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Tempe bond questions approved; city moves projects forward

On Nov. 5, Tempe voters approved the sale of bonds to pay for public safety, road improvements, affordable housing efforts and quality of life enhancements for neighborhoods.

We greatly appreciate this vote of trust. The bond questions were based on what residents told us they wanted in the 2023 Community Survey: improved streets, safer neighborhoods and housing availability for everyone. They also align with Tempe's strategic priorities.

As a result of the approval of the bond questions, Tempe staff will begin the work to improve the pavement quality of Tempe's 1,300 lane miles of street from poor to excellent right away. We intend to have this done in 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 are also included.

We will begin replacement of outdated fire equipment and technology. The bond includes monies for new police and fire stations. The bond also funds historic preservation, park improvements, ADA enhancements throughout the city and improvements to community sports facilities.

Finally, this funding will allow the City to purchase property to increase 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.

The approval of the bond questions will help the City of Tempe continue to maintain our city assets, improve our community and prepare for a bright future. To read more about what the bond will offer, visit tempe.gov/bond.



Annual MLK Diversity Awards

The City of Tempe and the Tempe Human Relations Commission will host the Martin Luther King, Jr. Diversity Awards Breakfast on Monday, Jan. 13, 2025. Each year, Tempe honors people and organizations that make our city a more welcoming and inclusive place. This vibrant tradition is a chance to connect and celebrate. Tickets for the breakfast are \$10. Purchases can be made by emailing diversity@tempe.gov or by visiting tempe.gov/MLK.

Regional Unity Walk and Diversity Festival is Jan. 25

Get your walking shoes ready in honor of cultural diversity at the Regional Unity Walk and Diversity Festival on Saturday, Jan. 25. The Diversity Festival will begin at 4:30 p.m. at Tempe Beach Park and will feature entertainment, dancing, food and more. Pick up your free T-shirt at the festival and get ready for the sunset Unity Walk, which will begin at 6 p.m. Families, community organizations, scout groups, school clubs and church groups are welcome. Walkers may carry flags, signs or banners announcing their group's identity while promoting diversity. For more information, call 480-350-8970 or visit tempe.gov/UnityWalk.



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Sign-up for Email News: tempe.gov/EmailNews

Share your input - two ways!

Help enhance Tempe's public art

Provide your feedback about Tempe's vibrant public art landscape. The City of Tempe is embarking on a strategic plan for public art installations throughout Tempe, and you're invited to share ideas, preferences and priorities. This comprehensive plan will outline the city's vision for public art, potential locations for public art investment and guidelines for selecting and commissioning artwork. Get involved by visiting tempe.gov/PublicArtPlan and taking the online survey by Jan. 31.

Residential Energy Equity Roadmap

The city is seeking public feedback to help develop Tempe's first Residential Energy Equity Roadmap. This roadmap will guide programs, policies and infrastructure recommendations to address energy use and extreme heat challenges faced by Tempe residents. Public meetings will be held on Jan. 14, 2025, along with an online survey. For updates on times follow Sustainable Tempe on Facebook or visit tempe.gov/sustainability.

Holiday food drive with Councilmember Hodge

Join Councilmember Berdetta Hodge and Tempe Community Action Agency for a holiday food drive benefitting individuals and families in our community. Residents are encouraged to drop off non-perishable food donations at four locations by Dec. 20. Items needed include canned meats, vegetables and fruit, peanut butter, meal-in-a-can items such as soup and raviolis, boxed soup and cereal, oatmeal, rice, granola bars, pasta, mac and cheese, crackers and individual packaged items. Stop by any drop-off location during operating hours and feel good about helping those in need!



- Escalante Multigenerational Center, 2150 E. Orange St. Monday-Thursday 8 a.m. - 9 p.m.; Friday 8 a.m. - 8 p.m.; Saturday 10 a.m.-5 p.m. and Sunday 1 p.m. - 6 p.m.
- Pyle Adult Recreation, 655 E. Southern Ave. Monday-Thursday 8 a.m.- 9:00 p.m.; Friday 8 a.m.- 5 p.m.; Saturday 9 a.m.- 4 p.m.; closed Sunday
- Kiwanis Recreation Center, 6111 S. All America Way. Monday - Thursday 7 a.m. - 10 p.m.; Friday 7 a.m. - 7 p.m.; Saturday and Sunday 8 a.m. - 6 p.m.
- Tempe City Hall, 31 E. 5th St. Monday-Friday 8 a.m. - 5 p.m.
- After Dec. 20, donations may only be made directly to TCAA, 2146 E Apache Blvd. Hours vary.

