



# Tempe Today



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## Honor the fallen at Healing Field

Tempe will honor the nearly 3,000 victims of the attacks of Sept. 11, 2001, at its fourth annual Healing Field tribute at Tempe Beach Park. Beginning Saturday, Sept. 8, and continuing through a candlelight vigil on Tuesday, Sept. 11, the public is invited to view the display of American flags representing the victims of that terrible day.

A breathtaking display of patriotism and unity, Healing Field is a free event at Tempe Beach Park, 80 S. Rio Salado Parkway. On Tuesday, Sept. 11, there will be a 7 p.m. candlelight vigil in memory of the victims. United Blood Services also will conduct a blood drive at the park on Sept. 11, to schedule an appointment visit [www.bloodhero.com](http://www.bloodhero.com).

On Sept. 8 and 9, parking will be available from 7 a.m. to 9 p.m. in the US Airways surface lot and parking garage on the south side of Rio Salado Parkway, west of Mill Avenue. On Sept. 10 and 11, parking will be available after 6 p.m. in those same locations. ADA-accessible parking will be available in the surface lot west of Tempe Beach Park along Ash Avenue.

The Healing Field event is hosted by the Valley of the Sun Exchange Clubs Foundation and several community partners, including the City of Tempe. For details, visit [www.healingfield.org](http://www.healingfield.org).



## Tempe Center for the Arts



## Families are welcome Sept. 9 at Tempe Center for the Arts Grand Opening Family Day

Celebrate with the whole community as the Tempe Center for the Arts opens Sunday, Sept. 9, with a free open house event. From noon to 5 p.m., stroll through the 88,000-square-foot facility and its 600-seat theater, studio theatre, art gallery and much more.

Families can enjoy interactive activities, an open rehearsal of the Tempe Symphony Orchestra, magicians, face painting and performances from partner organizations like Childsplay and others. Complimentary food and beverages will be available, so come out for an afternoon of fun! You'll even be able to purchase tickets for upcoming Tempe Center for the Arts shows.

Event details are available at [www.tempe.gov/tca](http://www.tempe.gov/tca) or by calling 480-350-2882. Tempe Center for the Arts is located at 700 W. Rio Salado Parkway, on the south bank of Tempe Town Lake.

**WHAT: Tempe Center for the Arts Grand Opening Family Day**

**WHEN: Sunday, Sept. 9, noon to 5 p.m.**

**WHERE: Tempe Center for the Arts, 700 W. Rio Salado Parkway, Tempe**





## Tempe activist wins Don Carlos Humanitarian Award

Linda Spears

Longtime Tempe resident and former City Council-member Linda Spears will be honored with the Don Carlos Humanitarian Award at the 24th Annual Don Carlos Humanitarian Award Reception on Wednesday, Sept. 26, from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m., at the Arizona Historical Society Museum, 1300 N. College Ave.

Spears served on the Tempe City Council from 1994 to 1998 and has dedicated many hours to a variety of human service efforts. She has worked with the Boys and Girls Club and served on the boards of the Tempe Impact Education Foundation, the Tempe Salvation Army, the Centers for Habilitation and the Tempe Community Council. As a member of the Kiwanis Club of Tempe, Spears conceptualized Tempe's Fantasy of Lights Parade, and was elected the club's first female president in 1992. Her interest in affordable housing drew her to the boards of the Industrial Development Authority and the Newtown Community Development Corporation. One of Spears' most recent endeavors is raising funds and awareness for the Tempe Community Foundation, which provides funding for human service agencies serving Tempe residents.

Named after Tempe's founder, Charles Trumbull "Don Carlos" Hayden, the award is given annually by the Tempe Community Council to recognize community members for outstanding humanitarian service for an extended period of time. The public is invited to the Sept. 26 reception, which costs \$25. To receive an invitation, contact the Tempe Community Council at 480-858-2300.



## Mural at Tempe Police substation celebrates service

Local artist Brenda Schodt donated her time and creativity to paint a colorful mural inside the City of Tempe's new Apache Boulevard Police Substation. The mural, which is displayed on a wall in the Traffic Bureau, depicts a motorcycle tire with golden wings.

Schodt painted the mural to express her gratitude for the service the men and women of the Tempe Police Department provide every day, asking for no recognition or compensation.

"We as a department are thankful for her thoughtful expression of appreciation and take pride in the mural she's given us," said Police spokesperson Brandon Banks.

## Ballet Under the Stars

Pack a picnic dinner, bring a blanket and enjoy a family-friendly performance of classical and contemporary dance under the stars performed by Ballet Arizona at 7 p.m. on Friday, Sept. 21, at the Tempe Center for the Arts Amphitheater, 700 W. Rio Salado Parkway. Admission is free.

Complete with a stage, lighting, costumes and the beautiful Arizona night, Ballet Under the Stars allows Tempe residents to enjoy dance in a unique outdoor setting. In addition to Ballet Arizona performances, children from nearby grade schools will have the opportunity to create, choreograph and perform a dance with the guidance of Ballet Arizona dancers. This Ballet Arizona outreach program, "Class Act," is a project combining the talents of professional dancers with the youthful creativity of children. The children will choose music, create choreography and finalize their performance under the stars.

