



City Council Weekly Information Packet

Friday, November 17, 2023

Includes the following documents/information:

- 1) City Council Events Schedule
- 2) March 12, 2024 Primary/Special Election Update
- 3) Community Services Department Update



City Council Events Schedule

November 17, 2023 thru April 20, 2024

The Mayor and City Council have been invited to attend various community meetings and public and private events at which a quorum of the City Council may be present. The Council will not be conducting city business, nor will any legal action be taken. This is an event only and not a public meeting. A list of the community meetings and public and private events along with the schedules, dates, times, and locations is attached. Organizers may require a rsvp or fee.

Wed-Sun	Nov 15-19	8:00 a.m. – 8:00 p.m.	NLC City Summit Location: Atlanta, Georgia
Fri	Nov 17	8:30 a.m. – 9:30 a.m.	Joseph Spracale Color Run Location: Joseph Spracale Elementary 1325 E. Malibu Drive Tempe, AZ
Sat	Nov 18	9:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.	Escalante Neighborhood Association Meeting Location: Escalante Community Center 2150 E. Orange Street Tempe, AZ
Sat	Nov 18	10:00 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.	Habitat for Humanity – Wall Signing Ceremony Location: Habitat for Humanity 1967 E. Don Carlos Avenue Tempe, AZ
Sat	Nov 18	10:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.	Sunset Neighborhood Association Meeting Location: Jaycee Park 817 W. 5 th Street Tempe, AZ
Fri	Nov 24	6:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.	Fantasy of Lights Street Parade Location: 3 rd Street & Mill 1 W. Rio Salado Parkway Tempe, AZ
Wed	Nov 29	6:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.	Mill Avenue Underpass Public Art Meeting Location: Tempe Public Library 3500 S. Rural Road Tempe, AZ
Thur	Dec 7	5:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.	Downtown Tempe Menorah Lighting

			Location: Ragsdale MLK Park 24 E. 6 th Street Tempe, AZ
Thur	Dec 7	6:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.	Meyer Park, Hughes Acres and Rural Geneva NAs Neighborhood Meeting Location: Meyer Montessori 2615 S. Dorsey Lane Tempe, AZ
Fri	Dec 8	7:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.	State of the City Location: Omni 7 E. University Drive Tempe, AZ
Wed	Dec 13	5:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.	Boys & Girls Clubs of the Valley Ladmo Branch’s Holiday Party Location: Boys & Girls Club 715 W. 5 th Street Tempe, AZ
Sat	Dec 16	6:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.	NAACP State Conference Fundraiser Gala Location: Hyatt Regency 122 N. Second Street Tempe, AZ
Tues	Jan 16	11:15 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.	Tempe Tourism Office Annual Luncheon Location: Tempe Tourism Office 222 S. Mill Avenue, Suite 120 Tempe, AZ
Sat	Feb 24	10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.	PlayDay 2024 – Tempe’s Annual Day of Play Location: Kiwanis Park – Fiesta Playground All-American Way & Mill Avenue Tempe, AZ
Sat	Mar 2	7:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.	Tempe Cares 2024 Location: Tempe Leadership 1438 W. Broadway Road #213 Tempe, AZ
Wed	Mar 27	4:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.	Geeks Night Out 2024 – Tempe’s Annual STEAM Festival Location: Tempe Public Library 3500 S. Rural Road Tempe, AZ

Sat	Apr 20	9:00 a.m. – 10:00 p.m.	AZ Alpha Delta Kappa State Convention Location: Double Tree Hilton 2100 S. Priest Drive Tempe, AZ
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MEMORANDUM

TO: Mayor and City Council
FROM: Kara DeArrastia, City Clerk
DATE: November 17, 2023
SUBJECT: March 12, 2024 Primary/Special Election Update



At the September 7, 2023, Regular Council Meeting (RCM), the City Council adopted a resolution ([Resolution No. R2023.127](#)) calling a Primary Election to be held on March 12, 2024, and a Regular (General) Election, if necessary, to be held on May 21, 2024, for the purpose of nominating and/or electing the Mayor and three members of the City Council. Also at the September 7th RCM, the City Council adopted a resolution ([Resolution No. R2023.128](#)) calling a Special Election to be held on March 12, 2024, for the purpose of submitting the [General Plan 2050](#) to the Tempe voters for ratification. The Special Election will be held March 12, 2024, in conjunction with the City's Primary Election for the Mayor and three City Council seats.

Below are updates regarding the March 12, 2024 Primary/Special Election, for the week ending November 17, 2023.

