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## Elections

Register to vote by Feb. 12 for the March 12 election. Ballots will be mailed to all registered Tempe voters beginning Feb. 14. Check your voter registration status at **BeBallotReady.Vote**. Register to vote through the Maricopa County Elections Department at 602-506-1511 or at **maricopa.vote**.

Information about the election can be found at **tempe.gov/election**. Voters also can call the City Clerk's Office at 480-350-8242 or email [clerk@tempe.gov](mailto:clerk@tempe.gov).



## Affordable housing planned in north Tempe

Tempe continues to lead the way in addressing affordable housing needs with plans for a new development in north Tempe through \$10.8 million in funding from Maricopa County. Mayor Corey Woods and Maricopa County Board of Supervisors Vice Chairman Jack Sellers, along with other community leaders, worked together to fund more affordable housing in Tempe.

The city envisions a high-density, mixed-income and mixed-use urban development that could spark additional housing opportunities. The city is currently exploring properties; no location has been selected. Preliminary plans call for approximately 50 affordable housing units, available to households earning at or below 80% of the Area Median Income. Amenities will promote a healthy, supportive, community-focused lifestyle with a grocery store, Tempe police substation and more.

Tempe's wide-ranging affordable housing efforts are driven by the city's Hometown for All initiative, which creates sustainable funding to expand housing opportunities. Learn more at **tempe.gov/HometownforAll**.



## Homelessness drops by more than 30%

The number of unsheltered people in Tempe has dropped by more than 30%, results supported by the city's investment in enhanced homeless solutions. The last two Point-in-Time homeless counts have shown a 30% decrease during an 11-month period, from 515 in August 2022 to 355 in June 2023. Using another regional data point, Tempe has seen a 32% decrease in the number of unsheltered people being served in the city.

Tempe has invested \$4.9 million in this top priority this fiscal year. These investments have resulted in nearly 16,000 engagements with unsheltered people and a positive housing resolution for more than 1,200 people in the last 20 months. Track the city's progress at **tempe.gov/HomelessResponse**.

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## Help us develop the next city budget

The city is developing the operating and capital budgets for fiscal year 2024-25, which begins July 1. The budget reflects community priorities, which is why we need your input to help allocate the funds. Here's how to participate:

- Virtual budget forum: Tuesday, Feb. 6, at noon, via Zoom
- In-person budget forum: Tuesday, Feb. 6, at 6 p.m., at the Tempe History Museum, 809 E. Southern Ave.
- Online survey at [tempe.gov/forum](https://tempe.gov/forum), available Feb. 1 through March 6

More engagement opportunities will be available in the coming months. Learn more at [tempe.gov/BudgetPlan](https://tempe.gov/BudgetPlan).

## Guiding priorities

Using the city's Strategy Tool for Aligning Resources for Tempe (S.T.A.R.T.) tool, Mayor Corey Woods and the City Council have provided guidance on areas of focus for the upcoming budget year. The process does not appropriate funds. Those identified priorities include pavement quality, ending homelessness, property code enforcement, feeling of safety in neighborhoods and employee retention.

## Downtown Tempe streetscape

Last chance to view the upcoming Downtown Tempe streetscape refresh plans. Three meetings take place on Monday, Jan. 22:

- Noon - on Zoom
- 3:30 p.m. - Tempe Transportation Center
- 6 p.m. - Tempe Public Library

The same information will be presented at each meeting. Visit [tempe.gov/DowntownTempeRefresh](https://tempe.gov/DowntownTempeRefresh) for details.

## More input, research sought for potential ADU expansion

Tempe will continue exploring options and seeking public feedback about the expanded use of accessory dwelling units (ADUs), as directed by the City Council.

An ADU is an independent, smaller, rentable dwelling unit located on the same lot as an existing, standalone single-family home. The use of ADUs could increase affordable housing, create housing diversity, provide opportunities for multi-generational living and generate income for homeowners. Find public meetings when scheduled at [tempe.gov/ADU](https://tempe.gov/ADU).



STATE OF THE CITY  
Mayor Corey Woods



## State of the City

Mayor Corey Woods' speech from the 2023 State of the City is available for viewing at [tempe.gov/Woods](https://tempe.gov/Woods). The Tempe Chamber of Commerce hosted the event. Mayor Woods spotlighted the city's leadership on capital investments, economic development, homelessness, affordable housing and more.

## Tempe commits to building green facilities, encourages developers to follow

Construction of city facilities is doubling down on going green, and local developers have the option to do the same. Late last year, the Tempe City Council adopted a resolution that commits future city facility construction to sustainable building practices and establishes a voluntary sustainable building code for local development. Tempe will use the International Green Construction Code (IgCC), a building code used to guide sustainable, resilient and high-performing development while prioritizing nature and climate.

