

November 2018

Holiday happenings in Tempe

From now through the ringing in of the New Year, the City of Tempe's calendar is filled with holiday-themed events and activities for residents and community members of all ages. Whether you want to revel in music and gleaming lights, shop for unique gifts or treat the kids to holiday activities, read-on to discover how you can celebrate the season in Tempe. Be sure to check out the great recreation programs and classes starting this month.



Warm wishes to you and yours for a happy holiday season!

KICK OFF THE HOLIDAY SEASON AT TEMPE'S WINTERFEST



Enjoy a festive evening of fun-filled activities for the whole family at [Tempe's Winterfest](#). The free event will delight visitors of all ages from 5 - 7:30 p.m. on Friday, Dec. 7, within the Tempe Community Complex, located at 3500 S. Rural Road (southwest corner of Rural Road and Southern Avenue).

Kick-start your holiday creativity with make-and-take art projects, decorate cookies and write a letter to Santa. Enjoy a cup of hot cocoa and listen to live music performed by [Mary Hoffman](#). Guests will make their very own "snow" and enjoy other winter science fun at the Kid Zone Enrichment Program booth. Visit with the jolliest old elf himself, Santa. Guests are encouraged to bring cameras to capture photos with Santa.



Representatives from [Tempe Recreation](#), [Edna Arts Center](#), [Kid Zone Enrichment Program](#), [Kiwanis Recreation Center](#), [Tempe History Museum](#) and [Tempe Public Library](#) are partnering for the annual event, offering a wider array of activities, experiences and holiday memories. For information, visit www.tempe.gov/FamilyFun or call 480-350-5200.

StoryWalk® PAYS TRIBUTE TO NEIGHBORHOOD HEROES



Walk through the pages of a touching Veterans Day story at the unveiling of [Tempe's first StoryWalk®](#) from 5-6:30 p.m. on Tuesday, Nov. 6, at the [Escalante Multi-Generational Center](#).

StoryWalk® is a national movement that brings books to life along park trails and pathways. Sequential, interactive displays are installed and encourage literacy, reading comprehension and quality family time as children and their parents walk through the pages of a book.

The new outdoor display, featuring *America's White Table* by Margo This Raven, will be unveiled at Escalante Park, adjacent to the Escalante Multi-Generational Center. Named after three brothers, Ramon, Manuel and Enrique Escalante, who were born in the neighborhood in the 1800s and helped settle the area. Throughout the years, many Escalante family members served in the military. The bronze statue in front of the community center commemorates three of the Escalante brothers' sons who were killed in action in World War II.

DRIBBLE...SHOOT...SCORE!

Make a slam dunk at the [Youth Hoops Basketball Clinic](#) on Saturday, Nov. 10 and 17, at the [North Tempe Multigenerational Center](#). Registration is \$36 and includes a clinic T-shirt.

Coach Key and his team have tailored the hoop stations to fit each



grade and skill level. No experience is necessary. Participants will have fun while they learn the fundamentals of basketball and as they continue to develop their skills.



Register at www.tempe.gov/brochure. Contact Coach Key at 480.350.5222 or Keyon_Cornejo@tempe.gov.

HUMANS OF TEMPE: THE HIGH SCHOOL VERSION



The opening of *Humans of Tempe: The High School Version* will take place at 5 p.m. on Thursday, Nov. 8, at the [Tempe History Museum](#).

Students from Desert Vista, Marcos de Niza, Mountain Pointe and Tempe High gathered short interviews and informal portraits of folks on the streets of Tempe, providing a teen perspective for the Museum's ongoing exhibit. The high school exhibit runs through Jan. 13.

VETERAN'S DAY PARADE



Honor the men and women who have provided military service by attending the annual Veterans Day Parade in Tempe at 10 a.m. on Sunday, Nov. 11.

The parade begins at ASU Gammage and travels north on Mill Avenue.

The parade concludes with a short

ceremony at [Tempe Beach Park](#) on Mill Avenue and Rio Salado Parkway. For information, visit the parade's Facebook page at www.Facebook.com/TempeVeteransDayParade.

GOBBLE, GOBBLE. IT'S TURKEY TIME.

Looking for a fun and interactive activity for you and your child to participate in this fall? Check out [Fall Fiestas](#), a series of pay-as-you-go classes for preschoolers and their caregivers at the [Escalante Multi-Generational Center](#). These classes teach fun facts about the approaching holidays while providing crafts and treats.

Turkey Time takes place from 10-11 a.m. on Wednesday, Nov. 21, and *Winter Fun* will be on Wednesday, Dec. 19. The fee is \$3 per adult/child pairing.



FAMILY-FRIENDLY EVENT WELCOMES BACK THE FISH

The trout are making their annual Thanksgiving comeback to Tempe Town Lake. The City of Tempe and [Arizona Game and Fish](#) will play host to the annual Welcome Back the Trout Celebration from 4-6 p.m. on Tuesday, Nov. 20, at the [SRP Tempe Town Lake Marina](#).

Families and community members are invited to come down and watch as thousands of rainbow trout from the department's Page Springs Hatchery are released into Town Lake.

Arizona Game and Fish will conduct a fishing clinic starting at 4 p.m. and will provide anglers of all ages with loaner rods, reels and bait, as well as the tips and advice they need to try their hand at the sport. Attendees are able to fish without a fishing license during the event from 4-6 p.m.





FANTASY OF LIGHTS PARADE

It's time for one of the most cherished holiday traditions in Tempe – the [Fantasy of Lights Opening Night Parade](#) presented by Wells Fargo and produced by [Downtown Tempe](#). Thousands of spectators will line Mill Avenue to see floats, marching bands and Santa. The parade begins at 6 p.m. on Friday, Nov. 23, at Mill Avenue and Third Street. The annual tree lighting ceremony and visits with Santa begin right after the parade. Families can snap their own photos with Santa during this opportunity.

