

# **City Council Weekly Information Packet**

Friday, May 10, 2024

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- 4) Community Services Department Update

# **City Council Events Schedule**



# May 10, 2024 thru December 13, 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 | May 10 | 5:30 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.   | Tempe Leadership Class XXXIX Graduation  |
|-----|--------|-------------------------|--|
|     |        |                         | Location: Omni Tempe Hotel at ASU 7 E. University Drive Tempe, AZ  |
| Sat | May 11 | 10:00 a.m. – 10:30 a.m. | Habitat for Humanity Home Dedication Ceremony  |
|     |        |                         | Location: Habitat for Humanity Central Arizona<br>1967 E. Don Carlos Avenue<br>Tempe, AZ   |
| Mon | May 13 | 11:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.  | Experience Corp Volunteer Recognition Event  |
|     |        |                         | Location: Westside Multi-Generational Center 715 W. Fifth Street   |
|     |        |                         | Tempe, AZ  |
| Tue | May 14 | 4:30 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.   | Smith Road Improvements Project – University Drive to Apache Boulevard Construction Open House   |
|     |        |                         | Location: Escalante Community Center<br>2150 E. Orange Street<br>Tempe, AZ   |
| Wed | May 15 | 9:30 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.  | MSC's Arizona Office Grand Opening   |
|     |        |                         | Location: Novus Place  |
|     |        |                         | 777 S. Novus Place<br>Tempe, AZ  |
| Wed | May 15 | 12:00 p.m. – 1:00 p.m.  | Human Services and Community Safety Committee  |
|     |        |                         | Location: Teams<br>Meeting ID: 266 153 553 02  |
|     |        |                         | Passcode: Q6EBAy   |
| Wed | May 15 | 12:00 p.m. – 1:00 p.m.  | Speed Limits Virtual Public Meeting  |
|     |        |                         | Location: Zoom Link <a href="https://us06web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZUofumurjkrH9FMOAo">https://us06web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZUofumurjkrH9FMOAo</a> DM 1ujOQnTTkpMzq |

| Wed | May 15 | 6:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.   | Speed Limit In-Person Public Meeting  |
|-----|--------|-------------------------|---|
|     |        |                         | Location: Tempe Public Library<br>3500 S. Rural Road<br>Tempe, AZ             |
| Wed | May 15 | 4:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.   | Ribbon Cutting for New Tempe Business   |
|     |        |                         | Location: Cryo Tempe<br>8400 S. Kyrene Road Suite 107<br>Tempe, AZ            |
| Fri | May 17 | 1:00 p.m. – 2:00 p.m.   | SEV Committee Meeting   |
|     |        |                         | Location: Council Chambers<br>31 E. 5 <sup>th</sup> Street<br>Tempe, AZ       |
| Fri | May 17 | 5:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.   | 2024 Boards and Commissions Appreciation Event                                |
|     |        |                         | Location: Tempe Center for the Arts<br>700 W. Rio Salado Parkway<br>Tempe, AZ |
| Sat | May 18 | 8:00 a.m. – 9:00 a.m.   | Breakfast with Berdetta and Keep Tempe Beautiful                              |
|     |        |                         | Location: Tempe Town Lake<br>Northshore Curry/Washington                      |
| Sat | May 18 | 8:30 a.m. – 9:30 a.m.   | Joyce Park Improvements Meeting   |
|     |        |                         | Location: Joyce Park 711 E. Hermosa Drive Tempe, AZ                           |
| Sat | May 18 | 9:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.  | Escalante Neighborhood Association Meeting                                    |
|     |        |                         | Location: Escalante Community Garden<br>2150 E. Orange Street<br>Tempe, AZ    |
| Sat | May 18 | 10:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m. | Daley Park Improvements Meeting   |
|     |        |                         | Location: Daley Park<br>1625 S. College Avenue<br>Tempe, AZ                   |
| Mon | May 20 | 8:00 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.  | Economic Outlook Breakfast  |
|     |        |                         | Location: Umpqua Bank<br>298 E. Camelback road<br>Phoenix, AZ                 |
| Tue | May 21 | 2:30 p.m. – 4:30 p.m.   | Tempe Police Department Ceremony  |
|     |        |                         | Location: Grace Community Church 1200 E. Southern Avenue                      |

