



Pen Johnson

25th Annual Don Carlos Awards

Longtime community member Pen Johnson and the Tempe Diablos will be recognized at the 25th anniversary of the Don Carlos Awards.

Named after Tempe's founder, Charles Trumbull "Don Carlos" Hayden, the awards recognize outstanding service to the community.

Johnson will accept Humanitarian of the Year honors and the Tempe Diablos will receive the inaugural Guiding Light Lifetime Achievement Philanthropy Award. Awards will be presented at a reception on Wednesday, Nov. 5, at the Arizona Historical Society Museum, 1300 N. College Ave., from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. Tickets are \$50.

Call Tempe Community Council at 480-858-2300 for more information.



Tradition honors Tempe veterans

Veterans will be honored Tuesday, Nov. 11, at Tempe's annual Veteran's Day Parade. Beginning at 10 a.m., veterans, Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts, high school marching bands and community members will join in this festive tribute. The parade begins near ASU Gammage at Mill Avenue and Apache Boulevard, and ends with a brief ceremony at Tempe Beach Park, at Mill Avenue and Rio Salado Parkway.

The Veteran's Day Parade has proudly traveled the same downtown Tempe route for years, but that is expected to change in 2009 after METRO Light Rail begins operating. For more information, call 480-968-0634.



Holiday season glitters in Mill Avenue District

Brighten the start of the holiday season amid glittering lights at the annual APS Fantasy of Lights Opening Night Parade on Saturday,

Nov. 29, from 5-9 p.m. This free event kicks off in the Mill Avenue District with a parade and the lighting of a festively decorated, 60-foot tree. Santa Claus is even scheduled to make an appearance. Fireworks are a great finish to this night of family fun.

A couple of weeks later, on Saturday, Dec. 13, the APS Fantasy of Lights Boat Parade comes back to illuminate Tempe Town Lake. Decorated boats light up the night, while musical entertainment, kids' activities and 50 tons of snow add seasonal atmosphere. This free event starts at 4 p.m. at Tempe Beach Park, at Mill Avenue and Rio Salado Parkway, and concludes with a dazzling fireworks finale.

For more information on either event, visit www.downtowntempe.com.



The Tempe Police Department continues its new S.A.F.E. Start (Safety Awareness for Everyone) program this fall, with a November focus on awareness of street robberies.

Launched in August, with the return of Arizona State University students, S.A.F.E. Start began with an awareness campaign about sexual assault prevention and will continue with other topics throughout the year.

During the November campaign, Tempe Police will offer tips to avoid being a victim of street robbery, which can occur in locations such as parking lots and on sidewalks. People should avoid walking alone or having portable music device headphones in both ears; they also should keep a charged cell phone on and ready to use.

For more information, visit www.tempe.gov/police and click on "S.A.F.E. Start."

Sewer rates increase

Recently, the Tempe City Council approved resolutions revising the water, sewer and solid waste rates within the City of Tempe and the Town of Guadalupe. These rate adjustments are based on a detailed cost of service rate analysis to assure that each utility customer (single family residential, multi-family, and commercial) pays a proportionate share of the costs. The new rates are effective with charges beginning Nov. 1.

The total combined water, wastewater and solid waste rate adjustments will increase an average single family residential utility bill by \$5.55 or 9.4 percent a month. Multi-family and commercial customers are divided into seven categories, and each customer classification will be charged different water and sewer rates. These rates can be viewed by visiting www.tempe.gov/water/rates.

For questions about the rate increases, contact Customer Services at 480-350-8361, Monday through Friday, 7 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Tempe-based facility earns LEED Gold

The East Valley Bus Operations and Maintenance Facility, located in Tempe at 2050 W. Rio Salado Parkway, has been awarded Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) Gold certification by the U.S. Green Building Council – the first designation of its kind for a Tempe building.

Opened in September 2007, the facility is owned and operated by Tempe, Scottsdale and Valley Metro and maintains the 250 buses that serve the region. It incorporates green design and building principles that minimize environmental impact and reduce energy consumption, such as more natural light, recycled carpet, under-floor air distribution, reclamation of water used to wash buses and drought-resistant native landscaping.

For more information, call 480-350-2775 or visit www.tempe.gov/greenprograms.

