



## City Council Weekly Information Packet

Friday, June 23, 2023

Includes the following documents/information:

- 1) City Council Events Schedule
- 2) State and Federal Updates & Grant Opportunities
- 3) Streets and Parks Renaming Update
- 4) Community Services Update
- 5) Engineering & Transportation Update



# City Council Events Schedule

**June 23, 2023 thru November 11, 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.

Fri	June 23	6:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.	Arizona Theatre Company: Partnership Stakeholder Dinner  Location: Tempe Center for the Arts 700 W. Rio Salado Parkway Tempe, AZ
Sat	June 24	2:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.	Kyrene Peaker Plant Townhall  Location: Tempe Public Library – Desert Willow Room 3500 S. Rural Road Tempe, AZ
Fri	June 30	5:30 p.m. – 8:45 p.m.	Tempe Sister Cities Welcome Dinner  Location: Arizona Community Church 9325 S. Rural Road Tempe, AZ
Fri	July 14	1:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.	2023 Summer Youth Volunteer Application Event  Location: Main Event – Tempe 8545 S. Emerald Drive Tempe, AZ
Tues	Sept 12	5:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.	MYAC Kick-Off Retreat  Location: Tempe History Museum 2500 S. Rural Road Tempe, AZ
Fri	Sept 22	4:00 p.m. – 11:59 p.m.	Boots in the Park  Location: Tempe Beach Park 80 W. Rio Salado Parkway Tempe, AZ
Wed	Sept 27	5:30 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.	40 <sup>th</sup> Annual Don Carlos Humanitarian Awards  Location: SRP Pera Club 1 E. Continental Drive Tempe, AZ

Sat	Nov 11	10:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.	Diwali and Veterans Day Assembly  Location: Kyrene Del Norte Dual Language Academy 1331 E. Redfield Drive Tempe, AZ
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# MEMORANDUM



TO: Mayor and City Council  
THROUGH: Rosa Inchausti, Interim City Manager  
FROM: Marge Zylla, Government Relations Officer  
DATE: June 23, 2023  
SUBJECT: State and Federal Update & Grant Opportunities

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

- Governor Executive Order
- House Democratic Leadership
- State Revenue Update
- State Legislative Update
- 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.

### **Governor Executive Order**

The Governor issued an Executive Order today relating to abortion-related prosecutions. The text will be posted to [this link](#) when it is available. Tweet is at [this link](#). Related articles are available [here](#) and [here](#).

### **House Democratic Leadership**

New leadership in the House was announced this week due to former Democratic Leader Cano leaving office. Representative Melody Hernandez, who represents LD8 in Tempe, will continue as Whip. Press release is at [this link](#).

### **State Revenue Update**

Last week included the Joint Legislative Budget Committee's (JLBC) preliminary state general fund revenue update for May 2023. That report is available at [this link](#). This week, the JLBC's Monthly Fiscal Highlights was released and is at [this link](#). Excerpts: "May General Fund revenues totaled \$1.03 billion, which was a decline of (44.3)% below May 2022 collections. While the state was projected to have a revenue decline during May due to the phase-in of the income tax reduction, the actual decline significantly exceeded expectations and generated a loss of \$(183) million compared to the enacted budget forecast. ... Based on final data for May, Individual Income Tax had a forecast loss of \$(181) million, meaning the category generated almost all of the state's total monthly loss."

### **State Legislative Update**

Today is the 166th day of the 2023 state legislative session and 1,672 bills have been introduced. Of the 345 bills that have passed, 202 have been signed into law, and 143 have been vetoed.

The legislature is slated to resume activity on July 31st. The legislature may continue to stay in session after that time, potentially recessing temporarily again.

The legislature has not taken action on bills in the past week. Last week's Weekly Information Packet outlines the topic areas of relevance to city operations, projects and programs.

Earlier memos can be found at [this link](#).

The city's framework for responses to legislative proposals is the Council supported Tempe State Legislative Principles, which are available at [this link](#).

### **Grant Opportunities**

*Via US Department of Education Office of Communications and Outreach, State and Local Engagement, 6/23/23*

## **ONLINE FOR ALL**

Last week, more than 300 national and local organizations joined the Education Department and Civic Nation to launch [Online for All](#), a digital equity campaign working to close the digital divide by focusing on internet access, affordability, and equity for students and families ([press release](#) and [fact sheet](#)).

