



Fourth of July celebration

TruWest Credit Union presents the CBS July 4th Tempe Town Lake Festival on Friday, July 4, at Tempe Beach Park. Gates will open at 4 p.m. There will be live local entertainment, a splash zone where you can stay cool, carnival rides, rock climbing walls, face painters and the SRP 57th Annual Fireworks Spectacular.

Advance tickets will be sold beginning June 4 at Fry's and Fry's Marketplace for \$6 each and at a number of City of Tempe facilities for \$5 each. At the gate, tickets are \$8, or \$15 for two. Children 12 and under are free. Produced by the Kiwanis Club of Tempe, the event benefits local charities.

For event details, visit www.tempe4th.com. For traffic and bus details, visit www.tempe.gov/tim.



More than 10,000 parking spaces in the Mill Avenue District

Visitors to downtown Tempe have more than 10,000 parking spaces to choose from – and with the installation of new signs and improvements at two surface parking lots, they will now be even easier to find.

Downtown parking improvements include:

New parking signs – The City of Tempe and the Downtown Tempe Community (DTC) have collaborated on the installation of new parking signs. These blue-and-white signs

indicate parking garages, surface lots and on-street parking opportunities.

An expanded lot at Seventh Street and Myrtle Avenue – Work will be completed by this fall on a temporary parking lot at the site of what will be the University Square project. The lot will be paved and will have lighting.

An improved lot at Fifth Street and Farmer Avenue – This parking lot was recently resurfaced. Permits will be issued for construction workers and other spots will be metered for public access.

Several parking areas in the Mill Avenue District are routinely less used. Be sure to check out these options at busy times and your chances of finding open spaces are greater. Currently, the less-frequently-used parking options downtown include: the Centerpoint parking garage on the northeast corner of Ash Avenue and University Drive; the Hayden Ferry parking garage on the northeast corner of Mill Avenue and Rio Salado Parkway; the ASU Foundation parking garage on the northeast corner of University Drive and College Avenue; and the metered parking spaces along Ash Avenue between Third and Fifth streets.

As an alternative to driving, Tempe's free Orbit neighborhood circulator system uses mini-buses to serve downtown. Routes run every 15 minutes, seven days a week, from 6 a.m. to 10 p.m. For more information, call 480-350-2775 or visit www.tempe.gov/tim.

For a downtown parking map, visit www.tempe.gov/parking.

Learn to swim

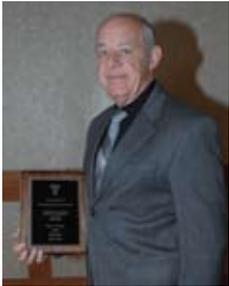
Whether you are looking to introduce your toddler to her first swimming lesson or your teen wants to master the backstroke, Tempe Parks and Recreation has the class for you. Instructional courses are offered several times this summer at Clark, Escalante and McClintock outdoor pools, as well as Kiwanis indoor swimming pool. For more information on class schedules and registration, visit www.tempe.gov/brochure or call 480-350-5200.

Tempe salutes its volunteers



Eddie Diaz

City of Tempe volunteers and the city staffers who appreciate their work gathered April 9 for the 24th annual Volunteer Recognition Luncheon at the Fiesta Inn. The event salutes those who volunteered at least 50 hours in the last calendar year and youth who volunteered at least 25 hours within the academic school year, and recognizes six outstanding individuals or groups.



Dick Azzi

Richard Azzi was selected as the city's 2008 Volunteer of the Year for his work as a volunteer instructor for computer classes held at the Cahill Senior Center. Eddie Diaz was selected as the 2008 Youth Volunteer of the Year for his work at the Tempe Historical Museum as an exhibit hall aide and gift shop volunteer.

In 2007, Tempe's more than 3,000 volunteers gave more than 125,000 hours of service to the city. For information on how you can help, visit www.tempe.gov/volunteer or call 480-350-5190.

Don Carlos Award nominations due by July 31

Nominations are being sought for the Don Carlos Humanitarian Award, which is presented annually to an individual or couple who has given outstanding service to the community over an extended period of time, has benefitted the less fortunate in lasting ways, and has made Tempe a better place to live. The nominee must be a current or former resident, or work in Tempe. Nominations must be received by July 31. For more information or to submit a nomination, visit www.tempe.gov/tcc or call 480-858-2300. The event will be held Nov. 5 at the Arizona Historical Society Museum, 1300 N. College Ave.

Summer food service program

The Tempe Elementary School District offers a summer food service program, offering free meals to all children 18 and younger at several schools and community centers. For details, call 480-774-2124 or visit www.tempeschools.org.

Beat the heat this summer

As the temperature rises, Tempeans look for ways to stay cool and the Parks and Recreation Department has seven fun and safe places to do just that:

Clark, Escalante and McClintock outdoor swimming pools are great ways to cool off this summer. Admission is free for ages 5 and under, 75 cents for ages 6-17, and \$1.25 for ages 18 and older.

