



## City Council Weekly Information Packet

Friday, December 15, 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

**December 15, 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.

Sat	Dec 16	9:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.	Escalante Neighborhood Association Meeting  Location: Escalante Community Garden 2150 E. Orange Street Tempe, AZ
Sat	Dec 16	2:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.	Brentwood Cavalier Neighborhood Association Meeting and 10 <sup>th</sup> Annual Holiday Tea Open House  Location: 539 E. Fairmont Drive SW corner of Fairmont and La Rosa
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
Wed	Dec 20	6:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.	City Council Candidate Forum  Location: Tempe History Museum 809 E. Southern Avenue Tempe, AZ
Mon	Jan 8	8:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.	MLK Diversity Awards Breakfast  Location: Doubletree by Hilton Hotel 2100 S. Priest Drive Tempe, AZ
Tues	Jan 9	7:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.	Dance Tempe  Location: Tempe Center for the Arts 700 W. Rio Salado parkway Tempe, AZ
Sat	Jan 13	10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.	Clark Park Community Center Grand Opening  Location: Clark Park 19 <sup>th</sup> Street and Roosevelt 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	Jan 20	11:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.	Arts in the Parks Block Party: Indian Bend  Location: Indian Bend Park 1250 E. Marigold Lane Tempe, AZ
Sun	Jan 21	11:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.	Arts in the Parks Block Party: Corbell Park  Location: Corbell Park 7300 S. Lakeshore Drive Tempe, AZ
Sat	Jan 27	10:00 am. – 3:00 p.m.	Fan Con  Location: Tempe Public Library 3500 S. Rural road Tempe, AZ
Sat	Jan 27	11:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.	Arts in the Parks Block Party: Mary & Moses Green Park  Location: Mary & Moses Green Park 35 W. Warner Ranch Drive Tempe, AZ
Sun	Jan 28	11:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.	Arts in the Parks Block Party: Optimist Park  Location: Optimist Park 2000 E. Sesame Street Tempe, AZ
Thur	Feb 1	4:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.	Fairfield Inn & TownePlace Suites Ribbon Cutting  Location: Fairfield Inn & Towneplace Suites 1929 E. Rio Salado Parkway Tempe, AZ
Sat	Feb 3	11:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.	Arts in the Park Block Party: Scudder Park  Location: Scudder Park 5805 S. Lakeshore Drive Tempe, AZ
Sun	Feb 4	11:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.	Arts in the Parks Block Party: Meyer Park  Location: Meyer Park 2727 S. Dorsey Lane 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
Fri	Mar 22	8:00 a.m. – 5:30 p.m.	First Robotics Competition Arizona East Regional  Location: AZTech Robotics – Corona del Sol 1001 E. Knox Road 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: December 15, 2023  
SUBJECT: March 12, 2024 Primary/Special Election Update



Below are updates regarding the March 12, 2024 Primary/Special Election, for the week ending December 15, 2023.

## General Plan 2050 “For” or “Against” Arguments Filed for Publicity Pamphlet

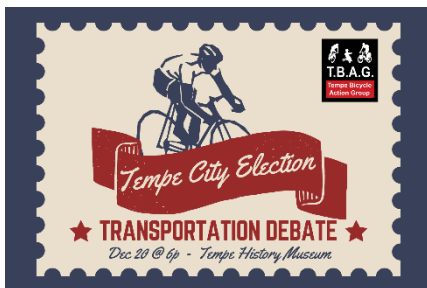
Wednesday, December 13, was the deadline for people to file arguments in favor of or in opposition of the proposed ratification of the [City of Tempe General Plan 2050](#) by the voters (Proposition 478) that will be on the March 12, 2024, election ballot. In total, fifteen (15) arguments were filed: fourteen (14) arguments in support of Proposition 478 and one (1) argument against Proposition 478. The filed arguments will be included in the publicity pamphlet, which is mailed to each Tempe household containing a registered voter beginning February 6.

