



City Council Weekly Information Packet

Friday, September 6, 2024

Includes the following documents/information:

- 1) City Council Events Schedule
- 2) November 5, 2024 Special Bond Election Update
- 3) Financial Services Update
- 4) Community Services Department Update



City Council Events Schedule

September 6, 2024 thru April 19, 2025

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.

Sat	Sep 7	5:30 p.m. – 5:45 p.m.	ASUAA Sparky's Touchdown Tailgate Location: Sparky's Touchdown Tailgate 400 E. Tyler Mall Tempe, AZ
Sat	Sep 7	5:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.	City of Tempe Night Location: Mountain America Stadium 500 E. Veteran's Way Tempe, AZ
Mon	Sep 9	10:00 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.	Roundtable with the White House Office of Intergovernmental Affairs Location: Don Cassano Community 200 E. Fifth Street Tempe, AZ
Mon	Sep 9	5:30 p.m. – 6:30 p.m.	Safe & Clean Parks Project Virtual Meeting for Neighborhoods North of Town Lake Location: Link https://us06web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZEvdUctrTkjEtb4MmevQX3MuDIsvxXbVA70
Mon	Sep 9	6:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.	Safe & Clean Parks project Virtual Meeting for Neighborhoods between Broadway and Town Lake Location: Link https://us06web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZlpdeysrjlvE9Gf92h2dAQi96iLDZp_6fuU
Tue	Sep 10	12:00 p.m. – 1:00 p.m.	Five-Year Consolidated Plan Virtual Public Meeting Location: Zoom https://us06web.zoom.us/j/82312401335?pwd=jfb1d7JZU7bL84MiF8tkgDVLdHnHc2.1
Tue	Sep 10	6:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.	Five-Year Consolidated Plan Public Meeting Location: Tempe Library, Ironwood Room 3500 S. Rural Road Tempe, AZ

Wed	Sep 11	5:45 a.m. – 7:00 a.m.	Tempe Healing Fields Location: Tempe Beach Park 80 W. Rio Salado Parkway Tempe, AZ
Wed	Sep 11	7:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m.	Better Buzz Friends and Family Event Location: Better Buzz 550 W. Elliot Road Tempe, AZ
Wed	Sep 11	4:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.	2024 Stars and Strikes Bowling Fundraiser Location: Main Event 8545 S. Emerald Drive Tempe, AZ
Thu	Sep 12	12:00 p.m. – 1:00 p.m.	Hardy Drive Neighborhood Traffic Calming Virtual Meeting Location: Zoom https://us06web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZUud-ugqz4qGNBKqwoYiG5VweA5WKZVzXB
Thu	Sep 12	12:00 p.m. – 1:00 p.m.	Trine University Ribbon Cutting Location: Trine University 2900 S. Diablo Way Suite D200 Tempe, AZ
Thu	Sep 12	3:30 p.m. – 5:30 p.m.	Umpqua Bank Grand Opening Location: Umpqua Bank 10201 S. 51 st Street Tempe, AZ
Thu	Sep 12	6:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.	Hardy Drive Neighborhood Traffic Calming In-Person Meeting Location: Wood Elementary School 727 W. Cornell Drive Tempe, AZ
Fri	Sep 13	6:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.	Bond Election Information Meeting Location: North Tempe Multi-Generational Center 1555 N. Bridalwreath Street Tempe, AZ
Sat	Sep 14	10:00 a.m. – 11:00a.m.	Neighborhood Idea Exchange: A Neighborhood Meet-Up Location: Tempe History Museum 809 E. Southern Avenue Tempe, AZ
Mon	Sep 16	5:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.	Creamery Park Reopening Celebration Location: Creamery Park

