

## Earth Month activities

Every April, Tempeans celebrate Earth Month by taking part in several family-friendly activities that raise awareness about key environmental issues like sustainable growing and increasing the tree canopy. Give your passion a voice by taking part in earth-friendly recreation events all month long.

## WALK OR RUN FOR SHADE AT THE ARBOR DAY 5K



Make trees and shade your motivation to put on those running shoes! The [8th Annual Arbor Day 5K](#) is on Friday, April 28 at [Kiwaniis Park](#), Mill Ave. and All America Way. Proceeds from the event benefit Trees for Tempe, a program that helps revitalize the city's urban forest through tree plantings.

The Arbor Day 5K is chip-timed event and begins at 6:15 p.m. The course is a single, scenic loop through Kiwaniis Park. Advance registration is \$20 through April 27 and increases to \$25 on Friday, April 28. Registration will also be available on-site the day of the event. All registered participants will receive a commemorative Arbor Day 5K T-shirt.

The Arizona 811 Fun Run is back again this year! The .811 mile walk/run starts at 6 p.m. and makes a single loop around



Kiwaniis Lake. Registration is free and on-site registration will be available the day of the event.

The Arbor Day 5K event expo opens at 4:30 p.m., complete with food, games and information. Packet pick-up and day-of registration for the 5k and Arizona 811 Fun Run start at 4:30 p.m. There will be a tree planting ceremony just before the fun run begins.

The Arbor Day 5K is presented by SRP, Arizona 811 and the City of Tempe. Since the inaugural Arbor Day 5K in 2010, nearly \$50,000 has been raised for the Trees for Tempe program. For more information and to register online, visit [www.ArborDay5K.com](http://www.ArborDay5K.com) or [www.active.com](http://www.active.com).

# SPLASH INTO SPRING AT THE KIWANIS WAVE POOL



This spring, the fun comes in waves at the [Kiwanis Recreation Center's](#) indoor, heated wave pool. The pool features three foot waves in eight varying patterns for guaranteed spring fun!

Stop by from 1-5 p.m. on Saturdays and Sundays in April and May. Admission is \$5 for ages 2-12 years and \$7 for ages 13 years and older.

For more information about Kiwanis Recreation Center call 480-350-5201.

Buy a Kiwanis Wave Pool Season Pass and save! For one low price, you can catch a wave as often as you want. Additionally, pass holders receive a Kiwanis Island Loyalty Cup with \$1 refills and free tube and life jacket rentals on Monday and Tuesdays only. The Season Pass is \$36 for ages 2-12 years and \$46 for ages 13 years and older.



## SEND YOUR KIDS TO SUMMER CAMP IN TEMPE



It's time to start making summer plans for the kids to keep them active and engaged between school sessions. Tempe offers fantastic [summer camps](#) at convenient times and with a variety of themes – something for every young member of your family. Here's a sneak peek of some of the many programs available:

### Adapted Recreation's Camp Challenge

Camp Challenge is a summer day camp offered during the months of June and July for youth ages 5-21 years with developmental disabilities. Campers will enjoy arts and crafts, games, swimming, music, field trips, bowling and more!

### Kid Zone camps

Kid Zone summer enrichment programs are for kids in Kindergarten to 8th grade. All campers will enjoy age-appropriate curriculum and daily enrichment classes that include Spanish, STEM, nutrition, theater, science, arts and sports activities. Flexible 2, 3, and 5-day schedules are offered, as well as full-day or half-day options. Camps meet in several locations throughout the City of Tempe and run from May 22 to July 21.

### Arizona Science Center STEM summer camps

Young engineers can spend their summer break with STEM! STEM is a state-wide program that integrates the teaching of Science and Mathematics by incorporating Technology and Engineering.

### Young Artists Studio

This visual arts-intensive workshop is perfect for students ages 8 to 12 years old who love art and are looking to sculpt, paint, draw and create in a variety of formats. Program ends with an opening exhibition of student work.

Registration is open for most camps. Visit [www.tempe.gov/brochure](http://www.tempe.gov/brochure) to register, or for more information call the Recreation Services Office at 480-350-5200.



## EXPLORE YOUR OPTIONS AT THE HEALTH & WELLNESS EXPO

Adults ages 50+ are invited to explore and experience community resources at this year's free Senior Health & Wellness Expo, held at the [Pyle Adult Recreation Center](#), 655 E. Southern Ave.

