previous seasons! Approximately 5,000 fans attended the March 6 Angels’ home opener. This game is very special; not only is it the first time our beloved Angels take the field, it is also the Diablos Annual Charity Game. All of the proceeds generated benefit charities of the Tempe Diablos. Thanks to all of the supportive fans, more money was raised this year than any previous year!

The [Tempe Diablos](#) is an organization dedicated to enhancing the Tempe community by providing support for academic excellence and educational needs of our children. The Diablos awards scholarships to Tempe High

School students, contribute to local after-school programs, honor teachers and faculty for excellence in Tempe schools, support local organizations and more. The annual charity game majorly support these endeavors. Thanks to all of the supportive fans, more money was raised this year than any previous year!

If you weren’t able to attend the charity game, but would like to support the Diablos, consider attending [Casino Capers](#) on Saturday, April 14! Casino Capers is an evening of dinner, Las Vegas style games and auction, all benefiting academic excellence and the educational needs of Tempe children. For tickets or more information on the event, visit www.casino-capers.org.

“BRANCH” OUT, PUT ON THOSE RUNNING SHOES AND JOIN THE ARBOR DAY 5K

Have a pair of running shoes sitting in the back of your closet? Pull ‘em out! It’s time for Tempe Parks and Recreation’s [Arbor Day 5K!](#)

Bring your dogs on leashes and your children in strollers for the 3rd annual

event, held at [Giuliano Park](#) at Tempe Town Lake on Friday, April 27.

The 5Krun/walk begins at 6 p.m. All proceeds will go to the [Trees for Tempe](#) program to help revitalize Tempe’s urban forest. The 5K course is a single



loop around Tempe Town Lake and will be chip timed. Advance registration is \$20 and includes a commemorative Arbor Day 5K t-shirt.

To register, visit www.arborday5k.com.

BANK OF AMERICA GIVES BACK AT INDIAN BEND WASH HABITAT

In Tempe, giving back to the community is one of our top priorities. That's why we love companies like Bank of America, who come and volunteer in our city.

92 Bank of America employees joined on Wednesday, March 24 to clean up the Indian Bend Wash in Tempe. Volunteers worked for 4 hours, picking up trash, trimming trees and bushes and cleaning up the area. The contributions of these employees added up to over 350 hours of service.

In addition to individual projects like these, local groups can also participate in Tempe's Adopt-a-Park program. To learn



more about [Adopt-a-Park](#) or other outdoor volunteer opportunities, contact Edith Ross at edith_ross@tempe.gov or 480.350.2952.

WAVE HELLO TO SPRING!

A trip to the beach might be out of the question this month, but you and your family can catch some weekend waves at one of Tempe's favorite family attractions - [Kiwanis Wave Pool](#)! Now through May, the wave pool will be

hosting spring hours from 1-5 p.m. on Saturdays and will be open on Sundays beginning April 22.

Enjoy the waves all summer by purchasing an affordable Wave Pool season ticket. The pass includes weekend waves thru May and every summer afternoon, beginning May 28. For more information, visit www.tempe.gov/pools/KiwanisWavePool.



TEMPE HONORS EXTRAORDINARY YOUNG PEOPLE

For the 15th year, Tempe will honor its best and brightest young people at the [YouthFest 2012 Courage Awards](#) and Tempe Top Teens Recognition Dinner on Monday, April 9.

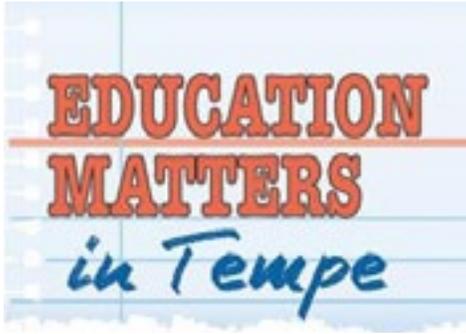
The Courage Awards acknowledge the courage it can take for a young person to grow up in this challenging world. Eleven young people will receive awards at this year's dinner for displaying the courage to overcome physical limitations, health conditions or family situations.

In addition to the Courage Awards, 43 young people will be recognized as Tempe Top Teens for their exemplary efforts in academics, athletics, arts, music, citizenship, community service and demonstration of social conscience.

Mayor Hugh Hallman, Tempe City Council and the Tempe Diablos will host the recognition dinner, which is attended by other city and state dignitaries, the recipients and their families, educators, community leaders, school board members and superintendents.

For more information, contact Kim Bauman at 480.858.2462 or at kim_bauman@tempe.gov.

EDUCATION MATTERS IN TEMPE



In Tempe, education is not just for schoolchildren. It encompasses the whole community. To learn about the many opportunities available through Tempe's educational system, view the latest issue of [Education Matters](#), now available online.

Education Matters is an e-newsletter created by the Education Partnerships Council Committee, chaired by [Councilmember Robin Arredondo-Savage](#). The committee fosters collaboration between education providers, students, parents, civic leaders,

business partners, community members and community organizations to efficiently and effectively use resources, develop new ideas and maintain the high standard established by Tempe's educational system.



To receive up-to-date information about exciting events and opportunities happening between Connecting Tempe newsletters, become a fan of Tempe Recreation on [Facebook](#).

SAVE THE DATE

Fri, April 6

[In the Spotlight](#)

New Live Music Series
7:30 - 10:30 p.m.

Fri, April 13

[Free Art Friday](#)

Cartoons & Comics
9:30 - 11:30 a.m.
[Edna Vihel Center for the Arts](#)

Sat, April 7

**[Lessons from the Hohokam:
Our Future With Water](#)**

Public Exhibit Opening Featuring
Grady Gammage, Jr.
11 a.m.
[Tempe History Museum](#)

Fri, April 13

[Lakeshore Jazz Series](#)

Conrad Herwig
7:30 p.m.
[Tempe Center for the Arts](#)

Sat, April 7

[Moonlight Kayak](#)

7:30 - 10:30 p.m.
[SRP Town Lake Marina](#)

Sat, April 14

[Performances at the Museum](#)

Featuring Corona del Sol Jazz Orchestra
7 p.m.
[Tempe History Museum](#)

Wed, April 11

[The Rejuvenation of Mill Avenue](#)

Tempe Historical Society Lunch Talk
presented by Harry Mitchell
11:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.
[Tempe History Museum](#)

Wed, April 18

[Bike to Work Day](#)

Various Tempe locations
6:30 - 8 a.m.