

City Council Weekly Information Packet

Friday, September 13, 2024

Includes the following documents/information:

- 1) City Council Events Schedule
- 2) November 5, 2024, Special Bond Election Update
- 3) Community Services Department Update





The Mayor and City Council have been invited to attend various community meetings and public and private events at which a quorum of the City Council may be present. The Council will not be conducting city business, nor will any legal action be taken. This is an event only and not a public meeting. A list of the community meetings and public and private events along with the schedules, dates, times, and locations is attached. Organizers may require a rsvp or fee.

Fri	Sep 13	6:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.	Bond Election Information Meeting Location: North Tempe Multi-Generational Center 1555 N. Bridalwreath Street Tempe, AZ
Sat	Sep 14	10:00 a.m. – 11:00a.m.	Neighborhood Idea Exchange: A Neighborhood Meet-Up Location: Tempe History Museum 809 E. Southern Avenue Tempe, AZ
Mon	Sep 16	5:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.	Creamery Park Reopening Celebration Location: Creamery Park 1520 E. 8 th Street Tempe, AZ
Mon	Sep 16	7:00 p.m 8:00 p.m.	Bond Election Information Meeting Location: Tempe Police South Substation 8201 S. Hardy Drive Tempe, AZ
Tue	Sep 17	6:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.	Victory Acres Neighborhood Association Meeting Location: Escalante Community Center 2150 E. Orange Street Tempe, AZ
Wed	Sep 18	7:00 a.m. – 9:00 a.m.	Tempe Family YMCA Friendraiser Location: Tempe Family YMCA 7070 S. Rural Road Tempe, AZ
Wed	Sep 18	12:00 p.m. – 1:00 p.m.	Bond Election Information Virtual Meeting Location: Zoom https://us06web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZckdOuhrjljEtMz_Q5sRsstnAluqm6bHB1G
Wed	Sep 18	4:30 p.m. – 6:30 p.m.	EnVision Center Grand Opening and Ribbon Cutting Location: EnVision Center 1310 E. Apache Boulevard

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Wed	Sep 18	7:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.	Bond Election Information Meeting
			Location: Kiwanis Recreation Center 6111 S. All America Way Tempe, AZ
Fri	Sep 20	8:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.	15 th Annual Positively Powerful Education Summit and Woman Award
			Location: Triad West Inc/ The Showcase Room 129 S. Farmer Tempe, AZ
Sat	Sep 21	6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.	Park Sessions at Mitchell Park
			Location: Mitchell Park 900 S. Mitchell Drive Tempe, AZ
Mon	Sep 23	6:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.	Bond Election Information Meeting
			Location: North Tempe Multi-Generational Center 1555 N. Bridalwreath Street Tempe, AZ
Tue	Sep 24	4:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.	University of Advancing Technology
			Location: University of Advancing Technology 2625 W. Baseline Road Tempe, AZ
Tue	Sep 24	5:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.	Arts in the Parks Block Party: Scudder Park
			Location: Scudder Park 5805 S. Lakeshore Drive Tempe, AZ
Tue	Sep 24	6:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.	Bond Election Information Meeting
			Location: Tempe Public Library 3500 S. Rural Road Tempe, AZ
Wed	Sep 25	8:00 a.m. – 9:00 a.m.	Nourishing Generations: Senior Breakfast in Support of Seniors
			Location: Tempe Community Action Agency 1700 N. Granite Reef Road Scottsdale, AZ
Wed	Sep 25	5:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.	Backstage Pass – Councilmember Garlid
			Location: Hayden Ferry 60 E. Rio Salado Parkway Tempe, AZ

Wed	Sep 25	5:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.	Arts in the Parks Block Party: Mary and Moses Green Park
			Location: Mary and Moses Green Park 9325 W. Warner Ranch Drive Tempe, AZ
Thu	Sep 26	10:30 a.m. – 1:30 p.m.	Friendship Village First Responder Appreciation BBQ
			Location: Friendship Village Tempe 2645 E. Southern Avenue Tempe, AZ
Thu	Sep 26	5:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.	Arts in the Parks Block Party: Optimist Park
			Location: Optimist Park 2000 E. Sesame Street Tempe, AZ
Thu -	Sep 26 -28	All Day	Democrat Municipal Officials Summit
Sat			Location: Temp Mission Palms 60 E. 5 th Street Tempe, AZ
Sat	Sep 28	9:00 a.m. – 2:30 p.m.	Maricopa County Branch NAACP – Annual Women's Luncheon Expo
			Location: SRP PERA Building 1 E. Continental Drive Tempe, AZ
Sat	Sep 28	9:30 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.	NAREB Black Wealth Tour Black Farmers Edition
			Location: National Association of Real Estate Brokers 1401 E. Jefferson Street Phoenix, AZ
Thu	Oct 3	7:00 a.m. – 8:00 a.m.	Valley Metro Rideshare Month Remote Event at ASU
			Location: ASU – Lot 13 at Discovery Hall 240 E. Lemon Street Tempe, AZ
Fri	Oct 4	6:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.	INSPIRE: A Celebration of Community
			Location: Southwest Center 22 E. Buchanan Street Tempe, AZ
Sun	Oct 6	12:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.	Tardeada
			Location: Tempe Library Complex 3500 S. Rural Road Tempe, AZ