COX Splash Playground at Tempe Beach Park, and Jaycee Park and Esquer Park Splash Playgrounds offer kids of all ages the opportunity to play in the water. Admission is free.

Kiwanis Recreation Center indoor wave pool generates 3-foot waves in varying patterns. Raft and tube rentals are available. Wave pool admission is \$3 for ages 2-12 and \$6 for ages 13 and older.

Special summer pool events include:

- July 19-20 – Big Brothers/Big Sisters Weekend at Wave Pool. Little Brothers/Sisters get in free with paid Big Brother/Sister admission.
- July 26-27 – City of Tempe Sports Weekend at Wave Pool. Wear your league or camp uniform or shirt and receive 50 percent off wave pool admission.
- July 29, from 6-8 p.m. – Mini Carnival at McClintock Pool. Games led by your favorite lifeguards, prizes, crafts, snow cones and more. Regular pool admission.

Facilities are open daily. For a complete list of open swim and wave pool sessions, as well as location addresses, visit www.tempe.gov/pools.

Water safety

When temperatures rise, and cooling off in the water is tempting, the City of Tempe reminds you that even the most experienced swimmers can drown. These safety tips will help ensure your fun in the sun is not spoiled:

- Never swim alone. Only swim in supervised areas.
- Know your swimming limits and stay within them. Do not try to keep up with stronger swimmers and do not push others to keep up with you.
- Keep your eye on weaker swimmers who may be struggling and encourage them to rest.
- Never drink alcohol and swim.
- Obey "No Diving" signs and enter water feet first.
- Wear Coast Guard-approved life jackets when boating and fishing.
- Know local weather conditions and stop swimming when you see or hear a storm.
- Put a fence with a self-closing and self-latching gate around pools and spas.
- Assign a "lifeguard" to watch children around pools, lakes, hot tubs and spas, especially in a party situation.
- Mount life-saving devices near the pool, and keep a telephone and emergency numbers posted by the pool.
- Water wings, floaties and air-filled toys are not lifesaving devices.

For more information or to have someone speak to your group about water safety, call the Tempe Fire Department's Public Education section at 480-858-7230.

Tempe accepts more recyclables

Tempe now accepts all rigid plastics with recycling codes 1 through 7 in its recycling collection program. By increasing the amount of recyclables, the city hopes to increase the participation rate of recycling and divert items from landfills. Tempe has also added three new neighborhood recycling drop-off sites: Jaycee Park, 817 W. 5th St., the Arizona Historical Society Museum, 1300 N. College Ave.; and the Household Products Collection Center, 1320 E. University Dr. For more information, visit www.tempe.gov/recycling or call 480-350-8145.

Tempe Boards and Commissions

Tempe's 31 Boards and Commissions advise the City Council on decisions about every aspect of life in Tempe. They are established by city ordinance to fulfill specific roles. The city is always looking to fill vacancies on its boards and commissions, so visit www.tempe.gov/clerk to apply. This month, we're looking at:

Judicial Advisory Board

The Judicial Advisory Board seeks out qualified individuals to apply for the office of City Judge or Presiding Judge, conducts investigations into the background and qualifications of candidates for new appointments, and submits recommendations for candidates for appointment or re-appointment to the Mayor and City Council.

The Board is composed of six members serving three-year terms, including the presiding judge of the Tempe Municipal Court, the presiding judge of the Maricopa County Superior Court, two active members of the State Bar of Arizona, and two residents of Tempe. Meetings are held as needed for the purpose of reviewing applications for appointment or to conduct a re-appointment review. For more information, call 480-350-8614.

Library Advisory Board

The Library Advisory Board advises the City Council in establishing policies, rules and regulations relating to library structures and materials; developing a continuing plan for the city's library program; and establishing budget priorities for activities relating to library policy.

The Library Advisory Board is composed of nine Tempe residents, who serve three-year terms. Meetings are usually held the first Monday of each month in the Library Board Room, 3500 S. Rural Rd., at 7:30 p.m. For more information, call 480-350-5505.

Merit System Board

The Merit System Board makes recommendations on proposed Personnel Rules and Regulations, investigates and makes recommendations on any matter of personnel policy to the City Manager, and hears appeals submitted by employees in relation to dismissal, demotions, disciplinary pay reduction or suspension.

The Merit System Board is made up of three members serving three-year terms. Members may not hold another municipal office or be employed by the City of Tempe, and must be Tempe residents. Meetings are held as needed in the Human Resources Conference Room located at 20 E. 6th St. For more information, call 480-350-8407.

School registration this summer

Residents can register their children for school this summer at Tempe's three school districts:

Tempe Elementary School District – www.tempeschools.org or 480-730-7305.

