



City Council Weekly Information Packet

Friday, December 9, 2022

Includes the following documents/information:

- 1) City Council Events Schedule
- 2) State and Federal & Grant Opportunities
- 3) Flu, RSV, COVID-19 Communication to the Community
- 4) Downtown Improvements Update – December 2022
- 5) Community Services Department Update



City Council Events Schedule

December 9, 2022 thru April 2, 2023

The Mayor and City Council have been invited to attend various community meetings and public and private events at which a quorum of the City Council may be present. The Council will not be conducting city business, nor will any legal action be taken. This is an event only and not a public meeting. A list of the community meetings and public and private events along with the schedules, dates, times, and locations is attached. Organizers may require a rsvp or fee.

Tues	Dec 13	11:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.	Retirement Open House for Jill Rasmussen Location: Tempe Public Library 3500 S. Rural Road Tempe, AZ
Tues	Dec 13	3:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.	Ribbon Cutting: Lou Malnati’s Pizzeria Tempe Location: Lou Malnati’s 27 S. McClintock Drive Tempe, AZ
Wed	Dec 14	11:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.	Tempe’s City-Wide Holiday Open House for Employees Location: Tempe Center for the Arts 700 W. Rio Salado Tempe, AZ
Mon	Jan 9	8:00 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.	MLK Diversity Awards Breakfast Location: Marriott at the Buttes 2000 Westcourt Way Tempe, AZ
Wed	Jan 11	5:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.	UDA 63 rd Annual Meeting Location: Tempe Mission Palms 60 E. 5 th Street Tempe, AZ
Tues	Jan 17	11:15 a.m. - 1:15 a.m.	Tempe Tourism Office Annual Luncheon Location: Culinary Dropout Tempe 149 S. Farmer Avenue Temp, AZ
Thur	Feb 9	5:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.	The Rotary Club of Tempe Downtown 100 th Anniversary Gala & Silent Auction Location: Doubt Tree by Hilton 2100 S. Priest Drive Tempe, AZ

Sun	April 2	7:30 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.	Tour de Tempe Bike Ride Location: Kiwanis Parking Lot, West Tempe AZ

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MEMORANDUM



TO: Mayor and City Council
THROUGH: Andrew Ching, City Manager
FROM: Marge Zylla, Government Relations Officer
DATE: December 9, 2022
SUBJECT: State and Federal Update & Grant Opportunities

Below are summaries of recent actions and announcements at the state and federal level:

- Federal Update, Respect for Marriage Act
- Senator Sinema, Independent Political Party Designation
- Additional Funding for Agencies Serving Migrants Along the Southern Border Letter
- Grant Opportunities

Please let me know if there are follow-up questions for Tempe's federal lobbyist. Also, please let me know if Tempe staff members are pursuing federal grants so we can arrange for letters of support from our Congressional delegation.

Federal Update, Respect for Marriage Act

Via US Conference of Mayors, 12/9/22, excerpted

Same-Sex Marriage Passes House and Senate - Bipartisan Support for Issue Now Supported by 70% of Americans

Yesterday the House gave final approval for legislation to mandate federal recognition of same-sex marriages in the United States of America. The landmark legislation garnered a vote of 259-165 in the House. This was the second time in five months the House has taken action on this domestic issue. Over the summer 47 House Republicans joined Democrats in support of the legislation. Following the House vote, Senate Leaders on the issue began a strong effort to find the 10 Republican Senators needed to move the proposed law forward. So proponents paused until after the midterm elections.

In order to get the votes needed in the Senate, the legislation was revised to alleviate the concerns of some Republican Senators that it would punish or restrict the religious freedoms of institutions that refuse to recognize same-sex marriage. On November 29 the Senate voted 61 to 36 to approve the bill. Thirty-six Republicans voted against the bill including Kentucky Senator Mitch McConnell, who is in an interracial marriage.

The revisions in the Senate were not enough to build overall support for Republican members with 39 members voting in favor, which is approximately one-fifth of the Republican caucus in the House.

Now that the bill has passed, it heads to the White House for President Biden's signature.

Senator Sinema, Independent Political Party Designation

Senator Kyrsten Sinema announced that she is changing her party affiliation from Democratic to Independent. Related articles at [this link](#), [this link](#), and [this link](#).

Additional Funding for Agencies Serving Migrants Along the Southern Border Letter

Mayor Woods joined mayors from border states in signing onto a letter facilitated by the US Conference of Mayors that urges Congressional leaders to include additional funding in the appropriations bill to boost the capacity of local organizations to respond to the increasing number of asylum seekers at the US/Mexico border. The text of the letter is below.

