



Diablos 2012 Charity Game

Nothing beats an afternoon of baseball in Tempe, rooting for your favorite spring training team – except the feeling of helping a great local organization while you’re cheering on those Angels!

On Tuesday, March 6, join the Angels as they compete in their home opener against the Chicago White Sox. All proceeds from ticket sales, parking, concessions and merchandise from this game will go directly to the Tempe Diablos to benefit local charities.

The Diablos help the community by providing support for academic excellence and the educational needs of our children.

Tickets for this game and others are now available at www.ticketmaster.com. You can purchase them in person at the Tempe Diablo Box Office, 2200 W. Alameda Drive, beginning Feb. 18 at 9 a.m.

Visit www.tempe.gov/diablo for information on games, tickets, stadium hours, directions and parking. For more information on the Tempe Diablos, visit www.tempediablos.org.



Ken McDonald to host 2012 AZ PubLinks Championship

Golf Tempe sees benefits of improved operations

After implementing a new operating model last summer, Golf Tempe is beginning to see the fruits of its labor, including improved greens, increasing revenues, happier customers and the opportunity to host a prestigious statewide golf tournament. As a result of the turnaround, Tempe’s Ken McDonald golf course was recently selected by the Arizona Golf Association (AGA) to host this year’s AZ PubLinks Championship March 16-18.

The public is invited to watch as amateur AGA members compete for the 2012 championship title in this premiere golf event in Arizona. Some of the state’s best golfers will compete, with more than 140 public course players who have a U.S. Golf Association handicap index of 8.4 or lower.

The AGA selected Ken McDonald for this year’s tournament based on improvements to the course, including excellent greens and a recently added family tee program, which provides two levels of additional tees for each hole. The new tees are located well in front of the existing tees in order to shorten the course and help players of all levels keep a comfortable pace of play.

“The condition of the whole course is just excellent,” AGA Executive Director Ed Gowan said. “We really like the improvements Tempe has made, and we want to showcase the course to the best players in the state.”

In 2011, Tempe took a hard look at its golf program, developing a new operating model and a mission to promote community-based golf that is affordable, accessible and adds to our quality of life as a lifetime leisure activity. With the improvements, more golfers are rediscovering Tempe’s courses.

Millenium Golf Management (MGM) began managing Tempe’s courses last summer following a competitive selection process. The MGM partnership includes three Professional Golfers’ Association of America professionals – Ralph Hawley, David Hockett and Greg Salas – who have more than 50 years combined golf management and teaching experience, as well as impressive playing credentials.

Golf Tempe courses offer: seven-day advance tee times; affordable daily fees; excellent practice facilities; full-service pro shops and restaurants; family tees; group and private lessons; corporate outings; and tournament packages. Ken McDonald Golf Course is located at 800 E. Divot Drive (480-350-5250) and Rolling Hills Golf Course is at 1415 N. Mill Ave. (480-350-5275). Call for tee times or book at www.tempe.gov/golf.

For more information about the AZ PubLinks Tournament, visit www.azgolf.org.



Train horns silent in north Tempe

The City of Tempe, in conjunction with the Arizona Corporation Commission, Union Pacific Railroad and Federal Railroad Administration, established a railroad Quiet Zone in Tempe on Jan. 25. The Quiet Zone includes the portion of the Union Pacific Railroad north of Broadway Road from city limit to city limit.

A Quiet Zone is a rail corridor at least one-half mile in length with one or more public highway-rail crossings where activation of train horns is prohibited except in certain situations. These exceptions are usually related to safety concerns such as pedestrians, bicyclists or motorists in too close proximity to the tracks.

"The creation of the Quiet Zone positively impacts dozens of our vibrant, well-established neighborhoods. Tempe takes the safety of our residents very seriously and pursued the best possible solution for balancing safety while reducing train horn noise," said Tempe Mayor Hugh Hallman. "The Quiet Zone will enhance the quality of life for our residents while maintaining the safety of pedestrians, bicyclists and motorists who are travelling near the railroad tracks."

