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PROGRAMS

March is a month reminiscent of beautiful weather and breaks from school. Take advantage of a good break and celebrate spring in Tempe! Learn how to paddle on Tempe Town Lake, check out a book with a brand new library card, visit an art exhibit of young Tempe artists, take the kids fishing at Kiwanis Park and join the museum for an afternoon of music and food.

It's the perfect time to get out and play with the whole family!



PADDLE LIKE A PRO AT THE YOUTH PADDLING EXPO

On Saturday, March 24, youth, ages 10-17, can try a variety of paddle sports on Tempe Town Lake! The FREE Youth Paddling Expo will be held from 10 a.m. – 1 p.m. Dragon boats, kayaks, outrigger canoes and stand up paddleboards will all be demonstrated and available for use. Interested youth are asked to register for the free expo in advance at www.tempe.gov/boating, as space is limited.

The expo will kick off the Spring Youth Paddling Program, which begins in April. Youth are encouraged to sign-up at the expo to receive a 10% discount on the program. For questions, contact Okie, Boating Coordinator at 480.350.8034 or joe_oconnor@tempe.gov.





ROW, ROW, ROW, YOUR BOAT RIGHT ON TEMPE TOWN LAKE!

If you've ever been to <u>Tempe Town</u>
<u>Lake</u> in the early morning hours, you
might have seen teams of hard-working
athletes rowing down the lake. Now is
your chance to experience that thrill!

Come down to Tempe Town Lake on Saturday, March 17 for a Free Rowing Expo! Adults (18+) can learn the basics, meet with rowers and coaches and try out the sport for themselves from 10 a.m. – 1 p.m. at the SRP Tempe Town Lake Marina.

To register, contact Ryan Allison, Assistant Recreation Coordinator, at <u>ryan_allison@tempe.gov</u> or at 480.350.8069. For more information, visit <u>www.tempe.gov/boating</u>.

CALLING ALL THOSE WITH FLOATIES & FLIPPERS... IT'S SWIM LESSON TIME!

Don't wait until summer; get ahead of the curve and start your swim lessons now! Tempe offers a variety of swim classes for all ages and skill ability. Programs range from infants and toddlers' first introduction to water, to teens looking to improve their stroke, to adults trying a new form of exercise.

Browse the Spring <u>Tempe Opportunities</u> <u>Brochure</u> to find the class best suited for you and your family.

PLANT A TREE, LEAVE A LEGACY

If you've got a green thumb, a knack for shoveling or just want to help out a good cause, join Tempe Leadership for a tree planting! On Saturday, March 24, Tempe Leadership Class XXVII will celebrate their class project, "Trees and Trails," with a tree planting project at Kiwanis Park. The goal of the class is to reforest Kiwanis Park by planting up to 50 dead or dying trees and adding a new learning trail, designed by Tempe Youth Leadership.

It's hard to imagine a beloved and wellused city park, like Kiwanis, without trees. This project allows citizens, businesses and government to come together and leave a lasting benefit for all. To help Tempe Leadership with their class project and join the tree planting, contact Class XXVII at tempeleadership27@gmail.com.





VIEW THE WORKS OF TEMPE'S FUTURE PICASSOS AND VAN GOGHS

Art6 is a brand-new display that features the artwork of aspiring young Tempe artists. Artwork of more than 100 students from Tempe High schools will be on display through May 9 at the Edna Vihel Activity Center.

The exhibition represents the 39th year of collaboration between the city and the schools and includes a variety of media including photography, painting, drawing, digital art and ceramics. More than 3,000 Tempe students participate in fine art classes in the district.

This annual exhibition gives audiences a sampling of some of the talented

students and engaging programs happening in Tempe high schools. The participating schools are: Corona Del Sol, Desert Vista, Marcos de Niza, McClintock, Mountain Pointe and Tempe High.



GO FISH!

Pull out those fishing poles and bring your young fisherman (or fisherwoman) down to <u>Kiwanis Park</u> for a free fishing festival!

On Saturday, March 24, Anglers United, in partnership with Arizona Game and

Fish and the City of Tempe, will present the 19th Annual <u>"Just for Kids" Fishing</u>. <u>Festival</u>. Families are invited to Kiwanis Lake (Mill Avenue & All-America Way) for free fishing from 7 a.m. – 1 p.m. The event will include free fishing for kids, a raffle, silent auction and food.