The Honorable Nancy Pelosi
Speaker
U.S. House of Representatives
H-230 U.S. Capitol
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Kevin McCarthy
Minority Leader
U.S. House of Representatives
2468 Rayburn House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Charles Schumer
Majority Leader
U.S. Senate
322 Hart Senate Office Building
Washington, DC 20510

The Honorable Mitch McConnell
Minority Leader
U.S. Senate
317 Russell Senate Office Building
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Leader Schumer, Leader McConnell, Speaker Pelosi, and Leader McCarthy,

As you return for the final weeks of the 117th Congress and continue negotiations on the completion of the Fiscal Year (FY) 2023 appropriations process, we urge you to prioritize an additional \$500 million for FEMA's Emergency Food and Shelter Program (EFSP) and \$300 million set aside for EFSP-Humanitarian Assistance. This funding would boost the capacity of local organizations to respond to the increasing number of asylum seekers at the U.S./Mexico border.

For many cities, local nonprofits and charities provide critical services to asylum seekers. These organizations have met the challenge head-on and provide essential support for our communities. While our shared commitment to this issue is robust, nonprofits require immediate federal assistance to continue this work. With the likely end of Title 42, even our most well-funded nonprofit partners will be overwhelmed, raising the urgency of this call to action.

Increased funding for EFSP would boost local nonprofits' ability to help asylum seekers who need food, shelter, and legal and travel assistance. Many local organizations desperately need new funding to address this urgent issue and are more than ready to expand their operations to support asylees. EFSP is an essential and effective tool for organizations providing lifesaving work at the border. Without this funding, our partners will have to make tough choices about who they serve and the quality of their care.

Decisive action on this issue cannot wait, and we appreciate your leadership and attention. As Mayors, we are thankful for your continued support for our nation's cities, and we look forward to continuing to tackle our nation's most significant problems together.

Grant Opportunities

SWIFR Grant Program for Cities through the EPA

EPA is providing \$40,000,000 in Fiscal Year 2023 through the [SWIFR Grant Program for political subdivisions](#), which include counties, cities, towns, parishes, and other similar units of government. These funds support projects that establish, increase, expand, or optimize collection; improve materials management infrastructure; or reduce contamination in the recycled materials stream.

For Political Subdivisions wishing to apply, the deadline is ***January 16, 2023 at 11:59 p.m. Eastern***. An informal Notice of Intent to Apply (NOIA) is due by December 15, 2022, but is not required. Submission of a NOIA is optional and serves solely as a process management tool that will allow the EPA to better anticipate the total staff time required for efficient review, evaluation, and selection of submitted applications.

The EPA anticipates awarding approximately 25 assistance agreements under this funding opportunity, with at least one award per each [EPA Region](#). The minimum individual award floor is \$500,000, and the maximum individual award ceiling is \$4,000,000 for the grant period.

Applications must achieve one or more of the following objectives:

- Establish, increase, expand, or optimize collection and improve materials management infrastructure.
- Fund the creation and construction of tangible infrastructure, technology, or other improvements to reduce contamination in the recycled materials stream.
- Establish, increase, expand, or optimize capacity for materials management.
- Establish, improve, expand, or optimize end-markets for the use of recycled commodities.

- Demonstrate a significant and measurable increase in the diversion, recycling rate, and quality of materials collected for municipal solid waste.

Additional guidance on the application process and grant eligibility can be found [here](#).

YouthBuild Program Grants through the Department of Labor

US Department of Labor announces \$90M funding opportunity to support delivery of academic, skills training, employment services for young people

Pre-apprenticeship program helps disadvantaged young people overcome barriers

WASHINGTON – To help remove academic and training barriers faced by young people, the U.S. Department of Labor today announced [a \\$90 million funding opportunity](#) in [YouthBuild Program](#) grants to support pre-apprenticeships in high-demand industries including construction, healthcare, information technology and hospitality.

Grants will support occupational skills training, employment services and educational guidance to disadvantaged young people, from ages 16 to 24, in communities where barriers to basic academic and career skills development exist.

Administered by the department's [Employment and Training Administration](#), and supported by the [Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act](#), the grants will fund approximately 75 projects nationwide with individual grants ranging from \$700,000 to \$1.5 million. The funding opportunity follows the department's 2021 guidance that prioritizes quality jobs, green building and community violence intervention.

