

Tempe Today

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You're invited: Neighborhood Idea Exchange

Join your community for a morning of connection, creativity and coffee at the Neighborhood Idea Exchange. This event, hosted by Tempe's Neighborhood Services Office and the Neighborhood Advisory Commission, is an opportunity to meet your neighbors, learn about innovative community-building ideas and connect with members of the commission.

Come and share your experiences, discover what others are doing to create vibrant neighborhoods and enjoy a casual and fun environment. See you there.

Join us Saturday, Sept. 14, from 10 – 11 a.m. at the Tempe History Museum, 809 E. Southern Ave. For questions, email neighborhoods@tempe.gov.

New Tempe City Council

Tempe Mayor Corey Woods and Councilmembers Nikki Amberg, Doreen Garlid and Randy Keating were sworn into office by City



Clerk Kara DeArrastia during a July 1 ceremony in the City Council Chambers. They join Councilmembers Jennifer Adams, Arlene Chin and Berdetta Hodge.

Councilmember Doreen Garlid was selected by the Council to serve as Vice Mayor for two years. The role includes serving as the presiding officer for Council meetings when the Mayor is not in attendance and more. Details: tempe.gov/elected.

Public meetings for bond election

Registered Tempe voters will have the opportunity to decide whether to fund public safety and road improvements, quality-of-life enhancements in Tempe neighborhoods and new affordable housing. Voting takes place in conjunction with the Nov. 5 Statewide General Election.

Included in the bond is funding to restore the pavement of every street in Tempe within five years, provide funds for critical infrastructure projects like water lines, improve neighborhood parks and increase the supply of affordable housing. Get additional information about the bond questions at tempe.gov/election Get additional information about the bond questions at tempe.gov/election or attend a public meeting. Four meetings are available. All are free and open to everyone.

- Sept. 18 at noon (virtual) and 7 p.m. at Kiwanis Recreation Center, 6111 S. All America Way
- Sept. 13 at 6 p.m. at North Tempe Multi-Generational Center, 1555 N. Bridalwreath St.
- Sept. 24 at 6 p.m. at Tempe Public Library, 3500 S. Rural Road

The last day to register to vote in this election is Monday, Oct. 7. Early ballots arrive on Oct. 9. Visit BeBallotReady. **Vote** to check your voter registration status.



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Tempe programs move resident from homeless to housed

It's 9 a.m. on a recent Saturday and another typical day comes to life outside Tempe's shelter for people who are homeless. Inside room #117, a new life is taking shape. Keith Holmes is packed up and ready to move into his new, permanent home.

The shelter offered a safe haven where Keith could make plans for the future, the city's Tempe Works program connected him to a job and steady paycheck and city staff assisted him with his housing voucher to offset rent. All of these city supports helped Keith move from homeless to housed – one of about 1,675 people helped into a housing resolution

in the past two years through city investments.

City of Tempe programs touch lives every day. Read more about Keith and how they helped him at tempe.gov/EndingHomelessness.

Murals, trees and more coming to Tempe neighborhoods

The City Council approved funding for 24 neighborhood improvement projects located throughout the city. The Marianne Corder Neighborhood Grant projects are neighborhood-generated requests for art, sustainable landscaping, park improvements and more. Kudos to all the neighborhoods that applied – your work to enhance Tempe is so appreciated! The photo shown is of completed work by previous award winners.

Get your neighborhood's project included for consideration in next year's grant cycle. Apply at tempe.gov/NeighborhoodGrants.

Aging Summit postponed

Aging Summit 2024, originally scheduled for Sept. 9-10, has been postponed. For more information please contact info@aging-summit.com

Healing Field tribute is Sept. 7 - 11

Tempe will honor the victims of the Sept. 11, 2001, attacks with a display of patriotism and unity at the annual Healing Field tribute at Tempe Beach Park. The free event runs Saturday, Sept. 7, through Wednesday, Sept. 11.

A Freedom Concert will be held on Saturday, Sept. 7, from 6:30-9 p.m., and a Tunnel to Towers 5K Run/Walk will be on Sept. 8 at 7:30 a.m. On Sept. 11, there will be two ceremonies held, one at 5:46 a.m. when the first plane hit the first tower and another at 7 p.m. Volunteers are invited to assist in standing up and down the flags on Sept. 7 and 12 at 6 a.m. Healing Field is presented by the Exchange Club of Tempe. For more information, visit tempehealingfield.org.



EVENTS

SEPT. 7

Sun Devil Football – City of Tempe Game 7:30 p.m. kickoff thesundevils.com/sports/football/schedule/2024

SEPT. 8

Desert Overture presents: Symphony of the Wild!, Tempe Center for the Arts 3 p.m. tempecenterforthearts.com

SEPT. 17-22

"Mrs. Doubtfire," ASU Gammage asugammage.com

SEPT. 28

15th Annual Walk for POP, Kiwanis Park, 8 a.m. prostatecheckup.org

SEPT. 28-29

Boots in the Park, Tempe Beach Park bootsinthepark.com

Full events calendar at tempe.gov/calendar

Assistance programs available for free home upgrades

Home modifications can prevent falls and fires, keep utilities running smoothly and make your home more comfortable. These updates can be out of reach financially for some, but these programs provide financial assistance.