The city encourages residents to stay safe around trains and tracks:

- Stop when signals begin to flash. Do not proceed until the lights stop flashing.
- Always expect a train. Trains can run on any track, at any time, in either direction. Look both ways before crossing any track and always observe warning signals.
- Before crossing, be sure there is room on the other side to completely clear the tracks. Trains overhang the tracks by at least three feet on each side.
- If your vehicle stalls at a crossing, get everyone out and far away immediately, even if you do not see a train.
- Don't try to beat a train. An approaching train may be closer and traveling faster than it appears.

Quiet Zones are established in cities around the country including Chandler, Phoenix and Flagstaff. They allow for less noise pollution while providing options to maintain safety standards along a rail corridor.

The Northern Tempe Quiet Zone will be evaluated for its effectiveness. Any expansion of the Quiet Zone in central/south Tempe would require a separate process. For more information, visit www.tempe.gov/tim or call 480-350-4311.

Adopt-A-Street, Path or Park!
Call 480-350-4311 or visit
www.tempe.gov/adopt

Neighborhood Award nomination forms available online

There is still plenty of time to celebrate residents and businesses engaged in enhancing the Tempe community – nominations for the city's Neighborhood Awards are due March 23. This year's awards will again feature a Residential Beautification category to recognize exterior improvements to homes or yards, along with a new award known as the Neat and Tidy Alley award. Winners will be announced at the 2012 Neighborhood Workshop and Awards on Saturday, April 28, at the Tempe History Museum, 809 E. Southern Ave.

For a nomination form or for event information as it becomes available, visit www.tempe.gov/neighborhoods or contact the Neighborhood Services Division at 480-350-8234 or neighborhoods@tempe.gov.



Spring classes begin the week of March 19

Spring into something new! The Tempe Opportunities brochure features hundreds of programs for every interest, age and ability, including health and fitness, art, dance, special interest, sports, aquatics and boating. The brochure will be available at www.tempe.gov/brochure and can be found at City of Tempe facilities and Tempe Fry's Food Stores on Feb.16. Visit www.frysfood.com to find a location near you.

Registration for Tempe residents begins Feb. 21 and Feb. 27 for non-Tempe residents. Call the Recreation Administration Office at 480-350-5200 for more information. Registration can be completed online, by fax or in person at many Tempe community centers.

MLK brunch honors diversity efforts

Hundreds gathered at The Buttes Resort on Jan. 16 for the annual Tempe Human Relations Commission MLK Diversity Awards Brunch. The celebration honored community members who have demonstrated a commitment to diversity in Tempe. The winners included:

Charles Cobbs – As the Tempe Police Department's Community Affairs Specialist since 2008, his efforts have strengthened the department's relationships with the minority communities it serves, and have promoted and strengthened diversity initiatives within the department. Cobbs serves as a liaison to community groups, including NAACP, National Association of Asian Americans, Tempe's Gay/Straight Alliance and the East Valley Hispanic Business Alliance.

Geraldine "Gerri" Mattern – A vital part of the Tempe Mental Health Court, serving for more than eight years as the pro-bono defense counsel for all Mental Health Court participants. She retired as the Tempe City Prosecutor in 2003. Mattern has represented more than 378 clients, including community members who are homeless, mentally ill or have substance abuse issues.

Edward Mitchell – As Chair of the Mayor's Commission on Disability Concerns, Mitchell is a tireless advocate for people with disabilities in Tempe. From 2009 through 2011, Mitchell worked with the Mayor and City Council and various city departments to amend the Tempe City Code provisions regarding ADA accessible parking. These code changes provide for increased service to the disabled community.

Cristian Castro – A member of the Stand and Serve Club at Tempe High School, Castro mentors middle school students and empowers them to be social change agents in their communities. He volunteers at food banks and homeless shelters, and is a member of Tempe High's Gay/Straight Alliance. Gabriella Chevalier – As a senior at Tempe High School and a member of the Stand and Serve Club, Chevalier serves as a peer mentor for elementary and middle school youth. She recently participated in the pilot program for the Tempe Teen Diversity Dialogue program.

Mia Khan and Lani Redmond – As seniors at Corona del Sol High School, Khan and Redmond are co-coordinators of the school's Unity Leader Program. They facilitate the school's Awareness Days twice a year and, this year, are the coordinators for training the new group of Unity Leaders. Individually, Khan is the president of the Key Club and Redmond is president of the Gay/Straight Alliance Club.