Please note that City facilities will be closed Nov. 28-29. Learn more at tempeaction.org.



Backstage Pass with Vice Mayor Garlid

Backstage Pass with Vice Mayor Doreen Garlid will take you behind the scenes of the Tempe Public Works Solid Waste and Fleet Services team. You'll get to see the big trucks, meet the mechanics and more.

Meet at the Public Works Assembly Hall at 55 S. Priest Road on Sat. Jan. 25, 2025, at 10:30 a.m. RSVP to parrish_spisz@tempe.gov by Jan 17, 2025.

Tempe Blooms is back to brighten up January 2025!

After an unforgettable debut, this award-winning, floral-filled event returns on Jan. 25-26, 2025, with 20 grand flower installations, live music and live muralists adding vibrant art all around Downtown Tempe. Stroll through the Flowerful Market, where local vendors offer floral-themed treats, drinks and unique finds. Make a day of it and explore the district's floral-inspired specials for a magical experience you won't want to miss! Details at downtowntempe.com



EVENTS
2024-25

THROUGH DEC. 29

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

JAN. 5

Ravensburger Puzzle Tournament
Snakes and Lattes, 2 p.m.
downtowntempe.com

JAN. 11

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

JAN. 12

2nd Sundays on Mill
Downtown Tempe, 10
a.m.-3 p.m.
downtowntempe.com

Full events calendar at tempe.gov/calendar

New housing and community hub planned for north Tempe

Tempe plans to transform the newly-purchased Food City Plaza in north Tempe into a dynamic housing and shopping hub that brings together mixed-income housing, a grocery store and more to meet wide-ranging community needs. This Food City Plaza is one of six projects on the horizon that will significantly expand housing options, including affordable housing needs.

Tempe bought the center at Scottsdale and McKellips roads as part of its broad Affordable Housing Strategy and Hometown for All initiative, designed to accelerate the growth of housing opportunity in the city. The project includes:

- Mixed-income housing, including affordable housing. The city plans a minimum of 50% of the total number of units constructed available to those who have an income below 80% of AMI (Area Median Income). The total number of units will be determined once the entire mixed-use site is designed.
- A grocery store and police station to meet community needs

Learn more at tempe.gov/housing.

Trash and recycling schedule changes for Christmas and New Year's Week

Tempe trash, recycling and green waste collection will change during the weeks of Christmas and New Year's 2024-25. During these two weeks, Wednesday and Thursday collection will occur one day later than usual. See details on collection schedule changes at tempe.gov/HolidayTrashSchedule.



Holiday trash, recycling and grease disposal

Does your household have extra waste around the holidays? Whether it's turkey grease or cardboard boxes, the City of Tempe offers multiple options for disposing of your unwanted items responsibly.

Blue bin recycling: Paper, food boxes, mail, beverage cans, food cans, glass bottles, jars (glass and plastic), jugs and plastic bottles and caps are accepted in your blue bin. NOT accepted: plastic bags or wrap, disposable aluminum trays, plastic utensils, paper towels/napkins, styrofoam, bubble wrap, food waste or liquids.

Household Products Collection Center: a free drive-thru open 7 a.m. - 1 p.m. Wednesdays, Fridays and Saturdays at 1320 E. University Drive. Accepted oils, grease, cleaning products, appliances and more for repurposing and recycling. Details: tempe.gov/HPCC.

Zero Waste Day: a free drive-

thru recycling event held 7 a.m.- 1 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 25, 2025 at 1340 E. University Drive. Accepts yard signs, paper for shredding, furniture, donations and more. Details: tempe.gov/ZeroWaste.

Investing in your streets

Over the last several years, the Tempe City Council has been increasing reinvestments in streets, parks, golf courses and more through its Refresh Tempe initiative. Recently the city completed paving nearly 30 lane miles in The Lakes neighborhood and making other enhancements as part of our commitment to pavement quality in Tempe. Refresh Tempe aims to add and maintain Tempe amenities and infrastructure to improve quality of life for all community members. See a video of The Lakes project and learn more at tempe.gov/RefreshTempe.

New Year's Resolution: Make more clean air

This year, commit yourself to improving air quality for your family, your community and yourself. Find three ways Tempe can help!

1. Change up your commute. Take transit, ride a bike or carpool to cut down on vehicle emissions. Learn more about Tempe's multi-modal transportation system at tempe.gov/TempeinMotion.
2. Plant trees. Not only do trees reduce ambient air temperatures, they also remove air pollutants. Get money back for planting a tree. Get details at tempe.gov/TempeTrees.
3. Reduce, reuse and recycle! Recycling paper, plastic, glass bottles, cardboard and aluminum cans can reduce air and water pollution. Learn more about Tempe's recycling program at tempe.gov/recycle.