			1520 E. 8 th Street Tempe, AZ
Mon	Sep 16	7:00 p.m.- 8:00 p.m.	Bond Election Information Meeting Location: Tempe Police South Substation 8201 S. Hardy Drive Tempe, AZ
Tue	Sep 17	6:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.	Victory Acres Neighborhood Association Meeting Location: Escalante Community Center 2150 E. Orange Street Tempe, AZ
Wed	Sep 18	7:00 a.m. – 9:00 a.m.	Tempe Family YMCA Friendraiser Location: Tempe Family YMCA 7070 S. Rural Road Tempe, AZ
Wed	Sep 18	12:00 p.m. – 1:00 p.m.	Bond Election Information Virtual Meeting Location: Zoom https://us06web.zoom.us/join/zoom/zoom/register/tZckdOuhrjJEtMz_Q5sRstnAluqm6bHB1G
Wed	Sep 18	4:30 p.m. – 6:30 p.m.	EnVision Center Grand Opening and Ribbon Cutting Location: EnVision Center 1310 E. Apache Boulevard Tempe, AZ 85281
Wed	Sep 18	7:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.	Bond Election Information Meeting Location: Kiwanis Recreation Center 6111 S. All America Way Tempe, AZ
Fri	Sep 20	8:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.	15 th Annual Positively Powerful Education Summit and Woman Award Location: Triad West Inc/ The Showcase Room 129 S. Farmer Tempe, AZ
Sat	Sep 21	6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.	Park Sessions at Mitchell Park Location: Mitchell Park 900 S. Mitchell Drive Tempe, AZ
Mon	Sep 23	6:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.	Bond Election Information Meeting Location: North Tempe Multi-Generational Center 1555 N. Bridalwreath Street Tempe, AZ

Tue	Sep 24	4:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.	University of Advancing Technology Location: University of Advancing Technology 2625 W. Baseline Road Tempe, AZ
Tue	Sep 24	5:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.	Arts in the Parks Block Party: Scudder Park Location: Scudder Park 5805 S. Lakeshore Drive Tempe, AZ
Tue	Sep 24	6:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.	Bond Election Information Meeting Location: Tempe Public Library 3500 S. Rural Road Tempe, AZ
Wed	Sep 25	8:00 a.m. – 9:00 a.m.	Nourishing Generations: Senior Breakfast in Support of Seniors Location: Tempe Community Action Agency 1700 N. Granite Reef Road Scottsdale, AZ
Wed	Sep 25	5:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.	Backstage Pass – Councilmember Garlid Location: Hayden Ferry 60 E. Rio Salado Parkway Tempe, AZ
Wed	Sep 25	5:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.	Arts in the Parks Block Party: Mary and Moses Green Park Location: Mary and Moses Green Park 9325 W. Warner Ranch Drive Tempe, AZ
Thu	Sep 26	10:30 a.m. – 1:30 p.m.	Friendship Village First Responder Appreciation BBQ Location: Friendship Village Tempe 2645 E. Southern Avenue Tempe, AZ
Thu	Sep 26	5:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.	Arts in the Parks Block Party: Optimist Park Location: Optimist Park 2000 E. Sesame Street Tempe, AZ
Thu - Sat	Sep 26 -28	All Day	Democrat Municipal Officials Summit Location: Temp Mission Palms 60 E. 5 th Street Tempe, AZ
Sat	Sep 28	9:00 a.m. – 2:30 p.m.	Maricopa County Branch NAACP – Annual Women’s Luncheon & Expo