|     |        |                         | Tempe, AZ   |
|-----|--------|-------------------------|---|
| Wed | May 22 | 6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.   | CAP East Valley Cities & Towns Dinner   |
|     |        |                         | Location: Central Arizona Project<br>23636 N. 17 <sup>th</sup> Street<br>Tempe, AZ            |
| Thu | May 23 | 3:30 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.   | Drink Me! Tea & Treats Grand Opening  |
|     |        |                         | Location: Drink Me! TEA & Treats<br>1730 E. Warner Road, Suite 8<br>Tempe, AZ                 |
| Wed | May 29 | 9:15 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.  | Peace Pole Dedication in Honor of Rotary  |
|     |        |                         | Location: The Centers for Habilitation/THC 215 W. Lodge Drive Tempe, AZ                       |
| Fri | May 31 | 10:00 a.m. – 11:30 a.m. | Arizona Lithium R&D Facility Grand Opening  |
|     |        |                         | Location: Arizona Lithium<br>615 W. Elliot Road<br>Tempe, AZ                                  |
| Sat | Jun 1  | 7:00 p.m. – 11:00 p.m.  | DTA – Pride Party   |
|     |        |                         | Location: CenterPoint Plaza<br>660 S. Mill Avenue<br>Tempe, AZ                                |
| Mon | Jun 3  | 4:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.   | Building History: Continuing the Legacy of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Reception & Open House |
|     |        |                         | Location: Durham Hall<br>851 S. Cady Mall<br>Tempe, AZ  |
| Wed | Jun 5  | 12:00 p.m. – 1:00 p.m.  | One Medical Ribbon Cutting/Grand Opening  |
|     |        |                         | Location: One Medical Tempe Gateway Clinic<br>222 S. Mill Avenue<br>Tempe, AZ                 |
| Sat | Jun 8  | 12:00 p.m. – 12:30 p.m. | Black Business Owners Coalition of Glendale   |
|     |        |                         | Location:<br>9414 N. 53 <sup>rd</sup> Avenue<br>Glendale, AZ                                  |
| Sat | Jun 8  | 6:00 p.m. – 10:00 p.m.  | ONE Community's ONE Night Only  |
|     |        |                         | Location: RNDC<br>402 S. 45 <sup>th</sup> Place<br>Phoenix, AZ                                |

| Fri | Jun 14   | 1:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.  | City Council Retreat  |
|-----|----------|------------------------|---|
|     |          |                        | Location: Tempe Center for the Arts<br>700 W. Rio Salado Parkway<br>Tempe, AZ |
| Sat | Jun 15   | 11:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. | 11 <sup>th</sup> Annual Juneteenth Celebration                                |
|     |          |                        | Location: Tempe History Museum<br>809 E. Southern Ave<br>Tempe, AZ            |
| Sat | Jun 15   | 7:00 p.m. – 11:00 p.m. | DTA's – Juneteenth Block Party  |
|     |          |                        | Location: CenterPoint Plaza<br>740 S. Mill Avenue<br>Tempe, AZ                |
| Mon | Jun 17   | 1:00 p.m. – 2:00 p.m.  | SEV Committee Meeting   |
|     |          |                        | Location: Council Chambers<br>31 E. 5 <sup>th</sup> Street<br>Tempe, AZ       |
| Wed | Jun 26   | 5:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.  | Councilmember Navarro Outgoing Council Reception                              |
|     |          |                        | Location: Tempe History Museum<br>809 E. Southern Avenue<br>Tempe, AZ         |
| Thu | Jul 4    | 4:00 p.m. – 10:00 p.m. | Tempe 4 <sup>th</sup> of July Celebration                                     |
|     |          |                        | Location: Tempe Beach Park<br>80 W. Rio Salado Parkway<br>Tempe, AZ           |
| Fri | Aug 23   | 11:30 a.m. – 1:30 p.m. | Tempe Chamber ASU Sun Devil Kickoff Luncheon                                  |
|     |          |                        | Location: Arizona State University<br>500 E. Veterans Way<br>Tempe, AZ        |
| Tue | Aug 27 - | All Day                | 2024 Annual League Conference   |
|     | 30       |                        | Location: Arizona Biltmore<br>2400 E. Missouri Avenue<br>Phoenix, AZ          |
| Wed | Oct 9    | 5:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.  | Tempe Sister Cities New Garden Reveal   |
|     |          |                        | Location: Tempe Public Library Community Complex 3500 S. Rural Road Tempe, AZ |

