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## Affordable housing, historic preservation proposed for November bond election

Increasing funds for affordable housing, protecting Tempe's historic places and restoring Tempe's streets may be on the ballot this November as part of a proposed bond election. Among the considerations:

- Ensuring excellent street conditions by requesting \$180 million to restore all Tempe streets within four years at a cost of an estimated \$1.3 million per mile.
- Accelerating Tempe's affordable housing efforts and adding more housing opportunities - approximately \$32 million is being requested over four years.
- Boosting Tempe's preservation efforts with approximately \$12.3 million requested to restore, maintain or purchase historic properties.

Questions regarding the November bond election will come back to Tempe City Council this month at a future Work Study Session. The City Council would need to call the election in April to have questions on the November ballot. Get updates at [tempe.gov/bond](https://tempe.gov/bond).

## Sober living homes update

The Tempe City Council has approved the exploration of several new tools to address unlawful sober living homes, reduce victimization and protect neighborhoods. The tools include the creation of a general business license, an ordinance to address excessive calls for service and a new system to track problem properties.

State investigations into unlawful sober living homes have raised significant concerns regarding the health and safety of vulnerable residents and the broader Tempe community. Through a multi-department task force convened in June 2023, Tempe has been actively working to assist state authorities, enforce all city codes and ordinances and help victims. To get help, call 2-1-1 and press 7. To report concerns about sober living homes in Tempe, call Tempe 311 at 480-350-4311. Learn more at [tempe.gov/SoberLivingHomes](https://tempe.gov/SoberLivingHomes)

## Mark your calendars for food, games and neighborhood bonding



This year's Neighborhood Celebration is approaching quickly, and it will be a blast! Join your community for free breakfast, live music, small business vendors, yard games and more on Saturday, April 6, from 9 - 11 a.m. at

Kiwanis Park. 2024 Neighborhood Award Honorees will be recognized at this event. We'll see you there! Find more details at [tempe.gov/NeighborhoodCelebration](https://tempe.gov/NeighborhoodCelebration).

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## Landlord Mixer March 26

Tempe landlords are invited to join the Tempe Housing Authority (THA) for an exciting afternoon of networking, knowledge-sharing and community building! Enjoy the afternoon connecting with THA and learning about the benefits of participating in our Housing Choice Voucher program. The first 25 landlords to sign up for and attend our mixer will receive a free Yeti mug and leather-bound journal. Meet our Housing Services team and learn how to:

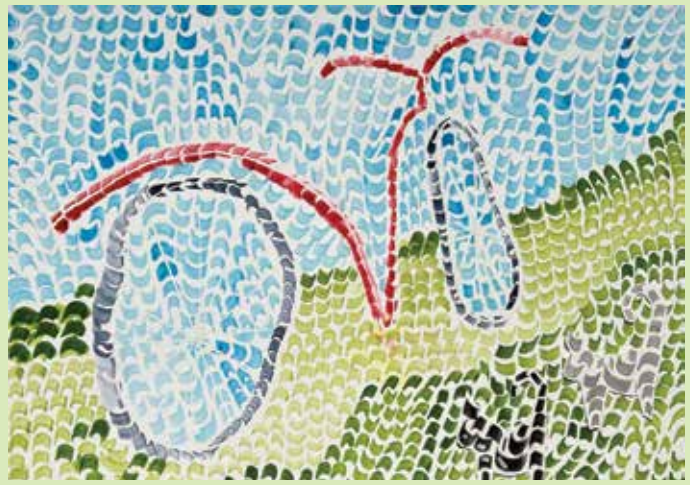
- Maximize your rental properties by partnering with the City of Tempe
- Benefit as a participating landlord with stable and competitive rental payments
- Enhance your rental business by working with our Housing Navigator

Join us March 26, from 2:30 – 4 p.m. at the Tempe History Museum, 809 E. Southern Ave. Light refreshments will be served. More details and RSVP at [tempe.gov/landlords](https://tempe.gov/landlords).



## Get geeky

Calling all scientists, techies, engineers, artists and mathematicians! The free festival Geeks Night Out is a family-friendly celebration of all S.T.E.A.M. Check out dozens of hands-on activities, science experiments, live entertainment and more at this Arizona SciTech Festival signature event, presented by State Farm, on Wednesday, March 27, from 4:30-7:30 p.m. at the Tempe Community Complex, 3500 S. Rural Road. Learn more at [tempe.gov/geeks](https://tempe.gov/geeks).



## Happy 2024 Bike Month!

April is Bike Month and Tempe has something for everyone.