			Location: SRP PERA Building 1 E. Continental Drive Tempe, AZ
Sat	Sep 28	9:30 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.	NAREB Black Wealth Tour Black Farmers Edition Location: National Association of Real Estate Brokers 1401 E. Jefferson Street Phoenix, AZ
Thu	Oct 3	7:00 a.m. – 8:00 a.m.	Valley Metro Rideshare Month Remote Event at ASU Location: ASU – Lot 13 at Discovery Hall 240 E. Lemon Street Tempe, AZ
Fri	Oct 4	6:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.	INSPIRE: A Celebration of Community Location: Southwest Center 22 E. Buchanan Street Tempe, AZ
Sun	Oct 6	12:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.	Tardeada Location: Tempe Library Complex 3500 S. Rural Road Tempe, 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
Fri – Sat	Oct 11 – 13	All Day	Oktoberfest Location: Tempe Beach Park 80 W. Rio Salado Parkway Tempe, AZ
Sat	Oct 12	4:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.	Parque de Soza Renaming Celebration Location: Parque de Soza Park 1430 S. Cedar Street Tempe, AZ
Sat	Oct 12	6:00 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.	16 th Annual Law Enforcement Appreciation Dinner Banquet Location: Phoenix Airport Hilton Hotel 2435 S. 47 th Street Phoenix, AZ
Wed	Oct 16	5:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.	Arts in the Parks Block Party: Daumler Park Location: Daumler Park 2821 S. Evergreen Road 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	Oct 19	9:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.	Tempe Veterans Commission Location: American Legion Post 2 2125 S. Industrial Park Avenue Tempe, AZ
Tue	Oct 22	11:00 a.m. – 1:30 p.m.	FSL's 50 th Anniversary Celebration Location: Renaissance Phoenix Downtown Hotel 100 N. 1 st Street Tempe, AZ
Tue	Oct 22	5:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.	Arts in the Parks Block Party: Clark Park Location: Clark Park 1730 S. Roosevelt Street Tempe, AZ
Wed	Oct 23	5:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.	Arts in the Parks Block Party: Indian Bend Park Location: Indian Bend Park 1250 E. Marigold Lane Tempe, AZ
Thu	Oct 24	6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.	Escalante Community Fall Festival Location: Escalante Park 2150 E. Orange Street Tempe, AZ
Sat	Oct 26	9:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.	Fire Station 2 Grand Opening Location: Fire Station 2 3025 S. Hardy Drive Tempe, AZ
Sat	Oct 26	1:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.	Michelle Brooks Tortes Park Dedication Location: Michelle Books Tortes Park 1225 E. Redfield Road Tempe, AZ
Sun	Oct 27	2:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.	Halloween Stroll Location: Ragsdale MLK Park 24 E. 6 th Street Tempe, AZ

Fri	Nov 1	4:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.	Tempe Town Lake Silver Anniversary Location: TCA – Lakeside Room 700 W. Rio Salado Parkway Tempe, AZ
Sun	Nov 3	11:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.	Tempe Town Lake Silver Anniversary Location: Tempe Town Lake 550 E. Tempe Town Lake Tempe, AZ
Thu	Nov 7	10:00 a.m. – 11:45 a.m.	Feed My Starving Children – Tempe Grand Opening Location: Feed My Starving Children 1100 W. Grove Parkway Tempe, AZ
Thu	Nov 7	5:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.	10 th Annual Hammers & Ales Party & Fundraiser Location: Toolbank 3531 E. Corona Avenue Tempe, AZ
Fri	Nov 8	6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.	Featured Exhibit Opening: Extending a Hand, Cesar Chavez, an Arizona Connection Location: Tempe History Museum 809 E. Southern Avenue Tempe, AZ
Tue	Nov 12	5:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.	Arts in the Parks Block Party: Estrada Park Location: Estrada Park 1801 E. Palomino Drive Tempe, AZ
Wed	Nov 13	8:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.	LISC Phoenix Annual Breakfast & Community Awards Location: LISC Phoenix 326 Coronado Road, Suite 204 Phoenix, AZ
Wed	Nov 13	5:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.	Arts in the Parks Block Party: Meyer Park Location: Meyer Park 2727 S. Dorsey Lane Tempe, AZ
Wed	Nov 13	7:30 a.m. – 9:00 a.m.	United Food Bank Friends Breakfast Location: United Food Bank – Sunkist Warehouse 254 W. Broadway Road Mesa, AZ