| Sat | Oct 12 | 4:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.  | Parque de Sol Renaming Celebration  Location: Parque de Soza Park 1430 S. Cedar Street Tempe, AZ         |
|-----|--------|------------------------|--|
| Sat | Oct 19 | 3:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.  | Getting Arizona Involved in Neighborhoods (GAIN)  Location: City of Tempe 31 E. Fifth Street Tempe, AZ   |
| Sat | Nov 16 | 6:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.  | Tempe Jam  Location: Tempe Sports Complex 8401 S. Hardy Tempe, AZ  |
| Fri | Dec 13 | 11:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. | Tempe Elementary Blood Drive  Location: Tempe Elementary School District #3 3205 S. Rural Road Tempe, AZ |

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## **MEMORANDUM**

TO: Mayor and Council

THROUGH: Rosa Inchausti, City Manager

FROM: Jonathan Shuffield, Government Relations Director

DATE: May 10, 2024

SUBJECT: Government Relations Update



Below you will find the latest update on the current Arizona legislative session, actions taken by the governor to sign or veto bills, federal legislation/regulations, and federal grant opportunities. This memo also contains links to the legislature's webpage where you can find the background, status materials, and bill texts/summaries.

#### **State Legislature**

With the legislature in recess except Wednesdays, House and Senate leaders continue to negotiate a budget with Governor Hobbs. No major actions on the state budget have been reported this week.

Here is an update on bills relevant to Tempe as the legislature works its way through the session. The Senate will be in session only on Wednesday again next week. The House is in recess until Wednesday, May 15:

HB2275 – settlement agreements; report; approval (passed Senate 5/1; awaiting House action) Requires a local government, at least 90 days before entering into a settlement agreement that is \$500,000 or more, to submit a settlement agreement report to the Governor, the President of the Senate, the Speaker of the House of Representatives and the AG describing the proposed terms of the settlement agreement. Also requires a local government, before entering into a settlement agreement that is \$1,000,000 or more, to submit the proposed settlement agreement to the Joint Legislative Budget Committee for review.

HB2584 - residential building materials; requirements; prohibition (failed Senate third read 5/8) Prohibits a municipality from adopting or enforcing any code, ordinance, standard, stipulation or other legal requirement that limits the use or installation of a building product or material that is approved by a national model code or subjects a prefabricated residential building, material or component to additional requirements. As written, it could restrict cities from requiring different materials on the exterior of a building if what the designer wants to use is an approved product under national model codes. There is also significant concern this bill could prevent cities from requiring plumbing fixtures for water conservation purposes if the fixtures are beyond the national model codes. This bill failed the Senate on a 14-14 vote.

HB2720 – accessory dwelling units; requirements (passed Senate/transmitted to House 5/8) Requires municipalities of 75,000 people or more to adopt regulations that allow accessory dwelling units (ADU) on any lot or parcel where a single-family dwelling is allowed. Outlines development standards for the ADUs. There may be amendments to allow cities some authority to clamp down on ADUs being used for short-term rentals, but that language is not finalized. Sen. Hernandez secured an amendment to mandate owner-occupancy on an ADU to be used as a short-term rental. We are still hoping to secure an amendment to allow cities to mandate a minimum 30-day lease on ADUs, as short-term rentals do not solve the housing shortage.

