Tempe Parks and Recreation’s Pyle and Cahill Centers remain CLOSED until further notice.

**Roadrunner Chronicle**

**PYLE EDITION**

**FEBRUARY 2021**

**Pyler Adult Recreation Center**

655 E. Southern Ave.
Tempe, AZ 85282

www.tempe.gov/pyle

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TTY: (480)350-5050

**FROM YOUR FRONT DOOR PHOTO CONTEST**

Send in a photo from your front door with a title or caption and be entered in the drawing for a fun prize. Photos may be featured in a future Pyle publication. Photo is due by 5 pm on Friday, February 19. Email your photo to: amy_bowman@tempe.gov with "Photo Contest" in the subject line.

**Photo Submission Deadline:**
Friday, February 19 by 5 pm

**Registration Code:** 70378
FREE

**Email entry to:**
amy_bowman@tempe.gov

**Fat Tuesday Drive Thru**

Celebrate Mardi Gras, which is French for "Fat Tuesday," by coming to Pyle for a Drive-Thru treat! Drive-Thru the front semi-circle drive for a Fat Tuesday treat and hello from your friends at Pyle. Wear Mardi Gras colors (purple, green or gold or all three) and a mask! Swing by at your convenience between 11:30 am - 1:00 pm.

Registration is required. For everyone’s safety you will need a face mask when you drive through.

**Tuesday, February 16**
11:30 am — 1:00 pm

**Registration Code:** 70383
FREE

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“Tempe Neighborhoods Together” Hosts Food Drive

Join Tempe Neighborhoods Together (TNT), with the City of Tempe, and bring non-perishable food items to a convenient, no-contact drop off in Pyle’s back parking lot on Saturday, February 13, anytime between 12—4 pm. Tempe Community Action Agency Food Bank (TCAA), The Aris Foundation and Saving One Life – Feeding Homeless Cats and Dogs will be recipients of your generous donations!

Chile Egg Puff

Congratulate to our winner, Mary M., who was chosen at random from the “Whatchya Got Cookin’?” recipe entries last month. The winner will receive a goody bag and grocery gift card. Thank you to all who participated. Be sure to enter this month’s Photo Contest! Details are on the front page.

Ingredients

- 10 eggs
- ½ c. flour
- 1 tsp. Baking Powder
- ½ tsp. salt
- 1 pint small curd cottage cheese
- 1 lb. grated Monterey Jack cheese
- ½ c. melted butter
- 2 small cans diced green chilies-drained

Directions

Preheat oven to 350°
Beat eggs until light in color. Combine dry ingredients, then add slowly to beaten eggs.
Stir in remaining ingredients.
Pour into a buttered 9x13 pan.
Bake uncovered for 35-45 minutes— until top is slightly browned and puffed, and a knife inserted in the center comes out clean.
Let stand for about 5 minutes before serving.

Fruit Pizza

Try this simple and elegant looking recipe, submitted by Janet H.

Ingredients

- 1 flour tortilla (12 inch size)
- 1 cup grated Monterey Jack cheese, or ½ cup each cream cheese and Monterey Jack
- 1 1/2 cup sliced fresh fruit such as strawberries, seedless grapes, kiwi, fresh green chile, coconut shreds, kumquat, blueberries, peaches, nectarines, or mangos.
- 2 Tablespoons honey
- 1/2 tsp chile flakes (like you sprinkle on pizza for a bit of kick)
- Several shakes ground cinnamon

Directions

Preheat the oven to 425°. Place the tortilla on a baking sheet and sprinkle with about 2/3 of the grated cheese.** Arrange fruit in a circular pattern so it will be easy to slice pizza. Drizzle with honey, then sprinkle with the remaining cheese and the chile flakes. Shake cinnamon over all. Bake for 5 minutes or until the cheese melts. Cut with pizza wheel. Serve warm.

**Note: If using a combination of cheeses, first spread the cream cheese on the tortilla and sprinkle the Jack cheese over the fruit after it is arranged on the tortilla.
February’s Pyle Book Club Meeting Online

Use your Tempe Public Library card to borrow a copy or to access OverDrive digital checkouts of this month’s selection, “Beneath A Scarlet Sky” by Mark T. Sullivan and soon to be a film, starring Tom Holland.

Based on the true story of a normal Italian teenager who wants nothing to do with the Nazis until his home in Milan is destroyed by Allied bombs. Then Pino joins an underground railroad to help Jews escape to freedom until he is forced by his parents to enlist as a German soldier. Follow the twists and turns of this World War II story as Pino becomes the driver for Hitler’s, top general in Italy, General Hans Leyers. Read the novel and then participate in a guided discussion with other Pyle patrons via Zoom.

