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Bond election update

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.

Question 1 provides funding to reduce fire and police response times and to restore all of Tempe's street pavement.

Question 2 provides funding to revitalize neighborhood parks and recreational facilities. It also includes funding for improvements to Double Butte Cemetery, desert preserves, ADA accessibility improvements and historic building preservation.

Question 3 provides funding to bolster the availability of affordable housing.

Find details at tempe.gov/election.

The ballot language for the three questions of the bond election is legally binding on the future actions of Tempe City Council, and no monies may be expended except for the purposes described in such questions.

The estimated average annual tax rate that is required to be calculated by statute for the proposed bond authorization is \$0.87814 per \$100 of net assessed value used for secondary tax purposes.



Proposed ADU zoning code

Tempe is set to update its zoning code regulations for Accessory Dwelling Units (ADUs) following the May passage of House Bill 2720. The bill requires municipalities with populations of 75,000 or more to adopt regulations by Jan. 1, 2025 that permit ADUs on all lots where single-family dwellings are allowed.

ADUs, smaller rentable units on the same lot as a single-family home, have been allowed in Tempe since 2019. The new updates will expand ADU eligibility and incorporate state requirements.

Tempe's draft ordinance and a comment card are available at tempe.gov/ADU. The community can also offer feedback at City Council first and second hearings on Oct. 1 and Nov. 21. Find agendas and details on providing comments at tempe.gov/clerk.

Celebrate 25 years of Tempe Town Lake!

The creation of Tempe Town Lake turned miles of dry river bottom into a major community recreation area and an economic driver—all while providing flood control for our city. Celebrate this amazing innovation with a free, family-friendly community celebration on Nov. 3. We'll have free pedal boats and kayaks, arts and crafts for the kids, a rock climbing wall and music by Walt Richardson and Rock Lobster. Get all the details at tempe.gov/lake.



TEMPE TOWN LAKE
25th - Silver Anniversary

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480-350-4311

Celebrate Indigenous People's Day at Indígena

Join Tempe Center for the Arts (TCA) for Indígena - a vibrant celebration of the Indigenous Peoples of Latin America, on Monday, Oct. 14 from 4:30-6:45 p.m. at 700 W. Rio Salado Parkway. Experience traditional food, dance and music that will transport you to the heart of Latin American Indigenous culture. Bring your family and take part in engaging art-making activities throughout the night at this free event. Learn more at tempecenterforthearts.com.

Don't miss your neighborhood party on Oct. 19

It's almost time for neighbors across Tempe to gather for the annual Getting Arizona Involved in Neighborhoods (G.A.I.N.) Night! Prepare some special treats, bring out the lawn chairs and games and connect with neighbors, mayor and council and city staff on Saturday, Oct. 19 - official hours are 3-7 p.m. Each neighborhood decides what best fits their residents for commemorating the day. Keep your eye out for an event in your neighborhood and plan to join your neighbors for fun and community bonding.

Party organizers: please confirm your party specifics and register your party by Sept. 30 at tempe.gov/GAIN. For more information, visit tempe.gov/GAIN, email Neighborhood Services at neighborhoods@tempe.gov or call 480-350-8234.

Aging Summit postponed

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

Human Services Needs Assessment

Be part of the solution to addressing human service needs in our community by completing the Tempe Community Council Human Services Needs Assessment 2024. Survey results help to prioritize human service funding and the expansion of services. Look for this survey in your inbox or at tempecommunitycouncil.org.



Nearly \$200,000 boost for arts programming

Tempe can expect to see a calendar full of exciting, inclusive arts and culture programs this year thanks to a \$187,000 investment from the City of Tempe. Tempe awarded 27 arts grants to nonprofit groups and artists collectives to support a variety of activities, from theatre groups to inventive arts events in unexpected spaces. The funding helps to ignite creative vibrancy, support capacity building for local organizations and grow community connections. This fall, \$113,000 will be distributed through additional grant categories. Learn more at tempe.gov/ArtsGrants.