<u>HB2721</u> – municipal zoning; middle housing (passed Senate/transmitted to House 5/8) Requires cities greater than 75,000 people by 2026 to authorize by ordinance and through zoning regulations the development of duplexes, triplexes, fourplexes and townhomes on all lots zoned for

single-family residential use. After extensive negotiations with the sponsor, the League is now supportive of this legislation, primarily because of amendments establishing a 20% minimum middle housing zoning allotment in single family zoned areas within one mile of the city's central business district.

<u>HB2815</u> – religious institutions; use-by-right zoning development (awaiting Senate first read) Allows religious institutions to develop housing by-right without requiring discretionary review by municipalities or counties. This is also known as the "in God's backyard" bill. It passed the House 38-21 on February 29 but the Senate has not taken any action.

<u>SB1005</u> - public monies; ideology training; prohibition (awaiting third read in the House) Prohibits a public entity from requiring or spending public monies on a diversity, equity and inclusion program (DEI program) and allows an employee who is required to participate in the program to bring an action against the public entity. Prohibits a public entity from entering into a contract with a company that participates in a DEI program. The Tempe Human Relations Commission presented on this at the March 14 Council Work Study Session.

#### **SB1361** – sober living homes (awaiting third read in the House)

Provides a comprehensive definition of sober living home, ensuring any operator purporting to provide housing for those receiving services be licensed and regulated by the AZ Department of Human Services. Facilities must comply with local zoning/building/fire codes to receive or renew a license. Mandates regular on-site inspections of sober living homes increases civil penalty for non-compliance from \$500 to \$1,000 for each violation, and requires ADHS to deny a license application, suspend a license, or revoke a license for non-compliance. We are still awaiting final amendment text.

<u>SB1665</u> – municipal development; permits; review (expected House floor action next week) Allows, if a municipality does not approve, conditionally approve or respond with required revisions to an application for a single-family residential building permit within 15 working days after the date the application is submitted, any required review of the application to be performed by a qualified third party selected by the applicant.

HCR2060 - border; benefits; fentanyl; illegal entry (do pass amended in Senate COW #2 on 5/9) Subject to voter approval, statutorily makes it unlawful for a person who is an unlawful immigrant to enter Arizona from a foreign nation at any location other than a lawful port of entry. Outlines requirements for the issuance of an order to return to a foreign nation, civil immunity and enforceability of unlawful immigration laws. Prohibits natural persons from submitting false documents when applying for public benefits or employment. The illegal sale of fentanyl would also be treated as a class 2 felony with increased mandatory minimum/maximum sentences by 5 years each.

#### **Governor's Actions**

This week, Governor Hobbs signed five and vetoed one. Her total number of vetoes so far this session is 56. Below are a few bills related to local government matters that the Governor signed or vetoed:

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### <u>HB2846</u> – hoophouses; polyhouses; regulation; compliance

Exempts construction of a hoophouse or polyhouse from municipal and county building permit requirements if certain criteria are met.

#### HB2685 - mine inspector; geological survey; authority

Requires the Arizona Geological Survey to establish, and the State Geologist to update on request of the State Mine Inspector, a map and inventory of all known areas that contain aggregate resources and all existing aggregate mining facilities in Arizona. Outlines content and reporting requirements for a submitted reclamation plan.

#### **SB1376** – vehicle loads; restrictions

Expands vehicle-load restrictions to apply to a street or roadway, excluding specified agricultural equipment and purposes.

#### **SB1402** – health care; costs; reimbursement

Allows a health insurer to establish a health care plan saving incentive program to enable eligible enrollees who receive covered health care services at a price below the insurer's usual reimbursement to have the amount the enrollee pays applied toward their and out-of pocket maximum; and be reimbursed for a portion of the amount of the difference between the price paid and the insurer's usual reimbursement.