ARTISTS PAINT THE TOWN - AND THE LIBRARY CARDS!

Take a day during your spring break to check out a book at the <u>Tempe</u>
<u>Public Library!</u> While you're there, be sure to check out the new library cards, too.

Free artist-designed library cards depicting the uniqueness of Arizona and Downtown Tempe are available now. Six local artists provided six different card designs. The cards also have a keytag component.

After you've picked up your card, drive down Mill Avenue and see if you can find its match! The local artists also painted matching utility boxes within the Mill Avenue District, located between Rio Salado and 7th street.





Pictured: Colton Brock's "Mill District" (Utility Box located on NW Corner of 3rd Street & Mill Avenue) Lucretia Torva's "Tempe Shine" (Utility Box located on NE corner Rio Salado and Mill Avenue)



GRAB YOUR CLUBS-TEMPE HAS 36 HOLES UP FOR PLAY

After implementing a new operating model last summer, Golf Tempe is beginning to see the fruits of its labor, including improved greens, increasing revenues, happier customers and the opportunity to host a prestigious statewide golf tournament. As a result of the turnaround, Tempe's Ken McDonald golf course was recently selected by the Arizona Golf Association (AGA) to host this year's AZ PubLinks Championship March 16 – 18.

While the public is invited to watch some of the State's best golfers compete, Tempe's golf courses aren't just for those champions of those 18 holes. Both Tempe's Rolling Hills Golf Course and Ken McDonald Golf Courses offer seven-day advance tee times, affordable daily fees, practice facilities, full-service pro shops and restaurants, family tees, group and private lessons, corporate outings and tournament packages.

Ken McDonald Golf Course is located at 800 E. Divot Drive (480-350-5250) and Rolling Hills Golf Course is at 1415 N. Mill Ave. (480-350-5275). Call for tee times or book at www.tempe.gov/golf.

GET LOUD WITH THE TEMPE HISTORY MUSEUM

Long before amps and electric guitars, bands were getting music loud with brass! The Tempe History Museum, along with Classical Revolution PHX, presents LOUD: an outdoor celebration

of brassy bands and fine food on Saturday, March 24 from 2 – 6 p.m.

Ocotillo Brass, ASU Dixie Devils and the Bad Cactus Brass Band will be outside the museum performing their brassiest and best tunes! And don't worry about working up an appetite while listening to all the music – enjoy some local eats from a selection of food trucks including Epic Hot Dogs, Luncha Libre, Paletas Betty and Shine Coffee.





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

Third Thursday Night Café at the Museum **Lakeshore Jazz Series: Eliane Elias** Thurs, March 15 Sat, March 24

> 7 p.m. 7:30 p.m.

Tempe History Museum Tempe Center for the Arts

Fri, March 16 Tues, March 27 **Free Art Friday Arbor Day 5K**

The Masters: Michelangelo and Me 1 Month Countdown Begins!

> 9:30 - 11:30 a.m. Register Today! Edna Vihel Center for the Arts

Fri, March 30 **Cinderella Affair** Tues, March 20 First Day of Spring! & Sat, March 31 Friday, March 30 | 5 – 8 p.m.

Saturday, March 31 | 9 a.m. – 4 p.m. Tues, March 20 Performance with a View: Qingqing Ye Pyle Adult Recreation Center

10 a.m.

Tempe Center for the Arts Fri, March 30 Performances at the Museum: Marked Men

Tues, March 20 **Hackett House Cooking Classes** 7 p.m. & Wed, March 21 Dinner Class with House of Tricks **Tempe History Museum**

Tues, March 20: 6:30 – 9 p.m.

Lunch and Learn Class Fri, March 30 **Cesar Chavez Day**

> Wed, March 21: 11:30 a.m. – 1:30 p.m. City facilities will be closed

in observance of holiday **Hackett House** Call 480.350.8181 for registration and details

Fri, March 30 **Tempe Festival of the Arts** Sat, March 24

Anglers "Just For Kids" Fishing Festival 10 a.m. – 6 p.m. - Sun, April 1 7 a.m. – 1 p.m. Mill Avenue Kiwanis Park

LadyHawks Softball

Opening Day 9 a.m. – 12 p.m. Kiwanis Park



Sat, March 24