Green codes like IgCC reduce Green House Gas emissions, mitigate heat island effects, reduce water consumption, decrease dependency on fossil fuels, increase building life spans and heat resiliency while promoting native, desert-adaptive landscaping and structural shade. Read more at [tempe.gov/GreenCodes](https://tempe.gov/GreenCodes).

## EVENTS

**JAN. 13**

Breakfast with Berdetta  
10 a.m. - noon  
[tempe.gov/Hodge](https://tempe.gov/Hodge)

**JAN. 14, FEB. 11**

2nd Sundays on Mill,  
(Jan. noon-5 p.m.;  
Feb. 10 a.m.-3 p.m.)  
[downtowntempe.com](https://downtowntempe.com)

**JAN. 27**

Tempe FanCon,  
Tempe Public Library,  
10 a.m.-4 p.m.  
[tempepubliclibrary.org/FanCon](https://tempepubliclibrary.org/FanCon)

**JAN. 27-28**

Tempe Blooms,  
downtown, 10 a.m.-  
5 p.m.  
[downtowntempe.com](https://downtowntempe.com)

**FEB. 16-MARCH 3**

Arizona Theatre  
Company: Intimate  
Apparel at Tempe  
Center for the Arts  
[atc.org](https://atc.org)

Full events calendar at [tempe.gov/calendar](https://tempe.gov/calendar)

## Save the date: Community event at EnVision Center

The community is invited to learn more about Tempe's EnVision Center at a community event Jan. 20. The new center, opening this spring, is a one-stop resource and response hub designed to help improve residents' self-sufficiency, emergency preparedness and overall quality of life. Get details about the community event at the center, 1310 E. Apache Blvd., at [tempe.gov/EnVisionTempe](https://tempe.gov/EnVisionTempe).

## Do your part to help keep your alleys clean

Tempe City Code requires residents to maintain their alleys from the end of their property line to the center of the alleyway to help reduce fire hazards, limit the spread of pests, decrease criminal activity and make way for first responders and city vehicles. Alley inspections take place regularly.

- Keep the alley clear of trash, debris and unnecessary items
- Place bulk trash items or landscape waste out no earlier than 10 days in advance of scheduled pick up
- Remove vegetation and other obstructions

Find more information at [tempe.gov/alleys](https://tempe.gov/alleys). See your bulk pick up schedule at [tempe.gov/BulkTrash](https://tempe.gov/BulkTrash). For questions or to report an alley concern, call 480-350-4311 or visit [tempe.gov/311](https://tempe.gov/311).



## New art adds vibrancy to underpass

Traveling Mill Avenue just north of Broadway Road is about to get a lot more vibrant with the addition of new art to the existing underpass. This regionally distinct project will capture the attention of motorists and pedestrians coming and going from the areas around downtown Tempe and ASU. Arizona-based artist Joseph O'Connell of Creative Machines was selected to design the piece. The artist's concept involves a series of nature-inspired sculptures that stretch upward along the terraced walls of the underpass and will project colored shadows along adjacent surfaces. Installation is expected to begin in late 2024. Learn more at [tempe.gov/PublicArt](https://tempe.gov/PublicArt).

## The next Zero Waste Day is Jan. 27



Kick off a green new year with Zero Waste Day! Dispose of unwanted items for reuse, recycling, repurposing or proper disposal 7 a.m.-1 p.m., on Saturday, Nov. 4, at the Tempe Fire Training Center, 1340 E. University Drive, at no charge. Participants must live in Tempe or Guadalupe and provide proof of residency. For the full list

of items accepted, visit [tempe.gov/ZeroWaste](https://tempe.gov/ZeroWaste).

## How can Tempe better prepare for emergencies?

The city is looking for your input to better coordinate emergency response efforts and use community assets. Help foster a safe and resilient community by sharing your perspective on trusted spaces and preferred programming at upcoming public meetings:

### Virtual public meeting

- Monday, Feb. 12 - 12 to 1 p.m.
- Meeting link will be available at [tempe.gov/ResilienceHub](https://tempe.gov/ResilienceHub)

### In-person public meeting

- Monday, Feb. 12 - 6-7 p.m.
- EnVision Center, 1310 E. Apache Blvd.

The meetings will include a discussion on Tempe's Resilience Hub Network Initiative.

Learn more at [tempe.gov/ResilienceHub](https://tempe.gov/ResilienceHub).

## FEB. 23-24, MARCH 1-2

Innings Festival and  
Extra Innings Festival,  
Tempe Beach Park  
[inningsfestival.com](https://inningsfestival.com)

## Tempe amends Fair Housing Code

Tempe's City Code includes new protections for those seeking housing, making it illegal to discriminate against someone based on their source of income such as a Housing Choice Voucher. The Tempe City Council late last year unanimously approved changes to the city's Code. The source of income proposal came through the city's Workforce Readiness and Livable Communities Council Committee, which includes Councilmembers Berdetta Hodge and Randy Keating. Learn more at [tempe.gov/SourceofIncome](https://tempe.gov/SourceofIncome).



