



City Council Weekly Information Packet

Friday, November 1, 2024

Includes the following documents/information:

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



City Council Events Schedule

October 25, 2024 thru August 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.

Fri	Nov 1	4:30 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.	Tempe Town Lake Silver Anniversary – VIP Event Location: TCA – Lakeside Room 700 W. Rio Salado Parkway Tempe, AZ
Sat	Nov 2	6:30 p.m. – 9:30 p.m.	The ISSA-USA 25 th Anniversary Gala at FABRIC Location: ASU Memorial Union, Arizona Ballroom 301 E. Orange Street 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
Sun	Nov 3	5:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.	Tempe Palms NA Neighborhood Potluck Location: Cul-de-sac at the end of Siesta & Shannon Tempe, AZ
Mon	Nov 4	12:00 p.m. – 1:00 p.m.	College Avenue and McKellips Road Roundabout Design Update Virtual Meeting Location: Zoom https://us06web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZcqoQsqDgoEtdRCIpuN9XJBAWJ2bK6rdN7
Mon	Nov 4	6:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.	College Avenue and McKellips Road Roundabout Design Update In-person Public Meeting Location: North Tempe Multi-Generational Center 1555 N. Bridalwreath Street Tempe, AZ
Thu	Nov 7	5:30 a.m. – 7:30 a.m.	Tempe Employee Veterans Breakfast Location: Priest Assembly Hall 55 S. Priest Drive 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

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Fri	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	3:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.	Feed My Starving Children Hope Filled Holiday – AZ Location: Feed My Starving Children 400 E. Apache Boulevard Tempe, AZ
Fri	Nov 8	6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.	Featured Exhibit Opening: Tempe’s Old West: It’s Not What You Think Location: Tempe History Museum 809 E. Southern Avenue Tempe, AZ
Mon	Nov 11	9:30 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.	Veterans Day Parade Location: Gammage Parking Lot 1200 S. Forest Avenue Tempe, AZ
Sat	Nov 9	11:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.	Diwali and Veterans Day Festival Location: Kyrene del Norte 1331 E. Redfield Road Tempe, AZ
Mon	Nov 11	5:00 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.	Park Sessions at Optimist Park Location: Optimist Park 20000 E. Sesame St 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
Thu	Nov 14	12:00 p.m. – 1:00 p.m.	Preserve Management Draft Plan Virtual Meeting Location: Zoom Link https://us06web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZEqc-yvqTgiHNNBwe_Nu7X47Psq5zvjV_LQ
Thu	Nov 14	6:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.	Preserve Management Plan In-person Meeting Location: North Tempe Multi-Generational Center 1555 N. Bridalwreath Street Tempe, AZ
Fri	Nov 8	3:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.	Feed My Starving Children Hope Filled Holiday – AZ Location: Feed My Starving Children 400 E. Apache Blvd, Tempe, AZ
Sat	Nov 16	10:00 a.m.– 11:00 a.m.	Wilson Art & Garden Neighborhood Association Meeting Location: Ellertson Community Garden 1013 S. Wilson Street Tempe, 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
Fri	Nov 22	6:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.	40 & Forward – Celebrating 40 Years Of Tempe Leadership Location: Tempe Diablo Stadium 2200 W Alameda Dr

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Sat	Nov 23	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
Tue	Nov 25	5:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.	Mayor's Youth Advisory Commission Meeting (Meet and Greet) Location: Council Chambers 31 E. Fifth Street Tempe, AZ
Fri	Nov 29	4:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.	Fantasy of Lights Street Parade and Tree Lighting Location: Fantasy of Lights Parade Staging Area Site 3 rd Street and Ash Tempe, AZ
Tue	Dec 3	7:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.	26 th Annual State of the City Address with Mayor Corey Woods Location: Omni Tempe Hotel at ASU 7 E. University Drive Tempe, AZ
Wed	Dec 4	8:00 a.m. – 9:30 a.m.	26 th Annual State of the City Address with Mayor Corey Woods Location: Omni Tempe Hotel 7 E. University Drive Tempe, AZ
Sat	Dec 7	1:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.	Chandler Thunderbird Lodge #15 125 th Anniversary Location: Chandler Thunderbird Lodge #15 88 W. Erie Street Tempe, AZ
Wed	Dec 11	11:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.	City Manager's Holiday Party Location: City Hall 31 E. Fifth Street Tempe, AZ
Wed	Dec 11	11:30 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.	Protech Open House Location: Protech Automotive Solutions 819 E. Curry Road 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

