



City Council Weekly Information Packet

Friday, September 1, 2023

Includes the following documents/information:

- 1) City Council Events Schedule
- 2) State and Federal Update & Grant Opportunities
- 3) September is National Suicide Prevention and Awareness Month
- 4) Municipal Utilities Department Update
- 5) Community Services Department Update



City Council Events Schedule

September 1, 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	Aug 25	11:30 a.m. – 1:30 p.m.	ASU Chamber Kickoff Luncheon Location: ASU Stadium 500 E. Veteran’s Way Tempe, AZ
Tues	Sept 5	5:30 p.m. – 6:30 p.m.	Getting AZ Involved in Neighborhoods (GAIN) 2023 Registration Event Location: Tempe History Museum 809 E. Southern Avenue Tempe, AZ
Wed	Sept 6	7:30 a.m. – 9:00 a.m.	Annual YMCA Friend Raiser Location: Tempe Family YMCA 7070 S. Rural Road Tempe, AZ
Thu	Sept 7	8:00 a.m. – 9:00 a.m.	Voodoo Donuts Grand Opening Location: Voodoo Donuts 1324 S. Rural Road Tempe, AZ
Sat	Sept 9	10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.	Breakfast with Berdetta; Berdetta’s Birthday Bash Location: Tempe History Museum 809 E. Southern Avenue Tempe, AZ
Sat	Sept 9	6:00 p.m. – 12:00 a.m.	Adalante y Exito Business, Leadership and STEAM Scholars Scholarships Gala Location: US 60/ Alma School 1011 W. Holmes Avenue Mesa, AZ
Mon	Sept 11	5:45 a.m. – 7:00 a.m.	Tempe Healing Field Location: Tempe Beach Park 80 W. Rio Salado Parkway 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
Tues	Sept 12	6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.	Arts in the Parks Kick Off Event: Meyer Park Location: Meyer Park 2727 S. Dorset Lane Tempe, AZ
Wed	Sept 13	6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.	Arts in the Parks Kick Event: Scudder Park Location: Scudder Park 5805 S. Lakeshore Drive Tempe, AZ
Thur	Sept 14	6:00 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.	University Park Meeting Location: Graduate Hotel 225 E. Apache Boulevard Tempe, AZ
Thur	Sept 14	6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.	Arts in the Parks Kick Off Event: Corbell Park Location: Corbell Park 7300 S. Lakeshore Drive Tempe, AZ
Thur	Sept 14	6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.	Featured Exhibit Opening: Tempe Signs Location: Tempe History Museum 809 E. Southern Avenue Tempe, AZ
Sat	Sept 16	2:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.	City of Tempe Football Night Location: Arizona State University 500 E. Veteran’s Way Tempe, AZ
Sat	Sept 16	6:30 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.	The Central District Association – 75 th Anniversary Celebration Banquet Location: Tempe Embassy Suits 4400 S. Rural Road Tempe, AZ
Mon	Sept 18	4:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.	Leah Martin Law Ribbon Cutting Location: Leah Martin Law 2211 E. Highland Avenue, Suite 100 Phoenix, AZ

Mon	Sept 18	6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.	Arts in the Parks Kick Off Event: Indian Bend Park Location: Indian Bend Park 1250 E. Marigold Lane Tempe, AZ
Tues	Sept 19	6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.	Arts in the Parks Kick Off Event: Mary and Moses Green Park Location: Mary and Moses green Park 9325 W. Warner Ranch Drive Tempe, AZ
Wed	Sept 20	6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.	Arts in the Parks Kick Off Event: Optimist Park Location: Optimist Park 2000 E. Sesame Street 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 th Annual Don Carlos Humanitarian Awards Location: SRP Pera Club 1 E. Continental Drive Tempe, AZ
Thur	Sept 28	4:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.	Residence Inn Tempe Downtown – 10 Year Anniversary Ribbon Cutting Location: Residence Inn Tempe Downtown 510 S. Forest Ave Tempe, AZ
Thur	Oct 5	6:50 a.m. – 8:15 a.m.	Psyche Mission Launch Viewing Party and STEM Fair Location: ASU Prep Downtown 735 E. Fillmore Street Phoenix, AZ
Sun	Oct 8	12:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.	Tardeada Location: Tempe Community Complex 809 E. Southern Avenue Tempe, AZ
Wed	Nov 1	8:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.	LISC Phoenix Annual Breakfast & Community Awards Location: Renaissance Phoenix Downtown Hotel 100 N. 1 st Street Phoenix, AZ