JAN. 17

Performances at the Museum Tindal Muzic, Tempe History Museum, 7 p.m.
tempe.gov/MuseumEvents

JAN. 25

Julie Keefe Indigenous Big Band, 7 p.m.
asugammage.com/indigenous-big-band

Budget season begins soon

Budget season is upcoming, and Tempe will begin developing operating and capital budgets for Fiscal Year 2025-26, which begins July 1, 2025. The city holds public meetings and hosts an online forum to engage community members about their priorities for the upcoming budgets. Input is welcomed and an important component of the process. For details, visit tempe.gov/BudgetPlan.

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

Grab your capes and superpowers

It's time for Tempe FanCon at the outdoor plaza of the Tempe Public Library, 3500 S. Rural Road, on Saturday, Jan. 25, 2025 from 10 a.m.-3 p.m. Come enjoy this free, annual family event jam-packed with games, costume contests, shopping, food and appearances from artists and authors. Fans of Marvel, DC, Star Wars, anime and more are invited to gather in costume for a celebration of all things cosplay, comics and pop culture. Learn more at tempepubliclibrary.org/FanCon.

Elevating local dance

Discover local professional dance artists and the next generation of performers through the City of Tempe Community Arts Dance Tempe program. Three local dance professionals, Spencer Dennis, Trinity Gracia and Evadeny Saelens, were selected to conduct residencies at all six Tempe Union High School District schools in the fall, culminating in a showcase performance of professional and student work on Jan. 14, 2025, at 7 p.m. at Tempe Center for the Arts. Learn more at tempe.gov/dance.

Discounts fore Tempe residents

Take advantage of City of Tempe resident rates at Ken McDonald and Rolling Hills golf courses. Both courses offer resident discounts during check-in at the pro shop when presenting a government-issued ID showing residency. At Ken McDonald Golf Course, receive \$5 off the posted price year-round, walking or riding. At Rolling Hills golf course, the resident rate is \$35.84 through May 31, 2025 (excluding night golf) and includes 18 holes with a golf cart. Contact each course's pro shop for more details: Ken McDonald: playkenmcdonald.com (480-878-3332), Rolling Hills: grassclippingsaz.com (480-530-9880).

Cooler weather + your bike = ride time

Tempe makes it easy to get around on two wheels with over 220 miles of bikeways. Not only is biking eco-friendly, reducing air pollution and noise, it is also a great workout and stress reliever. Stay safe by following the steps below:

- Use a bike lane when available
- Ride with the flow of traffic
- Stop at stop signs
- Use a helmet
- Obey all traffic laws

Did you get a new bike this holiday season? Keep it safe – register it for free. Find more info at tempe.gov/bike.

Rockin' and rollin' through Tempe

Rock 'n' Roll Arizona returns Jan. 18-19, 2025, bringing a tri-city tour of musical miles and scenic Valley courses. This year's running series features a half marathon, 10K, 5K and kids

race. Several streets will be impacted. Visit tempe.gov/StreetClosures for a full list of restrictions and transit impacts. You can also follow us on Twitter and Facebook for event and emergency closures and detours or visit AZ511.gov for Valleywide daily street restrictions and closures.

Adopt a New Year's Resolution

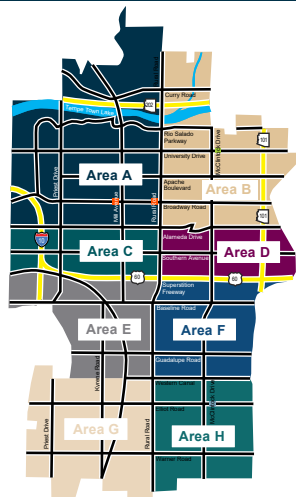
Is your New Year's resolution giving back to your community? Try adopting a Tempe street, path or park. The Adopt-a programs support litter control and stormwater management. These programs are a way to coordinate year-round opportunities for neighborhood groups, community organizations and local businesses to continue to enhance the appearance, safety and cleanliness of Tempe streets, parks and paths. If you have a passion for your neighborhood and can invest time and love, adopt today. Visit tempe.gov/adopt.

JANUARY 2025

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**

JANUARY						
M	T	W	T	F	S	S
30	31	1	2	3	4	5
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
27	28	29	30	31		



□ Area C ◊ Area D ☆ Area E ◆ Area F ● Area G

tempe.gov/BulkTrash • 480-350-4311