Wed	Oct 9	5:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.	Tempe Sister Cities New Garden Reveal
			Location: Tempe Public Library Community Complex 3500 S. Rural Road Tempe, AZ
Fri – Sat	Oct 11 – 13	All Day	Oktoberfest
			Location: Tempe Beach Park 80 W. Rio Salado Parkway Tempe, AZ
Sat	Oct 12	4:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.	Parque de Soza Renaming Celebration
			Location: Parque de Soza Park 1430 S. Cedar Street Tempe, AZ
Sat	Oct 12	6:00 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.	16 th Annual Law Enforcement Appreciation Dinner Banquet
			Location: Phoenix Airport Hilton Hotel 2435 S. 47 th Street Phoenix, AZ
Wed	Oct 16	5:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.	Arts in the Parks Block Party: Daumler Park
			Location: Daumler Park 2821 S. Evergreen Road Tempe, AZ
Sat	Oct 19	3:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.	Getting Arizona Involved in Neighborhoods (GAIN)
			Location: City of Tempe 31 E. Fifth Street Tempe, AZ
Sat	Oct 19	9:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.	Tempe Veterans Commission
			Location: American Legion Post 2 2125 S. Industrial Park Avenue Tempe, AZ
Sun	Oct 20	10:00 a.m. – 12:00	Pride Parade: Born This Way
		p.m.	Location: 3 rd Street & Thomas Tempe, AZ
Tue	Oct 22	10:00 a.m. – 11:00	A&E Builders, LLC Ribbon Cutting
		a.m.	Location: A&E Builders, LLC 465 S. Ash Avenue Suite G4 Tempe, AZ

Tue	Oct 22	11:00 a.m. – 1:30 p.m.	FSL's 50 th Anniversary Celebration
			Location: Renaissance Phoenix Downtown Hotel 100 N. 1 st Street Tempe, AZ
Tue	Oct 22	5:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.	Arts in the Parks Block Party: Clark Park
			Location: Clark Park 1730 S. Roosevelt Street Tempe, AZ
Wed	Oct 23	5:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.	Arts in the Parks Block Party: Indian Bend Park
			Location: Indian Bend Park 1250 E. Marigold Lane Tempe, AZ
Thu	Oct 24	6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.	Escalante Community Fall Festival
			Location: Escalante Park 2150 E. Orange Street Tempe, AZ
Sat	Oct 26	9:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.	Fire Station 2 Grand Opening
			Location: Fire Station 2 3025 S. Hardy Drive Tempe, AZ
Sat	Oct 26	1:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.	Michelle Brooks Tortes Park Dedication
			Location: Michelle Books Tortes Park 1225 E. Redfield Road Tempe, AZ
Sun	Oct 27	2:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.	Halloween Stroll
			Location: Ragsdale MLK Park 24 E. 6 th Street Tempe, AZ
Fri	Nov 1	4:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.	Tempe Town Lake Silver Anniversary
			Location: TCA – Lakeside Room 700 W. Rio Salado Parkway Tempe, AZ
Sun	Nov 3	11:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.	Tempe Town Lake Silver Anniversary
			Location: Tempe Town Lake 550 E. Tempe Town Lake Tempe, AZ
Thu	Nov 7	10:00 a.m. – 11:45 a.m.	Feed My Starving Children – Tempe Grand Opening
		u	Location: Feed My Starving Children