Fabiha Alam and Fatima Warsame – Alam and Warsame volunteer many hours as teachers at the Tempe Mosque. Teaching a co-ed classroom at the mosque, they were given the difficult task of integrating a diverse group of youth for a common goal. A large challenge they encountered was teaching youth who were close to their age, and gaining their attention and respect.

Tempe Neighbors Helping Neighbors – The group began as friends recognizing the need to support a neighbor having difficulty keeping up with property maintenance. Since then, they have set up a phone line with volunteers checking messages and scheduling appointments. They have an ever-growing list of volunteers who are notified of the project, told what skills and tools are required and the date, time and address of the work. They typically work on Saturday mornings and can complete up to three projects in one morning.

Mulligan's Manor – Lesbian, Gay, Bi-Sexual and Transgender (LGBT) youth in the Valley are under supported, especially long term. Mulligan's Manor fills that gap, offering year-long housing and supportive services to LGBT youth in a small, intimate and sharing home.

The event was filmed by Tempe 11 and will replay throughout February on Cox Channel 11 and at www.tempe.gov/tempe11.



Do you know the name of Tempe's first telephone operator? How about why Tempe was originally known as Hayden's Ferry? Attend Tempe's second Tales from Double Butte to learn these answers and to hear many more interesting stories!

To commemorate the Arizona Centennial and celebrate the history of Tempe's most legendary residents, the second Tales from Double Butte tour of Tempe Double Butte Cemetery, 2505 W. Broadway Road, will be held Sunday, March 4, at 2 p.m. Tour guides will provide interesting details about many prominent Tempe residents who are buried at the cemetery. As a preview, see if you know the names of the following Tempe legends:

- The woman who was the namesake of the Hackett House
- The father who helped desegregate Tempe schools long before the Civil Rights Movement
- The founder and longtime editor of the Tempe Daily News, first published in August 1887
- The Methodist minister who inherited the Petersen House from Niels and Susanna Petersen
- The man who converted his blacksmith shop to an automobile garage once the car replaced the horse and buggy
- The only female, former Tempe City Council member buried at the cemetery

Tickets are \$15 and are on sale now. Proceeds will benefit the cemetery and the Tempe History Museum. For more information, call 480-350-5100 or visit www.tempe.gov/events/tales.

Throughout 2012, Tempe is celebrating the state's Centennial alongside other communities across Arizona. For a list of local events honoring Tempe and state history, visit www.tempe.gov/events/azcentennial.htm.

Calendar

This is the tentative February/March schedule for Tempe City Council meetings.

February 2, 2012

6 p.m., Issue Review Session
7:30 p.m., Council Meeting

February 16, 2012

6 p.m., Issue Review Session
7:30 p.m., Council Meeting

March 8, 2012

6 p.m., Issue Review Session
7:30 p.m., Council Meeting

March 22, 2012

6 p.m., Issue Review Session
7:30 p.m., Council Meeting

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

City Council meetings are held in the Council Chambers at City Hall, 31 E. Fifth St. 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 and times with the City Clerk's Office, 480-350-8241 or at www.tempe.gov/clerk.

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News you can use

Families can tour ASU

Families are invited to tour Arizona State University's Tempe campus on March 3, from 5-9 p.m., for a close-up look at its labs, research, brain power, museums and mediated classrooms. Night of the Open Door will be an evening of exploration and discovery at the intersection of the sciences, humanities and social sciences. It is a signature event of the 2012 Arizona SciTech Festival designed to celebrate Arizona's centennial and showcase the state as a national leader in science, technology and innovation. Admission is free. The event is hosted by ASU's College of Liberal Arts and Sciences. Learn more at <http://opendoor.asu.edu/>.

Home buying class

This spring, the Tempe Public Library will host a free series of home buying information sessions called, "Buying a Home in Today's Confusing Market." Taught by a realtor and a loan officer, the classes will inform potential buyers about existing and upcoming loan programs and how to navigate the current housing market. Classes are 5:45 to 7:45 p.m. on Feb. 21, March 20 and April 17 at the library, 3500 S. Rural Road. Registration is required as space is limited. Walk-ins will be welcome if there is room. Call Kim at 480-350-5557 or email her at kim_garza@tempe.gov to register.