Friday, February 26
9-11 am
Registration Code: 70305
FREE
Call Pyle’s Front Desk: 480-350-5211

Pyle Groups Meeting Online

The Pyle Center has many groups still meeting online via the Zoom app. If you are interested in joining any group, call Pyle’s Front Desk to register and have the link/meeting ID emailed to you.

Want to suggest an activity or group not listed? Email Amy at: amy_bowman@tempe.gov with your request.

BOOK CLUB:
This month’s meeting is on Friday, Feb. 26, 9-11 a.m. The book is: Beneath A Scarlet Sky, by Mark T. Sullivan (see above).

CURRENT EVENTS DISCUSSION GROUP:
Thursdays, 1-3 p.m. Discuss current events, politics, books, events, movies, etc. 68767

LOONEY TOONERS KITCHEN BAND:
The band meets every Wednesday, 8:30-9:30 a.m. 70306

NEEDLEWIELDERS:
Continue to work on projects at their homes. Creating handcrafted items for charity in a fun, social environment. Call the front desk for more information or to be added to the NW contact list.

Please note, NO in person Tax Aide is planned at the Pyle Center at this time, if there is a change you will read it here!

Online Help for Completing Your Taxes

AARP Foundation: https://taxaideqa.aarp.org/hc/en-us
1-888-OUR-AARP (1-888-687-2277)

Tempe Community Council: 480-858-2300
https://www.tempecommunitycouncil.org/free-tax-preparation/

H & R Block and United Way Sponsored: https://www.myfreetaxes.com/
### Spring Session 2021—Pyle Virtual Classes

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**Into A Workout & Get Those Arms Vaccine-Ready!**

Sign up for a virtual exercise or art class. Registration for city instructional classes opens **February 16** for both Tempe Residents and Non-Residents. Spring Session begins the week of **March 15** after a one-week hiatus between Winter and Spring sessions. Register online at: [tempe.gov/brochure](http://tempe.gov/brochure) or call Pyle’s front desk at **480-350-5211** to register over the phone.
Needlewielders Drop Off

Pyle’s Needlewielders have continued their handcrafted work from the safety of home. The creations are donated to various local charities. The next drop off /pick up session will be on Pyle’s back patio, over two dates:

February 9 & 11
from 10 am — 12 pm

Citrus Donations Accepted

Did you used to drop off small donations of citrus to share with others at Pyle? Though the building remains closed to the public, citrus sharing is still welcome. Place donated fruit into the crate outside our front doors during business hours. If you drive through the semi-circular drive and see citrus available, then feel free to stop and take some.

Free Self-Kindness & Compassion Webinar

Dementia Friendly Tempe invites you to join this month’s free lecture:
Loving Yourself and Others with Self-Compassion (Debbie Harbinson, https://harbinsonwellness.com/) : Most of us are quite practiced at being supportive and giving to others, especially those of us who find ourselves in caregiver roles. But how many of us offer that same level of compassion and care to ourselves? This session will teach self-kindness strategies so that caregivers can continue the challenging and compassionate act of caring for your loved one.

Learn more at:
Dementia Friendly Tempe Presents | City of Tempe, AZ

If you’re ready to sign up for this free lecture, then follow this link: https://agefriendlytempe.eventbrite.com

Connect to Classes Virtually—Tech Help Available

While Pyle’s building remains closed to the public, the City of Tempe remains open for virtual business! If you haven’t tried a virtual class or activity because the technology scares you, together we can overcome that issue, and you can learn to Zoom! It’s easier than you think to get your tablet, laptop, desktop or even a smartphone set up to connect you with our virtual offerings. A major goal of Tempe Parks and Recreation is to offer many ways for our community to stay active and engaged. We are here to help you. Sign up for a help session asap!

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Wednesday, February 10
1:00—2:30 pm
Register with link:
https://agefriendlytempe.eventbrite.com
or
Call: 480-594-7442

One on One Tech Time
Mondays: 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.
Registration Code: 70307

Fridays: 1:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.
Registration Code: 70308
Call for an appointment:
480-350-5211
Joyful January Drive-Thrus!

Drive Thru events in January were a creative way to connect safely. Thank you for helping us make the best out of our current situation! Join us for two fabulous February Drive Thru events on Wednesday, February 10 and Tuesday, February 16.

“Let Love Grow” Valentine’s Drive Thru

Drive-Thru the front semi-circle drive for an early Valentine's Day treat and hello from your friends at Pyle. Wear Red or a Valentine’s outfit you love! Swing by at your convenience between 10:30 am - 12:00 pm. Registration is required. For everyone’s safety you will need a face mask when you drive through. This activity is free.

“Take & Make” Times Two This Month

Looking for a free, fun and creative activity? Drive-Thru and grab a Take & Make Craft packet, then take your art project home and make it there. Materials and instructions are included. Registration is required so there are enough packets for all who would like to participate. This activity is free. There will be two different projects available for pick up in February. Register for each, if you plan to do them both. Both events are free.