			1100 W. Grove Parkway Tempe, AZ
Thu	Nov 7	5:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.	10 th Annual Hammers & Ales Party & Fundraiser Location: Toolbank 3531 E. Corona Avenue Tempe, AZ
Fri	Nov 8	6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.	Featured Exhibit Opening: Extending a Hand, Cesar Chavez, an Arizona Connection Location: Tempe History Museum 809 E. Southern Avenue Tempe, AZ
Sat	Nov 9	11:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.	Diwali and Veterans Day Festival Location: Kyrene del Norte 1331 E. Redfield Road Tempe, AZ
Tue	Nov 12	5:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.	Arts in the Parks Block Party: Estrada Park Location: Estrada Park 1801 E. Palomino Drive Tempe, AZ
Wed	Nov 13	8:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.	LISC Phoenix Annual Breakfast & Community Awards Location: LISC Phoenix 326 Coronado Road, Suite 204 Phoenix, AZ
Wed	Nov 13	5:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.	Arts in the Parks Block Party: Meyer Park Location: Meyer Park 2727 S. Dorsey Lane Tempe, AZ
Wed	Nov 13	7:30 a.m. – 9:00 a.m.	United Food Bank Friends Breakfast Location: United Food Bank – Sunkist Warehouse 254 W. Broadway Road Mesa, AZ
Sat	Nov 16	11:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.	Light the World – Giving Machine, West Valley Launch Location: Westgate Entertainment Center (AMC Theatres) 9405 W. Hanna Lane Glendale, AZ
Sat	Nov 16	6:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.	Tempe Jam Location: Tempe Sports Complex 8401 S. Hardy Tempe, AZ

Mon	Nov 18	9:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.	Light the World – East Valley Giving Machines Location: Town of Gilbert Water Tower 45 W. Page Gilbert, AZ
Mon	Nov 18	5:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.	41st Annual Don Carlos Humanitarian Awards – Tempe Community Council Location: Pera Club 1 E. Continental Drive Tempe, AZ
Sat	Dec 7	12:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.	Chandler Thunderbird Lodge #15 125 th Anniversary Location: Chandler Thunderbird Lodge #15 88 W. Erie Street Tempe, AZ
Fri	Dec 13	11:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.	Tempe Elementary Blood Drive Location: Tempe Elementary School District #3 3205 S. Rural Road Tempe, AZ
Sun-Fri	Mar 9 –14, 2025	All day	NLC Congressional City Council Location: Washington D.C.
Sat	Apr 19, 2025	5:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.	Ignite the Night – Tempe Diablos Charity Event Location: Phoenix Zoo 455 N. Galvin Parkway Phoenix, AZ

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MEMORANDUM



TO: Mayor and City Council

FROM: Kara DeArrastia, City Clerk

DATE: September 13, 2024

SUBJECT: November 5, 2024 Special Bond Election Update

Below are updates regarding the November 5, 2024 Special Bond Election, for the week ending September 13, 2024.

Bond Election Informational Meetings

As a reminder, the first informational meeting about the bond questions on the November 5 ballot is **tonight at 6 p.m.** at the North Tempe Multi-Generational Center – Manzanita/Mesquite Room, 1555 North Bridalwreath Street, Tempe. Details regarding the five additional meetings are listed below, and in the flyer attached to this memo. The meetings are free and open to everyone.

Date	Time	Location
Monday, September 16	7 p.m.	Tempe Police South Substation, 8201 South Hardy
		<u>Drive, Tempe</u>
Wednesday, September 18	12 p.m. noon	<u>Virtual – register here</u>
Wednesday, September 18	7 p.m.	Kiwanis Recreation Center – Classroom A & B, 6111
		South All America Way, Tempe
Monday, September 23	6 p.m.	North Tempe Multi-Generational Center –
		Manzanita/Mesquite Room, 1555 North Bridalwreath
		Street, Tempe
Tuesday, September 24	6 p.m.	Tempe Public Library – Desert Willow Room, 3500
		South Rural Road, Tempe

Bond Election Informational Materials and Videos Available Online

Additional information about the three bond measures on the November 5 ballot has been added to the tempe.gov/bond website.

- A <u>handout</u> outlining the three bond questions, including citywide maps showing locations of the
 currently planned pavement projects (non-accelerated) versus the combined accelerated paving
 projects (if Question 1 passes). It also explains General Obligation (G.O.) bonds, property taxes,
 and key voter dates for the November 5 Bond Election. The handout is also attached to this memo.
- Videos summarizing each of the three questions:
 - Question 1 focuses on funding public safety improvements, infrastructure upgrades, and citywide street enhancements to address community priorities and safety concerns.
 Question 2 aims to improve the quality of life in neighborhoods by funding park

- renovations, tree planting, sports facility upgrades, historic preservation, and infrastructure improvements.
- Question 3 seeks funding to address affordable housing needs by purchasing land for development, targeting vulnerable populations such as low-income seniors, people with disabilities, and families at risk of homelessness.