Performances at the Museum: LOUD

Long before amps and electric guitars, bands were getting music loud with brass! The Tempe History Museum, along with Classical Revolution PHX, presents LOUD: an outdoor celebration of brassy bands and fine food. Join in the fun on Saturday, March 24, from 2-6 p.m. at the Tempe History Museum, 809 E. Southern Ave. You can hear Dixie land brass bands, a concert brass band and enjoy some delicious eats from food trucks. For more information, call 480-350-5100 or visit www.tempe.gov/museum/events.htm.

Tempe Public Library hosts digital bookmobile national tour

The Digital Bookmobile National Tour (www.digitalbookmobile.com) will showcase the free eBook download service at the Tempe Public Library's south parking lot on Thursday, March 1, from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. At this free event, readers of all ages will learn how to download eBooks from the library through interactive demonstrations and high-definition instructional videos. A gadget gallery – featuring Kindle®, iPod® touch, Android™ tablet, NOOK™, Sony® Reader™, BlackBerry®, Windows® Phone, and more – will help visitors discover portable devices that are compatible with the library's download service. Library card holders can also check out and download digital titles by visiting www.tempe.gov/library and clicking on Digital Downloads.

Prom dress giveaway

The 11th Annual Cinderella Affair prom dress giveaway will take place in March at the Pyle Adult Recreation Center, 655 E. Southern Ave. Female junior or senior high school students may attend this event and select one dress and accessories free of charge. On Friday, March 30, doors are open from 3-5 p.m. for students of the Tempe Union High School, and will then open to all students from 5-8 p.m. On Saturday, March 31, the boutique will be open to all students from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Last year, nearly 1,000 girls were fitted with dresses, so come early, bring water, sunscreen and patience! To offset operating costs, tax deductible monetary donations are appreciated and may be mailed to Tempe Community Council (Cinderella Affair in memo line) at 34 E. 7th Street, Tempe, 85281. For more information, visit www.cinderellaaffair.org, 480-858-2300 or email tccinformation@tempe.gov.

2012-13 Budget information online

For updated details on Tempe's process to formulate operating budgets for the 2012-13 fiscal year, including projected dates for City Council discussions on the budget, visit www.tempe.gov/budgetplan. The site also includes information about the last two fiscal years.



Election video now available to guide Tempe voters

With elections for Mayor of Tempe and three City Council positions coming this spring, Tempe 11 has produced a video guide to help voters keep track of the many important dates ahead.

The video, presented by Tempe City Clerk, Brigitta Kuiper, is available at <http://youtu.be/l8aTrRcM8aQ>. Check out the video for more information about City Council terms, candidate qualifications, election dates and voting methods.

The city's Primary Election is March 13 and the General Election is May 15. Candidate contact information is available at the City Clerk's webpage, www.tempe.gov/clerk/election.

Tempe 11 will air five-minute remarks from each candidate at 5 p.m. (before scheduled City Council Issue Review Sessions) from Jan. 19 through the elections. These "open mic" opportunities, which are replayed on Tempe 11 at various times each week, are the candidates' chances to tell you more about themselves. Check out their remarks by tuning in to Tempe 11, which is Channel 11 for Cox Communications cable subscribers in Tempe. You can also stream Tempe 11 live or view Video-on-Demand programming— just go to www.tempe.gov/tempe11.

Take a walk on the wild side

It's time to get out and start walking. Walking is a great way to meet your neighbors and improve your health. Tempe has several multi-use paths, including the Western Canal, Crosscut Canal and Kyrene Canal paths. While you are out there on your feet, please remember these safety tips"

- Cross the street at a corner by using traffic signals and crosswalks.
- Try to make eye contact with drivers before crossing in front of them.
- Look left, right and left again when crossing.
- Walk, do not run, across the street.
- Walk on sidewalks or paths. If there are no sidewalks, walk facing traffic as far to the left as possible.
- Watch for cars that are turning or backing up.
- When the light turns green, make sure the intersection is clear before you go.
- When approaching a METRO light rail crossing:
 - Never try to beat the train.
 - Do not walk on or stand near the tracks.
 - Cross only at crosswalks and obey the crosswalk signals.
 - Be alert when near the tracks.
 - Look for flashing headlights and listen for warning bells and horns.
- Look both ways before crossing the tracks.
- Be aware of what's going on around you.
- Wear bright-colored clothing.