SHOP FOR ONE-OF-A-KIND TREASURES

Visit Mill Avenue between Third Street and University Drive from Friday, Nov. 30 through Sunday, Dec. 2, to experience the [50th annual Fall Tempe Festival of the Arts](#). The three-day event is open from 10 a.m.-5:30 p.m. each day and admission is free. Browse through more than 300 booths featuring artists from around the country for unique and original pieces, ranging from woodwork to photography, ceramics and wearable items.



FANTASY OF LIGHTS BOAT PARADE



Light up the night and be dazzled at the Valley's most unique holiday event--the [Fantasy of Lights Boat Parade](#). The event, held on Tempe Town Lake, is presented by SRP and produced by [Downtown Tempe](#).

The Boat Parade will feature as many as 50 festively lighted boats of all sizes. The event kicks off at 4 p.m. on Saturday, Dec. 8. Enjoy live music, holiday shopping, selfies with Santa and more. The parade launches at 7 p.m. Free admission for spectators.

KRC IMPROVEMENTS ARE ON THE WAY

Good things are happening at Kiwanis Recreation Center. The pool and gymnasium will receive some TLC this winter as renovations are made to improve both areas. The pool and gym will be inaccessible while the improvements are underway. The pool closes on Saturday, Nov. 3, and the gymnasium closes on Tuesday, Nov. 13.

The fitness center and batting range will remain open. Spaces can be reserved for parties and corporate events.



Check out www.tempe.gov/kiwanis for fitness center, batting range and party rental options.

PROGRAM OPPORTUNITIES CONTINUE

Plenty of classes and programs begin this month. Don't miss these fantastic opportunities for the whole family. Visit www.tempe.gov/brochure for information and registration details.

What better way to spend time with family this holiday season than to learn a new skill together? Check out [Archery101](#), offered to ages 6 and older. The whole family can learn how to juggle with [JuggleMania!](#), offered to participants ages 8 and older.



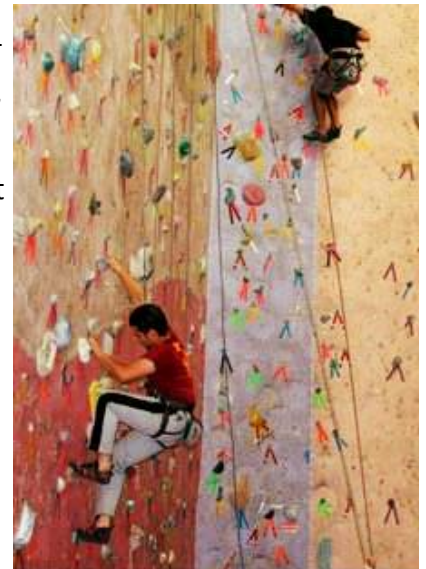
There are plenty of programs designed to keep youth active, including gymnastics, [martial arts](#) and [indoor soccer academy](#). Youth learn the basic skills while meeting new friends.

Don't miss [rock climbing and rappelling](#) offered to ages 16+, which offers basic instruction of the fundamentals and techniques of rock-climbing, as well as knot tying and methods of belaying.

One of the best parts of the holiday season in Arizona is having the opportunity to take advantage of the good weather. Enroll in a rowing or paddling class, including adult learn to row, intro to stand-up paddle boarding and stand-up paddle boarding yoga. Join us for a fun and instructive day out on the water at the [half-day kayaking trip](#) to Lake Pleasant on Nov. 17.



Tee off and spend some time on the green. Tempe offers great [golf](#) programs for all ages and skill levels.



It's never too early to get started with a new fitness routine. The city offers a variety of drop-in fitness classes, such as [Zumba Fitness](#), for a low-commitment workout schedule. For consecutive classes,

check out [Intro to Boxing](#), [Fit to Fight Circuit Training](#) and [Functional Fitness Bootcamp](#). If you're looking for something more personalized, you can create a [personal fitness](#) plan at the Kiwanis Fitness Center.

For your four-legged family members, the City of Tempe has two [dog obedience classes](#). *Basic Dog Obedience* teaches basic commands and focuses on socialization skills. *Advanced Dog Obedience* is all about tricks.





NOVEMBER REC PLAYMAKER — SOPHIE ABNEY

Countless dedicated volunteers at the City of Tempe spend their time giving back to the community. Sophie Abney, a senior at Corona del Sol High School, has volunteered at the Tempe History Museum for more than four years and is the November Rec PlayMaker.

“Sophie always is willing to help. She is the best volunteer I could have,” Holly Nicolaisen, education assistant at the



Tempe History Museum, said. “She has given up vacations, weekends and evenings to help with just about every program we offer. We would be lost without her support and attitude.”

Abney began volunteering in the Tempe Time Machine summer program at the Tempe History Museum. Aside from volunteering, Abney is involved in the National Honor Society at Corona del Sol High School and participates in Irish Dance classes as a teacher’s assistant.

“Tempe is a great place, and everyone should experience the summer volunteer program,” Abney said. “You should experience new things because it’s a lot of fun. Everyone should be a volunteer.”

Last summer, the City of Tempe had more than 180 youth volunteers participate in the Summer Youth Volunteer Program. Students in middle school, high school and college volunteered their time at a wide variety of facilities and programs throughout Tempe, including the Tempe Public Library, Tempe History Museum, city swimming pools, summer camps and recreational classes. The volunteers contributed 8,500 hours and created an economic impact of \$209,865. If you are interested in volunteering, please visit www.tempe.gov/volunteer for opportunities.



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