From 8 a.m.-12 p.m. on Thursday, April 13, more than fifty vendors will gather to provide information on their products and services of interest to seniors. Offerings include free class

demonstrations and observations, giveaways and door prizes, free chair massages, a free healthy breakfast and much more. [Tempe St. Luke's](#) will be providing blood draw screenings, blood pressure and pulse oximetry while [Valley ENT](#) will provide hearing screenings. Don't miss this great, free event!

For more information contact the Pyle Adult Recreation Center at 480-350-5211.



## CELEBRATE EARTH DAY AT FREE ART FRIDAY

On Friday, April 21, head to the [Edna Vihel Activities Center](#) from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. for the monthly Free Art Friday event. This free, family-friendly interactive art series gives preschoolers and caregivers the opportunity to create art, learn about music and movement and have a great time! Each month has a different theme and featured art projects. Come out and celebrate Earth Day for the month of April, and be sure to stop by May's Free Art Friday on May

29 for An Old Fashioned Free Art Friday. Free Art Friday will take a break during the summer months so be sure to check back to the [Free Art Friday](#) webpage for updates on new dates and themes, or call the Edna Vihel Center at 480-350-5287.

Registration is not required for these free, leisurely mornings of activities. For a list of more fun-filled events happening in Tempe, visit our [Family Fun](#) page.



## NEW SEED LIBRARY IS OPEN FOR GARDEN ENTHUSIASTS

The Tempe Public Library's brand new [Seed Library](#) is now open for gardening business! In partnership with local nonprofit [Garden Pool](#), the Seed Library is a collection of edible plant & herb seeds that you can check out, then plant and grow at home. The library will be stocked with seeds that are appropriate for all Arizona seasons and growing conditions. And it's so easy to use – just check out seeds for free, start growing, then donate the seeds of your harvest back to the Seed Library! Be sure to follow the Tempe Public Library on social media to stay up-to-date about classes and workshops. [www.tempe.gov/library](http://www.tempe.gov/library)



## GEAR UP FOR TEMPE BIKE MONTH

The purpose of Tempe Bike Month is to encourage people to use bicycles as an alternative mode of transportation, reducing traffic and smog while encouraging a healthy lifestyle.

## BIKES AND BEER – AN EVENING WITH TEMPE IN MOTION, TEMPE BICYCLE ACTION GROUP AND PEDAL HAUS BREWERY

As part of the Tempe History Museum's Third Thursday series, this cool new Bike Month event will include a panel discussion, beer tasting courtesy of [Pedal Haus Brewery](#) and fun bicycling activities. The event begins at 7 p.m. on Thursday, April 20 at the [Tempe History Museum](#), 809 E. Southern Ave. Following Bikes & Beer, Tempe Bicycle Action Group will lead a group ride from the museum to Pedal Haus Brewery in downtown Tempe (must be 21 or older to participate in beer tasting).

For more information about Tempe Bike Month, visit [www.tempe.gov/bikemonth](http://www.tempe.gov/bikemonth) or call 480-350-2707.

## BIKE TO WORK DAY

The 25th annual Bike to Work day will be held on Wednesday, April 19 from 6:30-8:30 a.m. Bicycle riders who stop by one of the participating locations below will receive a free breakfast. Plus, the first 350 riders will receive free t-shirts. At 7 a.m., join Mayor Mark Mitchell along with members of the Tempe City Council on a bike ride from Whole Foods Market to Ncounter in downtown Tempe.

### **Bike to Work locations include:**

#### **[Back East Bagels](#)**

Northwest corner of Southern Avenue and McClintock Drive

#### **[IKEA](#)**

Northwest corner of Warner Road and Priest Drive

#### **[Breyer Law Group](#)**

Daley Park on the northwest corner of College Avenue and Encanto Drive

#### **[Ncounter](#)**

Southwest corner of Mill Avenue and 3rd Street with Hubert's Lemonade

#### **[Steve's Espresso](#)**

Southeast corner of McClintock Drive and Baseline Road

#### **[Wildflower Bread Company](#)**

Southwest corner of McClintock Drive and Guadalupe Road

#### **[Whole Foods Market](#)**

Northwest corner of Rural and Baseline roads

#### **[Boulders on Broadway](#)**

Northeast corner of Roosevelt Street and Broadway Road

# RECYCLE-A-BICYCLE

The Recycle-a-Bicycle pilot program, a partnership between the City of Tempe and Tempe Elementary School District #3, will provide community-donated bicycles to at-risk students at Gililand Middle School. Through an elective community services class, Gililand students will work with a certified teacher and the Tempe Police Department to refurbish the bikes, as well as learn how to repair, maintain and safely ride them.