Sat	Nov 16	11:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.	Light the World – Giving Machine, West Valley Launch Location: Westgate Entertainment Center (AMC Theatres) 9405 W. Hanna Lane Glendale, AZ
Sat	Nov 16	6:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.	Tempe Jam Location: Tempe Sports Complex 8401 S. Hardy Tempe, AZ
Mon	Nov 18	9:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.	Light the World – East Valley Giving Machines Location: Town of Gilbert Water Tower 45 W. Page Gilbert, AZ
Mon	Nov 18	5:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.	41 st Annual Don Carlos Humanitarian Awards – Tempe Community Council Location: Pera Club 1 E. Continental Drive Tempe, AZ
Sat	Dec 7	12:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.	Chandler Thunderbird Lodge #15 125 th Anniversary Location: Chandler Thunderbird Lodge #15 88 W. Erie Street 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
Sun-Fri	Mar 9 –14, 2025	All day	NLC Congressional City Council Location: Washington D.C.
Sat	Apr 19, 2025	5:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.	Ignite the Night – Tempe Diablos Charity Event Location: Phoenix Zoo 455 N. Galvin Parkway Phoenix, AZ

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MEMORANDUM

TO: Mayor and City Council
FROM: Kara DeArrastia, City Clerk
DATE: September 6, 2024
SUBJECT: November 5, 2024 Special Bond Election Update

Below are updates regarding the November 5, 2024 Special Bond Election, for the week ending September 6, 2024.

Bond Election Informational Meetings

The first informational meeting about the November 5 Bond Election and ballot questions will be held on **Friday, September 13, at 6 p.m.** at the [North Tempe Multi-Generational Center – Manzanita/Mesquite Room, 1555 North Bridalwreath Street, Tempe](#). The date, time, and location for the five additional meetings are listed below and, in the flyer attached to this memo. The meetings are free and open to everyone.

Date	Time	Location
Monday, September 16	7 p.m.	Tempe Police South Substation, 8201 South Hardy Drive, Tempe
Wednesday, September 18	12 p.m. noon	Virtual – register here
Wednesday, September 18	7 p.m.	Kiwanis Recreation Center – Classroom A & B, 6111 South All America Way, Tempe
Monday, September 23	6 p.m.	North Tempe Multi-Generational Center – Manzanita/Mesquite Room, 1555 North Bridalwreath Street, Tempe
Tuesday, September 24	6 p.m.	Tempe Public Library – Desert Willow Room, 3500 South Rural Road, Tempe

Be Prepared for the November 5 Election

[Maricopa County Elections](#) offers resources to help voters stay informed and be prepared for the upcoming election.

- Election dates and deadlines:** [Calendar.Maricopa.Vote](#)
- Verify voter registration:** [BeBallotReady.Vote](#)
- Election educational videos:** [ElectionVideos.Maricopa.Vote](#)
- Election facts:** [JustTheFacts.Vote](#)

Early Voting Begins on October 9

The first day of early voting for the November 5 Election begins on **Wednesday, October 9** when ballots are mailed to voters on the [Active Early Voting List \(AEVL\)](#) and those who have made a [one-time early ballot request](#). In addition, [Vote Centers](#) will begin opening on October 9 across Maricopa County to serve voters who choose to vote early in-person. Voters can find secure drop box locations and vote centers closest to them at [Locations.Maricopa.Vote](#). Early voters can track their ballot by texting "JOIN" to 628-683 or visiting [BeBallotReady.Vote](#).

Visit www.tempe.gov/election for more information about the November 5, 2024 Special Bond Election. Future updates will be provided throughout the election season as needed. Should you have any questions or need further information, please do not hesitate to contact me at (480) 350-8947 or kara_dearrastia@tempe.gov.



Election Information

Registered Tempe voters will have the opportunity to decide whether to fund public safety and road improvements, quality-of-life enhancements in Tempe neighborhoods and new affordable

housing. Voting takes place in conjunction with the Nov. 5 Statewide General Election.