Mon	Nov 6	8:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m.	Mpact Transit Conference Location: Phoenix – Precise Location Details TBD Phoenix, 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, City Manager
FROM: Marge Zylla, Government Relations Officer
DATE: September 1, 2023
SUBJECT: State and Federal Update & Grant Opportunities

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

- Federal Affordable Housing Credit Improvement Act Support Letter
- League of Arizona Cities and Towns Conference
- 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 Affordable Housing Credit Improvement Act Support Letter

Mayor Woods joined local elected leaders across the country in signing on in support of the Affordable Housing Credit Improvement Act of 2023 (AHCIA) ([S.1557/H.R.3238](#)). The text of the letter is below.

Dear Leader Schumer, Speaker McCarthy, Leader McConnell, and Leader Jeffries:

As mayors, county executives, and county board chairs representing communities across the country, we write to urge Congress to enact the Affordable Housing Credit Improvement Act (AHCIA) of 2023, S. 1557 and H.R. 3238, which would strengthen and expand the Low-Income Housing Tax Credit (Housing Credit). The Housing Credit is our nation's primary tool for encouraging private investment in affordable rental housing. While rental assistance is critical for keeping renters in their homes during this time of financial instability, the need for more affordable housing production and preservation in cities, towns, and counties preceded the recent turbulence.

Since its creation in the Tax Reform Act of 1986, the Housing Credit has been the primary financing source for the production and preservation of affordable rental housing. It has financed over 3.7 million apartments since 1986, providing affordable homes to over 8 million low-income households, including families, seniors, veterans, and people with disabilities. The Housing Credit brings together private-sector resources and oversight by state agencies, resulting in a durable solution to the need for affordable housing.

The AHCIA of 2023 includes a number of provisions that would enhance the program and enable cities and counties like ours to better serve the affordable housing needs in our communities. Specifically, the legislation would:

- Lower the "50 percent test" bond financing threshold for 4 percent Housing Credit developments. The "4 percent" Housing Credit is available for developments that receive 50 percent or more of their financing from Private Activity Bonds, and such developments are responsible for roughly half of all Housing Credit developments. However, unexpected and increased project development costs due to delays still stemming from the pandemic, inflation, material and labor issues, and skyrocketing insurance premiums are jeopardizing properties' ability to assemble enough bond financing to meet the "50 percent test," which puts their access to Housing Credit equity at risk. Lowering the 50 percent threshold would allow more developments to move forward despite these disruptions. It would also increase affordable housing production by allowing more developments to access 4 percent Housing Credits. This fix would increase affordable rental housing production and preservation by over 1.39 million more homes over 2023-2032 than we are able to finance under present law.
- Expand the 9 percent Housing Credit. The AHCIA of 2023 would increase the annual Housing Credit allocation authority by 50 percent, phased in over two years (25 percent in 2023 and 2024, plus an inflation adjustment in 2024). It would also restore and make permanent a 12.5 percent cap increase in the baseline, that expired at the end of 2021. This additional allocation would increase affordable rental housing production and preservation by 232,500 more homes over 2023-2032 than we are able to finance under present law.
- Allow for basis boosts to better serve hard-to-reach communities. The legislation includes provisions that would allow basis boosts for extremely low-income tenants, bond-financed Housing Credit properties, Difficult Development Areas, tribal areas, and rural communities. By allowing certain projects a "boost" on their eligible basis, this would make more projects financially feasible for these harder-to-serve groups. It is estimated that together, the basis boosts in the AHCIA of 2023 would finance an estimated 320,400 affordable rental homes over 2023-2032. These enhancements to the Housing Credit

would allow states to more effectively address the unique affordable housing needs in cities, towns, and counties across the country.