Source: safekids.org and valleymetro.org

Remember to obey the law and use common sense when you are taking that stroll. For a list of multi-use paths in Tempe, visit www.tempe.gov/tim.



Art docent boot camp returns to TCA

The Gallery at Tempe Center for the Arts is conducting a Docent Orientation and Boot Camp from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. on March 2 at the Tempe Center for the Arts (TCA), 700 W. Rio Salado Parkway.

This volunteer program is geared toward individuals who enjoy art or art history and enjoy talking to people. No experience is necessary. The TCA docent training program features fun, interactive activities, such as art and architecture lectures, artist demonstrations and studio visits and practice sessions in local galleries, museums and public art sites.

During the one-day boot camp, participants will experience a behind-the-scenes tour of the TCA, learn about the history and construction of the center and do inquiry-based "talking about art" exercises in the gallery. Bring a brown bag lunch, comfortable shoes and a bottle of water.

The Gallery at TCA offers visitors a warm and friendly environment for thoughtful and engaging experiences. The Gallery features a variety of curated, traveling and juried exhibitions from contemporary art from local artists and internationally-recognized artists to themes of popular and cultural interest.

Please RSVP by 5 p.m. on Feb. 29 to 480-350-2867.



Open Mic resumes for seventh season

Walk-in Wednesdays Open Mic Night opens its seventh season at the Tempe Center for the Arts (TCA), located at 700 W. Rio Salado Parkway.

There is no cover charge to play or enjoy the performances, which are scheduled from 6-10 p.m. every Wednesday from January through May and September through November. Audiences can enjoy food and beverage specials by Santa Barbara Catering.

Performer sign-up begins at 5 p.m. A special youth segment allows students who are high-school age and younger to perform from 5-6 p.m. (sign-up at 4:30 p.m.), freeing the evening for homework and other activities.

Walk-in Wednesdays Open Mic Night offers musicians an opportunity to perform original and cover songs in front of friendly, attentive crowds. Performers represent a diverse segment of the population, ranging from children to retirees, and reflect demographics similar to those of audience members. Genres of music range from country to rock; torch to jazz; hip hop to blues with a few spoken word pieces here and there.

Singer, songwriter Walt Richardson serves as host of the series, where performers can be selected for the popular Songwriters' Showcase series appearing on Tempe 11 and Eight/KAET, Arizona PBS. Check <http://www.tempe.gov/tca/wiw.htm> for more details.

Nominate someone extraordinary in your community

Tempe Community Council and the City of Tempe are accepting nominations for the 24th Annual Tempe Mayor's Disability Awards. The purpose of the Disability Awards is to honor those in our community who have overcome significant barriers to succeed in the workplace, as well as those employers and architects who support the full participation of people with disabilities in the workplace. Nominations are being accepted to honor these outstanding individuals in categories such as outstanding employers, students and a lifetime achievement award. View a full list of nomination categories and download the nomination form at www.tempe.gov/tcc/Events/DisabilityAwards/home.htm. Submissions are due by 4 p.m. on Friday, March 30, to the Tempe Diversity Department. They may be submitted by fax at 480-350-2907, via email at karl_stephens@tempe.gov or by mail to the Tempe Community Council, 34 E. Seventh St., Building A, Tempe, 85281.

Free tax preparation for income-qualified residents

Don't pay hundreds of dollars to have your taxes done! Tempe Community Council's Financial Stability Initiative offers a free tax preparation site and Earned Income Tax Credit refunds for families who qualify. The service will be available each Saturday through April 14, from 9 a.m. to noon (except March 10 and 17 for Spring Break) and Wednesdays in February only from 5-7 p.m. It is hosted by Tempe Schools Credit Union, 2800 S. Mill Ave. For free tax preparation, families must have had an income of \$55,000 or less in 2011; single individuals must have earned \$35,000 or less. Check www.tempe.gov/tcc/financialstability/taxPrep.htm for details and what to bring to your visit.



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