Included in the bond is funding to restore the pavement of every street in Tempe within five years, provide funds for infrastructure projects like water lines, improve neighborhood parks and increase the supply of affordable housing. The estimated average annual tax rate that is required to be calculated by statute for the proposed bond authorization is \$0.87814 per \$100 of net assessed value used for secondary tax purposes.

Get additional information about the bond questions at tempe.gov/election or attend an informational meeting. Four meetings are available. All are free and open to everyone.

- Friday, Sept. 13 at 6 p.m. at North Tempe Multi-Generational Center
- Monday, Sept. 16 at 7 p.m. at Tempe Police South Substation
- Wednesday, Sept. 18 at noon (virtual) and 7 p.m. at Kiwanis Recreation Center
- Monday, Sept. 23 at 6 p.m. at North Tempe Multi-Generational Center
- Tuesday, Sept. 24 at 6 p.m. at Tempe Public Library

Are you ready to vote?

Arizona will hold a General Election on Tuesday, Nov. 5. This election includes federal, state, county and local offices that are up for election. It also includes a Special Bond Election for registered voters in Tempe, and Prop 479, a measure that will ask Maricopa County voters whether to extend the existing half-cent sales tax dedicated to transportation for an additional 20 years.

Register to vote or update your current registration by Oct. 7 by visiting <https://servicearizona.com/VoterRegistration>. Please call the Maricopa County Elections Department at 602-506-1511 or visit maricopa.vote with questions regarding your eligibility, voter registration or ballot. Visit BeBallotReady.Vote to verify your registration information.

Important voter dates

- Oct. 7 Voter Registration Deadline
- Oct. 9 Ballots Mailed and Drop Boxes Available
- Oct. 25 Last day to request an early ballot
- Oct. 29 Last Day to Mail Back Your Ballot
- Nov. 5 Election Day





Información electoral

Los votantes registrados en Tempe tendrán la oportunidad de decidir si financian la seguridad pública y mejoramiento en las carreteras, mejoramiento en la calidad de vida en los vecindarios de Tempe y nuevas viviendas asequibles. La votación

se lleva a cabo en conjunto con la Elección General Estatal del 5 de noviembre.

El bono incluye fondos para restaurar el pavimento de cada calle en Tempe dentro de cinco años, proporcionar fondos para proyectos de infraestructura como líneas de agua, el mejoramiento los parques del barrio y aumentar la oferta de viviendas asequibles. La tasa impositiva anual de promedio es estimada que se requiere que se calcule por ley para la autorización de bonos propuesta es de \$0,87814 por \$100 de valor neto utilizado para propósitos de impuestos secundarios.

Obtenga información adicional sobre las preguntas sobre los bonos en tempe.gov/election o asista a una reunión informativa. Hay cuatro reuniones disponibles. Todas son gratuitas y abiertas a todo el mundo.

- **Viernes, 13 de septiembre a las 6 p.m. en el Centro Multigeneracional de Tempe Norte**
- **Lunes, 16 de septiembre a las 7 p.m. en la Subestación de Policía Sur de Tempe**
- **Miércoles 18 de septiembre al mediodía (virtual) y 7 p.m. en el Centro Recreativo Kiwanis**
- **Lunes 23 de septiembre a las 6 p.m. en el Centro Multigeneracional de Tempe Norte**
- **Martes, 24 de septiembre a las 6 p.m. en la Biblioteca Pública de Tempe**

¿Estás listo para votar?

Arizona llevará a cabo una elección general el martes 5 de noviembre. Esta elección incluye los cargos federales, estatales, del condado y locales que están en juego. También incluye una Elección de Bonos Especiales para los votantes registrados en Tempe, y la Proposición 479, una medida que preguntará a los votantes del Condado de Maricopa si extenderán el impuesto de medio centavo a las ventas existente dedicado al transporte por 20 años adicionales.

Regístrese para votar o actualice su registro actual antes del 7 de octubre visitando <https://servicearizona.com/VoterRegistration>. Por favor llame al Departamento de Elecciones del Condado de Maricopa al 602-506-1511 o visite maricopa.vote con preguntas sobre su elegibilidad, registro de votante o boleta electoral. Visite [BeBallotReady.Vote](https://beballotready.vote) para verificar su información de registro.

