

February 2018

## Fitness, music and free events in February

February is full of free events, music and fitness activities that will reinvigorate your love of winter in the desert. Here are some highlights to help you plan your month, along with important dates for spring registration.



### Come out and play at PlayDay on Feb. 24



PlayDay returns on Saturday, Feb. 24 with plenty of fun play for kids of all ages! From 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., families will enjoy a variety of free activities that will get their legs moving and their heart pounding, including an inflatable obstacle course, climbing wall, sports and kayaking. Other activities will encourage them to expand their mind and creativity, such as the Tempe Public Library's StoryWalk®, Kid Zone Experience and STEM programs.

The wildly popular Just for Kids Fishing Festival and City's Touch-A-Truck events will be joining PlayDay again this year. New this year is the library's StoryWalk®, where participants can follow a storybook path and engage in activities from the book, including jumping on a couch.



A majority of the PlayDay activities, including the stage and welcome booth, are located at Fiesta Playground and Ramada in the middle of Kiwanis Park, Mill Ave. and All-America Way. More details, including a map, are available at [www.tempe.gov/PlayDay](http://www.tempe.gov/PlayDay). For a PlayDay preview video, [click here](#).

PlayDay is sponsored in part by the [Tempe Diablos](#).

## Register for spring classes and activities in February

Spring registration is right around the corner! The new edition of the [Tempe Opportunities](#) brochure will be available online and in city facilities beginning Thursday, Feb. 15. Download or grab a copy to check out all spring offerings for sports, educational camps, music, fitness, arts and crafts and more.

Registration for Tempe residents begins Tuesday, Feb. 20 and Monday, Feb. 26 for non-residents. Most classes begin the week of March 19. Visit [www.tempe.gov/brochure](http://www.tempe.gov/brochure) or call the Recreation Administration Office at 480-350-5200 for more information.



## February sports classes for the kids



New sessions for several Tempe sports classes will begin this month. Check out youth sports classes for karate, junior golf, gymnastics and archery lessons. There are plenty of options for tots too, including dance classes, Tumble Bugs and martial arts.

All Tempe classes are led by experienced coaches. For a full list of February sessions, visit [www.tempe.gov/brochure](http://www.tempe.gov/brochure).

## Share the love with Valentine's-themed events

### *Valentine's Social Dance*

Tempe's Adapted Recreation team loves activities that promote socialization and fun with friends, and the Valentine's Social Dance does just that! On Friday, Feb. 9 from 6:30–9 p.m., individuals with developmental disabilities ages 13 and older are invited to dance the night away at the [Edna Vihel Arts Center](#), 3340 S. Rural Rd. The DJ plays a mix of the current hits and classics. Admission is \$4 at the door and includes refreshments and photos. For more information, visit [www.Tempe.gov/AdaptedRecreation](http://www.Tempe.gov/AdaptedRecreation) or call 480.350.2469.

### *Escalante's Annual Sweetheart's Dance*

Valentine's is all about spending time with the people you care about, which is why the [Escalante Multi-Generational Center](#), located at 2150 E. Orange St. in Tempe, is

bringing back its annual Family Sweetheart's Dance and Carnival. Join us from 6–8 p.m. on Friday, Feb. 9 for music, food, games and fun for all ages! Admission wristbands are \$3.

## Escalante's Family Sweethearts Dance

## Discover the science at Geeks Night Out on March 1

Mark your calendars for the 7th Annual Geeks Night Out from 4:30–8 p.m. on Thursday, March 1 at the Tempe Community Complex, 3340 S. Rural Rd.

This free, family-friendly event will enable all of us to *Discover the Science!* Tempe's Geeks Night Out is a signature [Arizona SciTech Festival](#) event and is presented by [State Farm](#). The spectacular endeavor blends science, technology, engineering, arts, and math (STEAM).

Dozens of exhibitors from Tempe elementary, middle and high schools; as well as college and university students, and local businesses will showcase STEAM projects ranging from solar-powered race cars to science experiments to coding. For more info, visit [www.tempe.gov/geeks](http://www.tempe.gov/geeks).



## Celebrate Black History Month at the Tempe History Museum



The Tempe History Museum is hosting several free events throughout February to commemorate Black History Month. There will be musical performances, film experts and presenters who will speak on topics ranging from prominent activists to modern struggles of the African American community. These events are all free and family-friendly. Check out the full schedule at [www.tempe.gov/MuseumEvents](http://www.tempe.gov/MuseumEvents).

## Bring your dancing shoes to Edna Vihel Arts Center

Got a little swing in your step? Looking for a new, fun way to work off steam and get some exercise without a long-term commitment? The Edna Vihel Arts Center offers \$5 walk-in dance classes including Bachata, Nuline, Belly Dance and West Coast Swing. For class days and times, visit [www.tempe.gov/brochure](http://www.tempe.gov/brochure), click on *Adults* and search the term "dance".



## Get your glow on Tempe Town Lake



Glow Paddle returns on Friday, Feb. 16 at Tempe Town Lake! Grab your glow gear and get out on the lake for this unique Tempe experience. Tickets are \$35 for adults and \$20 for youth ages 10-17 (minors must be accompanied by an adult). Visit [www.tempe.gov/FamilyFun](http://www.tempe.gov/FamilyFun) for more info or call 480-350-8069.

## Free Art Friday in February



Free Art Friday is back on February 23 with a fun theme and plenty of hands-on arts and crafts. This free, family-friendly interactive art series gives young children and their caregivers the opportunity to create art and spend quality time together. Free Art Friday takes place from 9-11 a.m. at the [Edna Vihel Arts Center](#).

Visit [www.tempe.gov/FamilyFun](http://www.tempe.gov/FamilyFun) for more info.