One Tempe One Book unites city

We're all going to die. This isn't a threat or a warning, just a fact. Human bodies come with an expiration date. But how often do you talk about death? Tempe Public Library wants to get the conversation started with this year's One Tempe One Book program, which encourages our community to read the same book and have conversations around a universal topic like death.

For 2024, the community is invited to read "From Here to Eternity" by mortician Caitlin Doughty, a global look at how various cultures care for their dead. Youth and teen titles are also available. Pick up your free book at the library or at any of our community partners starting Sept. 15. Visit tempepubliclibrary.org/onebook to learn about activities throughout October.

Introducing Smart Fare on the Valley Metro app

An update to the Valley Metro app makes riding public transit more convenient and cost-effective. Instead of buying passes upfront, Valley Metro is introducing Smart Fare, an account-based system that allows you to pay as you go – fares are not changing. Load funds to your wallet on the Valley Metro app before you ride, scan the QR code on the purple fare readers every time you ride so the appropriate fare is deducted from your account, once you reach the daily, weekly or monthly fare, you don't pay extra. Learn more at valleymetro.org/smartfare.

EVENTS

OCT. 11-13

Four Peaks Oktoberfest
benefitting Tempe Sister Cities,
Tempe Beach Park
fourpeaksoktoberfest.com

OCT. 15-20

"Funny Girl," ASU
Gammage
asugammage.com

OCT. 19-NOV. 3

Arizona Theatre Company
presents "Dial M for Murder,"
Tempe Center for the Arts
atc.org

OCT. 27

Halloween Stroll,
Ragsdale-MLK Park
downtowntempe.com

TEMPE TARDEADA



Tempe Tardeada celebrates region's Hispanic heritage

The 26th Annual Tempe Tardeada will be held Sunday, Oct. 6, from noon - 8 p.m. at the Tempe Community Center Complex, 809 E. Southern Ave. This free celebration of Tempe's Hispanic heritage features music, dancing, traditional Mexican foods, arts and crafts, face painting and inflatables for children. Tardeada is held in conjunction with National Hispanic Heritage Month and celebrates Tempe's Hispanic history and roots. Nonprofit organizations are invited to apply for a free booth. For details, call 480-350-8979 or visit tempe.gov/tardeada.

Help guide federal funds for housing, homeless services

Tempe is seeking feedback from residents to help guide how the city uses federal funds to meet community needs and address fair housing issues in the city. Resident input helps prioritize decision-making and shape the development needs in our community, which include building and updating public facilities, preserving affordable housing, developing housing, enhancing homelessness initiatives and more. Feedback will be used to update Tempe's Five-Year Consolidated Plan as required by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development. Share your input at public meetings and through an online survey.

Public meetings:

Virtual - Tuesday, Sept. 10, Noon.

In person - Tuesday, Sept. 10, 6:30-7:30 p.m. at Tempe Public Library, 3500 S. Rural Road, Ironwood Room.

Survey: Open now. research.net/r/maricopa-community

Learn more about Tempe's plans at tempe.gov/consolidatedplan

Adopting Tempe's streets, parks, paths

Are you a local Tempe resident, business or organization with a passion for your neighborhood and its surrounding parks, streets, and paths? Tempe's robust adoption program allows

neighbors the opportunity to invest time and love into their favorite areas, improving the community and environment for those around you. The Adopt-A-Street, Adopt-A-Park, Adopt-A-Path programs support litter control and storm water management throughout Tempe.

These programs are a way to coordinate year-round volunteer opportunities and continue to enhance the appearance, safety and cleanliness of Tempe streets, parks and paths. Just a couple hours every few months can make a difference in Tempe. For details, visit tempe.gov/adopt.



Save the Date: 41st Annual Don Carlos Awards

The Don Carlos Humanitarian Awards are being held Nov. 18 at the SRP Pera Club. These awards honor exceptional individuals who have shown outstanding dedication to improving the lives of others within the Tempe community. The award is named after Tempe's founder, Charles Trumbull Hayden, affectionately known by Hispanic pioneers as "Don Carlos." Charles devoted his life to helping those in need, and the Don Carlos Humanitarian Award reflects his enduring legacy. For event and sponsorship opportunities, visit tempecommunitycouncil.org/don-carlos/.



