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Recycle cooking grease

Whether you stuff, roast or deep-fry the bird, holiday cooking can create a significant amount of grease. You can help put that grease to good use – and keep it from ruining your pipes – by having it recycled. Every year the City of Tempe partners with Rev Biodiesel, the Valley's only cooking-grease-to-biodiesel recycling facility, to provide a convenient way for residents to recycle turkey grease and other used cooking oil.

Tempe residents can drop off used grease from Nov. 22 to Jan. 4 at four locations:

- **Household Products Collection Center**
1320 E. University Dr.
- **Fire Station #2**
3025 S. Hardy Dr.
- **Fire Station #3**
5440 S. McClintock Dr.
- **Fire Station #4**
300 E. Elliot Rd.

Residents can pour fryer and cooking grease directly into barrels at the collection locations, or place containers of grease on a spill-proof surface next to the barrels. For more information, call 480-350-4311 or visit www.tempe.gov/slashthetrash.



Two October graduations marked big achievements

In October, the city celebrated the one-year anniversary of the Tempe Veterans Court – including a graduation ceremony for several participants – as well as the achievements of 12 Family Self-Sufficiency Program participants.

In its inaugural year, more than 50 military veterans have successfully taken part in the Tempe Veterans Court, which uses a non-traditional approach to resolve cases involving former U.S. military service men and women who have been charged with misdemeanor violations in Tempe Municipal Court.

Many of the court's participants serve in military conflicts and experience hardships such as medical conditions, unemployment, lack of education and homelessness. The court partners with veterans service organizations address those life situations. By completing a prescribed program, veterans may earn a dismissal or a reduction in charges or in sentencing.

For another group of community members, help came in the form of the Tempe Human Services Department's Family Self-Sufficiency Program. A dozen people who receive federal housing assistance available to low-income families got help in updating their job skills, learning to pay off debt and increasing their credit scores. Many participants completed their GED or got a college degree.

Tempe is part of the East Valley Alliance for Family Self-Sufficiency, along with the cities of Chandler, Mesa and Scottsdale. The communities partner with 23 federal, state, county and educational agencies to provide support, services and programs to the participants.

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Swimming with Santa

Santa will be exhausted from delivering toys all over the world, so he and Mrs. Claus have decided that the best place for a post-holiday vacation will be the Kiwanis Recreation Center. On Saturday, Dec. 26, spend your post-holiday vacation with Santa riding the waves or playing games with Mrs. Claus on the pool deck. Of course, all that splashing around and having fun can make you thirsty, so we are also offering complimentary cookies and milk to all of our guests. Swimming with Santa runs from 1-3 p.m., but the waves continue until 5 p.m. Advance discounted tickets are available Nov. 15 to Dec. 15. Ages 2-12 years are \$5, ages 13+ are \$7. Tickets also can also be purchased throughout December. For more information, visit www.tempe.gov/sws or call 480-350-5201.



2015 Fall Tempe Festival of the Arts

Hundreds of artist booths will line Mill Avenue and surrounding streets presenting unique and handmade artwork at the 47th Annual Fall Festival of the Arts, Dec. 4-6, from 10 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.

Live entertainment, street performers, food and beverage vendors and entertainment booths also will be part of the fun. Visit the Arizona Wine Festival for tastings and sales by the glass, bottle, or case. At the free Kids Innovation Station, children get to make their own artistic masterpieces. For more information, visit www.downtowntempe.com.

Family Fun Factory is a frozen winterland of fun

On Friday, Dec. 4, the Tempe Community Complex, 3340 S. Rural Road, will be transformed into a frozen winterland of fun featuring free festive holiday activities for the whole family. Be sure to stop by the Edna Vihel Center, between 6:30 and 9 p.m. to create art projects, participate in sing-alongs, decorate cookies, listen to holiday stories and grab a cup of hot cocoa. Visit the Tempe History Museum next door and listen to the the great sounds of the Tempe High Mariachi. There will be photo opps with Santa, too. For more information, visit www.tempe.gov/familyfun or call 480-350-5287.

