

Tempe City Council



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Check 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.

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Introducing: a pop of color

Check out newly finished, adaptive street projects in the Broadmor, Wilson Art and Garden, Tempe Gardens and Superstition neighborhoods! Bike lanes, crosswalks and intersections in these neighborhoods recently got a pop of color from local artists in order to beautify the area, strengthen neighborhood identity and encourage multimodal transportation. These projects are funded by Tempe's Neighborhood Grant Program.

Water donations needed

The city's HOPE and CARE 7 teams use bottled water to engage with unsheltered people and help them cool off and hydrate. Can you help? Contact HOPE@tempe.gov to donate.

Indoor fun at TCA

Beat the heat with free creative fun at Tempe Center for the Arts' Draw-A-Thon on Saturday, June 22, 10 a.m.- 4 p.m. This annual event is jam-packed with hands-on art activities, meet-and-greets with professional artists and new techniques inspired by the Gallery at TCA's "CURIOUS MINDS" summer exhibition. Learn more at tempecenterforthearts.com.

Free Youth Transit Passes

The Youth Transit Pass allows Tempe and Guadalupe kids (ages 6-18) to ride Valley Metro light rail and buses for FREE! It's a great way to get to school, parks and after-school activities.

Register at the Tempe Transit Store (200 E. Fifth St.) weekdays 8 a.m.- 4:30 p.m. The child must be present to get the pass. Don't forget to bring proof of residency and your child's birth certificate. Get details at tempe.gov/YouthPass.

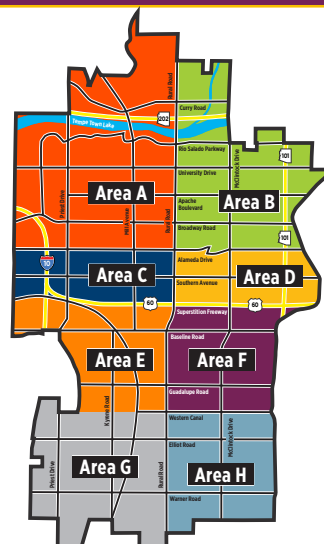
Kudos for Tempe Elementary School District

Tempe Elementary School District has been named the top elementary school district by Arizona's largest and most comprehensive business opinion poll, Ranking AZ. Tempe Elementary was also voted into the Top 7 winners in the Best Places to Work category.

July 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
D	July 1- 5
E	July 8-12
F	July 15-19
G	July 31-Aug. 3



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More affordable housing, new homeless shelter

Recent City Council action expands affordable housing and amenities in the Apache Corridor and creates a new shelter option for those experiencing homelessness. Both projects are designed to meet broad community needs.

LaVictoria Commons

New affordable apartments, and townhomes for purchase. A community-centered health clinic. Neighborhood gathering spaces. A busy hub that encourages light rail.

LaVictoria Commons is expected to transform vacant city-owned property into a dynamic new housing development with benefits for both the surrounding neighborhood and entire city. The development will bring nearly 125 new affordable rental and homeownership opportunities to the property near Apache Boulevard and the Price 101 Freeway. The development is coming to fruition as a result of the city's innovative Hometown for All initiative, designed to expand affordable housing opportunities in Tempe. Read more at tempe.gov/housing.



New shelter option

More people experiencing homelessness in Tempe will be able to access shelter at a motel purchased by the city, accelerating the pace in which individuals and families are helped off the streets and into more permanent housing solutions.

The 58-room Apache Inn, near Apache Boulevard and McClintock Drive, is expected to begin serving clients in early 2025. The purchase totaled nearly \$10.7 million, with \$7.3 million in Maricopa County funds and the remainder from the city. The city's portion includes \$500,000 in federal funds allocated to Tempe through Congressman Greg Stanton. Read more at tempe.gov/EndingHomelessness.



Check your mailbox: annual resident survey to be mailed in June

Now's your chance to tell the City of Tempe what you think about transportation, parks, safety and city services and programs. Each summer, a large group of Tempe households are chosen at random by the city's third party, professional survey conductor; they are mailed a hardcopy survey to fill out and return. If you receive one, please fill it out. Your survey responses are never made known to the city by name - only the aggregate results are provided. The results help the city determine community priorities and identify ways to better serve you. Take the survey online between June and July at tempe.gov/surveys.

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Sign-up for Email News @ tempe.gov/EmailNews

Fireworks return to Tempe Beach Park

The Tempe 4th of July celebration returns to Tempe Beach Park! Enjoy an evening for the family filled with games, food, ice cold drinks, entertainment for kids and live music. Plus, celebrate Independence Day with a spectacular fireworks show over the lake to end the night. General admission is \$12 presale and \$15 at the door for adults, \$5 for children, and free for children 5 years old and younger. VIP tickets are \$50-\$100 and include shaded seating and specialty food and drinks.

The event raises funds for local youth organizations throughout the community granted by the Kiwanis Club of Tempe. To purchase tickets, visit tempe4th.com.

Are you monsoon ready?

Steer clear of the storm with help from the City of Tempe.

Free sandbags!

Prepare for potential flooding for free. Sand and bags are available June 15 through September 30 at the following locations:

- 1001 N. Rio Road: (access drive north of Rio Salado Parkway and Hardy Drive). Open daily, 24 hours
- Benedict Sports Complex: 490 W. Guadalupe Road (northwest corner of Guadalupe and Kyrene roads, east side of parking lot). Open daily, 24 hours

Be stormwater smart!