Sat	Dec 14	7:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.	Fantasy of Lights Boat Parade Location: Tempe Beach Lake Beach Park 80 W. Rio Salado Parkway Tempe, AZ
Mon	Jan 13	7:30 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.	Martin Luther King Jr. Diversity Awards Location: The Buttes 2000 W. Westcourt Way Tempe, AZ
Wed	Jan 22	4:00 p.m. – 5:30 p.m.	First Business After Hours of 2025 (Tempe Chamber) Location: Benchmark Electronics 56 S. Rockford Tempe, AZ
Sat	Jan 25	4:30 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.	Unity Walk Location: Tempe Beach Park 80 W. Rio Salado Parkway Tempe, AZ
Tue	Feb 4	6:00 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.	Art Tempe Location: Tempe Center for the Arts 700 W. Rio Salado Parkway Tempe, AZ
Sat	Feb 22	10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.	Tempe Empty Bowls 2025 Location: Tempe Public Library 3500 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
Tue	Aug 19, 2025	All Day	AZ League of Cities and Towns Location: Fairmont Scottsdale Princess 7575 E. Princess Drive Scottsdale, AZ



MEMORANDUM

TO: Mayor and City Council
 FROM: Kara DeArrastia, City Clerk
 DATE: November 1, 2024
 SUBJECT: November 5, 2024 Special Bond Election Update

The following provides an update for the November 5, 2024, Special Bond Election as of the week ending November 1, 2024.

November 5 Election Day: Voting Locations and ID Requirements

On **Election Day, Tuesday, November 5**, Maricopa County will operate 246 Vote Centers to serve voters. A new [“Phil In The Blanks” video](#) is available to help voters prepare for voting in person and to understand the two-page ballot format. The nearest Ballot Drop Box, Vote Center, live wait times, and hours of operation can be found at [Locations.Maricopa.Vote](#). Proof of identity is required for all in-person voters; a list of valid forms of ID is available at [GetID.Maricopa.Vote](#). Ballot tracking is available by texting “JOIN” to 628-683 or by visiting [BeBallotReady.Vote](#).



Emergency Voting – November 2 and 4



Arizona law permits voters experiencing an issue that prevents them from voting in person on Election Day to cast their ballots early at designated Vote Centers throughout Maricopa County. Vote Centers will be open for emergency voting on **Saturday, November 2**, and **Monday, November 4**. In addition, early ballots in their signed affidavit envelopes can be dropped off at any Vote Center or secure Drop Box across the County; an emergency is not required for ballot drop-offs. Information on nearby Drop Boxes, Voting Locations, live wait times, and hours of operation is available at [Locations.Maricopa.Vote](#). Those voting in person should bring a valid ID. Details on acceptable identification can be found at [GetID.Maricopa.Vote](#).

Early Ballot Processing and Signature Verification

To be counted, each early ballot must undergo signature verification and processing. Election workers compare the signature on the affidavit envelope with all known signatures in the official voter registration file, including prior affidavit signatures. If a signature is missing or questioned, voters can resolve it through the Signature Curing process, which allows them to confirm or correct their signature as required by law. For the November 5 Election, the deadline to cure signatures is **Sunday, November 10, by 5 p.m.** More information on the Signature Curing process is available at <https://elections.maricopa.gov/voting/ballot-curing.html>.



How Ballots Are Counted and Results Released in Maricopa County



Maricopa County, one of the largest voting jurisdictions in the U.S. with over 2.4 million registered voters, follows a structured process to ensure accurate and transparent election results. Here is a breakdown of the timeline and procedures for counting ballots and releasing results:

Election Night at 8 p.m.: The first results released at [Results.Maricopa.Vote](#) include early ballots received by the Friday before Election Day, covering both mail-in and in-person early votes.

