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Explore summer of fun

The **Tempe Opportunities Brochure** is jam-packed with classes, programs and summer camps that begin in June. Quality classes and camps are available for all ages and abilities at convenient times, locations and affordable prices. Tempe offers a variety of quality camps ranging from full-day, summer-long options to week-long arts, special interest, sports and STEM choices. Check out the complete list at tempe.gov/SummerCamps. Pick up a copy of the brochure and register at city community centers or sign up online at tempe.gov/play.

Join **Tempe Time Machine** on a FREE hunt for history every Wednesday from 9 a.m. - 1 p.m., May 29 through July 17 (no program June 19). How do you think kids from long ago were different? How were they just like you? Explore the museum's amazing objects to find out. Kids and their grownups will learn and discover with crafts, stories, activities and live demonstrations. The 2024 program is inspired by the museum's Main Exhibit Gallery, where you can explore Tempe's history. Learn more at tempe.gov/TimeMachine.

Beat the heat at Tempe's **pools and splashpads!** Kiwanis, Clark, Escalante and McClintock pools, as well as the Cloud at Kiwanis Park will be open for the summer. Find hours of operation at tempe.gov/pools. Swim lessons are available for all ages and skill levels. Visit tempe.gov/swim for details.

Tempe Public Library's **Summer Reading Program** goes from June 1-Aug. 1. Registration begins May 1. Everyone from preschoolers to adults can win prizes and participate in activities. Books can be read in a variety of formats: print, digital and audiobooks. Being read to or reading to someone even counts. This year's theme, "Adventure Begins at Your Library," celebrates the joy and adventure that reading can bring. Log online to track your reading minutes - every minute read is a point earned. Register at tempepubliclibrary.org/SummerReading.

Arts grants applications now open

Arts nonprofits, cultural groups and artist collectives can apply now for Tempe's Wavemaker and Vibrant City arts grants. The deadline to apply is July 1 for projects that will take place in Tempe between September 2024 and June 2025. The Community Arts Grants Program supports a commitment to advancing Tempe as a vibrant and progressive community

for cultural and artistic activity. Learn more and apply at tempe.gov/ArtsGrants.

Mental Health Awareness Month in May

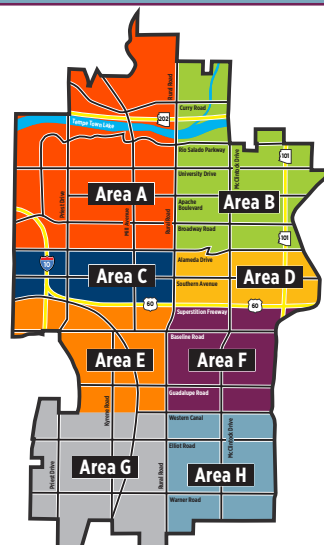
This month and beyond, take care of your own well-being with help from the city's Community Health and Human Services Department. Call the 24/7 CARE & HOPE Line at 480-350-8004 to get connected to city and community resources for youth, families, veterans, older adults and others. Learn more at tempe.gov/CARE7. Residents can also call the city's Counseling Services at 480-350-5400 for professional, low-cost counseling services. Learn more at tempe.gov/counseling.

June 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	June 3-7
A	June 10-14
B	June 17-21
C	June 24-28



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Downtown Tempe refresh

Construction has started for Tempe's Downtown Refresh Project, which will enhance the Mill Avenue Streetscape from University Drive to Rio Salado Parkway. It's the first renovation of its kind on Mill Avenue in about 40 years.

The project includes sidewalk and ADA improvements providing more public space, with a new planting scheme incorporating sustainable practices, such as water harvesting, infrastructure upgrades to electric and irrigation, shade structures, new lighting and art.

Construction will take place in multiple phases. This phase will focus on improvements to the Mill Avenue/University Drive intersection. Lane restrictions and turn restrictions will be in place as needed to maintain a safe work zone. This work is expected to be complete in August 2024. All downtown Tempe businesses will be open and accessible during this time. Details at tempe.gov/downtowntemperefresh.



