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State of the City

Mayor Corey Woods will deliver the annual Tempe State of the City Address at 7:30 a.m., Dec. 4, at the Omni Tempe Hotel. The event is presented by the Tempe Chamber of Commerce. Mayor Woods will speak to the City's future plans on topics such as leadership, community safety, development and affordable housing and business opportunities. Tickets are available at tempechamber.com. People can also view the speech at no cost at tempe.gov/Woods a few days after the event.

New opioid response plan addresses community needs

More youth and adults will receive support, resources and education against opioid misuse as part of Tempe's new opioid response plan approved by the Tempe City Council. The plan strengthens Tempe's existing work, which has drawn national and regional attention for innovation and life-saving strategies. Tempe's opioid response taskforce, Opioid Crisis – Tempe Innovative Solutions or OCTIS, will focus efforts during FY 2024-25 around prevention, recovery and resiliency and enforcement. The plan is funded by national opioid settlements. Tempe is expected to receive \$9.2 million from seven active settlements over the next 18 years – or approximately \$500,000 per year. Learn more and see the Tempe Opioid Wastewater Collection Data Dashboard at tempe.gov/opioids.

Make safe driving part of your holiday plans

Keep your holiday season merry and bright! As of 2023, every day, 37 people in the United States die in car crashes with an alcohol-impaired driver. This is one death every 39 minutes. Have a plan this holiday season – don't drive if you're tipsy or buzzed! Designate a sober driver, call a taxi, use rideshare or take transit. Find more safe driving tips at tempe.gov/VisionZero.



Hometown for All honored for increasing affordable housing

Tempe's Hometown for All initiative has been recognized nationally for expanding affordable housing in our city. The initiative received a 2024 Award of Merit from the National Association of Housing and Redevelopment Officials, whose awards program recognizes achievement and innovation and showcases best efforts in housing and community development.

Established in 2021, Hometown for All is designed to create more affordable housing in Tempe through a dedicated funding source and developer donations. It is the driving force behind Tempe's broader Affordable Housing Strategy. Through these efforts, plans are starting to take shape at sites like La Victoria Commons, a dynamic hub in the Apache Corridor that will include affordable rentals and townhomes for sale, a health clinic, café and more. Learn more at tempe.gov/HometownforAll.

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ATC Kicks Off New Season at Tempe Center for the Arts

Get ready for Arizona Theatre Company's magnificent 57th season filled with suspense, intrigue, nostalgia and abiding love ... with a dose of holiday magic and bluesy soul mixed in! Founded in 1966, ATC is the preeminent professional nonprofit theatre company in Arizona, recognized as the Official State Theatre.

The first of five shows – Dial M for Murder (Oct. 19-Nov. 3) – promises to keep audiences on the edge of their seats. ATC's own Scrooge! (Dec. 7-28) makes the perfect holiday gift for friends and family, while the soulful and evocative Blues in the Night (Feb. 22-March 9, 2025) celebrates this uniquely American art form. Celebrating its premiere with ATC, Bob & Jean: A Love Story (April 19-May 4, 2025) traverses the challenges of finding love during World War II. The season

finishes with a hilarious new twist on two of the world's most iconic characters in Ms. Holmes and Ms. Watson – Apt. 2B (June 14-29, 2025). Just for Tempe residents - Buy one ticket and get a second same-show ticket FREE if you purchase before Dec. 31! Just go to atc.org and use the code BOGOTEMPE when you check out. Questions? Call the ATC Box Office at 833-ATC-SEAT. Visit atc.org/tempespecial for details and restrictions.

Festive fun in Tempe

Celebrate the holiday season with friends, family and neighbors at several events and activities across Tempe. From parades (of two varieties!) to shopping to community gatherings and more, there's something for everyone. Visit tempe.gov/holidays to learn more.



Fantasy of Lights Street Parade & Tree Lighting

Nov. 29, 4-8 p.m.

Kick off the holiday season with a street parade, tree lighting, live music and Santa photos.



Fantasy of Lights Boat Parade

Dec. 14, 4-8 p.m.

Head to Town Lake for a uniquely Tempe event: a festive boat parade featuring lighted and decorated boats, plus a fireworks show.

Tempe Fall Festival of the Arts

Dec. 6-8

Explore art and creations from nearly 350 artists, plus local food vendors, live performances, arts programming and more.

Christmas at Petersen House

Dec. 7, 8, 14, 15, 21 and 22, 11 a.m.-3 p.m.