Ongoing Updates on Election Night: As ballots cast at Vote Centers are secured and transported to the County's central tabulation center, results are updated throughout the evening at [Results.Maricopa.Vote](#). Bipartisan teams ensure memory cards containing vote data from on-site tabulators are safely delivered to the County server for aggregation.

Post-Election Updates: In the days following Election Day, updates are posted at [Results.Maricopa.Vote](#) to include early ballots received up until 7 p.m. on Election Day and ballots dropped off that day. Before these ballots are counted, election workers verify voter signatures and confirm that no duplicate ballots were cast.

Final Verification Steps: Any ballots that cannot be read by machines due to handwriting or unclear markings are reviewed by bipartisan teams to ensure voter intent is correctly interpreted.

The [How Maricopa County Counts Votes video](#) provides a more detailed look at how Maricopa County counts ballots and releases results. Visit [Results.Maricopa.Vote](#) to track updated results throughout the process.

Additional information about the Special Bond Election, including an electronic version of the informational pamphlet, videos on the three bond questions, and related handouts and presentations, is accessible at tempe.gov/bond. Future updates will continue to be provided throughout the election season. For any further questions, please contact me at (480) 350-8947 or kara_dearrastia@tempe.gov.

COMMUNITY SERVICES UPDATE

NOVEMBER 1, 2024

SPECIAL EVENTS UPDATE: NOV 1—NOV 17

The Special Events Task Force Committee works with event producers up to 18 months in advance to ensure the administrative and operational logistics are addressed before the event receives final approval.

Date	Event	Location	Notation
9/19-3/28	Culdesac Night Market (Thru-Sun)	2001 E. Apache Blvd	Community Market
11/1-2/8	Sun Devil Swimming & Diving Meets	Mona Plummer	College Athletic Event
11/1	Boulderfest	Bouldering Project	Climbing Competition
11/1	Paabo VIP Reception & Lecture	Institute of Human Origins	ASU Event
11/1-11/3	Water Lantern Festival	Kiwanis Park	Community Event
11/2	Walk to Save Animals	Tempe Beach Park	Charity 5k
11/2	SWIHA Fall Festival	SW Institute of Healing Arts	Festival and Firewalk
11/3	Tempe Town Lake 25th Anniversary	Tempe Beach Park	Community Event
11/3	Liver Life Walk	Kiwanis Park	Charity 5k
11/3	Walk for 1 in 100	Diablo Stadium	Charity 5k
11/3	TTL 25th Anniversary	Tempe Beach Park	Community Event
11/3	Liver Life Walk	Kiwanis Park	Charity 5k
11/3	Walk for 1 in 100	Diablo Stadium	Charity 5k
11/7	Private Tasting	222 S. Mill #800	Private Event
11/8	Splash & Dash	Tempe Town Lake	Athletic Event
11/8	Doberman Rescue	Ruben Romero	Charity Event
11/9	Moving Day Phoenix	Kiwanis Park	Charity 5k
11/9	Bike Rodeo	Library Courtyard	Bicycle Safety Event
11/9	NA Blues Fest	Ruben Romero Picnic Area	Private Event
11/10	2nd Sundays on Mill	Mill Avenue	Community Event
11/10	AZ Walk for Recovery	Kiwanis Park	Charity 5k
11/11	Tempe Veterans Day Parade	Mill Avenue	Parade
11/12	Arts in the Parks Block Party	Estrada Park	Community Event
11/13	Arts in the Parks Block Party	Meyer Park	Community Event
11/15	Gethsemane Oktoberfest	Gethsemane Church	Cultural Celebration
11/15	BondFire	Singh Meadows	Private Event
11/16	BondFire	Singh Meadows	Private Event
11/15-12/29	World of Illumination	Diablo Stadium	Holiday Drive-through Event
11/16	Tempe Jam	Tempe Sports Complex	Community Event
11/17	Rise and Ride	Ruben Romero Picnic Area	Charity Fundraiser
11/17	Ironman Arizona	Tempe Beach Park	Athletic Competition

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

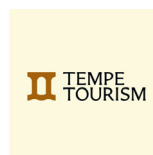
Tempe Parks & Recreation ([Tempe.gov/familyfun](https://tempe.gov/familyfun))

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))

Tempe Public Library ([Tempepubliclibrary.org](https://tempepubliclibrary.org))