- Through their Safe at Home program, Rebuilding Together Valley of the Sun provides home safety modifications like grab bars, toilet risers and rails and threshold ramps. See the income qualifications and learn more at rtvos.org/safe-at-home.
- The U.S. Department of Energy's Weatherization Assistance Program helps low-income households with repair or replacement of air conditioners and water heaters, installation of insulation and much more. Get details at fsl.org/weatherization.



Monsoon season reminders

It's time to prepare and stay weather aware. When's the last time you stashed some emergency items for later use? Consider keeping extra water, flashlights and batteries, nonperishable food and other handy items around in the event of flood or power outage. Get free sand and bags 24/7 through Sept. 30 at following locations:

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

Stay safe in summer heat

If you must be out during the hottest time of the day, be alert for signs of heat illness. Symptoms include feeling hot, weak, dizzy or faint, cramping/muscle spasms, nausea, or rapid pulse. Protect yourself by limiting physical activities, drinking plenty of water and wearing light loose-fitting clothing. Call 911 or seek medical attention if you or someone you know develops heat illness. Avoid getting overheated. Cooling centers are open until Sept. 30.

Can you help others in need? Donate bottled water to support our HOPE homeless outreach team and CARE 7 crisis team. Handing out water helps people stay hydrated and also opens the door to conversations about shelter and resources. To donate, email givehelp@tempe.gov or visit tempe.gov/HeatRelief for drop-off locations.

City contractors around your neighborhood

Tempe is working on a water service line inventory project that 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 doorhanger—no action is needed from Tempe water customers; however, contractors may request some residents relocate vehicles. Find more information at tempe.gov/ServiceLine

Tempe Center for the Arts welcomes new Resident Companies

Tempe Center for the Arts has announced seven Resident Company partners, bringing an exciting mix of music, dance, theatre and choral performances for the 2024-27 seasons. This refreshed program serves to create more opportunities for an expanded list of local arts organizations. The companies were selected through a rigorous public submission and assessment process and each embodies creativity, cultural literacy, inclusion and regional distinctiveness.

New additions to the resident companies include Cultural Coalition, Tempe Community Chorus, and Phoenix Children's Chorus, alongside returning favorites Arizona Wind Symphony, CONDER/dance, Stray Cat Theatre, and Hayden's Ferry Chamber Music Series. Arizona Theatre Company continues as TCA's partner 'Home Company.' Learn more at tempecenterforthearts.com



Tempe City Council



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City Manager

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

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.

Questions or ideas?
Email the Tempe
Communication Office

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

Sparky's Touchdown Tailgates – Fun for the whole family!

You don't need to be a Sun Devil to enjoy the free, family-friendly tailgates happening before every ASU home football game this year! Sparky's Touchdown Tailgate, located on College Avenue and Sixth Street, is open to the public and features live entertainment, food trucks, a beer garden, giveaways and more! Tailgate festivities begin two and a half hours before kickoff.

- Saturday, Aug. 31 - 7:30 p.m. (vs. Wyoming) Wear Gold
- Saturday, Sept. 7 - 7:30 p.m. (vs. Mississippi State) Wear Gold

Get free access to thousands of materials

September is Library Card Sign-Up Month! Tempe Public Library hosts a massive collection of more than 220,000 magazines, music, movies and – of course – books! Plus, a world of information is available in the digital library, from eBooks and videos to homework help and more. Sign up for a free library card online or at the library this September. Plus, download the library's app on the App Store or Google Play and get instant access to explore the library's catalog, check out upcoming events and reserve a study room. Learn more at tempepubliclibrary.org.



Last chance to explore César Chávez exhibit

The Tempe History Museum's current featured exhibit, "Extending a Hand: César Chávez, an Arizona Connection" runs through Sunday, Oct. 6. Stop by Tuesday-Saturday, from 10 a.m.-5 p.m. to learn about the

connection between César Chávez, Arizona and Tempe. Discover through art and stories by the people who supported, worked with and were inspired by this important civil rights and farm labor leader. Admission is free. Group tours are available. Learn more at tempe.gov/MuseumExhibits.

Tempe Elementary School District celebrates 150th anniversary

Tempe Elementary School district shares its 150th Anniversary this year

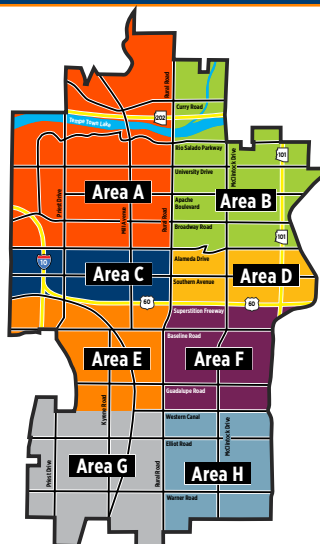
alongside the honor of being ranked as the #1 Elementary School District in 2024 by the opinion poll, Ranking Arizona. Tempe School District No. 3 became the third school district in Maricopa County officially in 1874, with earlier accounts referencing children attending a two-story school on Eighth Street in the vicinity of McAllister Avenue. Today, led by Superintendent Dr. James Driscoll, Tempe Elementary Schools has a student population of approximately 10,000 students. School started July 24 but the district continues to enroll students in preschool through eighth grade for the 2024-2025 school year. For more details visit tempeschools.org/enroll or call 480-730-7100.

September 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	Sept. 2-5
E	Sept. 9-13
F	Sept. 23-27
G	Sept. 30-Oct. 4



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