Free movies under the night sky

Grab the whole family and head to Kiwanis Park on Friday evenings this October for Movies in the Park! This free movie series features "Wonka" (Oct. 4), "The Goonies" (Oct. 11) and "Casper" (Oct. 18). Movies begin at dusk, approximately 6 p.m. Come early to reserve a spot and hang out with the Tempe Play Mobile for fun pre-movie games. Dress up and celebrate Halloween with a special family friendly Boo Bash event on Oct. 25, featuring a screening of "Hotel Transylvania," costume contest, games and activities. Visit tempe.gov/FamilyFun for more details.

Tempe City Council



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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

Town Hall for veterans

Join the Tempe Veterans Commission on Oct. 19 for an educational Town Hall designed to raise awareness and educate the community about toxic exposure. The event is planned 9 a.m.-1p.m. at the American Legion William Bloys Post 2, 2125 S. Industrial Park Ave. Refreshments will be served. Tentative Town Hall topics include federal admission of toxins on military facilities, Gulf War exposure and filing new VA claims based on the PACT ACT. Learn more at tempe.gov/veterans.

Tempe History Museum kicks off new season of events

The Tempe History Museum's live local music series, Performances at the Museum, returns this fall through May with monthly concerts. Experience new sensations and local legends in intimate settings or the exciting outdoor stage. Find dates and lineup information at tempe.gov/MuseumEvents.

Get ahead of the curve - stay up to date on street restrictions, bus detours

Often times, when Tempe hosts an event, repairs an aging water line or paves a street, a bus route may be detoured or a street restricted. That's why Tempe encourages its residents and visitors to get up-to-date information about major street restrictions/closures and bus detours within the City of Tempe.

- Sign up to receive emails at tempe.gov/enotification
- Follow us on X or Facebook (only major street closures will be posted)
- Check our website at tempe.gov/StreetClosures

Nominations open for 2024 Celebrating Champions for Youth

Join Tempe Coalition for its 8th annual Celebrating Champions for Youth event. Mark your calendars for Thursday, Oct. 24 at 6 p.m. at Tempe Union High School District's Professional Learning Center, 490 W. Guadalupe Road. This special event honors the remarkable adults, youth and organizations who inspire, encourage and empower local youth to reach their full potential. Don't miss out on the chance to recognize these local heroes. Nominations close on Oct. 4. Learn more at tempecoalition.org.

National Drug Take Back event

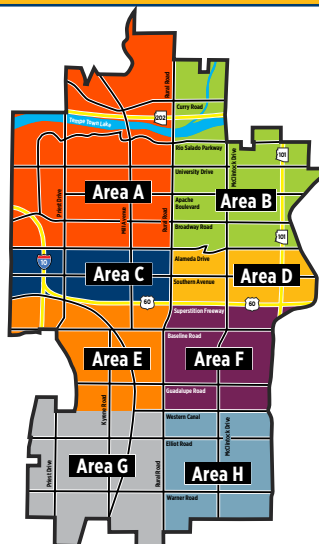
Tempe Police Department is partnering again with the Arizona Drug Enforcement Administration and law enforcement agencies across the state for a Drug Take Back event Saturday, Oct. 26 from 10 a.m. – 2 p.m. at the Tempe Police South Substation, 8201 S. Hardy Drive.

Bring your unused/expired prescription and over-the-counter medications in original containers. Disposal is anonymous. Law Enforcement personnel will deliver the disposed medications for proper destruction. No need to remove labels as disposables will be incinerated. For more information, contact Molly_Enright@tempe.gov or call 480-858-6148.

October 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	Sept. 30-Oct. 4
H	Oct. 7-11
A	Oct. 14-18
B	Oct. 21-25
C	Oct. 28-Nov. 1



tempe.gov/BulkTrash • 480-350-4311