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APRIL 1, 2016

Tempe offers a multitude of green activities for Earth Month

Tempe celebrates Earth Month in a big, green way with a variety of activities ranging from Tempe Bike Month to a Zero-Waste Day and annual Arbor Day 5K that helps replenish Tempe's urban forest and more! Whatever your passion, we have ways for you to get involved in helping the environment and celebrating the Earth during April.

WALK, RUN AND JOIN THE FUN AT TEMPE'S 7TH ANNUAL ARBOR DAY 5K

It's time to dust off your running shoes and get ready to join us at the [7th Annual Arbor Day 5K](#) on Friday, April 29 at [Kiwanis Park](#) Mill Ave. and All-America Way.

The Arbor Day 5K is a chip-timed event and begins at 6:15 p.m. The scenic course begins at the Fire Circle on the west side of Kiwanis Lake and winds through the park. All registered 5K participants will receive a commemorative Arbor Day 5K T-shirt. Advance registration is \$20 through April 28 and increases to \$25 on Friday, April 29. Registration will be available on-site the day of the event.

New this year, our partner Arizona 811 will host a free community fun run that is .811 mile. The course makes a single loop around Kiwanis Lake. On-site registration will be available the day of the event. The Arizona 811 Fun Run will begin at 6p.m. All participants will receive a free water bottle.

The Arbor Day 5K event expo, complete with food, games and information opens at 4:30 p.m. Packet pick-up and day-of registration for both the Arbor Day 5K and Arizona 811 Fun Run also start at 4:30 p.m. There will be a tree planting ceremony before the Arizona 811 Fun Run.

The Arbor Day 5K is presented by SRP, Arizona 811 and the City of Tempe. All proceeds benefit the Trees for Tempe program to help revitalize Tempe's urban forest. Since the inaugural Arbor Day 5K in 2010, nearly \$50,000 has been raised for the Trees for Tempe program. For more information or to register online, visit [ArborDay5K.com](#) or [active.com](#).



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at Kiwanis Park
REGISTER: [ArborDay5K.com](#)



GET GEARED UP FOR TEMPE BIKE MONTH

To celebrate Tempe Bike Month, the city of Tempe will hold its 20th annual Tour de Tempe community bike ride on April 3 and 24th annual Bike to Work Day on April 20. The purpose of Bike Month is to encourage people to use bicycles as an alternative mode of transportation.



Tour de Tempe

More than 1,000 people are expected to participate in the Tour de Tempe community bike ride on Sunday, April 3 from 7:30–11 a.m. at [Kiwanis Park](#), 6111 S. All-America Way in the west parking lot across from the Kiwanis Batting Range. This free, 10-mile bike ride is led by members of the Tempe City Council. Registration starts at 7:30 a.m. with the ride starting at 9 a.m. Register the day of the event or fill out a registration form online at Tempe.gov/BikeMonth.

Free t-shirts will be available for the first 1,000 riders and helmets are required. Breakfast foods and coffee will be provided. Please bring your own water.

Bike to Work Day

On Wednesday, April 20 from 6:30–8 a.m., all bicycle riders who stop by one of the participating Bike to Work Day locations in Tempe will receive a free breakfast and the first 350 riders will receive free T-shirts. At 7 a.m., join members of the Tempe City Council on a bike ride from Whole Foods Market to NCounter in downtown Tempe.

Breakfast site locations include:

[Back East Bagels](#) (northwest corner of Southern Avenue and McClintock Drive)

[IKEA](#) (northwest corner of Warner Road and Priest Drive)

[REI](#) (Daley Park on the northeast corner of College Avenue and Encanto Drive)

[Ncounter](#) (southwest corner of Mill Avenue and 3rd Street)

[Steve's Espresso](#) (southwest corner of McClintock Drive and Baseline Road)

[Wildflower Bread Company](#) (southwest corner of McClintock Drive and Guadalupe Road)

[Whole Foods Market](#) (northwest corner of Rural and Baseline roads)

Bikes and Beer — An evening with Tempe in Motion, Tempe Bicycle Action Group and Pedal Haus Brewery

Hosted by former Tempe Mayor Neil Giuliano and part of the Tempe History Museum's Third Thursday series, this cool new Bike Month event will include a panel discussion, beer tasting courtesy of Pedal Haus brewery and fun bicycling related activities. The event begins at 7 p.m. on April 21 at the [Tempe History Museum](#). Get a sneak peek of the 2017 Tempe Bike Month artwork and see a retrospective of bike art and t-shirts throughout the years. Following Bikes and Beer, Tempe Bicycle Action Group will lead a group ride from the museum to Pedal Haus Brewery in downtown Tempe.

For more information about Bike Month, visit www.Tempe.gov/BikeMonth or call 480-350-2707.