We, as mayors, county executives, and county board chairs see firsthand the need for affordable rental housing among families in our communities. Together with our partners at the ACTION Campaign, Mayors and CEOs for U.S. Housing Investment, the National Association of Counties, and National League of Cities, we urge Congress to enact the bipartisan, bicameral AHClA of 2023 to expand and strengthen the Housing Credit, a proven public-private investment in our nation's housing infrastructure. Thank you for your consideration.

League of Arizona Cities and Towns Conference

The League of Arizona Cities and Towns Annual Conference was held this week and was attended by members of the Tempe City Council and Tempe staff. As noted in the 7/15/23 Weekly memo, the Resolutions Committee was held during the conference to vote on the League's resolutions for the upcoming legislative session. The agenda for the conference is available at [this link](#).

Grant Opportunities

Via Sustainable Cities Network, 9/29/23

Arizona Recycling Coalition (AzRC) Grants and Award Applications Now Open! Sponsor: Arizona Recycling Coalition

Recycling and the circular economy are essential to our community; they conserve natural resources, help the environment, and create a more sustainable Arizona. The AzRC grants program intends to develop new measurable initiatives to improve the recovery of recyclables and the circularity of Arizona's economy. AzRC will award a winning applicant up to \$5,000 in grant funding.

[READ MORE](#)

Via Senator Sinema's Outreach Team, 8/25/23

U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY

Office of Legislative Affairs

Department of Homeland Security Offers Community Leaders New Resources to Prepare for Extreme Temperature Events As 17 States Experience Record Breaking Heat

With Roughly 130 Million Americans Under Heat Alerts, Secretary Mayorkas, FEMA Administrator Criswell Issue Resource Guide, to Host an “Extreme Heat Summit” on August 28 to Discuss Steps Local Officials Can Take to Keep #SummerReady

Guidance Part of Biden-Harris Administration’s Commitment Protecting Communities from Extreme Heat

WASHINGTON – With roughly 130 million Americans across 22 states under heat alerts, the U.S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS) and the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) are releasing new resources to help communities manage extreme heat, which is growing in intensity due to the climate crisis.

Heat remains the number one weather-related cause of death in the United States and its effects threaten our critical infrastructure. For instance, roadways, runways, and railways can begin to buckle and weaken; large demands on electrical grids and physical impacts of heat on power lines can lead to power outages; and data centers can lose cooling ability. To help communities mitigate damage from extreme temperature events in the years to come, today DHS will begin to distribute a [first-of-its-kind resource guide](#) to help state, local, tribal, and territorial officials save lives. The guide advances President Biden’s whole-of-government approach to address climate change and its impacts on our communities, and is a part of the [Biden-Harris Administration’s commitment to protecting communities from extreme heat](#).

To encourage officials to use DHS resources and make plans for extreme temperature events, Secretary of Homeland Security Alejandro N. Mayorkas and FEMA Administrator Deanne Criswell are inviting officials from across the country to a virtual roundtable on August 28. Attendees will hear from community leaders who have successfully implemented extreme heat mitigation projects. Officials interested in attending can RSVP by visiting: <https://www.fema.gov/event/extreme-heat-summit-2023>.