The estimated average annual tax rate that is required to be calculated by statute for the proposed bond authorization is \$0.8781 per \$100 of net assessed value used for secondary tax purposes.

Electronic Delivery of Arizona 2024 General Election Publicity Pamphlet

Arizona voters can opt-in to receive the Statewide General Election publicity pamphlet electronically when registering to vote or updating their voter registration through the Service Arizona website at https://servicearizona.com/VoterRegistration. Voters can also opt out of electronic pamphlet delivery by visiting the same online voter registration website to correct their registration record. The publicity pamphlet is available online here: 2024 General Election Publicity Pamphlet.

Mail Delivery of Tempe 2024 Special Bond Election Publicity Pamphlet

Beginning in October, the publicity pamphlet providing **Tempe** voters with information regarding the three questions on the City of Tempe's upcoming November 5 Special Bond Election ballot will be mailed to each Tempe household containing a registered voter. This publicity pamphlet also includes information about early voting, voting locations, and voter identification at the polls. The sample of the official ballot language and the text of the submitted arguments "for" and "against" the authorization to issue the bonds are also included in this pamphlet. Call the Maricopa County Elections Department at (602) 506-1511 for assistance.

National Voter Registration Day is Tuesday, September 17



National Voter Registration Day was established in 2012 as a nonpartisan civic holiday aimed at raising awareness about voter registration opportunities and encouraging participation in elections. It takes place on a Tuesday in September each year. With the upcoming election on November 5, Maricopa County voters are encouraged to visit BeBallotReady.Vote to check their registration status or update their information. The voter registration deadline is **Monday, October 7**. It is important not to delay. Ensuring

voter registration is up to date requires only a few minutes and is the most effective way to ensure one's voice is heard during this election season.

Visit <u>www.tempe.gov/election</u> for more information about the November 5, 2024 Special Bond Election. Future updates will be provided throughout the election season as needed. Should you have any questions or need further information, please do not hesitate to contact me at (480) 350-8947 or <u>kara_dearrastia@tempe.gov</u>.



Election Information

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 infrastructure projects like water lines, improve neighborhood parks and increase the supply of affordable housing. The estimated average annual tax rate that is required to be calculated by statute for the

proposed bond authorization is \$0.8781 per \$100 of net assessed value used for secondary tax purposes.

Get additional information about the bond questions at tempe.gov/election or attend an informational meeting. Six meetings are available. All are free and open to everyone.

- Friday, Sept. 13 at 6 p.m. at North Tempe Multi- Generational Center
- Monday, Sept. 16 at 7 p.m. at Tempe Police South Substation
- Wednesday, Sept. 18 at noon (virtual) and 7 p.m. at Kiwanis Recreation Center
- Monday, Sept. 23 at 6 p.m. at North Tempe Multi- Generational Center
- Tuesday, Sept. 24 at 6 p.m. at Tempe Public Library

Are you ready to vote?

Arizona will hold a General Election on Tuesday, Nov. 5. This election includes federal, state, county and local offices that are up for election. It also includes a Special Bond Election for registered voters in Tempe, and Prop 479, a measure that will ask Maricopa County voters whether to extend the existing half-cent sales tax dedicated to transportation for an additional 20 years.

Register to vote or update your current registration by Oct. 7 by visiting https://servicearizona.com/
VoterRegistration. Please call the Maricopa County Elections Department at 602-506-1511 or visit maricopa.
vote with questions regarding your eligibility, voter registration or ballot. Visit
BeBallotReady.Vote to verify your registration information.

Important voter dates

Oct. 7 Voter Registration Deadline

Oct. 9 Ballots Mailed and Drop Boxes Available

Oct. 25 Last day to request an early ballot

Oct. 29 Last Day to Mail Back Your Ballot

Nov. 5 Election Day





Información electoral

Los votantes registrados en Tempe tendrán la oportunidad de decidir si financian la seguridad pública y mejoramiento en las carreteras, mejoramiento en la calidad de vida en los vecindarios de Tempe y nuevas viviendas asequibles. La votación se lleva a cabo en conjunto con la Elección General Estatal del 5 de noviembre.