Tempe takes home three honors from Valley Forward

The City of Tempe claimed three honors at Valley Forward's 28th Annual Environmental Excellence Awards for its transportation program and arts center. Held Sept. 6 in Scottsdale, the awards ceremony recognized the sustainability initiatives of 49 public and private projects in 24 categories, from private homes to commercial buildings to public spaces. The Tempe Center for the Arts (TCA) and Tempe in Motion (TIM), the city's transportation program, won prestigious Crescordia awards. The TCA also won an Award of Merit for its site development and landscaping.

In the Buildings and Structures/Public Assembly category, the TCA was praised for transforming a former landfill on the south bank of Tempe Town Lake into an architectural showpiece that houses local arts organizations and adds to community quality of life. Architekton of Tempe and Barton Myers Associates, Inc., of Los Angeles, collaborated with Tempe to design a beautifully-placed community art center that enhances the landscape while promoting quality of life issues related to sustainability, recreation and culture. For more information, visit www.tempe.gov/tca.

In the Livable Communities/Multimodal Transportation and Connectivity category, TIM was recognized for implementing innovative projects that provide alternative modes of transportation to improve air quality and decrease traffic congestion. Since the passage of the city's 1996 transit sales tax, Tempe has added bus service, implemented five free neighborhood circulator routes, created an alternatively-fueled fleet, constructed light rail, built bikeways, constructed two "green" buildings and implemented neighborhood pedestrian facilities. Tempe is also actively supporting the construction of Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) certified buildings in its community including the East Valley Bus Operations & Maintenance Facility and the Tempe Transportation Center. For more information, visit www.tempe.gov/tim.

Tempe won an Award of Merit in the Site Development and Landscape/Parks category, for the Tempe Center for the Arts. Design Workshop and the City of Tempe collaborated on the beautifully appointed, 17-acre lakeside art park that is an outstanding contribution to the City of Tempe's sustainability. The TCA is located in the park and creates a landmark for outdoor enthusiasts to admire while boating, fishing, cycling, skating, strolling or jogging.



Ironman Arizona is Nov. 23

Come to Tempe Town Lake to cheer on the 2,100 athletes as they test their endurance in one of the most grueling events in the world of sports. The Ford Ironman Arizona will have its fifth race in Tempe and the Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community on Sunday, Nov. 23. This race marks the event's official move from the spring to November each year.

The Ironman triathlon features a 2.4-mile swim, a 112-mile bike ride and a complete marathon (26.2 miles) all in succession. Athletes have 17 hours to complete the event, from 7 a.m. until midnight.

Parking for the race is available throughout downtown Tempe. Visit www.ironmanarizona.com for more information on the event, activities and access.

It's a bird! It's a plane! It's Tempe's Bicycle Hero!

We all know Superman and Batman, but what about the mighty Bicycle Hero? The Tempe Transportation Commission is requesting nominations for its Bicycle Hero Award, an honor given to Tempe residents or organizations that significantly contribute to making Tempe a bicycle-friendly community. The award celebrates bicycling in Tempe, increases awareness of bicycling as an alternative mode of transportation, promotes bicycling as an environmentally-friendly recreational activity and demonstrates the dedication of Tempe residents and employers to bicycling. Nominations are due by Dec. 31. For more information, visit www.tempe.gov/tim or call 480-858-2215.

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The Hohokam

You may know about Charles Trumbull Hayden's contributions to founding Tempe in the 1860s, but did you know that the Hohokam were the area's first residents? They inhabited this area, and other locations in southern Arizona, beginning between 300 B.C. and A.D. 1 and concluding around A.D. 1450.

The Hohokam migrated from present-day Mexico to settle in southern Arizona. They built hundreds of miles of canals throughout the Valley to transport water from the Salt and Gila rivers for their crops. The system of canals was an advanced engineering effort that historians believe required much cooperation and division of labor to complete. These canals would later be excavated and used by pioneers. Even today, Hohokam canal lines were the foundation for the Salt River Project canals.

The Hohokam grew beans, squash, agave, corn and cotton, but had no domesticated livestock. They hunted quail, rabbit and deer, and also gathered fish and shellfish from their canals. They may have traded their pottery, stone tools and woven textiles with communities in Mexico.