Register for recreation class

The winter issue of the Tempe Opportunities brochure is full of new and continuing classes and programs for all ages and interests. Class topics include exercise and fitness, educational programming, sports leagues, music, art, dance and more. All of these quality programs are offered at convenient times and locations, at affordable prices. The new brochure will be available in all City of Tempe facilities and online in early December. The winter brochure is full of activities and classes occurring between January and March. Registration begins in December and the first classes begin the first week of January. For more information, visit www.tempe.gov/brochure or call 480-350-5200.



Fantasy of Lights Boat Parade

On Saturday, Dec. 12, the Fantasy of Lights Boat Parade presented by SRP returns to Tempe Town Lake. Activities at the free family event begin at 5 p.m., including a visit from Santa Claus. The Boat Parade begins at sunset

and will feature as many as 50 festively lighted boats of all sizes. Fireworks will light up the sky following the parade. Additionally, more than a thousand luminaria will illuminate the sidewalks and paths of Tempe Beach Park, a special display provided by Tempe South Rotary.

Clean out that garage – bring it to Zero Waste Day

Tempe will host its 24th annual Zero Waste Day on Saturday, Nov. 14. Residents can recycle all of those items that can't go in the blue recycling bin, including household hazardous waste, pesticides, tires, batteries, e-waste and more. The event takes place items from 7 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Tempe Fire Training Facility located at 1340 E. University Drive. Visit www.tempe.gov/slashthetrash for more information and for a complete list of acceptable items.



Gather your neighbors and adopt a street, path or park

Tempe's Adopt-A-Street, Adopt-A-Park and Adopt-A-Path programs allow individuals, businesses and organizations to help maintain Tempe's streets, multi-use paths and parks.

While Tempe does its best to clean up litter, pull weeds and remove graffiti, we could use

your help. By adopting a street, park or path, you can do something good for the environment and help maintain these important public facilities that improve quality of life for everyone in our community.

Adopt-A-Street

Adopting a street includes things like pulling weeds, reporting graffiti and damaged light poles and picking up litter. The length of an adoptable street is a minimum of 1 mile, but no more than 2 miles. The commitment is a few hours for each cleaning with a minimum of one clean up every three months for two years.

Adopt-A-Path

Adopt-A-Path volunteers help with removing litter, pulling weeds, reporting graffiti and damaged city property on the multi-use path system. It's a great way to get out and enjoy the day while helping to clean up Tempe's paths. Like the Adopt-A-Street program, the length of an adoptable path is a minimum of 1 mile, but no more than 2 miles, and the commitment is a few hours for each cleaning with a minimum of one clean up every three months for two years.

Adopt-A-Park

Tempe's parks help increase the visual appeal of neighborhoods and provide a safe place for neighbors to gather, friends to meet and kids to play. Clean-up duties include picking up trash and litter, raking leaves, pulling weeds, fluffing playground sand, sanitizing playground equipment and more.

Adopt-An-Alley

Tempe's Adopt-an-Alley program encourages residents to remove litter, weeds and graffiti in their neighboring alley system. Individuals, businesses and organizations residing adjacent to the alley being adopted can adopt a section from one to three neighborhood blocks in length. The commitment is a few hours per cleanup, with a minimum of four cleanups per year for a minimum of two years. To help maintain neat alleyways, neighbors are encouraged to schedule alley cleanup after city crews have conducted regular bulk trash and/or green organics collection.

Applications are accepted year-round. To adopt a street, path, park or alley, call 480-350-4311 or visit tempe.gov/adopt for a volunteer agreement and request form.

Tempe to add "candlesticks" to McClintock Drive

As part of Tempe's commitment to providing travel options for all modes of transportation, the city will build on its recent reconfiguration of McClintock Drive by adding "candlesticks" between newly added bike lanes and vehicle travel lanes. The city plans to install candlesticks, which are vertical barriers, along McClintock Drive between Southern Avenue and Baseline Road to create more separation between bikes and vehicles.

Bike lanes were added this summer along McClintock Drive between Broadway and Guadalupe roads in conjunction with the scheduled repaving of the street. Because vehicle traffic volumes have decreased and bicycling has increased in recent years, Tempe took the opportunity to remove a lane of vehicle travel and add separated bike lanes.

Traffic volumes on McClintock Drive have dropped by more than 20 percent over the last 10 years, largely due to completion of the urban freeway network and an increase in the number of commuters choosing alternative modes of transportation, including biking, walking and riding the bus.