El bono incluye fondos para restaurar el pavimento de cada calle en Tempe dentro de cinco años, proporcionar fondos para proyectos de infraestructura como líneas de agua, el mejoramiento los parques del barrio y aumentar la oferta de viviendas asequibles. La tasa impositiva anual de promedio es estimada que

se requiere que se calcule por ley para la autorización de bonos propuesta es de \$0,8781 por \$100 de valor neto utilizado para propósitos de impuestos secundarios.

Obtenga información adicional sobre las preguntas sobre los bonos en tempe.gov/election o asista a una reunión informativa. Hay seis reuniones disponibles. Todas son gratuitas y abiertas a todo el mundo.

- Viernes, 13 de septiembre a las 6 p.m.en el Centro Multigeneracional de Tempe Norte
- Lunes, 16 de septiembre a las 7 p.m. en la Subestación de Policía Sur de Tempe
- Miércoles 18 de septiembre al mediodía (virtual) y 7 p.m. en el Centro Recreativo Kiwanis
- Lunes 23 de septiembre a las 6 p.m. en el Centro Multigeneracional de Tempe Norte
- Martes, 24 de septiembre a las 6 p.m. en la Biblioteca Pública de Tempe

¿Estás listo para votar?

Arizona llevará a cabo una elección general el martes 5 de noviembre. Esta elección incluye los cargos federales, estatales, del condado y locales que están en juego. También incluye una Elección de Bonos Especiales para los votantes registrados en Tempe, y la Proposición 479, una medida que preguntará a los votantes del Condado de Maricopa si extenderán el impuesto de medio centavo a las ventas existente dedicado al transporte por 20 años adicionales.

Regístrese para votar o actualice su registro actual antes del 7 de octubre visitando **https://servicearizona.com/VoterRegistration**. Por favor llame al Departamento de Elecciones del Condado de Maricopa al 602-506-1511 o visite maricopa. Vote con preguntas sobre su elegibilidad, registro de votante o boleta electoral. Visite BeBallotReady. Vote para verificar su información de registro.

Fechas importantes para los votantes

9 de octubre Boletas enviadas por correo y buzones disponibles

25 de octubre Último día para solicitar votación anticipada

29 de octubre Último día para enviar su boleta por correo

5 de noviembre Día de elección











What is a GO Bond?

A General Obligation (GO) Bond is a form of debt obligation that, when issued, provides funds to finance large capital improvements such as parks, fire and police stations, affordable housing and streets. The City uses secondary property tax revenues to repay the bonds. GO bond programs require voter approval.

What are Property Taxes?

The City collects two types of property taxes. Primary property taxes are generally used to support the maintenance and operation budgets for local governments, such as cities, counties, school districts, and community college districts. Secondary property taxes are generally used to pay for bond issues, budget overrides, and special districts. Each year's property tax bill has a separate primary and secondary property tax rate for the City as well as most other local governments.

A standard property tax bill includes property taxes assessed by schools, community colleges, special districts, city, and county. The City of Tempe's portion of a standard property tax bill is approximately 24%.

The estimated average annual tax rate that is required to be calculated by statute for the proposed bond authorization is \$0.8781 per \$100 of net assessed value used for secondary tax purposes.

What can bond funds be used for?

Arizona law requires that the proceeds of the bonds be used only for projects described in the ballot questions.

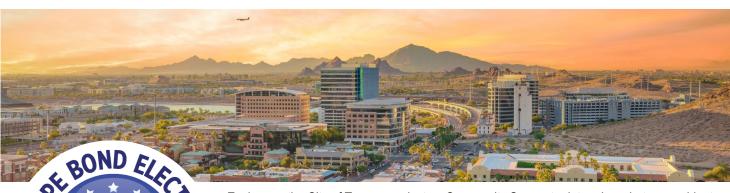
GO Bond funds cannot be used for everyday operating costs for programs. They can't be used for raises or to hire staff. Such operating expenses are paid for by sales tax revenues and fees for service

Important voter dates

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Each year, the City of Tempe conducts a Community Survey to determine what our residents value most and where we can improve our services.

In Tempe, we take what our residents tell us very seriously. The 2024 Bond Election reflects what Tempe residents prioritized in that survey – better streets, police and fire services to enhance community safety, preservation of historic properties, well-maintained infrastructure and amenities that improve our neighborhoods, like parks with new playground equipment and more trees.

The 2024 Special Bond Election gives residents an opportunity to fund what they value.

Question 1- Enhance Community Safety Through Public Safety and Roadway Improvements - \$301 million

Safer Streets

Tempe has more than 1,300 lane miles of streets. Using scientific calculations, the quality of each section of roadway is graded and prioritized. Right now, nearly 600 miles of them are rated fair to poor. Bond question 1 would accelerate their improvement, bringing all street pavement to an excellent rating over the next four years.