In August 2022, the department [added the YouthBuild program to the Biden-Harris administration's Justice40 initiative](#), which aims to ensure that 40 percent of the overall benefits of certain federal investments flow to disadvantaged communities that are overburdened by pollution.

YouthBuild grants have enabled program participants to support initiatives in construction, technology and the care economy such as the following:

- In Madison, Wisconsin, Operation Fresh Start provides mental health counseling to all YouthBuild program participants. Through a partnership with the metropolitan school district, participants are also eligible to earn a high school diploma. OFS provides workplace skills training in construction and forestry, career counseling and a stipend for living expenses while in the program. Upon completion, participants also earn an AmeriCorps education award.
- North Brooklyn YouthBuild in New York offers training in construction and healthcare with a range of credentials available to participants. Participants in the construction pathway build three affordable housing units for the community and earn certifications in green construction and other programs.
- Bi-County Community Action Programs, Inc. serves a rural community in Bemidji, Minnesota. By partnering with entities such as Evergreen Youth and Family Services, the local juvenile justice system, and Bemidji State University, BI-CAP provides individual instruction so participants work at their own pace to achieve competencies.

- In Denver, Mile High Youth Corps trains youth to earn the Home Builders Institute's Pre-Apprenticeship Certificate Training Core Curriculum certification and PACT Green Building certification. Through a partnership with the Community College of Denver, MHYC's Health & Wellness track prepares young people for careers in the nursing industry.

[Learn more about grant eligibility and apply.](#)

MEMORANDUM



TO: Mayor and City Council

FROM: Nikki Ripley, Communication and Marketing Director

THROUGH: Keith Burke, Deputy City Manager

DATE: Dec. 9, 2022

SUBJECT: Flu, RSV, COVID-19 communication to the community

COVID-19 is still with us all. The annual RSV season, which heavily impacts children, is raging. Similarly, flu season has proven to be especially strong this winter. Federal, state and county health agencies have increased outreach efforts around this trifecta of winter ailments in order to keep people as healthy as possible. The City of Tempe is proud to join those outreach efforts using our various communication tools.

In response to Councilmember Berdetta Hodge's discussion of the issue at a recent Work Study Session, below is a compilation of the communication that has taken place so far this fall as well as a sampling of images of the outreach. These tactics will continue to be used throughout the winter season.

The Communication and Marketing Office is carrying out an information campaign geared toward prevention and treatment. We're referring to it Winter Wellness and it is focused on educating community members about flu, RSV and COVID-19 precautions. The campaign is an extension of the city's robust and ongoing COVID-19 communications since spring 2020. It includes:

- Establishment of new webpage, tempe.gov/WinterWellness, that is linked to the longstanding tempe.gov/coronavirus page
- Notice in the December issue of Tempe Today and an article in the January 2023 issue
- English/Spanish digital flyer focused on the flu was submitted through the PeachJar system for Tempe Elementary School District families. These flyers reach about 10,000 inboxes.
- To-date, five issues of the weekly Tempe This Week e-newsletter. Inclusion in this tool will continue. The e-newsletter is emailed to about 8,000 inboxes per week, in addition to social media posts.
- Digital "reach" screens at city facilities including Tempe Public Library, community centers and Tempe 11 bulletin board slides
- Frequent social media posts on Facebook, Twitter and Instagram

In addition to communication, there was a vaccination booth at the Tempe Festival of the Arts and a vaccination event is being planned for the Westside Community Center. Human Services also is working with the Maricopa County Public Health's Vaccine Equity Initiative on future approaches.

FLU SEASON IS HERE



PROTECT YOUR FAMILY AND FRIENDS!

- Avoid close contact with people who are sick
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose, and mouth - germs spread this way
- If you are sick, limit contact with others
- Clean and disinfect surfaces and objects that may be contaminated with viruses that cause flu
- Cover coughs and sneezes
- Wash your hands often with soap and water

Get your flu shot and stay up-to-date on COVID-19 vaccines.


Find a vaccine location near you www.vaccines.gov




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Health News

What to know: RSV and infants and young children

Most RSV cases are mild and similar to a cold, but RSV can be dangerous for infants, young children and the elderly. Seek medical attention if your child has any of the following symptoms:

- Working hard to breathe or breathing faster
- Grunting with each exhale
- Flaring nostrils when inhaling
- Pulling above the collarbone, below the ribcage or between the ribs when inhaling

[Learn more about RSV.](#)

City of Tempe, AZ @Tempegov

Flu season has arrived in Arizona. The @AZDHS is already seeing a higher rate of influenza and RSV this year. Protect family and friends this fall and winter by getting your flu shot! Find vaccine clinic locations at vaccinefinder.org.