- Tempe Bicycle Action Group and Cul de Sac are hosting PedalPalooza on Saturday, April 13, from 11 a.m. - 1 p.m. at 2011 E. Apache Blvd. Join in for games, food trucks, free bike tune-ups and a six mile group ride.
- Don't miss Bike to Work Day on Wednesday, April 17, from 7 - 8:30 a.m. The first 350 bike riders can stop by one of six locations (details at [tempe.gov/bikemonth](https://tempe.gov/bikemonth)) to get a free T-shirt and bike repair kit. Breakfast will not be served this year. Riders can join the Mayor and City Council at 7:30 a.m. on a bike ride from Kiwanis Park to the Transportation Center in downtown Tempe.
- Nominate a Bike Hero, someone who makes life better for Tempe's two (or three!) wheeled community. Nominations are accepted through April 30.

Get all the details, plus Bike Hero nomination forms, at [tempe.gov/bikemonth](https://tempe.gov/bikemonth). Tour de Tempe will be held in 2025.

## Cycling enthusiasts invited to bicycling summit

The 2024 Arizona Bicycling Summit will bring together leaders, educators, planners, public health professionals and cyclists to discuss current and upcoming bicycle related projects and topics. All cycling enthusiasts are invited on April 5, from 8 a.m. – 3 p.m. at the Mesa Convention Center, 201 N. Center St. Tickets are \$30 in advance and \$40 at the door; breakfast and lunch are included. Find information at [cazbike.org/summit2024](https://cazbike.org/summit2024).

## EVENTS

### MARCH 29-APRIL 14

Arizona Theatre Company presents "Master Class" at Tempe Center for the Arts  
[atc.org](https://atc.org)

### APRIL 6

AIDS Walk Arizona Festival & 5K, Tempe Beach Park, 10 a.m. - 4 p.m.  
[aidswalkaz.org](https://aidswalkaz.org)

### APRIL 6

April Pools Day, Kiwanis Wave Pool, 1 - 5 p.m.  
[tempe.gov/waves](https://tempe.gov/waves)

### APRIL 13

Tempe Legends Gala Reception, Tempe History Museum Plaza, 6 p.m.  
[tempe.gov/MuseumEvents](https://tempe.gov/MuseumEvents)

### APRIL 13

Breakfast with Berdetta  
[tempe.gov/Hodge](https://tempe.gov/Hodge)

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



## Make Earth Day every day this April

April is Earth Month here in Tempe. Whether it's through water conservation, energy efficiency or recycling, Tempe wants you to celebrate living sustainably! Throughout the month of April, Tempe will be sharing sustainability-focused local events, tips and information to the community.

Make Earth Day Every Day by attending an Earth Month event, practicing using less water, reducing your waste or using public transit. The City of Tempe will be participating right beside you! See all the community is doing at [tempe.gov/EarthMonth](https://tempe.gov/EarthMonth).

## All-Abilities Awards



The Tempe Mayor's All-Abilities Awards celebrate the people and businesses who make Tempe a better place for those with disabilities. The event takes place on Tuesday, April

2 from 4 - 5:30 p.m. at Tempe Center for the Arts, 700 W. Rio Salado Pkwy. RSVP at [tempe.gov/AllAbilityAwards](https://tempe.gov/AllAbilityAwards).

## Care Fair March 16

The 6th Annual Care Fair Tempe is back on March 16 as part of Tempe Health and Human Services Day! Join us from 9 a.m. - noon at the Tempe Community Complex, 3500 S. Rural Road for this popular event hosted by Tempe Community Council and the City of Tempe. Sponsored by SRP, Care Fair provides the Tempe community a one-stop shop to obtain information about city and community resources and services available to those who may need them. Come explore 50+ local nonprofits and services providers and learn about volunteer opportunities, too. This FREE event features live entertainment, kid's fun zone, on-site services, food vendors and giveaways! Find more information at [tempehumanservicesday.org](https://tempehumanservicesday.org) or call 480-858-2300.

### APRIL 13

20th Annual Pat's Run presented by TEKsystems  
[patsrun.org](https://patsrun.org)

### APRIL 17

Backstage Pass with Councilmember Doreen Garlid  
[tempe.gov/Garlid](https://tempe.gov/Garlid)

## Share your input on ADUs

Tempe is considering updates on code regulations that allow Accessory Dwelling Units (ADUs) and is seeking additional public feedback. This code sets the rules for building extra living spaces like casitas or creating separate rental units on existing properties. Right now, only a limited number of properties qualify to build ADUs, and we want to hear your thoughts on a possible code update that could expand their use. Share your feedback at virtual and in-person meetings; the same information will be shared at all meetings. You can also provide input through an online survey.