“As extreme heat, worsened by the climate crisis, threatens the lives, safety, and security of communities everywhere, the Biden-Harris Administration is working across all levels of government to ensure communities have resources to protect the public and our nation’s critical infrastructure,” **said Secretary of Homeland Security Alejandro N. Mayorkas**. “There are sensible, constructive measures that communities can take to mitigate the impacts of extreme heat. By sharing information, planning ahead with concrete steps, understanding available federal resources, and working together to help the most vulnerable people in their communities, Americans can prepare, adapt, and respond to these weather-related threats to the health, safety, and security of our communities.”

The resource guide and summit are the latest activities of FEMA’s [#SummerReady campaign](#). The campaign helps to mitigate weather-related risks by reaching communities affected by rising temperatures and boosting awareness of the impacts of extreme heat, highlighting straightforward steps individuals and families can take to prepare. FEMA’s

official [#SummerReady](#) website provides extreme heat safety tips for individuals, as well as helpful information and graphics for media and other stakeholders. [Ready.gov](#) also has print, online, and streaming resources to promote preparedness. As part of the #SummerReady campaign, FEMA also hosted webinars for Hazard Mitigation Assistance (HMA) grant applicants to assist them with extreme heat projects.

“Communities across the nation are dealing with the consequences of extreme heat events. That’s why FEMA has been leaning forward to help communities get the information they need to build resilience against extreme heat through our #SummerReady initiative. We have hosted a series of webinars to educate communities about the risks of extreme heat and provide information on how FEMA mitigation funding can be used for extreme heat projects,” **said FEMA Administrator Deanne Criswell**. “We will continue to engage our local, state, tribal and territorial partners to help them prepare for the deadliest climate threat we face – extreme heat.”

The new resource was guided by input from the [DHS Climate Change Action Group \(CCAG\)](#), created in April 2021 by Secretary Mayorkas to advance President Biden’s whole-of-government approach to tackling the climate crisis. The group, co-chaired by Senior Counselor Cass Sunstein and Under Secretary for Strategy, Policy, and Plans Robert Silvers, coordinates efforts among the Department’s nine operational components to better tackle the challenges posed by climate change, which affect DHS operations, plans, business processes, programs, and strategies. The National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) stated that in 2022, [the United States recorded the third hottest summer ever](#). This followed the 2021 season, which tied records for the hottest summer in the country.

DHS and FEMA offer a range of resources to help communities manage extreme heat, including federal grants. These include efforts to inform people of relevant risks and to offer clear guidance about how to reduce those risks.

- [Heat.gov](#), the web portal for the National Integrated Heat Health Information System, launched by NOAA and FEMA last summer offers tips, information, and resources for state and local officials, and individuals on the impacts of extreme heat. It links to mitigation tools that can assist communities in implementing recommendations in the Resource Guide.
- FEMA’s [National Risk Index](#) offers information about multiple risks faced by different communities in the United States, including risks related to extreme heat.
- The [Building Resilient Infrastructure and Communities](#) (BRIC) grant program helps make communities more resilient to extreme heat. The BRIC program, boosted by President Biden’s bipartisan Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act, also helps communities increase resilience to wildfires, drought, floods, hurricanes and other hazards by preparing before disaster strikes.

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MEMORANDUM



TO: Mayor Woods and Tempe City Council
THRU: Tim Burch, Community Health and Human Services (CHHS) Director
FROM: Tempe Family Justice Commission
DATE: September 1, 2023
SUBJECT: September is National Suicide Prevention and Awareness Month

September is designated as National Suicide Prevention Month. To recognize the prevalence, extent, and severity of death by suicide in Tempe, and in support of the City Council's Safe and Secure Communities goal, the Tempe Family Justice Commission (TFJC) presents the following information based on its research and makes these recommendations for action.

CONTEXT

With greater awareness and support for vulnerable teens and adults in schools and the community, it is hoped that health providers, families, and school personnel will be more aware of the signs that may signal thoughts of suicide and a decrease in death by suicide will result.

According to the Center for Disease Control, death by suicide is the tenth leading cause of death in Arizona. There are some specific age groups and cultural associations that indicate some people are more vulnerable than others (CDC, 2021).