Maricopa County Public Health @Maricopahealth - Nov 6
Don't miss out on time with your family or friends stuck in bed sick with the flu. Getting your flu shot in the next couple weeks will ensure you are protected going into the holiday season. Make an appointment near you: vaccines.gov.



Getting a flu shot is one way you can take control of your health.

12:00 PM - Nov 13, 2022

City of Tempe, AZ @Tempegov

Sometimes, what looks like a cold can actually be RSV. Arizona is experiencing a higher-than-normal number of cases this year. If your child develops difficulty breathing, grunting and nasal flaring, seek health care immediately. More info: cdc.gov/RSV

AZ Dept of Health @AZDHS - Nov 9
Most RSV cases are mild and similar to a cold, but RSV can be dangerous for infants, young children and the elderly. Seek medical attention if your child has any of the following symptoms.

Signs of RSV in Young Children

- Working harder to breathe or breathing faster.
- Grunting (a short noise out) with each exhale.
- Flaring nostrils when inhaling.
- Pulling above the collarbone, below the ribcage, and/or between the ribs when inhaling.



ADHS

Health News

Year-end COVID-19 vaccine push

The White House last week launched a six-week push to encourage Americans to get their updated COVID-19 vaccine before the end of the year. The latest campaign focuses on seniors and vulnerable communities hardest hit by the virus, but officials note that the vaccine is the best protection for everyone.

The push comes as more than 35 million Americans have already received the updated, bivalent booster shot, according to the CDC. That represents just over 11% of eligible Americans age 5 and older.

The new **National COVID-19 Preparedness Plan** focuses on four key goals:

- Protect against and treat COVID-19
- Prepare for new variants
- Prevent economic and educational shutdowns
- Continue to lead the effort to vaccinate the world and save lives

Have questions about COVID-19 vaccines? Check out the CDC's myths and facts page [here](#).

[Maricopa County Flu Report](#) | Get vaccinated VaccineFinder.org

[COVID-19 cases by zip code](#)
[COVID-19 vaccination rates by zip code](#)



UPCOMING PROJECTS AT-A-GLANCE

Mill Avenue Bridges – String Light Replacement
Festoon Lighting – 4th Street, 6th Street
Mill Avenue Streetscape & Infrastructure
Fifth Street Streetscape

West City Hall Parking Lot & Public Restrooms
Facility Safety “Hardening”
Pedestrian “Scramble”

Mill Ave. Streetscape Design Consultant Selected!

The Request for Qualifications (RFQ) for professional design services for the Downtown Streetscape Improvements on Mill Avenue (Rio Salado Parkway to University Drive) has concluded with the selection of J2 Engineering & Environmental Design, LLC. J2 is currently preparing a scope and fee for the design package. We anticipate having a final contract package submitted for approval at the February 2nd City Council meeting. The design will kick-off in earnest following contract approval.



Mill Avenue Bridges – String Light Replacement

Transportation Maintenance and Procurement has completed negotiations with a lighting vendor. The lighting vendor is ordering materials and installation is scheduled for late Spring 2023.



ADDITIONAL PROJECT UPDATES:

Festoon Lighting – 4th Street, 6th Street:

The additional poles that will support the lights are no longer available from our previous vendor. Engineering staff is actively coordinating with the design consultant, street light pole vendors, and others to identify poles that meet the structural and aesthetic needs of the project. Construction is still anticipated to begin in Spring 2023.

Fifth Street Streetscape:

The contract with the design consultant to update the Fifth Street design plans will be on the December 15th City Council agenda for approval. Final design plans are anticipated to be complete by the end of the current fiscal year so that construction can begin when Fiscal Year 2023/24 funding becomes available.

West City Hall Parking Lot & Public Restrooms:

Engineering staff is working to include this project with the Fifth Street Streetscape project. Like the Fifth Street project, construction funding becomes available in Fiscal Year 2023/24.

Facility Safety “Hardening”:

Engineering staff will be implementing these elements into nearby projects. Hardening elements in front of City Hall and the Police/Courts building will be included in the Fifth Street project, while elements in front of the 525 Building will be included in the Mill Avenue Streetscape or another future project.

Pedestrian “Scramble”

Transportation staff will be collecting data in Spring 2023.

OUTREACH

Outreach efforts continue to include the Downtown Tempe Authority and local businesses. Future outreach events will be included in future updates.