**Virtual:** Wednesday, March 27 at noon.

### In person:

*Wednesday, March 27, 5:30 - 7 p.m.*

Tempe Public Library, 3500 S. Rural Road

*Tuesday, April 2, 6 - 7:30 p.m.* North Tempe Multi-Generational Center, 1555 N. Bridalwreath St.

*Monday, April 8, 5:30 - 7:00 p.m.* Arizona 811, 1405 W. Auto Dr.

Online survey available from March 27 - May 1 at [tempe.gov/ADU](https://tempe.gov/ADU). To request a paper copy, phone survey, one-on-one meeting or special meeting accommodations, call 480-350-8234. RSVP for the online meeting and find a helpful FAQ at [tempe.gov/ADU](https://tempe.gov/ADU).

## Be stormwater aware, keep Tempe's waterways clean

Stormwater can collect trash and pollutants as it flows to our waterways and parks. Use these tips to keep waterways and parks clean.

1. Pick up pet waste—it belongs in the trash
2. Keep grass clippings and leaves out of the road
3. Use fertilizers according to directions, and only on target areas
4. Wash your car on your lawn or gravel
5. Store chemicals under cover away from exposure to rain

Learn more about stormwater pollution prevention at [tempe.gov/stormwater](https://tempe.gov/stormwater).

## "A" Mountain Challenge



Want to take your workouts to the next level? Need more nature in your life?

Join the A Mountain Challenge, a seven-week hiking, walking or running challenge that goes March

11-April 30. Participants

complete the challenge on their own schedule. Challenge yourself, test your limits, earn exciting rewards and support downtown Tempe merchants. The more you climb, the more prizes you can earn! Details: [downtowntempe.com/events/AMountainChallenge](https://downtowntempe.com/events/AMountainChallenge).

# Tempe City Council



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

Check [tempe.gov/clerk](http://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](http://tempe.gov/tempe11).

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## Music after dark

Music Under the Stars brings spectacular music performances by high school students and professional musicians under the night sky. This free event at Tempe Diablo Stadium provides an inclusive community atmosphere where everyone can enjoy live music in the open spring air. The lineup includes bands from all six Tempe Union High School District schools and will also feature members of Arizona Wind Symphony. Doors open at 7 p.m., show begins at 7:30 p.m., on Friday, April 26, at Tempe Diablo Stadium, 2200 W. Alameda Drive. Learn more [tempe.gov/music](http://tempe.gov/music).

## Rebates: save water, save money

Are you due for some home upgrades? Tempe can provide you rebates and grants to support permanent upgrades to water usage at your home or business. Last year, hundreds of Tempe customers earned rebates by converting landscapes, planting desert plants and upgrading landscape irrigation systems. These actions will result in permanent water savings, year after year. Visit [tempe.gov/rebates](http://tempe.gov/rebates) to see what's offered or call 480-350-8351 for more information.

## Two-day tots takeover

Free Art Friday is bringing bonus fun this spring by adding a second day to April's Free Art Friday event. Children ages 0-4 and their caregivers are invited to explore through sensory play, music, movement and art projects. The month's theme of "tots takeover" will encourage children to celebrate their natural wonder and creativity. Attend Friday, April 19, or join the bonus day on Saturday, April 20. Both events are held 9 a.m. - noon at the Edna Vihel Arts Center, 3340 S. Rural Road. Details: [tempe.gov/FreeArtFriday](http://tempe.gov/FreeArtFriday).

## Support Tempe Community Action Agency

Enjoy cuisine from local restaurants and live music on April 5 at TCAA's 18th Annual VICINITY and make a difference in the Tempe community! This year's event offers a unique VIP experience featuring a moderated discussion with New York Times bestselling author Jeannette Walls of The Glass Castle, which offers a unique look at her childhood experiences of poverty and homelessness in Phoenix. All proceeds from the event support the work of Tempe Community Action Agency (TCAA) in meeting

the increasing challenges of hunger, poverty and homelessness in Tempe. More information and tickets are available at [tempeaction.org/vicinity](http://tempeaction.org/vicinity).

## Drug Take Back event

Tempe Police are partnering again with the Arizona Drug Enforcement Administration and law enforcement agencies across the state for a free Drug Take Back event. Dispose of prescription and over-the-counter medications Saturday, April 27, from 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. at the Tempe Police South Substation, 8201 S. Hardy Drive. Liquids, glass, metal, syringes, injectables or sharps are not accepted. Questions: [Molly\\_Enright@tempe.gov](mailto:Molly_Enright@tempe.gov) 480-858-6148.

## April 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	April 1-5
A	April 8-12
B	April 15-19
C	April 22-26
D	April 29-May 3

[tempe.gov/BulkTrash](http://tempe.gov/BulkTrash) • 480-350-4311