Recycle-A-Bicycle

The City of Tempe recently launched a Recycle-a-Bicycle pilot program designed to get rideable bicycles into the hands of kids who would not otherwise have one. The goal is to make bike ownership a reality for kids in need and encourage a healthy, active lifestyle and to promote responsibility and safety. As part of the pilot, Tempe will join forces with Gililand Middle School (GMS) during the 2016-17 school year. Students at GMS,

along with a certified teacher, will work with the Tempe Police Department to refurbish the bikes as part of the Community Services elective class offered at GMS.

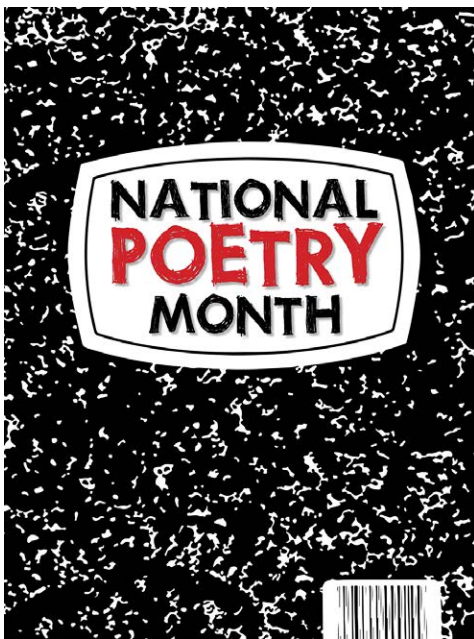
How can you help? The Recycle-a-Bicycle program provides an opportunity for you to donate that bike that is just sitting in your garage by dropping it off at Tour de Tempe, Zero Waste Day or any one of the Tempe Fire Stations. Don't worry if it's missing a pedal or a chain or it's got a flat tire, we'll take it no problem!



APRIL IS NATIONAL POETRY MONTH

This April marks the 20th anniversary of National Poetry month which was inaugurated by the Academy of American Poets in 1996. Over the years, National Poetry Month has become the largest literary celebration in the world with schools, publishers, libraries, booksellers and poets celebrating poetry's vital place in our culture.

Celebrate National Poetry Month with Tempe's full calendar of events at the Tempe Library:



Taggers and Poets

Tuesday, April 5–26, 2–5 p.m.

Teen Center

Celebrate National Poetry Month by tagging the Teen Center dry-erase walls with poems and works of art. Create an original masterpiece or reproduce a work by your favorite artist or poet. The walls will be open every Tuesday in April from 2-5 pm. It must be completed by April 26 to be entered in a drawing for a chance to win a cool prize. No registration required.

Red Ink International Journal Poetry Reading

Saturday, April 16, 12–1 p.m.

Part of the inaugural Tempe Book Festival Connections Café

As part of the inaugural Tempe Book Festival, three ASU faculty members and acclaimed poets Simon Ortiz, Bojan Louis and Laura Tohe will share their works. The reading, presented by the editors of Red Ink: An International Journal of Indigenous Literature, Art, & Humanities, will celebrate authors who are expressive voices of Indigenous (Native) America as a social-cultural entity.

An Evening of Poetry

Wednesday, April 20, 6–7:30 p.m.

Meeting Room A

Enjoy an evening spent reading, listening, and writing poetry with local resident and writer, Bobbi Illing. Bobbi shares her memoir poetry and will help you write your own history during this presentation and workshop. Bring something to write with so you can participate. Books will be available for purchase and signing. Registration at: www.tempe.gov/ brochure and use Class Code: 47856.

Stanzas in the Stacks

Saturday, April 30, 2–4 p.m.

Connections Café

Shawnte Orion, co-host of the monthly Caffeine Corridor Poetry series and Phoenix New Times' "Top 100 Creatives" award winner, will host an afternoon of poetry readings along with local poets Jenna Duncan, Somit Barua, and David Chorlton.



TEMPE HOSTS ZERO WASTE CHALLENGE



The City of Tempe invites residents to clean closets, clear-out sheds, eliminate clutter in garages and help the environment by participating in a [FREE Zero Waste Day](#) on Saturday, April 16 from 7 a.m.–1 p.m. All items brought to this event at the [Tempe Fire Training Facility](#), 1340 E. University Dr., will be recycled, reused or disposed of in an environmentally safe manner.

All items need to be clean and sanitary. Accepted items include: appliances (dishwashers, refrigerators, stoves), books, building supplies (no cement), electronic technology, equipment, household textiles (clothing, linens, towels), household hazardous waste, plastic shopping bags, shoes, belts, handbags, wallets, soft/stuffed toys, tires and more.

