



City Council Weekly Information Packet

Wednesday, November 22, 2023

Includes the following documents/information:

- 1) City Council Events Schedule
- 2) Engineering & Transportation Department Update
- 3) Community Services Department Update



City Council Events Schedule

November 22, 2023 thru April 20, 2024

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	Nov 24	6:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.	Fantasy of Lights Street Parade Location: 3 rd Street & Mill 1 W. Rio Salado Parkway Tempe, AZ
Wed	Nov 29	6:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.	Mill Avenue Underpass Public Art Meeting Location: Tempe Public Library 3500 S. Rural Road Tempe, AZ
Thur	Dec 7	5:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.	Downtown Tempe Menorah Lighting Location: Ragsdale MLK Park 24 E. 6 th Street Tempe, AZ
Thur	Dec 7	6:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.	Meyer Park, Hughes Acres and Rural Geneva NAs Neighborhood Meeting Location: Meyer Montessori 2615 S. Dorsey Lane Tempe, AZ
Fri	Dec 8	7:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.	State of the City Location: Omni 7 E. University Drive Tempe, AZ
Sat	Dec 9	4:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.	Fantasy of Lights Boat Parade Location: Tempe Town Lake Beach Park 80 W. Rio Salado Parkway Tempe, AZ
Wed	Dec 13	5:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.	Boys & Girls Clubs of the Valley Ladmo Branch’s Holiday Party Location: Boys & Girls Club 715 W. 5 th Street Tempe, AZ

Sat	Dec 16	6:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.	NAACP State Conference Fundraiser Gala Location: Hyatt Regency 122 N. Second Street Tempe, AZ
Tues	Jan 16	11:15 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.	Tempe Tourism Office Annual Luncheon Location: Tempe Tourism Office 222 S. Mill Avenue, Suite 120 Tempe, AZ
Sat	Jan 20	11:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.	Arts in the Parks Block Party: Indian Bend Location: Indian Bend Park 1250 E. Marigold Lane Tempe, AZ
Sun	Jan 21	11:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.	Arts in the Parks Block Party: Corbell Park Location: Corbell Park 7300 S. Lakeshore Drive Tempe, AZ
Sat	Jan 27	10:00 am. – 3:00 p.m.	Fan Con Location: Tempe Public Library 3500 S. Rural road Tempe, AZ
Sat	Jan 27	11:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.	Arts in the Parks Block Party: Mary & Moses Green Park Location: Mary & Moses Green Park 35 W. Warner Ranch Drive Tempe, AZ
Sun	Jan 28	11:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.	Arts in the Parks Block Party: Optimist Park Location: Optimist Park 2000 E. Sesame Street Tempe, AZ
Sat	Feb 3	11:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.	Arts in the Park Block Party: Scudder Park Location: Scudder Park 5805 S. Lakeshore Drive Tempe, AZ
Sun	Feb 4	11:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.	Arts in the Parks Block Party: Meyer Park Location: Meyer Park 2727 S. Dorsey Lane Tempe, AZ

Sat	Feb 24	10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.	PlayDay 2024 – Tempe’s Annual Day of Play Location: Kiwanis Park – Fiesta Playground All-American Way & Mill Avenue Tempe, AZ
Sat	Mar 2	7:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.	Tempe Cares 2024 Location: Tempe Leadership 1438 W. Broadway Road #213 Tempe, AZ
Fri	Mar 22	8:00 a.m. – 5:30 p.m.	First Robotics Competition Arizona East Regional Location: AZTech Robotics – Corona del Sol 1001 E. Knox Road Tempe, AZ
Wed	Mar 27	4:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.	Geeks Night Out 2024 – Tempe’s Annual STEAM Festival Location: Tempe Public Library 3500 S. Rural Road Tempe, AZ
Sat	Apr 20	9:00 a.m. – 10:00 p.m.	AZ Alpha Delta Kappa State Convention Location: Double Tree Hilton 2100 S. Priest Drive Tempe, AZ

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Northern Tempe “Roosevelt Storm Drain” Project Update

Due to flooding during severe storm events, the City of Tempe has partnered with the City of Scottsdale and the Flood Control District of Maricopa County (FCDMC) to deliver the “Roosevelt Storm Drain” project in northern Tempe. Stormwater will be collected as it flows south from Scottsdale and conveyed east to the Indian Bend Wash, roughly along the Roosevelt Street alignment. The diagram below depicts the original proposed alignment in the FCDMC’s Master Study. This alignment is currently being refined as part of the design process.



The project is currently on schedule. Later this month (November 2023), the first design submittal (30% plans) will be submitted to the project partners for review. We plan to share this preliminary design with the community at a neighborhood meeting in January. The planning for that meeting is being coordinated with the assistance of staff from Neighborhood Services. The final design is anticipated to be completed next summer (2024).

We received confirmation last week from the FCDMC and the City of Scottsdale that they support using the CMAR delivery method for construction (excellent news!), so we plan to advertise a Request for Qualifications (RFQ) for a CMAR in the coming months.

Construction is expected to begin in the fall of 2024 and last 18-24 months.

We will continue to keep you updated as the project progresses.

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COMMUNITY SERVICES UPDATE

November 22, 2023

Tempe PARK RANGER

Park Ranger Updates

As part of the FY 2023-24 budget, City Council approved the reimplementing of the Park Ranger program located within Parks & Recreation division of the Community Services Department. Funding approved for the addition of twelve Park Rangers, three Lead Rangers, one Park Ranger Supervisor, and one Management Assistant. The goal and charge of the Park Ranger program is to improve the feeling of safety within Tempe's diverse park and recreational system.