#### SB1683 – peace officers; mutual aid agreements

Provides for the cross-certification of peace officers from states adjoining Arizona and that cross-certified peace officers may exercise all of the powers of Arizona peace officers, if directed by the peace officer's employer and if an emergency necessitates their aid or assistance.

#### Vetoed

#### **SB1473** – agencies; single audit reports; penalty (Veto Letter)

Requires a state agency that is mandated to comply with the federal single audit requirements to be assessed a penalty of one percent of the amount of federal monies received annually by the agency for every 30 days the agency is late in submitting a Schedule of Expenditures of Federal Awards (SEFA) to the Auditor General. Requires, when a state agency submits a SEFA late, the Auditor General to notify the State Treasurer of the state agency's penalty amount and directs the State Treasurer to withhold that amount from the agency's appropriation for the next fiscal year.

#### **Federal Update**

#### Congress

This week, the U.S. House focused primarily on bills related to natural resource development, home appliance regulations, and overturning SEC rules on cryptocurrency. The House also passed a bill (<u>H.R. 7109</u>) that would ban undocumented immigrants from being counted in the decennial Census. None of these bills are expected to pass the U.S. Senate.

The U.S. Senate passed legislation to reauthorize the Federal Aviation Administration (<u>H.R. 3935</u>) on a bipartisan 88-4 vote. The bill was amended, so it will have to pass the House again before it goes to President Biden.

#### Administration

- On May 1, President Biden <u>announced</u> the cancellation of \$6.1 billion in student loan debt for 317,000 people who attended art institutes.
- This week, the White House <u>submitted</u> to the Senate nominees for various federal judgeships, a new Deputy Secretary of the Interior, and two ambassadorships (Central African Republic and Bangladesh).
- The White House <u>announced</u> this week that they will stop deliveries of offensive weapons to Israel if they proceed with the expected invasion of Rafah in the Gaza Strip. The administration last week halted an initial shipment of over 3,000 bombs. These announcements will not impact deliveries of defensive weapons, like the Iron Dome missile shield. The potential invasion of Rafah sparked many of the recent demonstrations on college campuses.

#### **Federal Grant Opportunities**

If any city departments apply for federal grants, please let me know, so I can work with our congressional delegation to generate support letters.

U.S. Department of Justice Matthew Shepard and James Byrd, Jr. Hate Crimes Program

The U.S. DOJ seeks applications to support efforts by state, local, and tribal law enforcement and prosecution agencies and their partners in conducting outreach, educating practitioners and the public, enhancing victim reporting tools, and investigating and prosecuting hate crimes committed on the basis of a victim's perceived or actual race, color, religion, national origin, sexual orientation, gender, gender identity, or disability.

**Note that there are two deadlines:** July 18, 2024, at 8:59 PM EDT for submission to <u>Grants.gov</u> and July 25, 2024, at 8:59 PM EDT for submission to JustGrants.

#### U.S. Environmental Protection Agency Clean Heavy-Duty Vehicles Grants Program

On April 24, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency announced the availability of nearly \$1 billion in grants for the Clean Heavy-Duty Vehicles Grant Program to fund the replacement of certain polluting heavy-duty vehicles with zero-emission vehicles. Funded through the Inflation Reduction Act, EPA will award competitive grants for projects that will reduce pollution from heavy-duty vehicles. EPA has indicated that states, municipalities, public school districts, Native nations, and nonprofit school transportation associations are all eligible entities.

The deadline to apply for the 2024 Clean Heavy-Duty Vehicles Grant Program is July 25, 2024. EPA expects to announce awards by the end of this year.

#### **MEMORANDUM**

TO: Mayor Woods and Tempe City Council

THRU: Tim Burch, Community Health and Human Services Director

FROM: Tempe Family Justice Commission

DATE: May 3, 2024

SUBJECT: Mental Health Awareness Month - Infant Early Childhood Mental Health

May is Mental Health Awareness Month, a time dedicated to raising awareness about mental health, reducing stigma, and promoting mental wellness. In support of Mayor and Council's goal of improving social determinants of health, the Tempe Family Justice Commission (TFJC) presents the following information based on its research and makes recommendations for action.