City Council Candidate Filings

Monday, November 13, 2023 was the filing deadline for candidates for the Mayor and three City Council seats. One (1) Mayor and five (5) Councilmember candidates filed sufficient signature petitions and nomination paperwork to be certified for the March 12, 2024, election ballot. The deadline to file a nomination challenge in Maricopa County Superior Court is Wednesday, November 29, 2023.

Mayor Candidate:

- Corey Woods

City Councilmember Candidates (in alphabetical order by last name):

- Nikki Amberg
- Doreen Garlid
- Randy Keating
- David Lucier
- Hugo Tapia

On November 15, 2023, the City issued a [news release](#) regarding the candidates certified for the March 2024 City of Tempe Council Election, including information on the voter registration deadline and the mailing of ballots. Tempe residents who wish to vote in the March 12, 2024, election must be registered to vote by Monday, February 12, 2024. People can visit [BeBallotReady.Vote](#) or call the Maricopa County Election Department at (602) 506-1511 to check their voter registration status. As a ballot-by-mail election, all qualified voters who live in Tempe are automatically mailed a ballot beginning February 14, 2024. Completed ballots may be returned by mail, at Maricopa County drop boxes, or in person at vote centers. Information about vote centers and ballot drop boxes will be posted to [Locations.Maricopa.Vote](#) once available. Details about the March 12, 2024 Primary/Special Election are posted on tempe.gov/election.

General Plan 2050 “For” or “Against” Argument Filing Process

[Tempe This Week: Nov. 13, 2023](#) included information regarding how people can file arguments in favor of or in opposition of the General Plan 2050. Arguments will be included in the publicity pamphlet, which is mailed to each Tempe household containing a registered voter beginning February 6, 2024. Arguments shall be filed electronically by email to clerk@tempe.gov and shall not exceed 300 words. An **argument submission** form is available in Word format. A \$100.00 deposit is required for each argument filed, to offset a portion of the proportionate cost of paper and printing the argument. Payment may be made by credit card (Visa, MasterCard, Discover, or American Express is accepted), check or cash in person in the City Clerk’s Office, 31 East Fifth Street, Tempe, AZ, 85281.

Each argument must include the sworn statement of its sponsor. If the argument is sponsored by an organization, the sworn statement of two executive officers is required. If the argument is sponsored by a political action committee, the sworn statement of the committee’s chairperson or treasurer is required.

The deadline to file an argument is 5:00 p.m. on Wednesday, December 13, 2023. To date, no arguments have been filed.

People may call the City Clerk’s Office at (480) 350-8242, email clerk@tempe.gov, or visit tempe.gov/election, for more information about the election or argument submission.

Future updates will be provided throughout the election season as needed. Should you have any questions or need further information, please do not hesitate to contact me at (480) 350-8947 or kara_dearrastia@tempe.gov.

COMMUNITY SERVICES UPDATE

November 17, 2023

Special Events Update: November 17—December 3

The Special Events Task Force Committee works with event producers up to 18 months in advance to ensure the administrative and operational logistics are addressed before the event receives final approval.



Date	Event	Location	Notation
11/15-12/31	World of Illumination	Diablo Stadium	Holiday Light Show
11/17	Cheers for the Cause	Dixon Flannel Company	Charity Game Night
11/17-11/18	Dayspring Holiday Boutique	Dayspring Pre-School	Boutique Fundraiser
11/18	NKBA Design Competition Soiree	AZ Heritage Center	Awards Gala
11/18	Party for the Paws	FABRIC	Charity Fundraiser
11/18	SWIHA Fall Festival	SW Healing Arts	Wellness Gathering
11/19	Ironman Arizona	Tempe Beach Park	Triathlon
11/24	Fantasy of Lights Street Parade	Mill Avenue	Holiday Street Parade
11/25	Leftovers Run	Kiwanis Park	Community 5k/10k
11/25	Fat Turkey Trail Run	Papago Trail	Trail Run
11/28	White Castle Grand Opening	White Castle	Grand Opening
12/1-12/3	Festival of the Arts	Mill Avenue	Arts Festival
12/2	Sharing Down Syndrome Christmas Party	Kiwanis Park	Holiday Celebration
12/2	Donor Dash	Kiwanis Park	Charity Walk/Run
12/2	FABRIC Fever	FABRIC	Charity Fundraiser
12/3	Show Me Love	AZ Historical Society	Charity Fundraiser

For additional information on activities, events, and things to do in and around Tempe, visit:

Tempe Arts and Culture (Tempe.gov/arts),

Downtown Tempe Authority (Downtowntempe.com/explore),

Tempe Tourism (Tempetourism.com), and

Tempe Public Library (Tempepubliclibrary.org).

