

November 2017

## Fall activities, celebrations and dedicated volunteers

It's coming. The music. The decorations. Though the holidays are just around the corner, there are still plenty of fall events and activities to enjoy throughout November. From swimming to 1970s photography to celebrating Tempe veterans this issue will highlight them all, along with a volunteer who found her life's passion at the Tempe History Museum.



## Veterans honored at 70th annual parade on Nov. 10

Tempe will continue its long-standing, annual tradition of honoring all military veterans with a Veterans Day parade on Friday, Nov. 10. This year marks the 70th anniversary of the parade, the longest running in the Valley. It will feature veterans groups, Tempe City Council, school marching bands and community members.

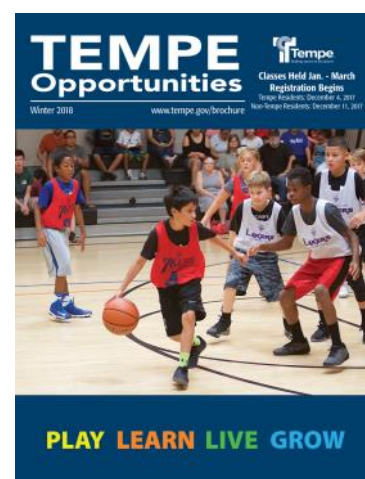
The parade will begin at 10 a.m. at ASU Gammage and proceed north on Mill Ave., concluding at Tempe Beach Park. Free parking is available in the lot at 5th St. and Farmer or the City Hall parking garage. For more information on the Veterans Day Parade, call 480-968-0634.



## Winter Tempe Opportunities brochure out Thursday, Nov. 30

The winter issue of the Tempe Opportunities brochure will be available on Thursday, Nov. 30, featuring activities, classes and programs for the entire family. Download it at [www.tempe.gov/brochure](http://www.tempe.gov/brochure) or pick up a hard copy at City of Tempe facilities. Registration for Tempe residents begins at 9 a.m. on Monday, Dec. 4; non-resident registration begins on Monday, Dec. 11.

Most classes begin the week of Jan. 8. Visit [www.tempe.gov/brochure](http://www.tempe.gov/brochure) to download the brochure beginning Nov. 30 or call 480-350-5200 to learn more.



## Free fall fun for the kids

### *Tempe Book Festival on Nov. 4*

On Saturday, Nov. 4, the [Tempe Public Library](http://www.tempe.gov/BookFestival) is hosting its annual Tempe Book Festival from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Peruse 80+ exhibitors including authors, publishers, and booksellers. Enjoy storytimes, kids activities, book signings and interactive panel discussions. Visit [www.tempe.gov/BookFestival](http://www.tempe.gov/BookFestival) for more information. Admission is free.



### *Welcome Back the Trout on Nov. 21*

On Tuesday, Nov. 21, the City of Tempe and Arizona Game and Fish will release thousands of trout into Tempe Town Lake. Families are welcome to attend the event from 4-6 p.m. at the SRP Town Lake Marina. Kids of all ages can try fishing for free; gear, bait and instructions will be provided.

### *Kids Swim Free at Kiwanis*

Enjoy the calm, heated waters of the indoor pool at Kiwanis Recreation Center through November 30. Up to two kids ages 10 and under swim for free with each paid \$4 adult admission. For more information, visit [www.tempe.gov/kiwanis](http://www.tempe.gov/kiwanis).



### *Winter Reading kickoff party on Dec. 1*



Sign up for the library's new Winter Reading Program at a kick-off party on Friday, Dec. 1, 4-6 p.m. The kick-off will be held at the Arizona Mills Food Court. Participants will be given a passport that leads them to prizes and rewards for reading. For more information, visit [www.tempe.gov/YouthLibrary](http://www.tempe.gov/YouthLibrary).

## Tempe Festival of the Arts

For those looking for one of a kind, handmade gifts, the Mill Avenue Festival of the Arts is a can't miss opportunity. On Dec. 1-3, discover ceramics, fine art photography, jewelry and more from 350 artists from around the country. The Cottage Arts area includes handmade seasonings, soaps, candles and sauces. Shop while listening to live music and try some local wines. [Click here](#) for more info.



## Tempe History Museum unveils new feature exhibit

### *Jan Young: Photographing Tempe in the 1970s.*

Explore Tempe in the 1970s through the eyes of renowned local photographer, Jan Young. The Tempe History Museum is unveiling its new featured exhibit, *Jan Young: Photographing Tempe in the 1970s*. The exhibit, running from Nov. 3, 2017 through March 24, 2018, will feature many examples of Young's photographs, as well as artifacts from her life and work.

The community is invited to celebrate the opening of the exhibit on Friday, Nov. 3, 6 p.m. at the [Tempe History Museum](#). Enjoy stories, refreshments and live 1970s music by Robby Roberson. The event is free to attend.