Fechas importantes para los votantes

- 9 de octubre Boletas enviadas por correo y buzones disponibles
- 25 de octubre Último día para solicitar votación anticipada
- 29 de octubre Último día para enviar su boleta por correo
- 5 de noviembre Día de elección



Financial Services Update

September 6, 2024

Short-Term Rental and Tobacco License – GIS Map Portal

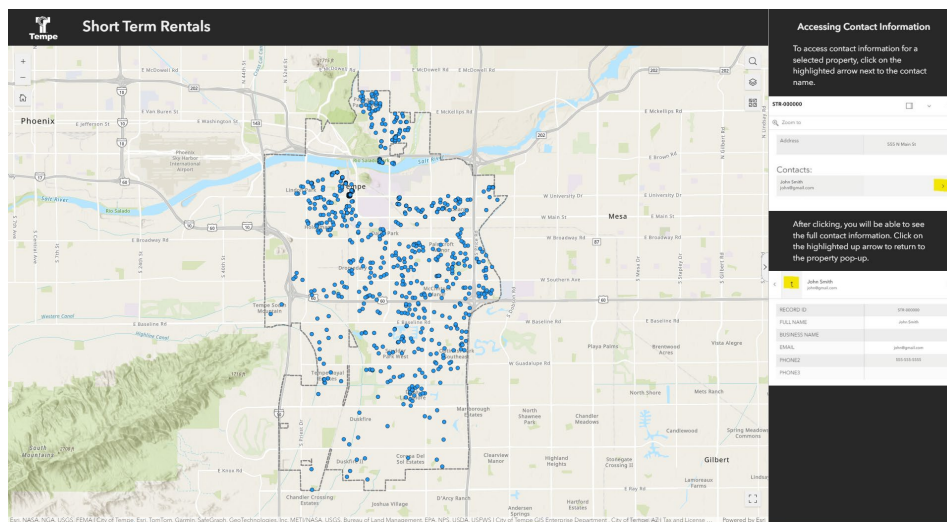
Our [Short-Term Rental Map](#) went live to the public in July 2024 and gave residents another tool to use when researching Short-Term Rental properties in the city.

This information is required to be made publicly available per our ordinance ([Tempe City Code Ch. 16A Art. X](#)) and gives residents the ability to search geographically to locate a Short-Term Rental property. The map view also provides an insight into the amount of licensed Short-Term Rental properties in the City of Tempe. This map (along with the public list) is updated quarterly.

The short-term rental maps provide the contact information of the property's owner in case there is an issue with the property that needs to be reported to the owner for resolution.

On the map, each record contains:

- STR License Number
- Property Address
- Emergency Contact Name
- Phone Number
- Email Address



Our Tobacco Sellers License map will also be published and made available to the public soon, as GIS is finishing the last update. This map will also include the Tobacco Sellers License number, entity name, business address, and the date the license was issued per our ordinance ([Tempe City Code Ch 16A Art. XI.](#)) Our licensed [Tobacco Sellers list](#) is currently on our website also. This map and list will be updated quarterly.

Both maps and lists give residents the opportunity to research and confirm if either Short-Term Rental properties or Tobacco Sellers are licensed with the City. If one of these types of businesses is found to be not currently licensed, residents can reach out to license@tempe.gov and provide us with any information. We will look into every complaint we receive.

Awards and Recognition

2024 has been a year of awards for the City of Tempe Financial Services Department. The following employee's dedication to excellence, innovation, and exceptional service has not only benefited our organization and city but has also earned them well-deserved recognition from esteemed professional associations. From championing minority-owned businesses to providing outstanding customer care and demonstrating leadership in governmental purchasing, these employees exemplify the best of our department. Their commitment to serving our community and their passion for their respective fields set a high standard for us all.