Along with the pavement improvements, measures to ensure better overall street safety, like street signal visibility improvements, safety corridors, left turn signals, sidewalk improvements and greater ADA accessibility, will be included.

Safer Community

Responding to emergency calls for service faster can save lives. To help police and firefighters be located closer to residents, this bond question would fund new police and fire stations. The bond would also fund the replacement of aging fire equipment and technology and add new hazmat response capabilities to existing fire stations.

Question 2 - Improve Quality of Life in Tempe Neighborhoods - \$248.5 million

Question 2 would fund improvements to many of Tempe's parks and help preserve historic properties in Tempe. This would include ramada and park playground replacements and renovations over the next five years. It would bring ADA enhancements to ensure everyone can enjoy them.

The question would also fund new trees for neighborhood, community and regional parks – and new, more sustainable irrigation systems, as well as lighting and field updates for Tempe's community sports facilities.

This question would provide funding to protect some of our endangered historic properties, maintain and improve our desert preserves like Hayden Butte and Loma Del Rio, and provide funds to restore historic Double Butte Cemetery.

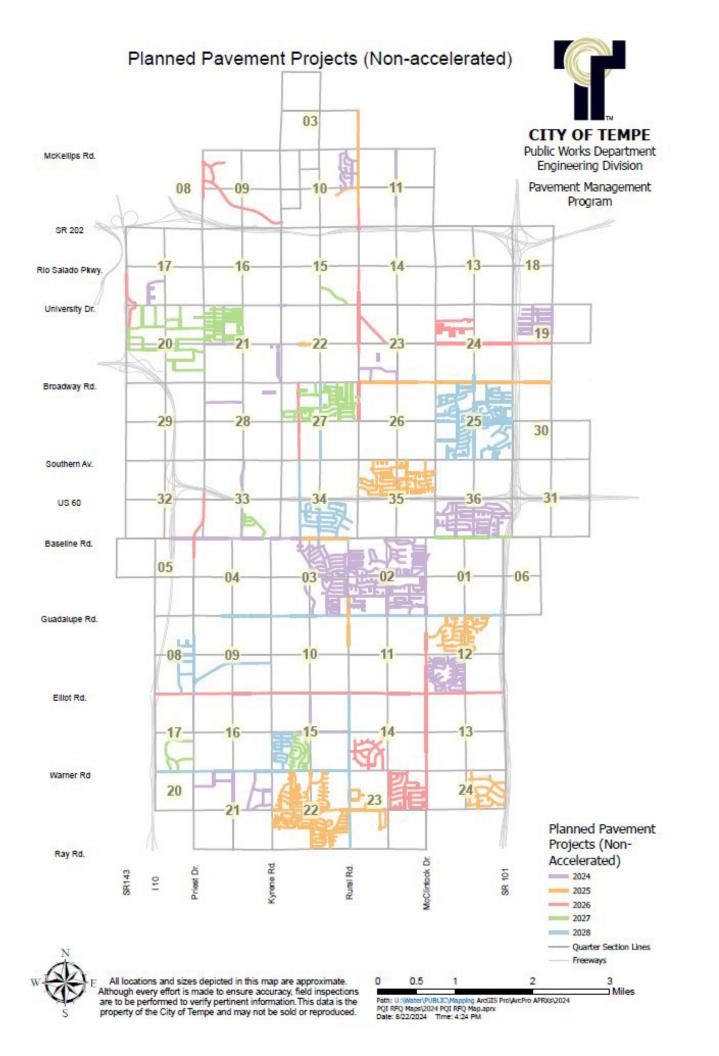
Question 3 - Increase the Supply of Affordable Housing - \$32 million