The groups kicked off a [Week of Action](#) to drive enrollment in the [Affordable Connectivity Program](#) (ACP). An estimated 28 million households in the U.S. do not have high-speed internet at home, and two-thirds of these households are offline because they need help affording an available internet connection. The ACP, created through the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law, significantly reduces the cost of internet, and millions more eligible households could still benefit.

Secretary Cardona launched the Week of Action by headlining a virtual event, alongside the American Federation of Teachers (AFT), the National Education Association (NEA), and the National Association of

Secondary School Principals (NASSP), on providing educators with the tools they need to educate families about this opportunity and keep students connected over the summer.

Vice President Harris also released a [video](#) encouraging families to sign up for the ACP at [GetInternet.gov](https://www.getinternet.gov).

# MEMORANDUM

**TO:** Mayor & City Council  
**FROM:** Madalaine McConville, Council Aide II, x8543  
**DATE:** June 23, 2023  
**SUBJECT:** Streets and Parks Renaming Update



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## UPDATE:

On May 2, 2023, Mayor and Council voted to approve the new streets and parks names. Effective June 30, 2023, the following streets and parks will have new names (Image 1: New Names for City Streets and Parks Map):

- Parque de Soza replaces Hudson Park
- Obregon Street replaces East Laird Street
- Michelle Brooks-Totress Park replaces Redden Park
- Romo Jones Street replaces West Laird Street
- Thomas Lane replaces Hudson Lane
- Mary and Moses Green Park replaces Harelson Park
- Additionally, Rancho de Sotelo will be designated as a Special Recognition Area

Residents impacted by the street name changes have been contacted by City of Tempe staff on numerous occasions. They have received several letters and postcards reminding them of the upcoming changes. Additionally, staff canvassed the residences who live on the three streets on June 17 to assist them with any questions they had. The Communications and Marketing Office is producing a video that will be shared on the City's social media channels to remind residents of the change and items they may need to update. Staff designed a webpage that outlines what changes residents may need to make, or if the City is taking care of updating their information. The webpage also features the reimbursement form that residents can fill out to receive up to \$100 back in costs they have incurred due to their street changing (i.e. updating their driver's license). Additionally, Rancho de Sotelo will be designated by Street Topper Signs (Image 2: Rancho de Sotelo Special Recognition Signs) and Light Pole Banners.

The Streets and Parks Renaming Celebration will take place on Wednesday October 11, 2023 from 5-7 p.m. More details will be shared in the coming months. We have also notified the family members of those individuals for whom the parks will be renamed.

This effort has been a cross departmental initiative led by employees from various city departments. Information Technology staff, Stephanie Deitrick and William Mancini and the rest of their team has been instrumental in the effort to make sure the City's data will reflect the new streets and parks names. Community Services staff, Craig Hayton and Alex Jovanovic will ensure new parks rules signage will be updated. They are also working to finalize details for the new park monument signage. Staff will continue working together to make sure the family members of those individuals for whom the parks are renamed will be notified when the new park monument signs are installed. Nikki Ripley and the Communications team has helped ensure residents have the updated and correct information for the changes. The Engineering and Transportation staff, Eric Iwersen, Shelly Seyler, and Isaac Chavira have worked diligently to coordinate the street name changes.