# Tempe City Council



Corey Woods  
**Mayor**

Jennifer Adams  
**Vice Mayor**

Arlene Chin  
**Councilmember**

Doreen Garlid  
**Councilmember**

Berdetta Hodge  
**Councilmember**

Randy Keating  
**Councilmember**

Joel Navarro  
**Councilmember**

Rosa Inchausti  
**City Manager**

To contact the Mayor and Council, call 480-350-8110.

Check [tempe.gov/clerk](https://tempe.gov/clerk) for updated schedules of City Council meetings and agendas or call 480-350-4311. Meeting dates are subject to change.

Meetings are aired live on Tempe 11 and streamed live at [tempe.gov/tempe11](https://tempe.gov/tempe11).

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## Regional Unity Walk

Enjoy a short, one-mile walk that begins and ends at Tempe Beach Park with residents of neighboring communities. It's free! The festival starts at 4:30 p.m. with music, food and fun. The walk starts at 6 p.m. Get details at [tempe.gov/UnityWalk](https://tempe.gov/UnityWalk).

## Honoring Black History Month

Celebrate Black History Month with several events hosted by the Tempe African American Advisory Committee. The annual Faith in Action Breakfast will be held Friday, Feb. 2, to unite faith and civic leaders in Tempe. On Saturday, Feb. 10, head to the Tempe History Museum for a free Children's Activity Day featuring crafts, games and special exhibits. A Community Chat with Tempe Police Chief Kenneth McCoy will be held Tuesday, Feb. 13. And don't miss Performances at the Museum featuring Southwest neo-soul rap group Prime Society on Friday, Feb. 23. Event information is available at [tempe.gov/AAAC](https://tempe.gov/AAAC).

## Neighbor award nominations now open

Tempe is fortunate to have some amazing neighbors who deserve to be celebrated. Neighborhood award nominations are open through Feb. 15 at 5 p.m. Honorees will be celebrated at the 2024 Neighborhood Celebration on Saturday, April 6, at the Kiwanis Park Fiesta Ramadas, 5711 S. All-America Way. Help us recognize those who contribute to the community's comfort, connectivity, resilience and visual appeal.

The categories of Arts & Culture, Historic Preservation, Sustainability and Water Wise Landscape will also be recognized at the Neighborhood Celebration event along with the presentation of the Dolores Huerta Scholarship. For all neighborhood nomination forms, criteria, local vendor information and more, visit [tempe.gov/NeighborhoodCelebration](https://tempe.gov/NeighborhoodCelebration).

## Read with a child - change a life!

Volunteer as a tutor to help Tempe students become better readers through the AARP Foundation Experience Corps program. Learn more at any of these information sessions through April: Jan. 19, Feb. 2 or 23, March 8 or 29, April 12 or 26, from 9:30-10:30 a.m., at the Tempe Public Library. Learn more at [tempe.gov/ExperienceCorps](https://tempe.gov/ExperienceCorps).

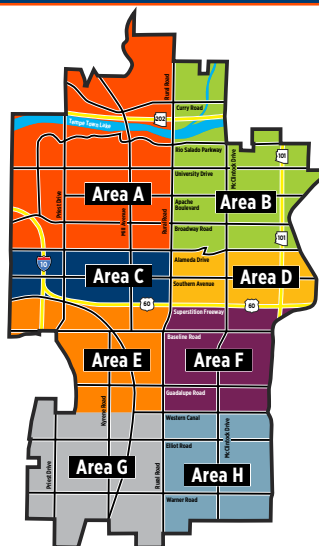
## Bilingual Memory Café

In addition to Tempe's longstanding Memory Café for caregivers and loved ones experiencing memory loss, the city has added a bilingual Memory Café support group. Join us in-person on the fourth Tuesday of each month at the Escalante Multi-Generational Center, 2150 E. Orange St. Doors open at 9:30 a.m.; programs are offered 10-11 a.m. Participants will find a comfortable space to socialize, listen to music and obtain additional resources. Learn more about both Dementia Friendly Tempe Memory Café options at [tempe.gov/dft](https://tempe.gov/dft).

# February 2024 Bulk/uncontained trash, green organics collection schedule

Items must be placed by 6 a.m. on Monday of your collection week, no earlier than 10 days prior. Holidays will not affect the collection schedule.

Area	Date
H	Jan. 29-Feb. 2
A	Feb. 5-9
B	Feb. 12-16
C	Feb. 19-23
D	Feb. 26-March 1



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