

# Tempe Today

July 2024

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### New Tempe City Councilmember Nikki Amberg

Councilmember Nikki Amberg was elected in March for a four-year term. She has been part of the fabric of Tempe for the last 25 years, working with nonprofit organizations like Tempe Community Council and Big Brothers Big Sisters, and helping with Tempe schools.

*"Being on Tempe City Council allows me to merge my love of community service with my 30-year passion for public policy," she said. "I believe that Tempe has some of the same issues as many other cities in Arizona and our country. By working together as a region, we can make the most of our time, talents and resources."*

Find more information about her at [tempe.gov/Amberg](https://tempe.gov/Amberg).



### Thank you, Councilmember Joel Navarro for 16 years of service

Councilmember Joel Navarro concluded his service on Tempe City Council after 16 years. Some of his best-known accomplishments included his passion for Tempe's live music scene, his dedication to public safety, his work to reduce opioid addiction and his many efforts to improve education, affordable housing and neighborhoods. His last Tempe City Council meeting was June 27. Best wishes to Councilmember Navarro in his future endeavors.

### Decrease in homelessness in Tempe

Tempe's latest Point-in-Time homeless street count showed a significant drop in the number of unsheltered people in Tempe – 34% this year. Investments and innovations are driving the success, including:

- Helping more than 1,600 people into housing resolutions in the past two years.
- Purchasing a second bridge shelter. The first has been serving people in Tempe since 2021; the second will open next year.
- Creating the 24/7 CARE & HOPE Line at 480-350-8004 for help and resources. In two years, specialists have fielded about 10,300 crisis calls; half are related to homelessness.

The regional count found that the number of unsheltered people in Tempe decreased from 406 to 266. Read more at [tempe.gov/EndingHomelessness](https://tempe.gov/EndingHomelessness).



Point-in-Time homeless street count in Tempe

Unsheltered	2023	2024	% decrease
	406	266	-34%

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480-350-4311

## Election Update

On Nov. 5, Tempe voters will have an opportunity to cast a ballot in a special election seeking voter authorization to issue and sell general obligation bonds that enhance community safety through public safety and roadway improvements, improve quality of life in Tempe neighborhoods and increase the supply of affordable housing. Beginning July 8, people can submit arguments “for” or “against” the authorization of one or more of the bond questions, for inclusion in the publicity pamphlet that will be mailed to Tempe voters no later than Oct. 1.

Arguments must be filed electronically with the City Clerk via email at [clerk@tempe.gov](mailto:clerk@tempe.gov) by 5 p.m. on Aug. 7. For all submission details and bond election information: call 480-350-8242, email [clerk@tempe.gov](mailto:clerk@tempe.gov) or visit [tempe.gov/election](http://tempe.gov/election).

Also on the ballot, Tempe voters may vote on Prop 479, which decides the continuation of an existing, dedicated half-cent sales tax in Maricopa County to fund transportation. This measure determines funding for freeways, buses, light rail, streetcar and improved streets.

In Tempe, this sales tax has funded:

- Light rail
- One-third of Tempe’s bus budget
- Street repaving projects
- Broadway Curve corridor improvements

A “yes” vote extends the tax until 2045. A “no” vote will discontinue the tax at the end of 2025. Read more at [azmag.gov/Prop479](http://azmag.gov/Prop479).



## Investing in your water

That’s a wrap! Tempe’s ongoing investment in your water continues with the recent completion of the North Tempe Waterline Replacement Project, which targeted 4.6 miles of waterline that was due for replacement. The completion of this project marks 10 years of continuous waterline design and construction that replaced approximately 44 miles of pipe that had reached the end of its useful life.

In the last year the city replaced water lines in six key areas of North Tempe, including segments of Scottsdale and Curry roads, Papago Manor Neighborhood, Concord Village, Rio East Neighborhood, Maple Ash Neighborhood, Eaton University Industrial Park and Rolling Hills Golf

Course. The waterlines in these areas were identified by Tempe as due for replacement by Tempe’s waterline replacement program.

More to come: Tempe’s waterline replacement program works to replace watermain around the city using a systematic approach. This program evaluates age, material and break history to prioritize areas and determine a replacement schedule.

## Investing in your city

The North Tempe Waterline Replacement Project is part of a series of community reinvestments known as Refresh Tempe. Within the last several years, Tempe City Council has been increasing reinvestments in parks, streets, golf courses and more. Refresh Tempe aims to add and maintain Tempe amenities and infrastructure to improve quality of life for all community members.

