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### Tempe City Council unanimously passes brass knuckles ordinance

A new ordinance will make it illegal for anyone to have brass knuckles in Tempe's public places. It will be illegal to sell them to minors, too.

Councilmember Berdetta Hodge spearheaded an effort to create a new ordinance to protect Tempe's community and its young people from brass knuckles after several Tempe residents raised concerns about these weapons to her.

"Our community deserves to be safe. Our children deserve to be safe. That's our job as Councilmembers – to keep our community safe," Hodge said. The ordinance takes effect this month. Violating the ordinance is a Class 1 Misdemeanor.

Nov. 5



### Bond Election

Registered voters in Tempe will have the opportunity to vote for citywide improvements in the Nov. 5 Special Bond

Election.

The 2024 Special Bond Election reflects what Tempe residents prioritized in the 2023 Community 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. There are three ballot questions that registered Tempe voters may consider.

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.

More details about the bond election are available at [tempe.gov/bond](https://tempe.gov/bond).

Find key election dates on page 2.



### Mayors John Giles and Corey Woods elevate civil discourse with Disagree Better Arizona

Mesa Mayor John Giles and Tempe Mayor Corey Woods have come together to launch the "Disagree Better Arizona" initiative, a bipartisan effort aimed at elevating civil discourse and fostering constructive dialogue across the state. The initiative introduces a free online toolkit, designed to help individuals navigate disagreements in a respectful and productive manner, particularly during the contentious election season.

"The Disagree Better Arizona initiative gives people the tools they need to engage in meaningful discussions. It's about focusing on what unites us rather than what divides us. That is so important in our families, our neighborhoods and our cities," said Mayor Woods.

Learn more, access the toolkit and join the movement at [disagreebetteraz.com](https://disagreebetteraz.com).

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TEMPE TOWN LAKE  
25th-Silver Anniversary

## Tempe Town Lake 25th – Silver Anniversary

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 boat and kayak rentals, 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](http://tempe.gov/lake).

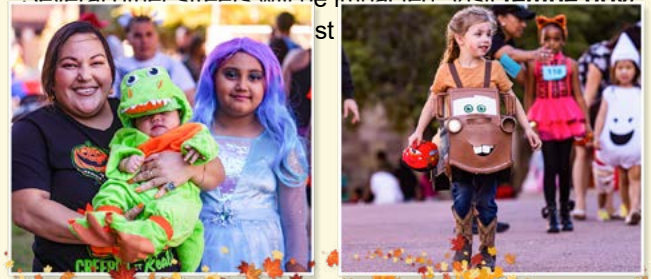
### Fall events for the whole family

Get ready to mark your calendars for fun fall events and activities in Tempe!

- Be sure to join us for free family fun at Tempe's Family BOO Bash Friday, Oct. 25, from 6-10 p.m. at Kiwanis Park North Soccer Fields. Activities include train rides, face painting, dance party, costume contest and parade and the featured flick, Hotel Transylvania (PG). Get details at [tempe.gov/FamilyFun](http://tempe.gov/FamilyFun)
- Come to Downtown Tempe's Halloween Stroll in Ragsdale – MLK Park (formerly sixth Street Park) for some not-so-spooky fun on Sunday, Oct. 27, from 2-5 p.m. Kids can stroll through the streets, stopping by different downtown merchants for some sweet trick-or-treating, plus enjoy games, a costume contest and more. Get details at [downtowntempe.org](http://downtowntempe.org)
- Free Art Friday returns this fall with free hands-on visual art, music, movement and imaginative play activities ideal for young children 6 months to 5 years - and their grownups and grandparents. This fall's event dates are Oct. 25 (Pumpkin Patch), Nov. 22 (Daring Dinosaurs) and Dec. 13 (Gifts Galore). Explore each event's offerings between 9 a.m. and noon at the Edna Vihel Arts Center, 3340 S. Rural Road. Learn more at [tempe.gov/FreeArtFriday](http://tempe.gov/FreeArtFriday).
- Get a jumpstart on holiday shopping by perusing handmade décor, jewelry, gifts and more at the annual Pyle Arts and Crafts Boutique. Shop Friday, Nov. 8, from

9 a.m. - 4 p.m. and Saturday, Nov. 9, from 9 a.m. - 3 p.m. at the Pyle Adult Recreation Center, 655 E. Southern Ave. Learn more at [tempe.gov/FamilyFun](http://tempe.gov/FamilyFun).

- Don't miss Harvest Splash Fest, Friday, Nov. 15 from 6-9 p.m. at Kiwanis Wave Pool. Admission is \$8-10. Get details at [tempe.gov/pools](http://tempe.gov/pools).
- Tempe Jam takes over Tempe Sports Complex on Saturday, Nov. 16, from 6-9 p.m. The free event brought to you by Tempe Community Arts will feature live music from Tempe Playlist artists Phoenix Afrobeat Orchestra and Jerusafunk. Check out the food truck offerings, sip on beer or wine sold by the Tempe Diablos and enjoy arts activities for all ages. Learn more at [tempe.gov/TempeJam](http://tempe.gov/TempeJam).
- IRONMAN Arizona returns this fall, bringing athletes from all over the world to Valley streets and the waters of Tempe Town Lake. Rio Salado Parkway will have multiple closures and restrictions around Nov. 17. Several other streets will be impacted. Visit [tempe.gov/](http://tempe.gov/)



### Key election dates

**Oct. 7:** Last day to register to vote in the Nov. 5 election; check your status at [BeBallotReady.Vote](http://BeBallotReady.Vote).