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Community Tree Steward Program

The City of Tempe launched the first cohort of the Community Tree Stewards Program, facilitated in partnership between the city's Sustainability & Resilience and Urban Forestry divisions. This program educates community members as Community Tree Stewards to help grow, plant, and maintain trees in neighborhoods with low tree canopy coverage and high levels of heat vulnerability. The program goes beyond planting trees, with a key goal of the Tree Stewards engaging in community outreach to help their neighbors understand tree health, learn planting techniques, and help with maintenance. These neighborhood greening efforts will provide cooling benefits by adding more trees to the city and empower residents to care for them, while also creating workforce development opportunities for Tree Stewards who may be considering careers in urban forestry, natural resources, and sustainability.



Tree Stewards in Workshop 1 sharing their construction paper trees, representing meaningful trees from their lives.

Tree Stewards in Cohort 1 of the program are participating in seven two-hour workshops between September 26th and November 14th, with topics covering basic tree biology, proper tree selection and planting techniques, tree pruning and maintenance, career opportunities with trees, and the unique benefits and challenges associated with urban trees. In



Tree Stewards in Workshop 2 learning about tree biology from the City of Tempe's Urban Forester, Richard Adkins

addition, Tree Stewards will participate in a Neighborhood Walking Audit with program partner Retail, Arts, Innovation & Livability Community Development Corporation (RAIL CDC) and will lead a community tree planting event. All participating Tree Stewards are receiving an hourly stipend for their time spent in the program; in addition, they have received tree planting & maintenance tools to keep and have access to scholarship funding if they would like to pursue additional education and certification in arboriculture, landscaping, or other urban forestry and natural resource related fields. Of the 13 Tree Stewards in this cohort, five live in the Alegre neighborhood, three live in Victory Acres, two live in Escalante, and two live just south of the Apache between McClintock and Price. One additional Tree Steward lives north of Victory Acres.



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This is the first of six cohorts of the Tempe Tree Stewards Program. Each cohort is based in a specific neighborhood or group of neighborhoods, identified using the city's [Heat Priority Scores](#) and the [US Climate and Economic Justice Screening Tool](#). The cohort schedule with corresponding areas of focus is below:

- Fall 2024: Tempe East Neighborhoods (including Alegre, Escalante, University Heights, and Victory Acres)
- Spring 2025: Town of Guadalupe
- Fall 2025: Tempe East Neighborhoods (including Alegre, Escalante, University Heights, and Victory Acres)
- Spring 2026: Baseline-Hardy Neighborhood
- Fall 2026: Tempe East Neighborhoods (including Alegre, Escalante, University Heights, and Victory Acres)
- Spring 2027: Town of Guadalupe



Tree Stewards in Workshop 2 learning about tree biology from the City of Tempe's Urban Forester, Richard Adkins

The Tree Stewards Program is one element of [Growing Together: A Tree Stewardship & Workforce Development Program](#) which was approved by Tempe City Council earlier this year. Growing Together will also provide training, materials, and staff time to increase the tree canopy at local schools; provide workforce development opportunities to community members in designated neighborhoods; and establish two public food forests. City of Tempe is a partner on ASU's Rob and Melani Walton Sustainability Solutions Service 3-year \$5 million grant with the USDA Forest Service to grow the tree and shade canopy in metro Phoenix while also growing an urban forestry industry through community-industry partnerships. Urban Nature is a Justice-40 initiative funded by the Inflation Reduction Act and USDA Forest Service, Urban and Community Forestry Program. Urban Nature is implemented in collaboration with 5 community-based organizations, 4 municipalities, 3 industry partners, 3 national organizations, and 4 ASU departments. Additional funding for this program is also provided by an Inflation Reduction Act and USDA Forest Service grant from the Arizona Department of Forestry and Fire Management.



Raul Puente-Martinez from the Desert Botanical Garden teaching Tree Stewards about tree biology in Workshop 2



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Tree Stewards in Workshop 4 beginning to plan for the community tree planting event, facilitated by Jen Gastelum from RAIL CDC



Tree Stewards in Workshop 5 learning proper pruning techniques from the City of Tempe's Urban Forester, Richard Adkins

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