The disappearance of the Hohokam remains a mystery. One theory suggests that the Hohokam migrated back to Mexico after an extended drought, and another proposes that they evolved into separate tribes like the Akimel O'odham (Pima) and the Tohono O'odham (Papago). The name "Hohokam" is said to originate from the Pima word that means "those who have vanished."

The influence of Tempe's first inhabitants remains today. A 650-year-old Hohokam dwelling ruin, Loma del Rio, is a popular location for visitors to Papago Park. Hikers on "A" Mountain can still find ancient Hohokam petroglyphs on rock outcroppings. State Route 143 – the piece of highway that connects Tempe with Sky Harbor Airport – is known as the Hohokam Expressway, a reminder of the Hohokam's remarkable canals that connected much-needed water with crops.

Calendar

City Council Meetings

The October/November schedule for Tempe City Council meetings

October 2, 2008

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

October 16, 2008

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

November 6, 2008

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

November 20, 2008

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 on the Web site at www.tempe.gov/clerk.

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News you can use

Tempe and IKEA win recycling award

The City of Tempe and retailer IKEA have been recognized for recycling and disposal programs that give residents options for discarding unwanted household items. The North American Hazardous Materials Management Association has given the organizations the Leaders in Product Stewardship Award. Residents are encouraged to drop off recyclables at Tempe's Household Products Collection Center, 1320 E. University Drive, at IKEA Tempe, located at 2110 W. IKEA Way, and by participating in neighborhood collections. The Household Products Collection Center collects household hazardous waste from residents of Tempe and Guadalupe, such as motor oil, paint and flammable liquids. Information about Tempe's recycling program and a list of acceptable items to recycle is available at www.tempe.gov/recycling or by calling 480-350-8145.

40th Fall Tempe Festival of the Arts

More than 450 artists will sell their original pieces at the 40th Fall Tempe Festival of the Arts, from Friday, Dec. 5, through Sunday, Dec. 7, in the Mill Avenue District. This free street festival is open 10 a.m. to dusk. A number of Arizona wineries will again participate in the Arizona Wine Festival, where patrons 21 and older can pay admission to a wine tasting area where jazz artists will perform. Kids Innovation Station, presented by APS, provides hands-on arts activities for children. The event's main stage will host many of the Valley's favorite bands, ranging from the blues to reggae. For more information, visit www.tempefestivalofthearts.com.

FestDevil Homecoming Gala

Arizona State University marks its 50th anniversary this year and the school's Homecoming activities will reflect that celebratory mood. One of the activities, the 2008 FestDevil Homecoming Gala, features dinner, dancing, live music, a silent auction and more. Juan Roque, of the ASU Sun Devil All-American 1996 Pacific-Ten Conference Champions, will serve as Master of Ceremonies. The event will be Friday, Nov. 14, at The Buttes Resort, in Tempe. Tickets are \$200. Register at www.tempechamber.org or by calling 480-967-7891. For more information on all ASU Homecoming activities, visit <http://homecoming.asu.edu>.

Shred-A-Thon

Tempe residents can protect themselves from identity theft, help the environment and celebrate America Recycles Day by participating in a Shred-A-Thon on Saturday, Nov. 15. Residents are invited to bring confidential documents from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. to 2250 W. Broadway Rd., Suite 104, in Mesa, and watch while their documents are destroyed. The event is sponsored by the City of Tempe's Public Works/Solid Waste Division and Premier Document Shredding. For more information, call 480-350-8145 or visit www.tempe.gov/recycling.

Tempe and Chandler studying transit options

METRO Light Rail, in cooperation with the Federal Transit Administration, is studying potential high-capacity transit improvements in Tempe and Chandler. The "Tempe South" study is evaluating transit modes and routes to provide a north-south connection from the 20-mile METRO starter line to the Loop 202 Santan Freeway. Visit www.metrolightrail.org/tempesouth for more information, or call 602-254-7245.

Tempe Community Chorus

Tempe Community Chorus will begin its 18th season of local choral presentations with a concert on Sunday, Dec. 7, at the McClintock High School auditorium, 1830 E. Del Rio Drive. The free annual concert led by Cary Burns begins at 3 p.m., featuring holiday selections performed by the 80-member chorus. The group's spring concert will be held May 31, 2009, in the Tempe Center for the Arts. For more information, visit <http://aztec.asu.edu/tccchorus>.