Disparities, in general:

- The highest rates of suicide are found most often in the Rocky Mountain West, including Arizona and New Mexico.
- Men and boys commit suicide at a rate almost four percent higher than women and girls. Typically, boys and men choose more lethal methods.
- Adults with disabilities are three times more likely to report suicidal thinking.
- Veterans have an adjusted suicide rate that is 57.3% greater than the non-veteran U.S. adult population.

Important data for Arizona, specifically:

- Suicide is the second leading cause of death for 10- to 34-year-olds, and the tenth leading cause of death overall.
- Native Americans have the highest rate of death by suicide of all cultural groups.
- 1475 people died by suicide in 2021.

Numbers of persons committing death by suicide have increased in the last few years in correlation with the covid-19 pandemic. Overall, each at risk population has vulnerabilities. For example, grief over losses of family and friends and the chronic illnesses associated with aging are seen as contributing factors in the reasons why elders consider suicide. For teens, multiple aspects of development itself may contribute to suicidal ideation. Identity development and brain development figure prominently as teens are: more likely to act on impulse, misread social cues, and engage in risky behavior (adolescent and teen references provided below).

LOCAL IMPACT

As the Mitch Warnock Act (Title 15-119) instituted suicide prevention for teachers, each school in the Tempe school districts are required to ensure all teachers of students from 6th through 12th grade have training in prevention. Mitch Warnock, a local Corona Del Sol student, died by suicide. His parents worked with local legislators to craft and support this law which affects educators across the state.

BEST COMMUNITY PRACTICES FOR PREVENTING SUICIDE

Promote the Suicide and Crisis Lifeline. The 988 Suicide & Crisis Lifeline (formerly known as the National Suicide Prevention Lifeline) offers 24/7 call, text and chat access to trained crisis counselors who can help people experiencing suicidal, substance use, and/or mental health crisis, or any other kind of emotional distress

Use local data to track and monitor trends. This community practice can be incorporated in the City's Social Determinants of Health initiative.

Develop multisector partnerships. This community practice has been incorporated in the Family Justice Commission's 2024 Strategic Plan.

CURRENT CITY OF TEMPE PRACTICES

As social determinants of health are intertwined in suicide prevention, adopting the Social Determinants of Health model as a community puts Tempe at the forefront of best practices for suicide prevention.

The city of Tempe recently funded and implemented a crisis response team dedicated to addressing mental health concerns, specifically those experiencing suicidal ideation. This team of trained behavioral health specialists responds to crisis calls, provides de-escalation and stabilization, and connects the individual involved, and their family members, to supportive programs that can provide long-term assistance. Examples of resources offered include partner programs in the CHHS department such as housing, counseling, and the Youth Specialist program, as well as community non-profit agencies that can assist with wrap-around services.

The Youth Specialist programs in both the Tempe Elementary School District and the Tempe Union High School District. Tempe CHHS recently published a Back to School – CHHS CARE 7 Youth Specialist Program Council Update via the Friday Packet. This publication describes the significant support that youth specialists provide to students, faculty, and staff in our middle schools, and high schools. As stated in this publication:

Youth Specialists are trained to identify Adverse Childhood Experiences to understand students' challenges better and to assist them with developing coping mechanisms. They additionally participate in multi-disciplinary teams (MDT) that identify students experiencing a crisis and determine the appropriate school resource to support that student. As part of the MDT, the youth specialist is responsible for the following activities: Conducts suicide risk assessments, assists with threat assessments, and participates in Multi-Tiered Support System (MTSS) teams, school site and district crisis teams, and threat assessment teams.

The City of Tempe Veteran's Services and Support Coordinator is an additional resource for our veterans. Abe McCann can be reached via email at abe_mccann@tempe.gov.

TFJC AND STAFF ACTION

The Tempe Family Justice Commission is committed to furthering these initiatives by supporting the Social Determinants of Health Model, family justice, and the Tempe Family Advocacy Center.