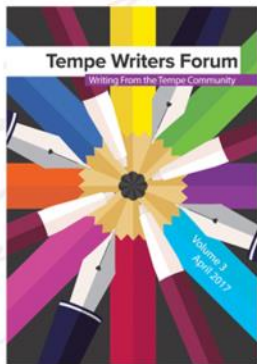
## Lifeguard and swim instructors needed for Tempe aquatics

The City of Tempe is looking for motivated teenagers ages 15 and up who are interested in becoming lifeguards. The city offers lifeguard training classes February - April. Students will learn and become certified in First Aid, CPR/AED and lifeguard training and can apply for a position at city pools once training is complete.



Teens ages 16 and up can also become swim instructors for the city's Starfish Swim Instructor Program. Candidates will learn water safety, basic learn to swim skills as well as stroke techniques to students of all swim levels. Swim lesson instruction begins in February. For more info and to register, visit [www.tempe.gov/lifeguard](http://www.tempe.gov/lifeguard).

## Writing Contest and Cover Design entries due Feb. 19



Calling all aspiring writers and artists! Tempe Community Writing Contest entries are due by Monday, Feb. 19. Writers can submit original works of fiction, creative nonfiction or poetry, for a chance to be featured in the *Tempe Writer's Forum*. Artists are invited to submit original artwork for the Cover Design Contest. The contest is open to Tempe residents, Tempe Public Library cardholders, high school students and ASU students.

Visit [www.tempe.gov/WritingContest](http://www.tempe.gov/WritingContest) for guidelines and to submit your work.

## Kids swim for free at Kiwanis through March 15

Keep those swimsuits out all winter long and come out to Kiwanis Pool! Up to two children ages 10 and under are FREE with each paid \$4 adult admission. Kids swim for free Monday-Thursday from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. (Midday Swim) and 4:30-8 p.m. (Evening Swim).



For pool info, visit [www.tempe.gov/kiwanis](http://www.tempe.gov/kiwanis).

## Spring Training tickets on sale

The Los Angeles Angels return to their spring training home in Tempe for the home opener against the Milwaukee Brewers on Saturday, Feb. 24. Tickets are on sale now at [www.angels.com](http://www.angels.com) and will be available at the stadium beginning Feb. 10. The Angels begin practicing on Wednesday, Feb. 14 – practices are free and a great opportunity to grab an autograph or two.



Don't miss the annual Tempe Diablos Charity Game on Wednesday, Feb. 28 when the Angels will take on the Cleveland Indians. All proceeds benefit local Tempe charities which aid at-risk youth, fund student scholarships, enrich the lives of individuals with physical and intellectual disabilities, and help improve educational programs. For more information, visit [www.tempe.gov/diablo](http://www.tempe.gov/diablo).

## Splash Playground construction underway



Notice something new at Kiwanis Park? Construction is now underway on the [Kiwanis Park Splash Playground](#), scheduled to open in summer 2018. The \$1.7 million playground is being built near the north soccer field within [Kiwanis Park](#), which is located between Baseline and Guadalupe roads at Mill Avenue.

All park amenities, with the exception of the ramadas in the surrounding area, will remain open during construction. The ramadas will be closed.

## Calling All Superheros

Join Tempe's Adapted Recreation program for a fun-filled day of play at the 5<sup>th</sup> annual [Tempe Adapted Adventure Day](#) from 10 a.m. – 1 p.m. on Saturday, Feb. 17 at Tempe High School, 1730 S. Mill Ave.

The free event has been specifically designed for individuals with disabilities and their families. The adapted adventures and activities include Save the City with Superheroes bike ride, Home Depot Kids Clinic, petting zoo, obstacle course, adapted bowling, dance, cape decorating, face painting and more. Even Big Red and some of the Arizona Cardinal Cheerleaders will be joining in the festivities.



The event is presented by [Suzy Foundation](#), [Team Asa](#) and the [Tempe Diablos](#).

## Hayden's Ferry Days on March 2-4

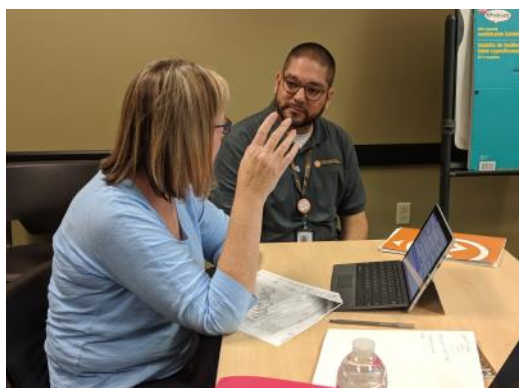
Explore Tempe's unique history at Hayden's Ferry Days, a three-day celebration that includes a free festival and tours of historic Tempe buildings. Visit [www.tempe.gov/HaydensFerryDays](http://www.tempe.gov/HaydensFerryDays) for more info.

### Hayden's Ferry Days schedule

- Friday, March 2, 6-9 p.m. – Founder's Dinner ([tickets available here](#))
- Saturday, March 3, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. – Free Festival (display booths, antique market, music, art showcases and more)
- Sunday, March 4 – Historic Tour Day (Petersen, Elias-Rodriguez, Hackett and Eisendrath houses plus the [Walk Through History tour](#))



## March College Connect workshop focuses on career



Register for the next College Connect workshop on Saturday, March 3 from 9:45 a.m. to Noon. This workshop will focus on career exploration, covering topics like in-demand career fields and how CTE (career and technical education) can help your college students shape their futures. A career fair will follow the workshop and one-on-one sessions will be available.

Register at [www.CollegeConnectTempe.org](http://www.CollegeConnectTempe.org).



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