Through support from Council and the City Manager's Office, as well as collaboration from every city department and external organizations, the program is reaching a significant milestone, as park rangers will be out in the parks and preserves the week of November 27. This update is meant to cover various recent updates and upcoming opportunities.



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Collaborative Recruitment & Training

A collaborative spirit has led the way for the past four and a half months, with significant contributions by every department and office in the city. Much of the work focused on recruitment and the coordination of onboarding and training for the newly hired park rangers.

The Strategic Management and Innovation Office, Human Resources, and the Community Services departments collaborated to conduct a first of its kind accelerated recruitment process in Tempe. Using an accelerated, yet thorough process, 15 of 17 positions were filled in one recruitment cycle.



Uniform Fitting



CPR Training with TFMR

Michael Spykes, Park Ranger Supervisor, started on October 10, joining Shelbie Meyer, the Management Assistant supporting the team and program, who joined the Parks and Recreation team from Tempe Fire Medical Rescue a few months prior. On October 23, the park ranger program initiated a one-week employee onboarding, followed by a four-week training process for two park ranger leads and 11 park rangers. Park rangers have been trained on a multitude of subjects and topics, some of which include: customer service, de-escalation, first aid, trauma, throw-bags, blood borne pathogens, watercraft operations, communications, and report writing. Additional in service, field, and refresher trainings will continue as park rangers begin working in the parks and preserves.



Throw Bag Training with TFMR

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Welcome to Tempe

The City Manager's Office welcomed the park rangers to the City of Tempe during their first week of training. In recognition of all the departmental support and collaboration, the park rangers recently hosted a meet & greet to further develop in-person connections and to thank departments for their on-going support and collaboration.



Departmental Meet & Greet

Community Engagement

Park rangers will be out in the parks and preserves system starting the week of November 27, engaging with, providing assistance to, and getting to know the Tempe community. The park rangers' first community engagement event will be at the **Join Jennifer for Breakfast with Berdetta** event on Saturday, December 2, 2023.



Playground safety training at Hollis Park



Tour of Eisendrath House

Park rangers can be contacted through Tempe311 at 480-350-4311

Meet our Park Rangers

Tempe PARK RANGER

November 22, 2023

Park Ranger Supervisor



Michael Spykes

- Originally from Texas, grew up in California.
- U.S. Marine Corps veteran, former police officer, and previous local park ranger experience
- Enjoys being outdoors: hiking, camping, fishing, road-trips, and time alone on his motorcycle.
- Him and his wife are foodies and enjoying exploring new restaurants.

Park Ranger Leads



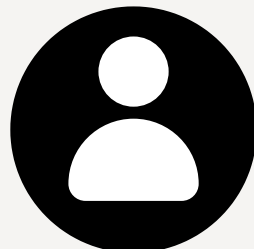
Thomas LaMoure

- Arizona native
- Eight year City of Tempe employee
- Passionate about sports training/nutrition as a personal trainer (NASM, CSCS, & ACE certifications).
- Enjoys painting, sculpting, hiking, and spending time with family and friends.



Michael Clark

- Kentucky native, lived in Washington for the last 15 years.
- U.S. Army Veteran.
- Loves to travel around the country by motorcycle with his wife.



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Park Rangers



Benjamin Nguyen

- California native, spent half of his life in Arizona.
- Loves hiking, off-roading, and working on his cars.
- Experience in EMS, behavioral health, and hospitality.



Jackson Darr

- Arizona native - Prescott.
- ASU graduate, previously worked as a park monitor for Tempe.
- Loves the outdoors: hiking, sports (racket sports), swimming, biking.



Shanna Pike

- Arizona native.
- U.S. Navy veteran.
- Previously worked for Tempe PRE and Parks and Recreation.
- Enjoys the hiking and the outdoors.



Brian Cole

- Arizona native
- U.S. Army veteran as a dog handler.
- Has a passion for serving the public by making a positive, helpful impact in the community.



Emmanuel Marko

- Arizona native
- Passionate about preservation and conservation of flora and fauna.
- Avid model railroader and homebrewer.



Robert Williams

- Arizona native - ASU graduate.
- Previously an arborist.
- Enjoys hiking, camping, and trail running, as well as collecting fountain pens as a hobby.



Cody Link

- Oregon native
- Degree in Administration of Justice
- Passionate about the outdoors. Enjoys hiking, camping, cycling, and kayaking.



Isidro Carbajal-Cordova

- Arizona native
- NAU graduate
- Loves the outdoors, hiking and exploring underrated archaeological sites.



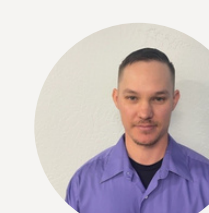
Daniel Troncoso

- Colorado native
- Has a passion in providing assistance and resources to those in need.
- Hobbies include: hiking, fishing, model building, drawing and attending family events around the valley.



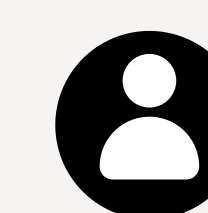
Brandon Sindle

- New York native.
- Former Ranger Master for Arizona Fish & Game.
- Enjoys spending time with family and friends.



Sean Forrest

- Arizona native
- Worked previously in EMS field
- Long-time outdoorsman with work in conservation



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