**Oct. 9:** Ballots are mailed to registered Tempe voters on the Active Early Voting List; ballot drop boxes are available.

**Oct. 9:** In-person voting locations open; visit [Locations.Maricopa.Vote](http://Locations.Maricopa.Vote) for details.

**Oct. 25:** Last day to request a replacement ballot in the mail; visit [Request.Maricopa.Vote](http://Request.Maricopa.Vote) for details.

**Oct. 29:** Last day to return your ballot in the mail.

**Nov. 5:** Election Day. Election night results will be posted online after 8 p.m. at [Results.Maricopa.Vote](http://Results.Maricopa.Vote). Results are not official until they are canvassed by the City Council, tentatively scheduled for their regular meeting on Nov. 21.

Visit [tempe.gov/election](http://tempe.gov/election) or call 480-350-8242 for additional information.

## EVENTS

### NOV. 1-2

Water Lantern Festival, Kiwanis Park, 3-7 p.m. [waterlanternfestival.com](http://waterlanternfestival.com)

### NOV. 3

Tempe Town Lake 25th – Silver Anniversary, 11 a.m. – 2 p.m. [tempe.gov/lake](http://tempe.gov/lake)

### NOV. 9

Saturday Open House, 11 a.m.-2 p.m., Eisendrath House. [tempe.gov/MuseumHistoricHouses](http://tempe.gov/MuseumHistoricHouses)

### NOV. 10

Second Sundays on Mill, downtown Tempe, 10 a.m.-3 p.m. [downtowntempe.com](http://downtowntempe.com)

### NOV. 11

Annual Veterans Day Parade, downtown Tempe, 10 a.m. [downtowntempe.com](http://downtowntempe.com)

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

## Vision Zero Day of Remembrance

In 2023, Tempe had 50 serious vehicle collisions that resulted in 24 deaths and 34 people being seriously injured. On Sunday, Nov. 17, take a moment to remember these victims and the many millions who have been killed and seriously injured in crashes around the world. Commit yourself to ending traffic fatalities – because everyone deserves to get home safely. Learn more

## Accessory Dwelling Units update

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, have been allowed in Tempe since 2019. Visit [tempe.gov/ADU](https://tempe.gov/ADU) to read Tempe's proposed draft, watch a presentation, comment online and get details about providing input

## Explore Tempe Community Food Map

Community gardens, school gardens, farmer's markets, urban farms, seed libraries, compost drop-off/pick-up sites and more! It's all in the Tempe Community Food Map brought to you by Tempe's Sustainability and Resilience Division. The Tempe Community Food Map is an interactive tool for residents to learn about existing urban agriculture and local food initiatives in the city and highlights essential components of the Tempe food system.

The Tempe Community Food Map is part of a larger effort to assess and transform the city's food system. Grow Local Tempe is a project funded by the U.S. Department of Agriculture that aims to increase food access and economic opportunity for Tempe residents through the expansion of urban agriculture. See the map and learn more at [tempe.gov/GrowLocal](https://tempe.gov/GrowLocal).

## Rain to Roots: cooling the city and saving water

Tempe is planning to cool the city by planting trees and vegetation, while saving water using green stormwater infrastructure (GSI). Tempe's first GSI master plan, Rain to Roots, will develop a citywide strategy for implementing, maintaining and funding green infrastructure to combat extreme heat. Help shape the master plan by participating in the Rain to Roots Ambassador Program to provide feedback throughout the planning process and develop

## Discover Tempe's old west history through new exhibit

Tempe History Museum unveils its new featured exhibit, "Tempe's Old West: It's Not What You Think" on Friday, Nov. 8 at 6 p.m. The Tempe of today looks like a modern city, but this suburban veneer hides a town older than Tombstone with its own share of cowboys, saloons and stampedes. Come discover how this frontier college and cow town worked hard to forget much of its very unique and sometimes rough-edged past, as it grew strip malls and subdivisions where once the cattle had roamed. Tour the exhibit and enjoy refreshments and live music while experiencing Tempe's remarkable heritage as a

## Prepare your home with discounted flood insurance

Property owners who purchase flood insurance through the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP) receive a reduction on their flood insurance premiums as a result of Tempe staff's continued efforts to lessen flooding dangers. Homes located in Special Flood Hazard Areas can get a 25% discount, while homes not in hazard areas can get a 10% discount.