Kyrene School District – www.kyrene.org or 480-783-4175.

Tempe Union High School District – www.tuhsd.k12.az.us or 480-839-0292.



Petersen House

Niels Petersen left his mark on Tempe as one of the leading businessmen and community leaders in the city during the late 19th and early 20th centuries. Petersen emigrated from Denmark as a young man and built a homestead on 160 acres of Tempe land at what is now the intersection of Priest Drive and Southern Avenue.

The two-story Queen Anne Victorian house that now stands there was built by Petersen in 1892. One of the most elegant homes in the Salt River Valley at the time, the building still boasts its original appearance, along with updates from a remodeling in the 1930s. The house features many cornerstones of period architecture, including gables, porches, balconies, bay windows and 12-foot ceilings. The interior reveals gold-leaf picture railing and hand-stenciled wallpaper borders, and all rooms are furnished to recreate the Victorian and Depression time periods.

Petersen lived in the house with his wife, Susanna Decker, until Petersen's death in 1923. The house was placed on the National Register of Historic Places in 1977, and was donated to the City of Tempe in 1979.

The Petersen House Museum currently is undergoing exterior renovations and will re-open to the public for tours this summer. For more information, call 480-350-5151 or visit www.tempe.gov/petersenhouse.

Calendar

City Council Meetings

The June/July schedule
for Tempe City Council meetings

June 5, 2008

6 p.m., Issue Review Session
7:30 p.m., Council Meeting
Special Budget Session immediately
following 7:30 p.m. Council meeting

June 19, 2008

Special Budget Review Session
(Adoption of Property Tax) – 3 p.m.

July 17, 2008

Swearing-In Ceremony and
Formal Council (limited agenda)
Meeting - 6 p.m.

July 22, 2008

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.

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.

Tempe City Council

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News you can use

Proper disposal of bulk items and yard waste

Residents are asked to consider these tips from the City of Tempe's Solid Waste division when disposing of yard waste and items for the city's monthly bulk item collection service:

- Bag/box all grass, leaves and small debris. If space permits, place these bagged items into your garbage container. Cut branches to 4-foot lengths and neatly stack them in piles.
- Place items out for collection no more than 10 days prior to your collection week.
- Residents are responsible for maintaining their alley from their property line to the center of the alley. Items to be collected from alleys must be placed neatly along your fence line.
- Property owners must trim and maintain any trees or vegetation growing over their fence line and obstructing the right of way. Trim shrubs and trees to a height of 13 feet overhanging the property line in alley right-of-ways.
- City ordinance prohibits the use of alleys or the public right-of-way by landscapers or other professionals for placement of materials that result from service to residents, such as yard trimmings, grass clippings, palm fronds and other materials. Professionals hired for these types of services are required by law to haul these materials away.

For more information and collection schedules, visit www.tempe.gov/recycling or call 480-350-8145.

Citizens' Police Academy

Are you ever curious about what it would be like to be a police officer? Tempeans have the opportunity to participate in a free, 13-week program that provides citizens with an in-depth examination of the rigors and responsibilities facing Tempe police officers. Academy attendees will participate in several hands-on exercises such as going on a ride-along with officers. The program runs every Tuesday, Aug. 5, through Oct. 28, from 6-9 p.m. in the Police Auditorium, 120 E. 5th St. There is no cost and applications must be submitted by June 27. For information or for an application, visit www.tempe.gov/police/citizenspoliceacademy.

Chamber Hot Topics Lunch

Want to learn more about current issues and events in Tempe? Listen to guest speaker Mayor Hugh Hallman at the Tempe Chamber of Commerce's monthly Hot Topics Lunch on July 17, from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m., at the Fiesta Resort, 2100 S. Priest Dr. Mayor Hallman will discuss Tempe's history and growth, and his goals and visions. Admission at the door is \$25 for Chamber members, and \$30 for non-members. For more information or to reserve a spot, call 480-967-7891.

Vial of Life

Created in 2005, the Vial of Life program is a partnership between Tempe St. Luke's Hospital, Tempe Fire and Tempe Police. Changes to the program were made in consultation with the Mayor's Commission on Disability Concerns, the Center for Habilitation and ARC of Tempe. The information is now available in both English and Spanish. In an emergency situation, immediate access to medical and/or disability information can save a life. You can help first responders to assist you or a loved one by giving them the information they need with these easy steps:

Step 1: Obtain a Vial of Life kit. Available free at the Tempe Fire Department, the Tempe Police Department, and the City of Tempe Diversity Office, on the second floor of Tempe City Hall, 31 E. 5th St. 480.350.2905

Step 2: Fill out the form.

Step 3: Place the form inside the vial provided. Set on the top shelf in refrigerator.

Step 4: Place the magnet provided on the outside of your refrigerator.

Step 5: Update the information regularly.