Get a peek inside this Victorian jewel, which is decorated for the holiday season with an emphasis on its Danish heritage. Enjoy light refreshments, entertainment, self-guided tours, shopping and more.

Menorah Lighting

Dec. 30, 5:30-7 p.m.

Light the menorah for Hanukkah at this special holiday event at Ragsdale-MLK Park.



Your November Game Day experience is a Homecoming

Come out to ASU's official tailgate celebration and pregame for November home games! Line up for ASU's Homecoming parade on Nov. 23 and watch as student organization floats, the ASU marching band, local celebrities and more parade down University Drive. Then, stop by the free block party, featuring food, games, giveaways, entertainment and tents hosted by ASU departments. Don't miss the City of Tempe's booth for fun games and giveaways.

Nov. 9 (vs. UCF)

Theme: Wear Gold, Salute to Service
Tailgate begins two and a half hours before kickoff.

Nov. 23 (vs. BYU)

Theme: Homecoming
Parade begins four hours before kickoff



EVENTS

NOV. 15-DEC. 29

World of Illumination:
Enchanted Safari, Tempe
Diablo Stadium
worldofillumination.com

NOV. 30

The Doo Wop Project,
Tempe Center for the Arts,
7:30 p.m.
tempecenterforthearts.com

DEC. 11

Petersen House Evening
Open House, free
admission, 5:30-8 p.m.
[tempe.gov/
MuseumHistoricHouses](http://tempe.gov/MuseumHistoricHouses)

DEC. 13

Free Art Friday: Gifts
Galore, Edna Vihel Arts
Center, 9 a.m.-noon
tempe.gov/FreeArtFriday

DEC. 13

Performances at the
Museum: Tetra String
Quartet, Tempe History
Museum, 7 p.m.
tempe.gov/MuseumEvents

Full events calendar at tempe.gov/calendar

Proposed code changes address housing, state mandates

Tempe is set to updating the zoning code regulations for Accessory Dwelling Units (ADUs) following the May passage of House Bill 2720, which requires municipalities with populations of 75,000 or more to adopt regulations 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 expand ADU eligibility and incorporate state requirements. Provide comment at the City Council second and final hearing for this proposal Nov. 21. Learn more at tempe.gov/ADU.

Tempe is also making a code change regulating the repurposing of commercial, office and mixed-use buildings for multi-family development to align with HB 2297, which mandates all Arizona cities with populations of 150,000 or more to allow multi-family adaptive reuse on no more than 10% of existing commercial, office or mixed-use buildings. A portion of the housing units in the repurposed development must be affordably priced. Provide comment at the City Council first hearing Nov. 21 and the second and final hearing Dec. 19. Learn more at tempe.gov/ProposedCodeChanges.

New: Recycle Styrofoam at the Household Products Collection Center

Tempe and Guadalupe residents can now recycle Styrofoam packaging from 7 a.m.-1 p.m., Wednesday, Friday and Saturday at the Household Products Collection Center (HPCC), 1320 E. University Drive. Acceptable Styrofoam items include blocks, chunks or coolers. Pieces should be firm and not bendable and should produce white pellets when torn. Plates, cups, trays, peanuts or spongy foam are not eligible for recycling. Styrofoam does not belong in your blue recycling bin and can contaminate the entire recycling load. See the full list of items accepted at the HPCC at tempe.gov/HPCC.



Monitoring water efficiency in Tempe parks

Tempe maintains more than 50 neighborhood and community parks, many with landscaping and irrigation systems. Tempe uses an online portal, called WaterSmart,

which can track city water usage and identify any irrigation-related leaks – and you can, too! WaterSmart is free to all Tempe water customers and allows you to track your property's water use and sign up for high use alerts, which can help you detect leaks. Join Tempe in our efforts to use water efficiently. Learn more about WaterSmart and access your account at tempe.gov/WaterSmart.



Celebrating Forty Years of Leadership

Tempe Leadership (Best Class Ever!) celebrates 40 years of building enthusiastic and visionary community leaders. Join the party at Tempe Diablo Stadium for a look back at the group's history and accomplishments, networking, live music and delicious food catered by Class 31 alum Cynthia Sharkey. Distinguished Tempe leaders, including a Class 1 member, will share their experiences. Tickets to the Nov. 22 event are available at templeadership.org.