For more information about this project, go to [tempe.gov/RefreshTempe](http://tempe.gov/RefreshTempe). Tempe thanks you for your patience as we work to invest in one of the city’s most important services.

## Tempe goes back to school

Tempe students head back to the classroom this July, with Tempe Union High School, Tempe Elementary and Kyrene school districts all kicking off the school year on July 24. Fall classes at Arizona State University begin Aug. 22. Students and families have access to resources offered by the City of Tempe, school districts and community partners. Learn about Kid Zone’s before and after school programs. Sign your child up for a free Youth Transit Pass. Discover the wide array of online homework and research tools available through the Tempe Public Library and Tempe History Museum. Enroll in an art or STEM class. Find all this information and more at [tempe.gov/BackToSchool](http://tempe.gov/BackToSchool).

### EVENTS

#### THROUGH JULY 17

Tempe Time Machine crafts, stories, activities, and live demonstrations, Tempe History Museum, Wednesdays 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

#### THROUGH JULY 27

Super Summer Saturdays drop-in crafts, Tempe Public Library, Saturdays 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. [tempepubliclibrary.org/SummerReading](http://tempepubliclibrary.org/SummerReading)

#### JULY 26 & AUG. 23

Glow Kayak, Tempe Town Lake Marina, 7:30 p.m. [tempe.gov/FamilyFun](http://tempe.gov/FamilyFun)

#### AUG. 10

“Lennon & Nilsson: The Lost Weekend” at Tempe Center for the Arts, 7:30 p.m. [tempecenterforthearts.com](http://tempecenterforthearts.com)

#### AUG. 20-25

“Girl from the North Country” at ASU Gammage [asugammage.com](http://asugammage.com)

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

## What's in your blue recycling bin?

Recycling incorrectly can make an impact. Bagging recyclables or placing the wrong items in your recycling bin can contaminate it, and contaminated recycling must be sent to the landfill. Tempe thanks you for doing your part for the environment by recycling correctly! Here are some tips for avoiding the landfill.

- Do not bag your recyclables.
- Do not place shredded paper, plastic bags, Styrofoam, wood, scrap metal or textiles in your curbside recycling bin.

- When in doubt, go to [tempe.gov/recycle](https://tempe.gov/recycle) to see what's accepted in your blue bin and alternative disposal options.
- Take part in our free, drive-thru Zero Waste Day events to dispose of some items you can't recycle in an environmentally responsible way. Clean out your attics, closets and garages of unwanted items and dispose of them for reuse, recycling and repurposing on Saturday, July 27, from 7 a.m.-1 p.m. at Tempe Fire Training Center, 1340 E. University Drive. Hint: it's the least busy between 9 and 11 a.m. Get details at [tempe.gov/ZeroWaste](https://tempe.gov/ZeroWaste).

## Tempe celebrates 2024 Bike Heroes!

Congratulations to the 2024 Bike Heroes – McClintock High School Bike Club and Broadmor Elementary School Bike Bus. This award recognizes people or organizations that make life better for bicyclists.

- McClintock High School Bike Club. Founded in 2023 by teachers Sarah Silverman and Jason Hill, the McClintock High School Bike Club is more than just a place to ride bikes. This dedicated group meets every Friday, engaging students in hands-on activities that promote bicycle safety, maintenance and community service.
- Broadmor Elementary School Bike Bus. This innovative program, led by community members Kendra Flory, Hannah Moulton Belec and neighborhood parents, is all about raising bicycle awareness and safety for students traveling to school.

Get full details about our bike heroes at [tempe.gov/BikeMonth](https://tempe.gov/BikeMonth).

## Youth ART+HEAT

The Sustainability and Resilience office has brought back Youth Stories of Heat, this time as a stunning visual project. Youth ART+HEAT is a collection of art created by Tempe residents, ages 11 to 18. These young people were challenged to show how they feel about our summer heat through drawings, collages, mood boards and more. The project pairs visual art with explanations from students about the impacts of extreme heat. In 2023, Youth Stories of Heat featured the voices of Tempe teens explaining how our summers affect their daily lives. Making sure youth voices are heard is a vital step in building a resilient Tempe! Learn about both efforts at [tempe.gov/YouthStories](https://tempe.gov/YouthStories).



## Vacation tips

It's the season for beach vacations and escapes to cooler weather. Take some extra steps to ensure your vacation and your return home are smooth and safe.