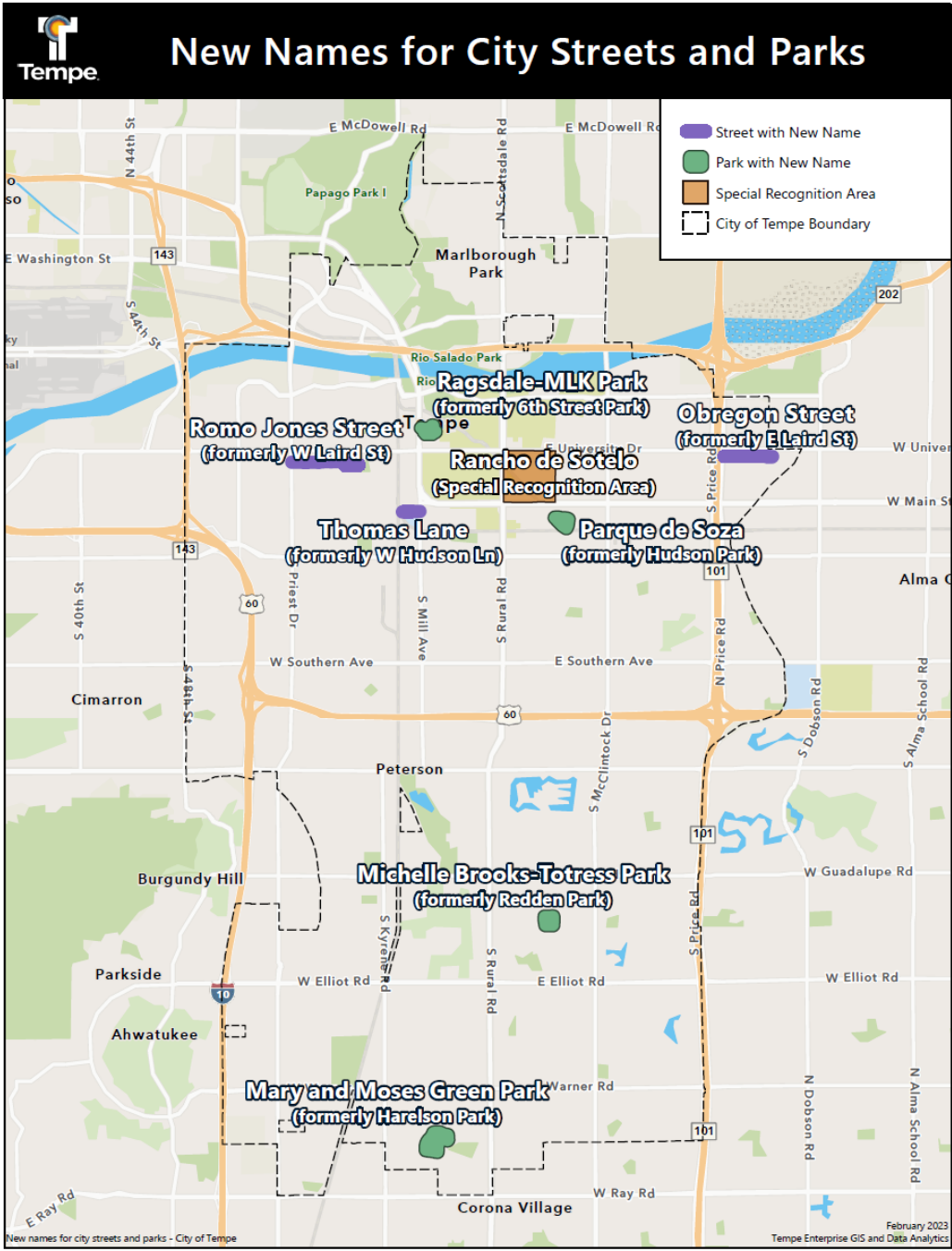


Image 1 (Left): New Names for City Streets and Parks Map

Image 2 (below): Rancho de Sotelo Special Recognition Signs





# COMMUNITY SERVICES UPDATE

June 23, 2023

## Tempe Sports Complex: Temporary Modified Hours

The **Tempe Sports Complex**, located at 8401 S. Hardy Drive, is a popular part of Tempe's parks and recreational system. The highly visited complex provides multiple active and passive recreational opportunities for the Tempe community and its visitors through multiple multiuse fields, youth baseball fields, pickleball courts, a skate park, a dog park and multiple pathways for other leisure activities. Certain amenities – dog park, skate park and pickleball courts – close nightly at 10pm, earlier than the rest of the park which closes at midnight. In an effort to extend opportunities to the community, the 10 pm closure for these amenities will be temporarily modified to 11pm through the end of September, starting on June 30, 2023. The additional hour will provide extended use opportunities for these popular amenities during the non-sunny, less hot time of the day. Signage with the temporary hours will be posted and staff will monitor activity throughout the summer.



3.16: Quality of city recreation, arts, & cultural centers

## Town Lake and Rio Salado Pathway Etiquette & Infrastructure Improvements

The first mile of the Rio Salado & Town Lake pathways was installed between Rural and Mill, on the south bank, in 1996. Since that time Tempe has built 40 miles of pathways city-wide and approximately 9 of those miles are along the Town Lake and Rio Salado connecting into Mesa, Phoenix and Scottsdale at our borders. The popularity and use of the pathways has been strong and staff continues to support more path infrastructure and ensuring the pathways are accessible for all users.