### Correction:

In the July issue of Tempe Today, an article about proper vehicle care incorrectly noted that automobile tires could be recycled at Tempe's Household Products Collection Center. The center does not collect tires for recycling.

## Volunteer Fair on Sept. 26

Looking for ways to help your community? Get involved by volunteering at the Tempe Center for the Arts, the Tempe Public Library, the Tempe Historical Society Museum and more. Learn about all the available opportunities at Tempe's annual Volunteer Fair on Wednesday, Sept. 26, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m., in the lower level Program Room in the Tempe Public Library, 3500 S. Rural Rd. Representatives from organizations around the community will be present to answer your questions and tell you how you can help. Refreshments will be served. Other groups recruiting volunteers at the event will include Experience Corps, CARE & Crisis Response Team, the Petersen House Museum, Volunteers In Policing, the Volunteer Center of Maricopa and more. For information, call the Volunteer Office at 480-350-5190.

## Orbit neighborhood circulator

The City of Tempe launched its new Orbit neighborhood circulator service July 23, with high-frequency shuttle service every 15 minutes, seven days a week from 6 a.m. to 10 p.m.

The first two Orbit routes, called Mercury and Venus, are replacing the Neighborhood Flash route. Three more Orbit routes, Earth, Mars, and Jupiter, are scheduled to launch later this year and will serve neighborhoods along Country Club Way, Evergreen Road, Dorsey Lane, College Avenue and parts of north Tempe.

For more information on Orbit routes, call 480-350-2739 or visit [www.tempe.gov/tim](http://www.tempe.gov/tim) for maps of the routes.

## Run with Team Tempe in P.F. Chang's Rock 'N' Roll Marathon

Have you ever wanted to get in better shape or finish a marathon? Do you want to help your community? Then join Team Tempe, a fun and exciting way to get healthy and help those in need.

Team Tempe is a community-wide effort to raise money for the Association for Supportive Childcare, the Centers for Habilitation, the Tempe Family YMCA and the Tempe Community Foundation. Plus it's a chance to receive training and encouragement to finish the full or half marathon at the P.F. Chang's Rock 'N' Roll Marathon on Jan. 18 in Tempe, Phoenix and Scottsdale.

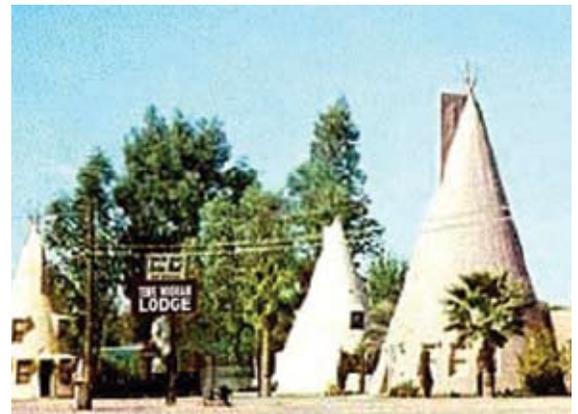
As a member of Team Tempe, you can participate in a training program and help collect pledges to support nonprofits in your community. You will also get the chance to win prizes including a free membership to the Tempe Family YMCA, free entry into the P.F. Chang's Rock 'N' Roll Marathon, and more!

For more information on Team Tempe or to join, contact Jayson Matthews of the Tempe Community Council at 480-858-2302 or visit [www.tempe.gov/tcc](http://www.tempe.gov/tcc). For more information on the P.F. Chang's Rock 'N' Roll Marathon, visit [www.rnrz.com](http://www.rnrz.com).

## Tempe St. Luke's Hospital reopens Birthing Suites

Tempe St. Luke's has reopened its Birthing Suites, which now feature nine labor, delivery, recovery and postpartum rooms, a nursery and three critical care rooms. The Birthing Suites were designed to allow expectant mothers and their families share in the birth experience. The private rooms are big enough to accommodate the entire family, but also allow privacy for mom and baby.

The Birthing Suites offer a series of educational classes for pregnant women and their families, including preparation for childbirth, newborn care and breastfeeding. For tours or class registration, call 480-784-5588.



## The Teepees on Apache

In the 1930s and 40s, when cross-country car trips were popular in the United States, roadside stops took on some wacky forms in order to attract motorists. Food stands were shaped like hot dogs, coffee shops looked like giant sprinkled donuts, and hosiery shops were topped with 30-foot, high-heeled women's legs.

One design in particular attracted weary travelers in cities across the country: the roadside lodge shaped like a teepee. And Tempe had its own take on this nationwide trend.

The Wigwam Lodge was built in 1945 on the north-east corner of McAllister and Apache Boulevard, taking advantage of the tourist traffic from U.S. Highway 60. Six two-story units, each 30 feet tall and 23 feet in diameter, were made of wooden frames covered with stucco. The interior of each included a kitchenette, a bedroom and a bathroom. The lodge originally included a swimming pool, shuffleboard courts and a shaded campground.