- When you know your neighbor, you can look out for each other. You can be aware of work and travel schedules, watch each other's homes, feel comfortable reporting suspicious activity and work together to keep a great quality of life in your neighborhood.
- Set the thermostat to a higher temperature while you're gone to cut costs. For additional savings, consider pulling the plug on some of your electronics and appliances.
- To help create the illusion that you are home, invest in timers that turn on the interior lights for a few hours every evening, arrange for lawn maintenance and ask a neighbor to take out your garbage and put the cans back after the pickup.

**AUG. 31**

ASU Football home opener vs. University of Wyoming  
[thesundevils.com](https://thesundevils.com)

## New location for dementia resources

The Dementia Friendly Tempe Memory Café has moved the Tempe Public Library, 3500 S. Rural Road effective July 1. This program offers caregivers an educational and/or support group session with helpful resources while their loved ones with memory loss participate in stimulating cognitive activities, such as music therapy. Sessions are offered the first four Mondays of each month. Doors open at 9:30 a.m. for coffee, treats and socialization. Programs are hosted from 10-11:15 a.m. Find details at [tempe.gov/DFT](https://tempe.gov/DFT).



# 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

\* Councilmember-Elect Nikki Amberg will be sworn in on July 1, replacing Councilmember Joel Navarro. A new Vice-Mayor will be named at that time.

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).

Questions or ideas?  
Email the Tempe  
Communication Office

CMR@tempe.gov or call  
480-350-4311

## Threadz Teen Clothes Closet

Threadz Teen Clothes Closet is open for back-to-school shopping on July 22 and 23. Items available are school supplies, personal care products and clothing. Threadz is available for eligible middle and high school students in Tempe and is a program of Tempe Community Council. Find locations and hours at [tempecommunitycouncil.org/threadz](https://tempecommunitycouncil.org/threadz).

## Take up a new hobby this fall

Ever wanted to try something new? The City of Tempe has a variety of affordable classes and programs for all ages, interests and abilities. Check out offerings in arts, boating, exercise and fitness, STEM, sports and more. Youth scholarships are available. The brochure is available on Aug. 8, with Tempe resident registration open Aug. 12 and general registration on Aug. 19. Most classes kick off the first week of September. Visit [tempe.gov/play](https://tempe.gov/play) for details.

## City contractors around your neighborhood

Tempe is working on a water service line inventory project to improve public health, which includes inspections of service lines near water meters. The inspections are quick, performed outside and involve visual verification of service line material near the water meter and the hose bib where water enters the home. The city will need access to your hose bib and water meter to perform the inspection. Results of the inspection will be delivered on a door hanger—no action is needed from Tempe water customers; however, contractors may request some residents relocate vehicles. Get details at [tempe.gov/ServiceLine](https://tempe.gov/ServiceLine).

## Summer Career Workshops

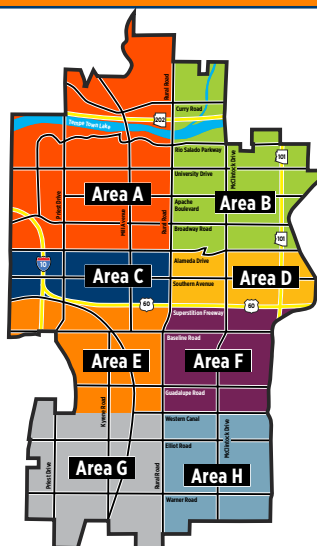
Rio Salado College's Career Services Department is launching a free series of interactive workshops designed to guide you through each step of your career change. Virtual workshops are offered every Tuesday from 1:30 to 3:45 p.m. beginning July 9. Topics include: Personal branding, job searching strategies, resumes and more. Register at [riosalado.edu/4-Steps](https://riosalado.edu/4-Steps).

# August 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
G	July 31-Aug. 3
H	Aug. 5-9
A	Aug. 12-16
B	Aug. 19-23
C	Aug. 26-30



## Free sand and bags for monsoon storms

The City of Tempe has sand and bags available throughout monsoon season. Prior to a major storm event, bags are available on a first-come, first-served basis. Bring a shovel, gloves, protective eyewear and a helper. Fill each sandbag one-half to two-thirds full; do not overfill. Free sand and bags are available through Sept. 30 at the following locations, which are open daily, 24 hours: 1001 N. Rio Road (access drive north of Rio Salado Parkway and Hardy Drive) and Benedict Sports Complex at 490 W. Guadalupe Road (northwest corner of Guadalupe and Kyrene roads, east side of parking lot).