New City Attorney

Tempe City Council has appointed Eric C. Anderson as its new City Attorney. Anderson has 29 years of legal experience, 16 of those in municipal law with the cities of Scottsdale and Chandler. His areas of expertise include real estate, planning and zoning, capital projects, water and wastewater, purchasing, utilities and more. Anderson attended law school at Arizona State University. He is married with three adult children.



Family fun all summer long

Make it the best summer ever! The City of Tempe offers many programs and activities for all ages to stay active, learning and having fun throughout the summer. Splash in one of the city's pools, take an art or boating class, join a reading challenge or learn about history. There's lots to explore - see page 4 for all the details! Learn more at tempe.gov/FamilyFun.

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Warm welcome at shelter

On a recent night, residents at the city's Sue's Espacio shelter for those experiencing homelessness received a very warm welcome and delicious hot meal prepared by volunteers with Loaves and Fishes, a dedicated grassroots group. The volunteers provided a hearty dinner of stew, mac and cheese, salad and treats. Through their generosity, nearly 40 residents – including nine children – received a home-cooked meal. Volunteers took great care to share a smile and friendly greeting as they served dinner, making sure that no one went hungry that night.

The night marked a new partnership between Loaves and Fishes and the City of Tempe to provide a meal at the city-owned shelter. For the volunteers, it was also a different way to be of service after decades of providing meals in a city park. Read the full story and find ways you can help at tempe.gov/EndingHomelessness.

Tempe Pride Party

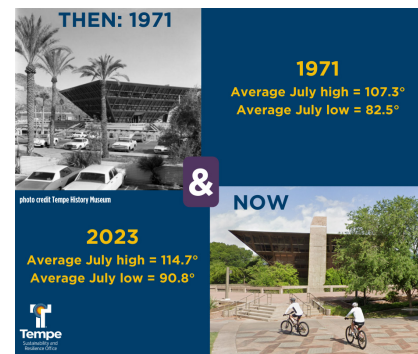
Stop by Downtown Tempe's Pride Party June 1, from 7-11p.m. in CenterPoint Plaza for an unforgettable night of celebration and love. Enjoy a silent disco, food, beer and wine along with other surprises to make sure your night is one to remember. Performers, DJs and more will keep the party going all night long! Details at downtowntempe.com.



World Elder Abuse Awareness Day

Since 2021, the City of Tempe has recognized World Elder Abuse Awareness Day June 15, the global initiative that raises awareness of elder abuse, prevention, and solutions. Elder abuse is the most overlooked major issue in the 21st century, underreported by victims and ignored by the news media. One in ten older adults experience abuse every year with 90% of incidents perpetrated by someone known and trusted by the elder. Details about a World Elder Abuse Day event in Tempe are forthcoming. For resources and city programs, visit tempe.gov/AgeFriendly.

Stay safe as summer heats up



Arizona's heat can be dangerous for unsheltered people, those with health conditions, older adults and households without access to adequate air conditioning. In 2023 alone, there were 645 heat-related deaths in Maricopa

County, a 52% increase from 2022. During the May 1 – Sept. 30 heat relief season, stay cool, stay informed and stay safe.

Cooling centers: Tempe provides heat relief at city facilities and through community faith partners. Come cool off and hydrate. Get details at tempe.gov/HeatRelief.

Resources and education: Tempe will be sharing heat safety information at tempe.gov/HeatRelief and on city social media, including the Sustainable Tempe Facebook page. Sign up for city news at email.tempe.gov/news.

Resilience Hubs: Learn about Tempe's work in helping create resilience hubs, community-focused facilities that offer services before, during and after disruptions, through the Sustainability and Resilience Office at tempe.gov/ResilienceHub.

CARE & HOPE Line: Call 480-350-8004 for resources.

Celebrate Juneteenth

The Tempe History Museum's African American Advisory Committee presents the 11th Annual Juneteenth Celebration on Saturday, June 15, from 11 a.m. - 3 p.m., at the Tempe History Museum, 809 E. Southern Ave. The free, family-friendly event will feature hands-on activities and performances, community resources, story time, food trucks and more. Learn more at tempe.gov/Juneteenth.