New Year's resolutions start here

Have you always wanted to learn photography? Or maybe, your little one dreams of becoming a painter someday. Or perhaps your resolution is simply to take up a new hobby with friends. Whatever your goal is, the Tempe Opportunities brochure has you covered with exciting classes and programs for all ages, interests and abilities. Take courses in fitness, sports, music, art, dance and more. Scholarships are available for children under age 18 who live in Tempe or Guadalupe or are enrolled in a Tempe school. Tempe resident registration begins Dec. 9. General registration opens Dec. 16. Learn more at tempe.gov/play.

Holiday waste quick tips



Protect your pipes

Keep fats, oils and grease (FOG) out of the drain to prevent sewer backups and overflows. FOG can be found in food scraps, meat fats, lard, oil, butter, sauces, salad dressings and marinades, and dairy products.

Instead, take it to the Household Products Collection Center. More info: tempe.gov/FOG

Holiday week waste collection

Trash, recycling and green waste collection **will occur as usual** during Thanksgiving week. However, collection will change for some during Christmas and New Year's weeks. More info: tempe.gov/HolidayTrashSchedule

Accepted in your blue bin

Paper, food boxes, mail, beverage cans, food cans, glass bottles, jars (glass and plastic), jugs, plastic bottles and caps

NOT accepted in your blue bin

Plastic bags or wrap, disposable aluminum trays, plastic utensils, paper towels/napkins, styrofoam, bubble wrap, food waste or liquids

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

Stomp out Stinknet

Stinknet, or Globe Chamomile, is a highly invasive weed spreading rapidly in central Arizona. It is a short-lived annual plant with a very displeasing odor that grows from December through the spring. If you see this plant starting to sprout up in your landscape, the best approach is to remove it (ideally before it flowers), collect it into a plastic bag and throw it away, being careful not to spread the seeds. Wear gloves and long sleeves, as it can be an allergen to some.

Change the way you pay – enter to win \$500 Visa gift card

When you receive your 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 a chance to win a \$500 Visa gift card by doing one of these three things before Nov. 30: sign up for autopay, make two consecutive utility payments online or enroll in paperless billing. Winners will be selected and notified in December. Change the way you pay at tempe.gov/WaterUtil.

Warm up your pens (and keyboards)

Calling all writers! Original works of fiction, creative nonfiction and poetry will soon be accepted for the 11th Annual Tempe Writing Contest. Entries run Jan. 6-Feb. 20, 2025 and the contest is open to adult and teen Tempe Public Library card holders, Maricopa County residents and ASU students. Winners will be published in "Tempe Writes: An Anthology V. 11" and receive a copy of the published book, certificate and cash prize thanks to support from Tempe Public Library, ASU and Friends of the Tempe Public Library. Learn more at tempepubliclibrary.org/WritingContest.

Free Tax Preparation Program

Tempe Community Council (TCC) offers FREE tax preparation services for qualifying individuals through the Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) program. Services will begin in January 2025, so TCC is currently recruiting for several volunteer positions including greeters, tax preparers and quality reviewers. Training is provided. To learn more about the VITA program and volunteer, visit tempecommunitycouncil.org/free-tax-help.

Give the gift of freedom, give a Youth Transit Pass

Looking for the perfect stocking stuffer? Sign your child up for a free Youth Transit Pass! Tempe kids, ages 6-18, can ride the streetcar, and all Valley Metro buses for free with a Youth Transit Pass. To sign up, visit the Tempe Transit Store, 200 E. Fifth St. on weekdays, from 8 a.m.-4:30 p.m. A parent or guardian, along with proof of residency, is required. In addition, students who attend Tempe, Marcos de Niza and McClintock high schools and live in Tempe can get their pass at the school. Learn more at tempe.gov/YouthPass.

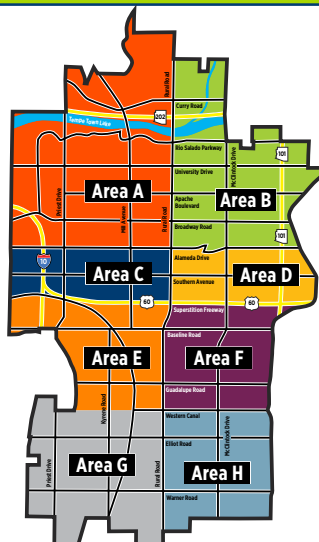
Roll-off rentals available

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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	Dec. 2-6
H	Dec. 9-13
A	Dec. 16-20
B	Dec. 23-27



Tempe provides roll-off rentals to help you dispose of large amounts of construction and landscaping debris, including two environmentally friendly options. Call Tempe 311 at 480-350-4311 to request a traditional, green organics or inert recycling roll-off container. See options and rates at tempe.gov/RollOffRentals.