Free secure confidential document shredding will be offered and free compost will be given away to each household that participates in this event. Proof of Tempe residency is required (e.g. driver's license, utility bill). A donation of one canned food item is requested.

For more information about what items can be recycled at this event, visit www.Tempe.gov/SlashtheTrash or contact the Recycle Hotline at 480-350-4311.

SPLASH INTO SPRING AT THE KIWANIS WAVE POOL

This spring, the fun comes in waves at the [Kiwaniis Recreation Center's](#) indoor, heated wave pool. The newly renovated indoor wave pool features three foot waves in eight varying patterns for guaranteed spring fun!

Join us from 1–5 p.m. on Saturdays and Sundays in April and May.

Admission is \$5 for ages 2–12 years and \$7 for ages 13 years and older.

Buy a Kiwanis Wave Pool Season Pass and save! For one low price, you can catch a wave as often as you want. Additionally, pass holders receive a Kiwanis Island Loyalty Cup with \$1 refills and free tube and life jacket rentals

on Monday and Tuesdays only. The Season Pass is \$36 for ages 2–12 years and \$46 for ages 13 years and older.

For more information about Kiwanis Recreation Center call 480-350-5201.



SEND YOUR KIDS TO SUMMER CAMP IN TEMPE



It's time to start making summer plans for your kids to ensure they stay active and engaged between school sessions. Tempe offers fantastic [Summer Camps](#) in a wide variety of subjects and at convenient times so you're sure to find something that's a perfect fit for every young member of your family. Here's a sneak peek of some of the many programs available.

Adapted Recreation's Camp Challenge Camp Challenge is a summer day camp offered during the months of June and July for youth ages 5–21 years with developmental disabilities. Campers will enjoy arts and crafts, games, swimming, music, field trips, bowling and more!

Kid Zone Camps

Kid Zone summer enrichment programs are for kids in Kindergarten to 8th

grade. All campers will enjoy age-appropriate curriculum and daily enrichment classes that include Spanish, STEM, nutrition, theater, science, arts and sports activities. Flexible 2, 3, and 5-day schedules are offered, as well as full-day or half-day options. Camps meet in several locations throughout the City of Tempe and run from May 23 – July 22.

Hoop Star Basketball Camp



Four-day basketball camps are offered in June for 1st – 12th grade boys and girls, including specialty camps for shooting and offense. Camps are taught by coaches Sammy Duane, Sr. and Sammy Duane, Jr. and held at Corona del Sol High School. For more camp information, call 480-350-5721.

Arizona Science Center STEM Summer Camps

Young engineers can spend their summer break with STEM! STEM is a state-wide revolutionary program that integrates the teaching of Science and Mathematics by incorporation Technology and Engineering.

Young Artists Studio



This visual arts-intensive workshop is perfect for students ages 8 to 12 years old that love art and are looking to sculpt, paint, draw and create in a variety of media. Program ends with an opening exhibition of student work.

Registration is open for most camps. Visit Tempe.gov/Brochure to register, or for more information call the Recreation Services Office at 480-350-5200.

EXPLORE YOUR OPTIONS AT HEALTH & WELLNESS EXPO

Adults ages 50+ are invited to explore and experience community resources at this year's free Senior Health & Wellness Expo, held at the [Pyle Adult Recreation Center](#), 655 E. Southern Ave.

From 8 a.m.–noon on Thursday, April 14, more than fifty vendors will gather to provide information on their products and services of interest to seniors. Offerings include free class demonstrations and observations, giveaways and door prizes, free chair massages, a free healthy breakfast and much more. [Tempe St. Luke's](#) will be

providing blood draw screenings, blood pressure and pulse oximetry while [Valley ENT](#) will provide hearing screenings. Don't miss this great, free event!

For more information contact the Pyle Adult Recreation Center at 480-350-5211.



EVERYTHING WITH WINGS AT FREE ART FRIDAY



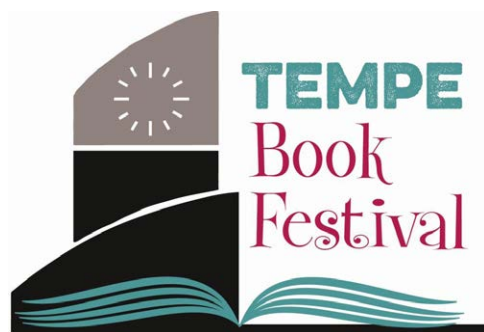
On Friday, April 15 head to the [Edna Vihel Activities Center](#) from 9:30–11:30 a.m. for the monthly Free Art Friday event. This free, family-friendly interactive art series gives preschoolers and caregivers the opportunity to create art, learn about music and movement and have a great time! Each month has a different theme and featured art projects.