Recycle-a-Bicycle instills responsibility and independence, encourages health and physical fitness, promotes a sustainable mode of transportation and develops life skills.

**How can you help?** You can help by donating used, rideable bicycles – BMX bikes, mountain bikes, beach cruisers – bikes of all sizes and types. Don't worry about a flat tire, missing pedal, worn out grips or a broken chain. The kids will learn how to fix those things!



## RECYCLE E-WASTE, HOUSEHOLD CLEANERS AND MORE ON ZERO WASTE DAY



The City of Tempe invites residents to clean closets, clear out sheds, eliminate garage clutter and help the environment by dropping all that waste off on [Zero Waste Day Tempe](#). Guadalupe residents can recycle all their hazardous waste for free on Saturday, April 15 from 7 a.m.-1 p.m. at the [Tempe Fire Training Facility](#), 1340 E. University Dr. All items dropped off will be recycled, reused or disposed of in an environmentally safe manner.

Items need to be clean and sanitary. Accepted items include: appliances (dishwashers, refrigerators, stoves), books, building supplies (no cement), electronic technology, equipment, household textiles (clothing, linens, towels), household hazardous waste, plastic shopping bags, shoes, belts, handbags, wallets, soft/stuffed toys, tires and more.

Free, secure and confidential document shredding will also be offered at the event. Proof of Tempe residency is required (e.g. driver's license, utility bill). A donation of one canned food item is requested.

# FREE MOVIES IN THE PARK SERIES RETURNS MAY 5

Can't get enough of Dory, Max and Duke? We've got you covered. The City of Tempe will once again give families good reason to skip the theaters on Friday nights and instead head to [Kiwanis Park](#), Baseline Rd. and Ash Ave. Catch a free flick under the stars at the popular [Movies in the Park](#) family movies series beginning Friday, May 5th.

May 5	Happy Feet	PG
May 12	The Secret Lives of Pets	G
May 19	The Princess and the Frog	PG
May 26	Finding Dory	G

Families and friends can bring blankets and a picnic dinner to watch the following films on one of the largest inflatable screens in Arizona. Each movie begins at dusk (approximately 7 p.m.) on the north soccer fields of Kiwanis Park.

For more details about Movies in the Park, visit <http://www.tempe.gov/movies> or call (480) 350-5200.



To receive up-to-date information about exciting events and opportunities happening between Connecting Tempe newsletters, become a fan of Tempe Opportunities on [Facebook](#).

## SAVE THE DATE

### Thursday, April 13

#### Health and Wellness Expo

8 a.m.–noon; [Pyle Adult Recreation Center](#)

### Saturday, April 15

#### Zero Waste Day

7 a.m.–1 p.m.; [Tempe Fire Training Facility](#)

### Saturday, April 15

#### Seed Library Grand Opening

2 p.m.–3 p.m.; [Tempe Public Library](#)

### Wednesday, April 19

#### Bike to Work Day

6:30 a.m.–8 a.m.; variety of locations throughout Tempe

### Thursday, April 20

#### Bikes and Beer

7 p.m.; [Tempe History Museum](#)

### Friday, April 21

#### Free Art Friday

9:30 a.m.–11:30 a.m.; [Edna Vihel Activities Center](#)

### Saturday, April 22

#### Pat's Run

7:05 a.m.; ASU

### Saturday, April 22

#### 2017 State of the Neighborhoods Awards and Workshops

8 a.m.–11:30 a.m.; Tempe History Museum

### Friday, April 28

#### Arbor Day 5K

6:15 p.m.; [Kiwanis Park](#)  
Mill Ave. and All-America Way

### Friday, May 5

#### Movies in the Park – Happy Feet (PG)

Approximately 7 p.m.; [Kiwanis Park](#)  
Mill Ave. and All-America Way



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[www.tempe.gov/recreation](http://www.tempe.gov/recreation)