In the 1970s, many other hotels were built along U.S. 60, and the teepee structures were converted into apartments. The teepees deteriorated and were demolished in 1983.

"The loss of such idiosyncratic structures left the community a little bit poorer in today's era of architectural uniformity," said City Architect Mark Vinson, who co-authored a book featuring the teepees called *Landmark Buildings: Arizona's Architectural Heritage*.

## Calendar

### City Council Meetings

The August/September schedule for Tempe City Council meetings

#### August 2

6 p.m., Issue Review Session  
7:30 p.m., Council Meeting

#### August 16

6 p.m., Issue Review Session  
7:30 p.m., Council Meeting

#### September 6

6 p.m., Issue Review Session  
7:30 p.m., Council Meeting

#### September 20

6 p.m., Issue Review Session  
7:30 p.m., Council Meeting

Meetings are aired live on Tempe 11 and the Internet at [www.tempe.gov/tempe11](http://www.tempe.gov/tempe11).

City Council meetings are held in the Council Chambers at City Hall, 31 E. Fifth St. Agendas are posted 24 hours before each meeting outside the Council Chambers and on the second floor of City Hall. Meetings are subject to change. Confirm dates and times with the City Clerk's Office, 480-350-8241 or on the Web site at [www.tempe.gov/clerk](http://www.tempe.gov/clerk).

## Tempe City Council

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## News you can use

### Shop for crime and fire prevention at Arizona Mills Mall

The Tempe Fire and Police departments are offering a fun way for families to get safety information Saturday, Sept. 29, from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m., at Arizona Mills Mall, 5000 Arizona Mills Circle.

Tempe residents can collect brochures on crime prevention, auto theft prevention, fire prevention and water safety awareness in the food court. Free VIN etching will be provided for vehicles in the parking lot. Residents with vehicle registration information also will have the opportunity to register for the Watch Your Car Program. Outside, kids will enjoy looking inside real fire and police vehicles on display.

### G.A.I.N. Organizational Meeting Sept. 18

Getting Arizona Involved in Neighborhoods (G.A.I.N.) is hosting an organizational meeting on Tuesday, Sept. 18, from 6-7 p.m., in preparation for the Oct. 20 G.A.I.N. Night. Neighborhood associations, block watch captains, and apartment and mobile home community managers are encouraged to attend the organizational meeting to receive information on hosting a successful G.A.I.N. Night.

Attendees can register their individual G.A.I.N. Night, gather marketing materials to host events and enter a drawing for door prizes. The organizational meeting will be held in the Program Room of the Tempe Public Library, 3500 S. Rural Rd., from 6-7 p.m. For more information, contact the Tempe Police Department Crime Prevention Unit at 480-858-6333 or visit [www.tempe.gov/cpu/gain](http://www.tempe.gov/cpu/gain).

### Tech Trends for Adults at Tempe Public Library

A seemingly incomprehensible language is speeding its way through the Web and into the daily vocabulary of kids and teens. Decipher what they're saying through the language of cyberspace, blogging and MySpace, and learn how to protect your kids online. Join this introductory tech trend course on Thursday, Sept. 20, at 7 p.m., in the Tempe Learning Center at the Tempe Public Library. For more information or for a listing of more Tempe Public Library events, visit [www.tempe.gov/library/events](http://www.tempe.gov/library/events) or call 480-350-5511.

### The Hot Sheet

Want to know what's happening on Mill Avenue these days? Get The Hot Sheet, an electronic calendar of events for the Mill Avenue District including music, special events, family fun and more. The Hot Sheet also features Mill Avenue merchant offers and specials. Sign up by e-mailing [arnel@downtowntempe.com](mailto:arnel@downtowntempe.com), or download The Hot Sheet from the Mill Avenue District Web site at [www.millavenue.com](http://www.millavenue.com).

### Online map service for downtown Tempe

Find hotels, restaurants, Arizona State University buildings and buildings in Tempe on the Web. The Tempe Convention & Visitors Bureau and Downtown Tempe Community have launched interactive city maps with detailed information about properties and distances between locations at [www.tempecvb.com/maps.asp](http://www.tempecvb.com/maps.asp) and [www.millavenue.com](http://www.millavenue.com).

### Cell Phones for Soldiers

A Tempe business is collecting old cell phones to benefit those serving in the military. Cell Phones for Soldiers, a nonprofit organization started in Massachusetts in 2004, has sent more than 75,000 pre-paid calling cards to service people. In addition to sending calling cards, the group is now collecting old cell phones and recycling them for cash to purchase video phones so that soldiers and families can see each other as they talk.

The program will accept any make or model phone, along with attached batteries or accessories. Phones can be dropped off at Mailworks, 3320 S. Price Road. Calling cards and phones may be dropped off weekdays from 9 a.m.-5 p.m., and Saturdays from 9 a.m.-1 p.m. For more information, visit [www.cellphonesforsoldiers.com](http://www.cellphonesforsoldiers.com) or call 480-777-1770.