The next Free Art Friday is scheduled to occur on Friday, May 20 from

9:30–11:30 a.m. and will take you Out of This World. Free Art Friday will take a break during the summer months so be sure to check back to the [Free Art Friday webpage](#) for updates on new dates and themes, or call the Edna Vihel Center at 480-350-5287.

Registration is not required for these free, leisurely mornings of activities. For a list of more fun-filled events happening in Tempe, visit our [Family Fun](#) page.

A CELEBRATION OF BOOKS



Bring the whole family to celebrate books and the joy of reading at the Tempe Book Festival on Saturday, April 16 from 10 a.m.–3 p.m. at the [Tempe Public Library](#), 3500 S. Rural Rd.

The inaugural event has been designed to bring together local authors, booksellers and others for a day of panel discussions, book signings and fun activities for all ages. Don't miss all of the exciting opportunities,

including special Storytime from local Children's authors, Q&A with Young Adult authors, poetry readings from ASU professors, and much more.

Be sure to check out the full list of events, exhibitors and authors [online](#).

STATE OF THE NEIGHBORHOODS ADDRESS

Gather with fellow Tempeans at the 2016 [State of the Neighborhoods Awards and Workshop](#) on Saturday, April 16, at the [Tempe History Museum](#), 809 E. Southern Ave.

The schedule includes registration and a light breakfast from 8–8:30 a.m., followed by the State of the Neighborhoods Address by Mayor Mark Mitchell and a Neighborhood Awards presentation celebrating great neighbors and beautification efforts from 8:30–9:30 a.m.

Four workshop offerings will run concurrently from 9:45–11 a.m. and

include Effective Legislative Advocacy for Your Community, Dementia Friendly Tempe: The Role of Neighborhoods, Keeping Neighborhoods Up to Code through New Initiatives and Character Area 3 Workshop.

Character Area 3 includes downtown Tempe and surrounding neighborhoods, ASU, Rio Salado and Tempe Town Lake. Public feedback will be gathered in the coming months at several workshops and community “Meetups”. That feedback will be used to develop a Character Area Plan that helps convey a vision and goal for the area.

Visit tempe.gov/neighborhoodworkshop to view the workshops and be sure to register by April 12 online, by phone at 480-350-8234 or email at neighborhoods@tempe.gov.



DIVE INTO A REWARDING JOB

Make a difference, earn money and have fun! The City of Tempe is currently recruiting lifeguards and swim instructors to join our aquatics team and help ensure our youth are safe this summer while they attempt to beat the heat.

Interested parties should visit [City of Tempe Aquatics](#) to view current employment openings. You may also contact the Kiwanis Recreation Center at 480-350-5201 or send an email to aquatics@tempe.gov for more information.

TEMPE THANKS VOLUNTEERS AT ANNUAL RECOGNITION AWARDS

The City of Tempe is privileged to host hundreds of volunteers each year who dedicate their time to making the community a better place to play, learn, live and grow. On Monday, March 14, the city held the Mayor’s Annual Volunteer Recognition Award Luncheon to honor and thank all of our 2015 volunteers. The highlight of the event was the presentation of awards to the following individuals and groups:

Spirit of Community — Dick Crane



Coach of the Year — George Grund



Education Service — Mary Valikai



Want to find out how you can make a difference in your community? Visit the Tempe Volunteer page at www.tempe.gov/Volunteer, or contact Jodie Garth, Volunteer Coordinator, at 480-350-5190.

ROLLING HILLS CLOSING THIS SUMMER FOR RENOVATIONS

Rolling Hills will close temporarily this spring and summer to get some much needed TLC. Construction crews will replace the course's irrigation system with a new, more efficient system

that is cost-effective and that will help to conserve water. As part of the project, a new lake will be built on the course, adding even more charm to this unique Sonoran golf experience.

The course will be closed from April 17 through early October. Tournaments, clinics and lessons will take place at Ken McDonald Golf Course, which will be open all summer long.



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

SAVE THE DATE

Sunday, April 3

[Tour de Tempe](#)

7:30–11 a.m.; Kiwanis Park — parking lot west of [Kiwanis Recreation Center](#)

Thursday, April 14

[Health and Wellness Expo](#)

8 a.m.–noon; [Pyle Adult Recreation Center](#)

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Saturday, April 16

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10 a.m.–3 p.m.; [Tempe Public Library](#)

[Zero Waste Day](#)

7 a.m.–1 p.m.; [Tempe Fire Training Facility](#)

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6:30–8 a.m.; variety of locations throughout Tempe

Evening of Poetry

6–7:30 p.m.; [Tempe Public Library](#)

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7 p.m.; [Tempe History Museum](#)

Saturday, April 23

[Pat's Run](#)

7:05 a.m.; ASU

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