Young was a staff photographer for the Tempe Daily News during the 1970s. Known for wearing her signature trench coat year-round, she photographed daily events in Tempe, showcasing the look, feel and values of the community during that decade. For more information visit [www.tempe.gov/MuseumEvents](http://www.tempe.gov/MuseumEvents). Don't miss [Third Thursday](#) and [Performances at the Museum](#) throughout November.

## Let the holiday celebrations begin



### *Christmas at the Petersen House*

Experience a Tempe Christmas tradition by visiting the Petersen House Museum this holiday season. This beautiful Queen Anne Victorian house will be festively decorated for the season. Enjoy refreshments and activities on the grounds, and learn the history of the house as you tour. Admission is free.

**Schedule:** 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., Saturdays and Sundays:  
Dec. 2-3, 9-10 and 16-17

**Address:** 1414 W. Southern Ave, Tempe

### *Friday, Nov. 24: Fantasy of Lights Opening Night Parade featuring Santa*

Glowing floats, marching bands and dance troupes beautify Mill Avenue, making this 20-year tradition an event you don't want to miss. Take free selfies with Santa after the parade and tree lighting ceremony. The parade moves along Mill Ave. from 5-9 p.m. Admission is free. [Click here](#) for more info.

### *Holiday workshops at Edna Vihel Center*

Learn about Diwali Day, Hanukkah and Thanksgiving traditions at these one day workshops for tots and parents. Fee is \$5 per child; adults are free. Workshops are held at the [Edna Vihel Center](#). To see the class schedule, visit [www.tempe.gov/brochure](http://www.tempe.gov/brochure) and scroll to pg. 7.



## Tempe volunteers bring passion and heart to city programs

The City of Tempe has a variety of volunteer opportunities, ranging from recreation centers to program aides to youth sports coaches. Residents consistently answer the call to serve. Some donate their time to seniors, to kids or to improving the environment. Others volunteer in areas of law enforcement, at the library or join boards and commissions. Tempe is full of talented, passionate people who care about their community.



Tempe History Museum volunteer Jennifer Sweeney is one of those people. She joined the team as a Museum Volunteer five years ago and hasn't looked back.

"My first assignment was to file newspaper articles and I had such a blast doing that," Jennifer recalled. "I knew the very first day that this was something I wanted to do as a career."

Jennifer's husband retired from the Air Force in 2010, when they moved permanently to Tempe. Prior to that, she and her family moved frequently, allowing her to work a variety of jobs ranging from renting airplanes to working at bookstores. She even dabbled in accounting for a non-profit agency. But something was missing.



"I had always been interested in history and always wanted to work at a museum," Jennifer said. "A friend recommended going to the museum with my kids one summer. I walked in and the rest is history."

As a Museum Volunteer, Jennifer leads the museum's student tours and shows people around

the city's historic Petersen House. She also does research for exhibits and fulfills many of the special research requests that come in.

She's also made volunteering a family matter. Her 14-year-old son has volunteered for the [Tempe Time Machine](#) summer program the past two years.

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## Tempe volunteers bring passion and heart to city programs (cont.)

“Many students volunteer because they have to – they need hours or have school requirements,” Jennifer said. “But by the end of the summer you can see how much they connect to the kids they work with. The volunteer programs give them a sense of responsibility and accomplishment.”

For Jennifer, her time at the museum is paving the way for a brighter future.

“When you volunteer for the City of Tempe, you do meaningful work that has impact. I can’t say enough about how much satisfaction I get from doing this.”

For all of Tempe’s volunteer opportunities, including current Tempe History Museum tour and event openings, visit [www.tempe.gov/volunteer](http://www.tempe.gov/volunteer).

## College Connect workshop: Admissions & interviews



Parents and students are invited to attend a free workshop on Saturday, Nov. 18, from 10 a.m. to Noon at the Tempe Public Library. Workshop topics will include the admissions and application processes and mock interviews. One-on-one sessions will be available after the workshop with college experts. To register, visit

[www.CollegeConnectTempe.org](http://www.CollegeConnectTempe.org) or call 480-858-7890.

## Recycle household items for free on Zero Waste Day

Tempe and Guadalupe residents can recycle all their household items for free on Zero Waste Day, Saturday, Nov. 18 from 7 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the [Tempe Fire Training Facility](#). Get rid of your old e-waste, batteries, appliances and household cleaners. Free, secure document shredding is also available. For a full list of acceptable items, visit [www.tempe.gov/SlashTheTrash](http://www.tempe.gov/SlashTheTrash).



## Mark your calendars for these early December events

- Saturday, Dec. 2, 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.: [Golfing with Santa at Ken McDonald](#)
- Saturday, Dec. 9, 4-9 p.m.: [Fantasy of Lights Boat Parade](#), Tempe Beach Park
- Friday, Dec. 15, 6-8:30 p.m.: [Family Fun Factory](#), Tempe Community Complex



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