Tempe is adding the candlesticks as a pilot program to address concerns that drivers are using the new bicycle lanes for vehicle travel. Following installation of the candlesticks, the city will observe driver and bicyclist behavior and work with the bicycling community to determine their effectiveness. For more information on biking in Tempe, visit www.tempe.gov/bike.

Distracted driving ordinance in effect

Drivers who are operating vehicles erratically because of mobile device use can now be cited by Tempe Police.

According to an ordinance passed in September by the City Council, drivers who are posing a risk to other because of use of a mobile device will be subject to a \$100 fine plus penalty. Second incidents will result in a \$250 fine plus penalty and repeated incidents within a 24-month period will incur a \$500 fine plus penalty.

Exceptions to the ordinance include drivers using mobile devices in hands-free or voice-operated modes, and drivers using a mobile device while parked on the shoulder of a road.

Calendar

This is the tentative October/November schedule for Tempe City Council meetings.

Check www.tempe.gov/clerk for updated schedules.

November 12, 2015

4 p.m., Executive Session
6 p.m., Regular Council Meeting

November 19, 2015

4 p.m., Work Study Session

December 3, 2015

4 p.m., Work Study Session

December 17, 2015

4 p.m., Executive Session
6 p.m., Regular Council Meeting

Agendas are posted 24 hours before each meeting outside the Council Chambers and on the second floor of City Hall. Meetings are subject to change. Confirm dates, times and locations with the City Clerk's Office, 480-350-8241 or at www.tempe.gov/clerk.

Meetings are aired live on Tempe 11 and www.tempe.gov/tempe11.

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News you can use

Prevent false alarms this holiday season

There are simple steps that you can take to avoid the costly mistakes of false alarms. Ensure that hanging or moving decorations will not activate motion detectors, especially when heating systems come on. If you don't know the location of your motion detectors, or the area they cover, contact your alarm company for assistance. They should be able to tell you what your motion sensors "see" and you will be better able to avoid potential false alarms. Once decorations have been placed, inspect them to make sure they do not interfere with window or door contacts for your alarm system. Secure outdoor lights so that they will not activate glass-break detectors in the event of high winds or storms. Tell people staying with you about how to use your system, including the pass code and password. Advise your alarm company if you will be out of town, and tell them how to contact you in the event of an alarm activation. For more information, or to register your alarm system with the Tempe Police Department, please call 480-350-8778 or visit our website at www.tempe.gov/alarms.

City Council to vote on utility rate adjustments

For the first time, the Solid Waste & Recycling and Water divisions simultaneously conducted rate study analyses to determine what rate adjustments will be necessary for 2016. This new approach will provide a streamlined view of the process for Council, while making the billing process easier for residents and allowing them to budget and plan with ease. A public hearing will take place on Thursday, Nov. 19, for the City Council to formally adopt the new rate structure. If adopted, adjusted rates will take effect in January.

Community celebration to unveil the newly restored Eisendrath House

The newly restored Rose Eisendrath House – now named the Eisendrath Center for Water Conservation – will be unveiled to the public at two family-friendly community events on Saturday, Nov. 21, and Sunday, Nov. 22, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Take tours of the historic house, enjoy water conservation demonstrations, kids' activities and take a family hike around the beautiful grounds surrounding the house. The event is free and open to the public. For more information, directions and parking instructions, visit www.riosaladofoundation.org.

HAWK signals help path users cross busy streets

Tempe's two HAWK signals (High-intensity Activated crossWalks) help make it easier for people who are biking, walking and running on the city's Western Canal Multi-use Path to cross busy streets. Located where the path crosses Rural Road and McClintock Drive, these unique pedestrian beacon signals make it easier for path users to cross while minimizing the wait time for motorists. The HAWK signal is designed without a green light and remains dark until a path user activates the signal. For details on how to use the HAWK signal, watch our video at <http://bit.ly/1MycqEl>.

DECEMBER 2015
Mixed Bulk Trash Collection Schedule

Area	Collection Week	Collection Type
Area A	DEC 7-11	MIXED BULK WASTE
Area B	DEC 14-18	
Area C	DEC 21-24	
Area D	DEC 28-31	

Items may be placed for collection no earlier than 10 days prior to Monday of your collection week and no later than 6 a.m. on Monday of your collection week.

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