Michael Greene, Procurement Administrator, Procurement Division - Arizona MBDA Business Center's 2024 Champions of Minority Businesses, Advocate of the Year!

We are thrilled to announce that Michael Greene, representing the City of Tempe, has been selected as the [Arizona MBDA Business Center's 2024 Advocate of the Year!](#) This distinguished award recognizes Michael's unwavering dedication to championing minority-owned businesses and fostering a more inclusive economic landscape.

Michael's tireless efforts in promoting diversity and inclusion have had a profound impact on our community. We deeply appreciate the strong partnership and collaborative spirit he brings to the table. His advocacy has not only empowered minority businesses but has also contributed to a stronger and more vibrant economy for all.



Lisa Goodman, Senior Procurement Officer, Procurement Division - Arizona National Institute of Governmental Purchasing (AZNIGP) Manager/Supervisor of the Year!



Congratulations to Lisa Goodman on being named the Arizona National Institute of [Governmental Purchasing's \(AZNIGP\) Manager/Supervisor of the Year!](#) This well-deserved recognition highlights Lisa's exceptional contributions to the city, her division, and her outstanding service as Secretary of the AZNIGP Chapter.

We are incredibly proud of Lisa's accomplishments and her dedication to excellence. Her success reflects not only on her individual talents but also on the supportive and collaborative environment we foster here.

Tarja Nummela, Customer Services Manager, Customer Services Division - AZ Water Association's Customer Service Professional of the Year Award!

We are delighted to announce that Tarja Nummela has been honored with the [AZ Water Association's 2024 Customer Service Professional of the Year award!](#) Tarja's unwavering commitment to exceptional service and her passion for building positive relationships within our community truly set her apart.

Since joining our team in 2001, Tarja has consistently gone above and beyond to ensure customer satisfaction. Her instrumental role in community outreach initiatives, particularly during the implementation of Tempe's [Automated Metering System](#), showcases her dedication to transparency and public trust.



For more information on the City of Tempe Financial Services department, please visit: <https://www.tempe.gov/government/financial-services>

Contact: Laura Calder, Financial Services Director, Laura_Calder@tempe.gov

COMMUNITY SERVICES UPDATE

SEPTEMBER 6, 2024

PARKS AND REC STAFF SHINE AT APRA CONFERENCE

Parks and recreation professionals gathered from around the state for the annual Arizona Parks and Recreation Association (APRA) Conference & Expo. This is Arizona's premier education, networking, and exhibition event where we celebrate and educate Arizona's park and recreation professionals.

Tempe Staff (left to right)

Back: Josh Bell, Emily Burkett, Angie Garibay, Mercedes Payne, Callie duPlessis, Alicia Jerger, Alex Jovanovic

Front: Erin Kirkpatrick, Shawn Wagner, Britney Griggs, Somerton Sibrian, Densie Rentschler, Christina Wilson



Each year, APRA honors communities throughout the State of Arizona that demonstrate excellence in long-range planning, resource management and innovative approaches to delivering superb park and recreation services with fiscally sound business practices. This year Tempe's **Making Space Festival**, part of the Parks & Recreation Equity Study, was selected as the Outstanding Special Event: Populations over 100K. This event was a collaboration between multiple city departments to engage in outreach to support multiple strategic plans in a way that was fun, engaging, and equity driven. The impetus for the event was the desire to receive focused feedback from marginalized communities and stakeholders who tended to be excluded from or not interested in traditional outreach and engagement methods and city processes. Our Parks and Recreation team was engaged in an Equity Study entitled Making Space, and our Sustainability and Resilience department was working on their Grow Local community needs assessment at the same time. Our Community Arts team was also seeking input for their Arts in the Parks program and community events, so we decided to work together to create an event that showcased all these unique projects and plans.