As we approach this important observance, it is crucial to recognize the significance of mental health, including Infant and Early Childhood Mental Health (IECMH). IECMH refers to children's emotional, social, and cognitive well-being from birth to 5 years old. It encompasses the development of healthy attachments, emotional regulation, social skills, and the ability to form relationships. Research has consistently shown that nurturing and supportive relationships in infancy and early childhood lay the foundation for healthy social, emotional, and cognitive development throughout life (Shonkoff & Phillips, 2000). IECMH also involves the early identification and intervention of mental health challenges or developmental delays that may arise during this crucial period of growth and development.

Between 10-15% of young children experience mental health conditions, including PTSD and anxiety, and that number jumps to about 22% of children who live in poverty (Think Babies, 2022); it is, therefore, critical to focus on strategies that foster the health and well-being of young children (Holbrook et al., 2016). Supporting infant and early childhood mental health includes ensuring that children meet developmental milestones, understanding what to do when there are developmental concerns, supporting positive parenting strategies, and improving access to care (Holbrook et al., 2016).

Mayor and Council, as critical advocates for the community's well-being, have a crucial role in prioritizing the mental health needs of its youngest citizens. Tempe offers a comprehensive range of public programs, services, and resources specifically designed to promote the health and well-being of its citizens. These initiatives reflect the city's commitment to mental health.

- Tempe Counseling Services
- Care 7 Mental Health Response Team
- City of Tempe Pre-K Program
- City of Tempe Parks and Recreation programs and family events
- Tempe Family Advocacy Center
- Kid Zone Enrichment Program



- Tempe Family Fun (i.e., Play Mobile, Play Day, Geeks Night Out, Free Art Friday)
- Tempe Library Tots Programs (https://www.tempepubliclibrary.org/youth-teens/tots-0-5)
- The Parks and Recreation Equity Study
- Thrive to Five (Tempe Elementary School District)

During Mental Health Awareness Month and beyond, the Tempe Family Justice Commission proposes elevating the city's resources and programs available to individuals, young children, and their families that support mental health, with a specific focus on IECMH.

#### **Education and Awareness Campaigns:**

- Raise awareness about the importance of IECMH, emphasizing the role of caregivers in promoting secure attachments and emotional well-being.
- Share resources and training on responsive caregiving practices and strategies, recognizing the crucial role caregivers play in supporting healthy social-emotional development in young children (<a href="https://www.firstthingsfirst.org/resources/">https://www.firstthingsfirst.org/resources/</a>).

#### **Accessible Resources and Support Services:**

- Share available resources and support services for families with young children, including counseling, free developmental screening, early intervention, and early childhood special education programs (<a href="https://des.az.gov/azeip">https://des.az.gov/azeip</a> AND <a href="https://www.tempeschools.org/about-us/programs/child-find-developmental-delay-or-disability">https://www.tempeschools.org/about-us/programs/child-find-developmental-delay-or-disability</a>).
- Collaborate with pediatricians, childcare providers, and community organizations to identify and address the mental health needs of young children and their families.

#### **Parent/Caregiver Support:**

- Promote classes and support groups that focus on building nurturing relationships and strengthening the bond between parents/caregivers and their young children (i.e., <u>Thrive</u> to Five).
- Promote programs that provide home visiting services and support for at-risk families to
  enhance parent-child interactions and address social and emotional challenges early on
  (i.e., <a href="https://strongfamiliesaz.com/">https://strongfamiliesaz.com/</a>(National Institute for Children's Health Quality, 2021).

#### **Community Engagement and Advocacy:**

- Engage community stakeholders, including policymakers, educators, healthcare
  providers, and faith-based organizations, in discussions and initiatives focused on
  IECMH.
- Advocate for policies and funding, prioritizing investments in IECMH services and programs (Szekely et al., 2018).