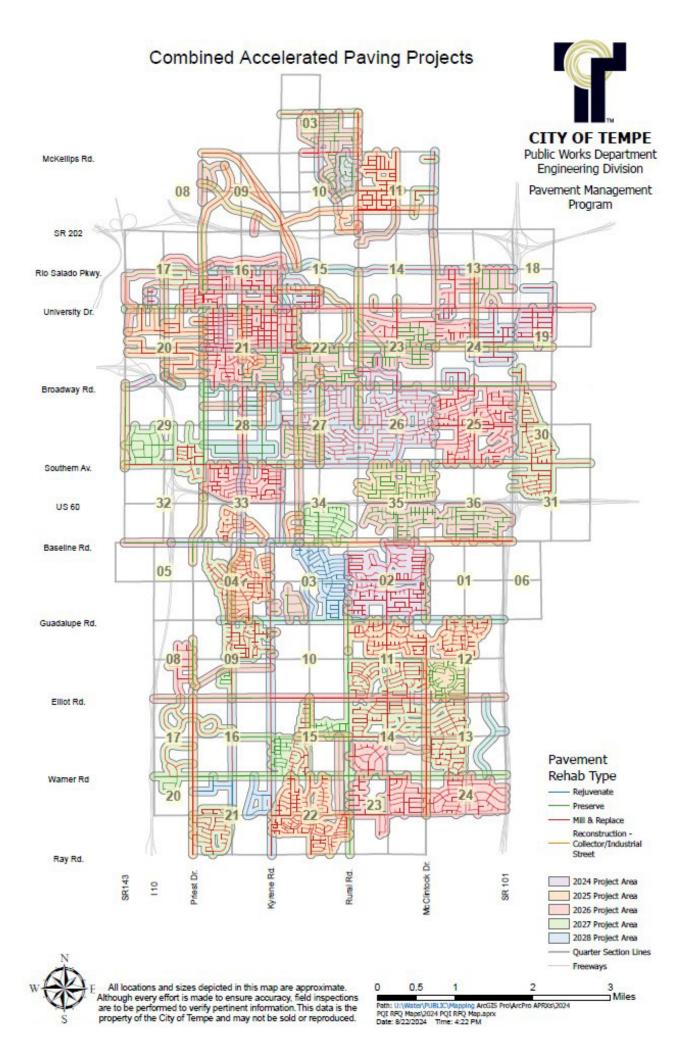
Question 3 would provide funding for the city to purchase property for the purpose of creating affordable housing.

The City of Tempe receives hundreds of comments about the need for affordable housing every year. Residents ranked services for individuals experiencing homelessness as their #1 priority in the Community Survey. Affordable housing is one strategy to help prevent homelessness

With these funds, Tempe could improve the availability of affordable housing, specifically catering to vulnerable populations including low-income elderly individuals, people with disabilities, the homeless, and families with children at risk of homelessness.

This investment is intended to accelerate the vision of a Hometown for All, fostering a safe, livable, and accessible community for residents of all ages. The overarching objective is to create an inclusive environment where everyone, regardless of age or circumstance, can find secure and affordable housing options in Tempe.





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CLARK PARK COMMUNITY CENTER & POOL: SUMMER RECAP

The first summer at the newly renovated Clark Park Community Center and Pool was a huge success. Collectively our Clark team worked together to make this summer season a positive experience for our community. One parent commented: "My kids had THE best time, and they are picky!" Another commented "This NASA camp was the best one of the whole summer! The creativity, knowledge base, and hands on activities for busy little bodies was perfect!"











Community Center

Over 35 half-day camps with diverse subjects for ages 5-15 years old were offered throughout the summer with 374 youth participating in camps over an 8-week period.

Our administrative staff, front desk staff, camp supervisor and volunteers worked together to make the summer season a positive experience for everyone that entered the facility. We partnered with the Arizona Science Center to offer NASA astro camps, a detective forensics camp and oceanography camps. We partnered with Play-Well TEKnologies to offer Engineering LEGO® camps including subjects such as Transportation Engineering, Coding using LEGO® Spike Prime software and Pokémon Engineering. We also partnered with Black Rocket to offer a variety of STEM and STEAM technology camps including LEGO® Films and Stop Action animation, Video Game development, 3-D design, and coding. We also offered Dungeons and Dragons camps and Crochet and Crafting. There was a camp for every type of interest and skill level.

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Arizona Science Center



Crochet Camp



Play Well Transportation



Dungeons & Dragons

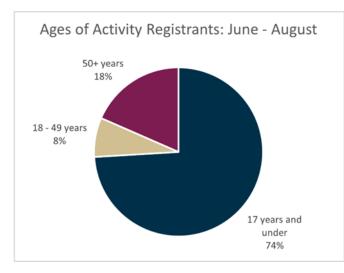


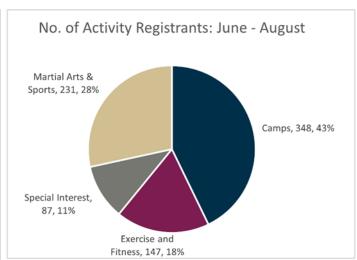
Lim Kempo Karate

Campers formed new friendships and built strong bonds with their teachers and peers. They had the opportunity to develop skills in areas such as teamwork, creative and critical thinking, coding, engineering and much more! We saw a fantastic level of participation and enthusiasm. Feedback from participants and parents about camps and the new facility and pool was overwhelmingly positive.