2024 APRA: Outstanding Special Event – Making Space Festival video link: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=QnZXyHaVoWl>

APRA Outstanding Special Event Award Presentation

Left to right: Kade Nelson (APRA Executive Director), Alicia Jerger (Sr. Recreation Coordinator), Mercedes Payne (Recreation Services Manager), Erin Kirkpatrick (Recreation Services Manager), and Wayne Barnett (APRA President).



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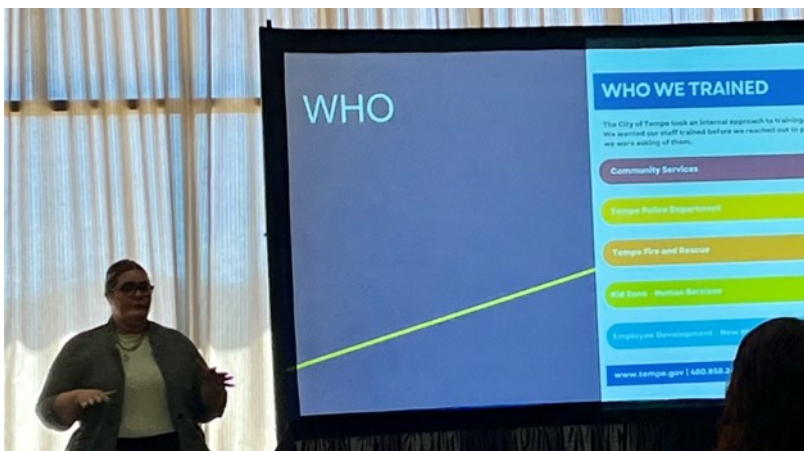
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In addition to our prestigious award, Tempe Parks and Recreation staff also facilitated two education sessions. Mercedes Payne, Recreation Manager, co-facilitated a session that provided attendees with background and experience in the application of the Diversity, Equity and Inclusion assessment tool used in the Making Space: An Equity Study for Tempe Parks and Recreation. Mercedes shared her experience in innovative outreach and engagement efforts used to collect data, develop and organize community driven strategies, and ultimately plan implementation tactics.



Mercedes Payne presenting

Samantha Mason, Adaptive Recreation Coordinator, co-facilitated a session titled **Taking Action to Accessibility: What, Why, and How to Enhance Inclusivity**. In this session Samantha shared her experience in how to better understand guests, customers, and peers diagnosed with autism with a focus on ensuring locations are welcoming and accessible. Tempe's continued journey to become an Autism Certified City was one of the highlights of this session.



Sam Mason presenting

COMMUNITY SERVICES UPDATE

SEPTEMBER 6, 2024

SPECIAL EVENTS UPDATE: SEPT 6—21

While there was a brief summer break from hosting outdoor festivals and events in our community, rest assured the members of our Special Event Task Force Committee (SETFC) continued their efforts in working with event promoters to bring diverse events that celebrate our community spirit, cultivate culture, contribute to our local economy, support charitable efforts, and generate community awareness, exposure, and visibility. The SETFC works with event producers up to 18 months in advance. Each year they process approximately 200 special event applications which comprises over 600 event days.

Date	Event	Location	Notation
9/7-9/11	Tempe Healing Field	Tempe Beach Park	Memorial
9/14	Travis Manion 9/11 Heroes Run	Kiwanis Park	Charity 5k
9/16	Arts in the Parks	Creamery Park	Community Event
9/18	Scaling Water Resilience	ASU Walton Center	Training and Networking Event
9/19-3/31/25	Culdesac Night Market	Culdesac	Extension of Premise
9/19	Junior Achievement Open House	Junior Achievement	Charity Fundraiser
9/21	CHAMP Run	Kiwanis Park	Charity 5k

For additional information on activities, events, and things to do in and around Tempe, visit:

Tempe Arts and Culture ([Tempe.gov/arts](https://tempe.gov/arts))

Downtown Tempe Authority ([Downtowntempe.com/explore](https://downtowntempe.com/explore))

Tempe Tourism ([Tempetourism.com](https://tempetourism.com))

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