In the evening, head over to downtown Tempe for the Juneteenth Block Party on Saturday, June 15, from 7-11 p.m. in the CenterPoint Plaza. The event will feature a DJ, spoken word performances, steppers, breakdancing, live art, BBQ food vendors, an old-school ice cream truck, roller skating, double dutch, adult beverages, a mobile cigar lounge and more. Learn more at downtowntempe.com.



Neighborhood Award Winners!

On April 6, more than 300 community members bonded over games, live music and fun in Kiwanis Park as part of the third annual Neighborhood Celebration. Seventeen amazing neighbors, community members and local businesses were awarded for being great neighbors, impacting Tempe's arts and culture, contributing to sustainability and resilience, conserving water and more.

Neighborhood Awards winners: Broadmor Bike Bus, Cranksgiving, Oasis Lake, Elie Merheb, Lane Carraway, Jeff Caslake, Sid Frede and Tempe Preparatory Academy National Honor Society club.

Arts and Culture Award winners: Tony Duncan, Darlene Justus, Tempe Artists Guild, Farmer Wilson and Kim DeMeritt.

Sustainability Achievement of the Year: Ana Aguilar.

Water Wise Landscape of the Year: Steve Bannochie.

Historic Preservation award: Tempe Historic Preservation Foundation.

The **Dolores Huerta Scholarship** was presented to Emma Ellexson.

Watch the awards ceremony on the city's Facebook page. Event photos are available for view and download. Go to tempe.gov/NeighborhoodCelebration for more information and stayed tuned for next year's celebration.

All-Abilities Awards

The City of Tempe recently celebrated the 35th Annual Mayor's All-Abilities Awards, which champion personal accomplishments and also honor the people and businesses that make Tempe a better place for people of all abilities.

Pride of the City Award: The Arc of Tempe

Tempe Mayor's Disability Commission Award of Merit: Tempe Tourism

Exceptional Educator Awards: Amy Dill, Exceptional Student Services Facilitator at the Kyrene School District and Chris Skaggs, Transition Coordinator at Success University within the Tempe Union High School District

Outstanding Youth: Mia Dey

Outstanding High School Students: Johnny Bartlett, Savanna Coopwood, Ramon Gonzalez, Joshua Jarvis and Daphney Flores Mendez



Protect your pet against foxtail grass

Foxtail is a common grassy weed that can crop up in yards and alleys during spring and summer. They have bushy spikes, often resembling that of a fox tail, and their seeds can potentially harm pets when they enter an animal's nose, mouth, ears or eyes, as they can become embedded in the body. Avoid overgrown grassy areas, check your pet's body after a walk and watch for potential symptoms like swelling, constant licking or limping.

Any home upgrades in the near future? You can get \$\$\$ back!

Make sustainable upgrades to your home and get money back. Rebates are available for toilets, turf conversions, irrigation, plants and more.

- Landscape Conversion rebate - up to \$2,000 for converting from grass to desert landscape.
- Desert Plant "TreeBate" - up to \$75 for qualifying desert plants, including trees and shrubs.
- High Efficiency Toilet Rebate - up to \$150 for installation of qualified toilets.
- High Efficiency Irrigation Rebate - up to \$500 for pre-approved devices, including smart controllers.
- Gray Water Recycling Systems Rebate - up to \$200 for installing a new system.

Learn more or apply at tempe.gov/rebates. Contact Tempe Water Conservation with questions: 480-350-8351 or conservation@tempe.gov.

EVENTS

MAY 24-JUNE 9
Arizona Theatre Company presents "True West" at Tempe Center for the Arts atc.org

JUNE 11-16
"Peter Pan" at ASU Gammage asugammage.com

JUNE 14
Float-In Movie, Escalante Pool, 6:30-9:30 p.m. tempe.gov/pools

JUNE 22
Verano Sano sponsored by SRP, Clark Park Pool, 2-4 p.m. tempe.gov/pools

JUNE 24
DRAW-A-THON, 10 a.m. - 4 p.m., Tempe Center for the Arts tempecenterforthearts.com

Full events calendar at tempe.gov/calendar