## Meet the Mayor and Councilmember Candidates

As a reminder, people can visit [tempe.gov/CouncilCandidates](https://tempe.gov/CouncilCandidates) to learn more about the one (1) candidate running for the Mayoral seat and the five (5) candidates running for three (3) seats on the City Council, including a brief biography and links to their email address, campaign website, and social media pages.

## Tempe Candidate Forums

The first scheduled forum for the Tempe City Council candidates is taking place on Wednesday, December 20, and it will focus on Transportation and air live on [tempe.gov/Tempe11](https://tempe.gov/Tempe11). Those interested may attend the forum at no cost. Information about the first forum is listed below.



**Sponsoring Organization:** [Tempe Bicycle Action Group](#)

**Date and Time:** Wednesday, December 20 – Doors open 5:30 p.m.; Starts 6:00 p.m.

**Location:** Tempe History Museum, Community Room, 809 East Southern Avenue, Tempe, AZ 85282

**Moderator:** Rebekah Sanders of Local First Arizona

**Contact information:** email [info@biketempe.org](mailto:info@biketempe.org)

The additional Tempe City Council Candidate forums are being finalized and details about the sponsoring organization, date and time, location, and contact information will be posted on the [Election News Page](#) once confirmed.

The City of Tempe remains impartial and does not support or endorse any particular candidate or viewpoint. State law prohibits municipalities from using resources, including equipment, employee time, and facilities, to influence an election. Government-sponsored forums must be impartial and for purely informational purposes. City of Tempe-hosted forums are purely informational and provide an equal opportunity to all candidates' viewpoints.

## New BeBallotReady.Vote Dashboard



Maricopa County Recorder Stephen Richer recently announced the redesigned voter dashboard at [BeBallotReady.Vote](https://www.maricopa.gov/BeBallotReady.Vote) to provide County voters an easy way to stay in the know and find resources, review their voter registration status, update their information, and more.

For example, your individualized platform enables you to:

- Check your ballot status.
- Sign up for ballot alerts.
- See your sample ballot.
- Get a digital voter registration card.
- See which past elections you have voted in.
- See your voting districts.
- Submit a temporary address.
- Request voting accommodations.
- Find a voting location.
- See temporary elections worker positions.
- See election results.
- Make changes to your registration status.

To vote in the March 12, 2024 Primary/Special Election, you must have been registered to vote within the boundaries of the City of Tempe on or before **midnight, Monday, February 12, 2024**. Check your registration status or register for the first time at [BeBallotReady.Vote](https://www.maricopa.gov/BeBallotReady.Vote), or call the Maricopa County Elections Department at (602) 506-1511.

Visit [tempe.gov/election](https://www.tempe.gov/election) for more information about the March 12, 2024 Primary/Special Election. 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](mailto:kara_dearrastia@tempe.gov).

# COMMUNITY SERVICES UPDATE

December 15, 2023

## WINTER 2024 REGISTRATION IS NOW OPEN!

Before you write down those New Year resolutions, check out the **Winter 2024 Tempe Opportunities** brochure — it's jam-packed with quality programs that offer convenient and affordable solutions to keep you on track in the new year.



Sign up for a fitness program, organized sports league, arts class, special interest course and so much more. Tempe offers quality classes for all ages and abilities.

Check out the 2024 Winter Tempe Opportunities brochure to find your new adventure and sign up at [tempe.gov/play](https://tempe.gov/play). Most classes begin the first week in January.

# COMMUNITY SERVICES UPDATE

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## Special Events Update: December 15, 2023– January 1, 2024

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
12/16	Caribbean Christmas 5K	Tempe Beach Park	Community 5k
12/31	Midnight Madness Run	Kiwanis Park	Community 5k

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

**Tempe Arts and Culture** ([Tempe.gov/arts](http://Tempe.gov/arts)),

**Downtown Tempe Authority** ([Downtowntempe.com/explore](http://Downtowntempe.com/explore)),

**Tempe Tourism** ([Tempetourism.com](http://Tempetourism.com)), and

**Tempe Public Library** ([Tempepubliclibrary.org](http://Tempepubliclibrary.org)).