By incorporating a focus on IECMH into Mental Health Awareness Month initiatives, the City of Tempe can take meaningful steps toward promoting the well-being of our youngest citizens and building a healthier, more resilient community for generations to come.

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# **COMMUNITY SERVICES UPDATE**

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## **Summer Reading Challenge 2024**

Summer is nearly here which means it is time for Tempe Public Library's annual Summer Reading Challenge! We invite readers of all ages to participate in this fun and prize-filled program with this year's theme: Adventure Begins at Your Library. Track your reading minutes and you can win prizes like gift cards, national park passes, Phoenix Mercury tickets, and of course a free book.

Sign up here: <a href="https://www.tempepubliclibrary.org/event-calendar/summer-reading-program">https://www.tempepubliclibrary.org/event-calendar/summer-reading-program</a> to participate and remember, all reading is good reading and all reading counts!



# COMMUNITY SERVICES UPDATE

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## **National Water Safety Month**

The City of Tempe Aquatics & Boating teams would like to remind the community that the month of May is National Water Safety Month. This is a joint movement recognized by joint efforts of the World Waterpark Association, the American Red Cross, the National Recreation and Park Association, the Pool and Hot Tub Alliance, along with dozens of other water safety groups. The month-long efforts are to raise public awareness about water safety and highlight the importance of public education regarding safe practices for adults and children when they are around or in the water. The goal of water safety awareness is to prevent water-related fatalities, illnesses, and injuries. Drowning can happen in an instant and it doesn't only happen in swimming pools. It can happen in canals, lakes, spas, or bathtubs. Drowning prevention experts stress that layers of protection are key. Those layers include vigilant caregivers, pool fences with gates that self-latch, alarms and not drinking alcohol when swimming.



Too often people say, "I only left for a second." Sadly, just a few seconds is all it takes for a child to drown. Drowning is one of the leading causes of death for children under the age of four in Arizona. Most children drown in their own pools, but children also drown in buckets, toilets, bathtubs, fish tanks, and ponds. And it only takes two inches of water for a child to drown. Near drowning is also very tragic and can cause permanent brain damage. Adults often drown in spas and pools with alcohol consumption being a factor.



The Boating team is also a highly skilled watertrained staff team and recently completed the American Canoe Association Kayak Touring Level 2 Instructor Certification Workshop earlier this month. A Level 2 Kayak Touring Certification certifies the staff to teach various intermediate and advances strokes, maneuvers and the knowledge and skills to perform various rescues kayaking guide safe classes appropriately considerina environmental conditions like weather, wind, and water conditions, while addressing varying skill levels.

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## National Water Safety Month (con't)

#### Remember life jackets are required on Kiwanis Park Lake and Tempe Town Lake:

All vessels except rowing shells must have at least one wearable Type I, II, III or V life jacket (PFD) that is U.S. Coast Guard (USCG) approved and of the proper size for each person on board. All children 12 years of age and younger must wear a USCG approved Type I, II, III life jacket (PFD) anytime while underway on any vessel.

We encourage everyone to **Know the ABCs** of water safety to help prevent an emergency and help keep your family and friends safe around pools.



**Adult Supervision**: Watch children at all times while they are swimming or around any body of water. A child or infant can drown in as little as 2 inches of water.

**Barriers**: Don't let kids can gain access to pools - secure doggie doors, open gates, open fences, and any other way they can gain access to water. Keep doors and fences locked and in good repair.

**Classes**: Learn what to do if a drowning should occur by taking CPR and first aid classes. And make sure you and your kids know how to swim.



The City of Tempe is the only municipality to partner with the highly coveted and 5-star-rated Ellis & Associates. With more than 20 years of hosting the training school at our City of Tempe pools, and more than 200 participants each year, we are proud to know our lifeguards and swim instructors provide the highest standard of safety, high-quality service, and life-saving emergency response to all patrons, at all pools in the City of Tempe.

We wish you a fun-filled, exciting summer, and most importantly a safe summer!