In addition to flood insurance, consider mitigation measures as an additional step to protect your property, save money and reduce potential losses. Tempe staff are available for free visits to your property to make suggestions or recommendations for reducing flood risks. For more information or to find out if your property is in or near a hazard area, visit [tempe.gov/floodplain](https://tempe.gov/floodplain) or call Tempe 311 at 480-350-4311. If you're



**NOV. 23**

ASU Homecoming Parade and Block party, four hours prior to game time. [homecoming.asu.edu](https://homecoming.asu.edu).



## Save the date: Dementia Friendly Tempe Summit

Join the City of Tempe for our 8th annual Dementia Friendly Tempe Summit on Saturday, Nov. 16, 9 a.m.-12:30 p.m. at Tempe Center for the Arts. This year's topic is Your Dementia Road Map: What to Know at Every Stage of Your Journey. Our expert panel will help you and your family learn what to anticipate as your condition evolves and get essential information and practical strategies that span the condition. Participants will leave feeling empowered for the road ahead. Registration is open for this free event; sign up at [DFTsummit8.eventbrite.com](https://DFTsummit8.eventbrite.com). Respite care is available for loved ones. For details, call 480-350-8534 or email [DFT@tempe.gov](mailto:DFT@tempe.gov).

# Tempe City Council



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Councilmember

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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](mailto:CMR@tempe.gov) or call  
480-350-4311

## Zero Waste Day is Nov. 2

This free, drive-thru recycling event offers a chance to clean house responsibly. Clean out your attics, closets and garages of unwanted items and dispose of them for reuse, recycling and repurposing at Tempe's next Zero Waste Day from 7 a.m. - 1 p.m. on Saturday, Nov. 2 at Tempe Fire Training Center, 1340 E. University Drive. See accepted items and event details at [tempe.gov/ZeroWaste](https://tempe.gov/ZeroWaste).

## Street Smarts: Bike Safety in Tempe

It's important to remember and acknowledge how bikes, cars and people can share the road. Whether scanning for the road around, ensuring that proper hand signals are used or even riding with the flow of traffic, there are plenty of explainers available to bring residents up to speed. For example, in Arizona, motorists must provide a distance of at least three feet when passing a bicyclist, according to its 2000 state statute. For more information about biking in Tempe and safety tips, visit [tempe.gov/bike](https://tempe.gov/bike).

## Serve your city

Your voice matters. Apply to be on one of Tempe's boards or commissions to make important recommendations to the City Council about all aspects of Tempe. There are 28 boards and commissions, each connected to an area of special interest, such as arts and culture or sustainability. Meet neighbors with similar interests and help shape our city's future. Apply by Nov. 12 to be considered for appointment at the Dec. 19 Council meeting. Apply at [tempe.gov/GetInvolved](https://tempe.gov/GetInvolved).

## Two ways to give back

There are so many ways to help people in Tempe, here are two:

- Keep Tempe teens warm this winter by supporting the Threadz Teen Clothes Closet and the Warm Wishes drive through Nov. 1. Threadz provides free clothing, personal care items and school supplies to local youth year-round; the Warm Wishes drive focuses on donations of new and gently used hoodies and sleep pants. Find drop off locations at [tempecommunitycouncil.org/threadz](https://tempecommunitycouncil.org/threadz).
- Support the Edward Jones Bag-a-Thon food drive through Oct. 26. Drop off non-perishable items such as pasta, beans, rice and peanut butter at 8640 S. River Parkway during business hours. Donations benefit Tempe Community Action Agency and United Food Bank. Get details at [edwardjones.com](https://edwardjones.com) and search "bagathon."

For more opportunities, please visit [tempe.gov/nonprofits](https://tempe.gov/nonprofits).

## Join the TCC Agency Review Team

Passionate about your community? Volunteer for the Tempe Community Council's Agency Review funding process and make a real impact in Tempe! Volunteers will learn about crucial human service needs and the incredible work of local non-profits, read and score funding applications, attend site visits and help decide how vital funding is allocated to empower local organizations. Orientation starts in January 2025. Find details at [tempecommunitycouncil.org](https://tempecommunitycouncil.org).

## Enter to win a \$500 Visa Gift Card

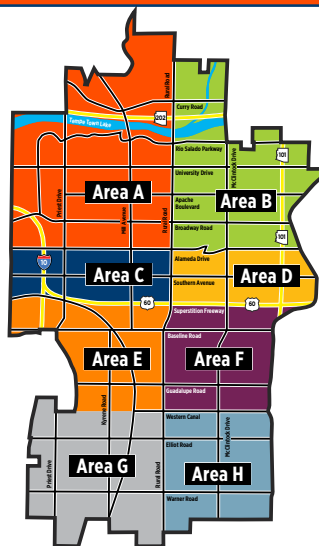
When you receive your October or November water bill, think twice about how you pay it. The City of Tempe, in partnership with Paymentus Corporation, is launching a sweepstakes to increase enrollment in Tempe's paperless billing and autopay options for utility billing. You have

# November 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
C	Oct. 28-Nov. 1
D	Nov. 4-8
E	Nov. 11-15
F	Nov. 25-29



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