With the popularity of the pathways, there have been some requests to provide enhanced comfort and a clarity of how to use the paths. The Rio Salado paths are the busiest in the city and can present challenges as all types of allowed devices are mixing together. Bicycles, pedestrians, skaters, and scooter riders are all present and common users of the pathways. In the interest of ensuring all these types of path riders are interacting well, staff has developed a plan that will be implemented over the summer months to support improved user conditions and pathway etiquette. Below is information on each new element that will be added to the 9 miles of Rio Salado path

### **ENGINEERING/INFRASTRUCTURE CHANGES**

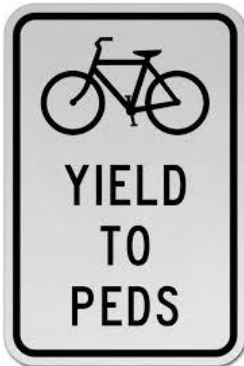
Pathway users should travel with the flow of traffic, in general, and ride, walk, skate on the right. To support this message, the following will be done.

- Install a dashed reflective stripe down the center of the paths to delineate direction of travel.
- Install some arrows on both sides of the paths to indicate direction of travel.
- Install appropriate signage indicating bicyclists, scooters, or other faster path devices to be aware of pedestrians.

## Examples of striping



## Examples of possible signage (final sign being determined)



## ENFORCEMENT & EDUCATION OF APPROPRIATE PATH USE

Critical to the success of these engineering improvements it will be important to have the City's various enforcement and communications teams assist in getting the word out and reinforcing the same messages. The following will be done.

- Coordinate with the Police department to assist in messaging and possibly enforcing appropriate operating practices along the pathways.
- Track and report path crashes that were reported to PD.
- Work with the upcoming new Park Ranger program to have rangers message out to/educate pathway users simple messages like: yield to pedestrians, follow traffic laws, etc.
- Work with the Communications & Marketing team to develop some short social media posts and public messaging materials to promote improved path behavior and use.
- Develop opportunities for City Council members to put out public service announcements about the changes and the importance of being respectful and responsible path users.
- Work with Arizona State University, bike and other transportation stakeholder groups, and City Boards and Commissions to provide additional outreach and messaging.

### **TIMELINE/NEXT STEPS:**

- July & August: striping and signage installs; social media messaging
- Fall 2023: park ranger outreach/education
- Spring 2024: report to council on crash data, public response to new signage and striping

### **FISCAL IMPACT or IMPACT TO CURRENT RESOURCES:**

Multiple departments will assist in the funding and staffing of these new improvements including Transit/Transportation, Communications & Marketing, Police, and Community Services.

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# **COUNCIL UPDATE**

## **INAUGURAL 2022 US DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION THRIVING COMMUNITIES PROGRAM**

It was announced in April that the [City of Tempe was selected as one of 64 recipients](#) from 42 states for the inaugural FY 2022 US Department of Transportation Thriving Communities program

Tempe is one of 14 cities in the Complete Transit-Oriented Neighborhoods Community of Practice. It is the only Complete Neighborhood in Arizona and only one of three in the Southwest. There were 311 total applications in the inaugural application pool. Complete Transit-Oriented Neighborhoods are focused on urban and suburban communities located within metropolitan regions working to advance equitable transit-oriented development and improve safe, reliable and accessible transit service.

The City of Tempe will receive two years of no-cost intensive technical assistance. Capacity builders help recipients prepare application materials and predevelopment activities to co-design and advance infrastructure projects that address critical social, economic, environmental, and mobility needs.

The project proposal aims to maximize the use of the light rail to promote equitable and place-based transit-oriented development in the Apache Corridor. The project will demonstrate how to reduce traffic congestion and carbon emissions, while also creating strong local economies.

The capacity builder team will engage community-based organizations and disadvantaged business enterprises. Two of the Tempe-based community organizations are RAIL CDC and Pinnacle Prevention. The Knowledge Exchange for Resilience (KER) at ASU will serve as a research partner, and Culdesac as a private sector partner. These partner organizations, together with the City of Tempe, submitted the Thriving Communities proposal.

The Thriving Communities program aims to expand the pool of communities that can effectively compete for federal funding, including the historic funding available through the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law (BIL) and Inflation Reduction

Act (IRA) (source). Note that the City of Tempe will not receive funding, but instead will be paired with technical assistance providers that will support the project team in applying for funds to support the project plans. The capacity building partner for Tempe's cohort is WSP USA, Inc. and its partners – Accelerator for America, North Carolina Agricultural and Technical State University, and Sidewalk Infrastructure Partners.

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