Tempe is urging residents to help protect our stormwater system – and the environment – by avoiding use of pesticides, herbicides, fertilizers and other outdoor chemical products when rain is likely. When it rains, excess water can flow off lawns and driveways, creating the potential to pollute Tempe's lakes and drinking water aquifers. Making sure that

only rain goes in the storm drains ensures that our water supply remains clean and safe. Additionally, consider the benefits of adding flood insurance. For tips and more information, visit tempe.gov/stormwater.

Keep your pets safe!

Storms can be scary, especially for your furry friends.

- Make sure your pets are safely inside before thunder, lightning or rain hit – this can prevent pets from running off or getting sick.
- Be sure your pet is microchipped or wearing a collar in case your pet does escape – this can increase chances of being reunited.
- Pick up pet poop before a storm hits – pet waste is full of bacteria and pathogens, if it gets into storm drains it could pollute our water supply.

Check out our Monsoon Prep Checklist for more tips on what to do before, during and after a storm to stay safe. Visit tempe.gov/monsoons or call 480-350-4311 for more information.

Don't let Stinknet stink up your yard

Stinknet, or Globe Chamomile, is a highly invasive weed spreading rapidly in central Arizona. It is a short-lived annual plant with a very displeasing odor that grows from December through the spring. If you see this plant growing in your landscape, the best approach is to remove it and throw it away, being careful not to spread the seeds. Be sure to wear gloves and long sleeves, as it can be an allergen, and remove the plant before it flowers.



Make this a Summer of Safety

No matter how long you've lived in the Valley, the summer season is a great time to refresh your safety knowledge.

Be mindful - Never leave kids or pets in the car for any period of time and check in on older neighbors frequently. Get more tips at tempe.gov/SafeSummer.

Know the cool spots – Several city and community locations open their doors for people to cool off and get some water. Find them at tempe.gov/HeatRelief.

Know the ABCs of water safety – Remember: Adult supervision, Barriers and Classes. Enroll children in swim lessons. The city offers several options. Visit tempe.gov/swim to learn more.

Know fireworks laws and safety – Fireworks can be dangerous, and not all types are legal to use within Tempe. They can also be distressing for veterans and pets. Learn more at tempe.gov/fireworks.

Respect the heat - To keep you and your loved ones safe this summer, learn the difference between excessive heat watches and warnings. It is important to learn the distinction between the two so you can be prepared to take action! Get details on a Heat Outlook, Heat Watch and Heat Warning from the National Weather Service at weather.gov/safety/heat-ww.

Get excessive heat alerts from the Arizona Department of Health Services via email or text. Visit azhealth.gov/heat and select "Sign up for excessive heat warnings."



Southwest Tempe Character Area plan

Over the past several months, you have shared your feedback and we have listened. The draft Southwest Tempe Character Area plan is now ready for your review! Tell us what you think online or in person. Go to tempe.gov/CharacterAreas to share your input online, see upcoming meetings, learn more about the character area planning process and sign up for progress alerts.

A Character Area Plan is a way of conveying the vision and goals of an area to create positive change using placemaking principles and design guidelines. Southwest Tempe's Character Area plan is a long-range plan to help ensure that new development is consistent with the area's existing character while supporting the preferences of the community. Tempe encourages community members to help shape their community's future.

Learn about Tempe's water quality

Each year, Tempe produces a Consumer Confidence and Water Quality Report, sharing important information about the quality of potable (drinking) water provided by the City of Tempe. This report contains information on Tempe's water sources and results from required water quality tests compared to the standards set by the United States Environmental Protection Agency under the Safe Drinking Water Act. The report highlights Tempe's efforts to provide reliable, high-quality water, wastewater and stormwater services, which support Tempe's public health, quality of life and economic vitality. Tempe's 2023 report will be available at tempe.gov/ccr starting this month. Print copies may be requested by calling 480-350-4311.



Well wishes in retirement for Tom Duensing

The City of Tempe congratulates Chief Deputy City Manager/Chief Financial Officer Tom Duensing on his retirement, which takes effect July 1.

Tom began serving Tempe in January 2019. He has more than 30 years of government finance experience. He held various roles in the City of Glendale and Town of Maricopa. He also has worked as an auditor in public accounting specializing in local government auditing and in the Arizona Governor's Office where he was responsible for grants administration.

We thank him for his service to Tempe and the State of Arizona and wish him well.

EVENTS

JUNE 1-JULY 27

Super Summer Saturdays drop-in crafts, Tempe Public Library, Saturdays 9 a.m.-5 p.m. tempepubliclibrary.org/SummerReading

JUNE 15-16

Juneteenth events take place on Mill Avenue, at Tempe History Museum and at Arizona Heritage Center. tempe.gov/Juneteenth

JUNE 22

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

MAY 29-JULY 17

Tempe Time Machine, Tempe History Museum, Wednesdays 9 a.m. - 1 p.m. *No program June 19 tempe.gov/TimeMachine

JULY 13

Poolapalooza, McClintock Pool, 6-9 p.m. tempe.gov/pools

Full events calendar at tempe.gov/calendar