RECOMMENDATIONS

Mayor and Council can support these actions in the following ways:

1. Post suicide prevention messages on city social media.
2. Issue a city proclamation acknowledging this month-long event.
3. Continue to support Tempe Schools' efforts to combat suicide, including the CHHS Youth Specialist Program.
4. Support the Tempe Family Advocacy Center where victims of crime have a safe place to access trauma-sensitive services from trained professionals responding to the needs, especially of veterans, indigenous youth, and senior citizens.

General References:

<https://ncoa.org/article/suicide-and-older-adults-what-you-should-know>

<https://www.cdc.gov/nchs/pressroom/sosmap/suicide-mortality/suicide.htm>

https://www.cdc.gov/suicide/pdf/2023_CDC_SuicidePrevention_Infographic.pdf

<https://www.nimh.nih.gov/health/statistics/suicide>

<https://news.asu.edu/20220930-more-1-4-arizona-suicides-involved-intimate-partner-problem-say-results-new-study-violent>

<https://afsp.org/suicide-statistics>

Adolescent and Teen References:

<https://www.nimh.nih.gov/health/publications/the-teen-brain-7-things-to-know>

<https://parentandteen.com/developing-adolescent-identity/>

<https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pmc/articles/PMC6218408/>



Residents contribute to successful summer Zero Waste Day event

Tara Ford, Municipal Utilities Director, 480-350-2855, tara_ford@tempe.gov

Tempe and Guadalupe residents set a record for participation for a summer Zero Waste Day event with 521 residents dropping off materials for reuse, recycling, repurposing, donation and proper disposal.

With the help of several local partners, July's event brought in 41,326 pounds of material, which is almost 79 pounds per vehicle.

Items dropped off included 10,110 pounds of household hazardous waste, 9,825 pounds of paper for shredding, 8,099 pounds of electronic waste and 4,460 pounds of trash.



Cleaning supplies, such as acids, toxic liquids / solids, flammable liquids / solids and non-hazardous waste materials totaled 970 pounds (0.49 tons) of materials collected.

Tempe presents Zero Waste Day events four times a year, helping residents with an easy way to clear out unwanted items that can be recycled, repurposed or disposed of properly.

The next event is scheduled from 7 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Nov. 4 at the Tempe Fire Training Center, 1340 E. University Drive. For information on the next event, including a list of items that will be accepted, visit tempe.gov/ZeroWaste.



A total of 422 pounds (0.21 tons) of aerosol cans, consisting primarily of paint cans and bug sprays, were collected.

COMMUNITY SERVICES UPDATE

September 1, 2023

Rolling Hills and Ken McDonald Improvement Updates

Grass Clippings at Rolling Hills continues their \$13M investment into the course and restaurant ahead of the fall golf season. In September and October, the on-course improvements that began in early July come to a climax with the installation of lights, completion of the new 9th green complex and new 15,000 square foot practice green, the re-sodding, leveling and installation of new tee boxes, along with the standard fall overseeding efforts. These final, yet significant improvements will require a slightly longer than normal closure compared to the typical overseed timeframe, yet are instrumental to an improved playing experience for the fall, winter, and spring seasons. The following provide area-specific closure dates leading to the completion of the current on-course improvements:

- ◆ Driving Range—Closed through November 3
- ◆ Front 9—Closed from September 12 through November 3
- ◆ Back 9—Closed through November 3
- ◆ Food Truck—Closed from September 12 through November 3



New Practice Green



New 9th Green Complex

CourseCo has assumed full operations at **Ken McDonald Golf Course**. Recently completed City CIP projects include:

- ◆ New support beams in the breezeway
- ◆ Roof coating
- ◆ Patching drywall and painting breezeway ceiling

Discussions are underway regarding preliminary design/site plan for the Ken McDonald Clubhouse Renovation project.