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COMMUNITY SERVICES UPDATE

December 9, 2022

PUBLIC INVOLVEMENT PROCESS STARTS FOR KEN MCDONALD GOLF COURSE

As part of the ongoing Public Private Partnership process for the City's golf courses, staff has been in discussions with CourseCo* for the management and operations of Ken McDonald Golf Course and ready to begin the public involvement step of the process. SEE TIMELINE.

Messaging for the January 10th public meetings and the public survey will be distributed through social media, E-blasts, mailers to the adjacent neighbors, the website, and onsite displays at Ken McDonald.

Following the public involvement process and conclusion of negotiations, a lease agreement will be drafted for City Council's consideration at a future public meeting, with a potential July 1, 2023 date to assume operations.

TIMELINE OF KEY DATES

December 14 - CourseCo presents to the Parks, Recreation, Golf and Double Butte Cemetery (PRGDBC) Board.

January 10 - Two public open house presentations are scheduled.
12 pm (Virtual via Zoom)
6 pm (In-person)

January 10 thru February 7 - Public survey opens through February 7

February 15 (tentative) - This meeting will review preliminary survey results with PRGDBC Board and is the second meeting of the Board with CourseCo

As part of the outreach process, representatives from CourseCo will be reaching out to the Ken McDonald Men's, Women's and Senior Men's Associations over the next few months.



*CourseCo has a 32-year history of managing golf properties and currently manages over 40 municipal and daily fee courses in the western United States.

COMMUNITY SERVICES UPDATE

December 9, 2022

Community Services Winter Holiday Hours (December 19—January 6)

The Community Services Department will be adjusting facility, multigenerational and recreation center hours during the winter holiday season, December 19, 2022 through January 6, 2023. A community messaging campaign will be created with the Communication and Marketing Office to ensure our patrons and visitors are informed. Messaging strategies include utilization of public information channels such as City websites, email list serves, citywide newsletters, social media sites, etc. In addition to these efforts, messaging will be placed throughout the centers.

Since Christmas and New Year's Day are on a Sunday this year, the following adjustments will be made to the operational schedule. In anticipation of traditionally low holiday attendance numbers, these changes are consistent with previous years when the holiday occurs on the weekend.

Changes do not adversely impact any existing City or Community Partner activities, programs, or rentals. Please note that all splash play areas and outdoor pools are closed for the season.

Edna Vihel Arts Center

December 24 - 26: Closed

December 31 - January 2: Closed

Tempe Center for the Arts

December 24 (3 pm) – 26: Closed

December 31 (3 pm) – January 2: Closed

Tempe History Museum

December 24 - 26: Closed

December 31 - January 2: Closed

Tempe Public Library

December 24 – 26: Closed

December 31 – January 2: Closed

Ken McDonald and Rolling Hills Golf Courses

December 24: Last tee time is at 12 pm

December 25: Closed

Winter holiday hours for multigenerational and recreation centers are continued on Page 3.

COMMUNITY SERVICES UPDATE

December 9, 2022

Community Services Winter Holiday Hours (con't)

Multigenerational and Recreation Centers

December 19-23

Escalante Multigenerational Center
Monday - Thursday: 8 am – 9 pm
Friday: 8 am – 8 pm

North Tempe Multigenerational Center
Monday - Friday: 8 am – 8 pm

Westside Multigenerational Center
Monday – Friday: 8 am – 9 pm

Kiwanis Recreation Center
Monday – Thursday: 7 am – 10 pm
Friday: 7 am – 7 pm

Pyle Adult Recreation Center
Monday – Friday: 8 am – 5 pm

December 24-26

All Parks and Recreation centers will be closed
Kiwanis Tennis Center will be closed; however
drop-in play is available at Tempe Union
High School District courts

December 27-30

Escalante, North Tempe, and Westside
Multigenerational Centers
Tuesday – Friday: 8 am – 8 pm

Kiwanis Recreation Center
Tuesday-Thursday: 7 am – 10 pm
Friday: 7 am – 7 pm

Pyle Adult Recreation Center
Tuesday – Friday: 8 am – 5 pm

December 31 – January 2

All Parks and Recreation centers will be closed
Kiwanis Tennis Center will be closed; however
drop-in play will be available at Tempe Union
High School District courts

January 3 – 6

Escalante, North Tempe, and Westside
Multigenerational Centers

Tuesday – Friday: 8 am – 8 pm

Kiwanis Recreation Center

Tuesday – Thursday: 7 am – 10 pm
Friday: 7 am – 7 pm

Pyle Adult Recreation Center

Tuesday – Thursday: 8 am – 9 pm
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