We also had 10 teen volunteers (ages 13-17) assisting with our camps as "Junior Leaders". These teens developed leadership skills, learned the importance of teamwork, and benefitted from "real-life" work experience. Our teens volunteered 509 hours at the Clark Park Community Center Summer camps!

In addition to half-day camps, a variety of classes, including tot movement and development, martial arts, group fitness, and others, brought in over 800 participants, from tots, youth and teens up to adults.

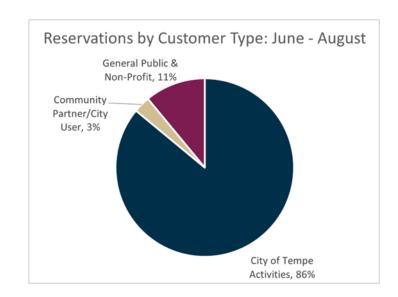




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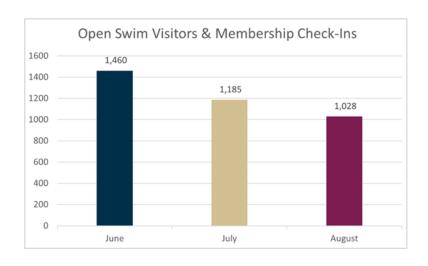
While the center has been an active hub for offering a variety of programming and activities, the center has also been a destination for the local community to host birthday parties, baby showers, community meetings, and other groups.

- General public: birthday parties, baby showers, etc.
- Non-Profit: Girl Scouts, Homeowner Associations, community garden pick-ups, etc.
- Community Partners/City Users: City staff meetings, neighborhood outreach, etc.



Pool

More than 3,000 visitors were welcomed to the new Clark Park Pool this summer. These patrons participated in lifesaving learn-to-swim classes, fitness-building water exercise classes and lap swimming, as well as refreshing dips in the pool and exhilarating rides down the slide.



Other areas were also constructed, such as a new maintenance building and office space for the Aquatics Maintenance Team, who will relocate from Hardy Yard, a guard room outfitted to provide a space to refresh and reset between guard rotations, and locker rooms for all patrons to prepare for a great pool experience.

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To provide these exceptional experiences at Clark, a consistent and high-level training is required. The City of Tempe's Aquatics team is the only municipality to partner with the highly coveted and 5-star-rated Ellis & Associates. Our lifeguards and swim instructors provide the highest standard of safety, high-quality customer service, and life-saving emergency response to all patrons, at all pools in the City of Tempe.

Additionally each of the pools is maintained by the expertly trained and certified Aquatics Maintenance team, who also was recently highlighted by the City Manager, Rosa Inchausti, for their outstanding care of the more than 120,000 square feet of decks, pools, and splash pads throughout the city. They maintain water quality, filtration and circulation, cleaning safety and inspections, heating and ventilation, and record keeping. Patrons often share positive feedback about how clear and refreshing the pools are, and the great experience they have with family and friends.









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ESCALANTE PRESCHOOL BUDDY BENCH

Aria Cassidy and Olivia Wagner (Girl Scouts from Tempe Troop 203) wanted to make a difference in their community and decided to build a "Buddy Bench" for the Escalante Preschool as part of their <u>Silver Award</u> project. The two young ladies coordinated this project with Ashley Chavis, Sr. Recreation Coordinator: Escalante Preschool Program. Vice Mayor Garlid summed up the purpose of the Buddy Bench; "A Buddy Bench is intended to be a safe place for children to express their feelings. Any student can sit on the bench to show teachers and other students they're having a bad day and might need a friend to talk to."

Aria and Olivia volunteered over 50 hours each in identifying a design and building plans, setting up a budget, shopping for supplies and ultimately constructing the bench. They received guidance from their troop leaders in bringing this project from concept to completion and also developed a maintenance plan that will be provided to the Escalante staff. Various Tempe-based businesses, including Paul's Ace Hardware, Lowes, and Home Depot, donated supplies. They also secured a piece of reclaimed wood from Tempe's Urban Forester, Richard Adkins.

Vice Mayor Doreen Garlid (former Girl Scout Troop Leader) and Escalante's Preschool staff and students were on hand to recognize Aria and Olivia's efforts during a celebration on Friday, September 6.





