



City Council Weekly Information Packet

Friday, August 13, 2021

Includes the following documents/information:

- 1) City Council Events Schedule
- 2) Human Services Department Update
- 3) Municipal Utilities Department Update



City Council Events Schedule

August 13, 2021 thru September 29, 2021

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.

DAY	DATE	TIME	EVENT
Wed	Aug 25	4:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.	Anne Gill's Retirement Party Location: Marriott Phoenix Resort at the Buttes 2000 W. Westcourt Way Tempe, AZ
Wed	Sept 8	4:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.	Keep Tempe Beautiful - Ribbon Cutting Location: Kiwanis Park 6111 S. All American Way Tempe, AZ
Fri	Sept 17	9:00 a.m. - 10:00 a.m.	Omni Hotel & Conference Center Groundbreaking Location: Southeast Corner of Mill & University 7 E. University Dr. Tempe, AZ
Fri	Sept 17	7:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.	2021 Tardeada Private Reception Location: Tempe History Museum 809 E. Southern Avenue Tempe, AZ
Wed	Sept 29	5:30 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.	Save the Date: 38th Annual Don Carlos Humanitarian Awards Location: Hybrid In-Person/Virtual Event

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Resource Navigators

The purpose of this update is to provide information about the Human Services Resource Navigator Program established in FY 2021-22 to connect individuals and families in the Tempe community with resources to address their needs and provide support as they work toward self-sufficiency. Resource Navigators can be reached via phone at (480) 858-2021 or email resources@tempe.gov. Residents can also find information about other resources at: tempe.gov/GetHelp.

Background Information

The City of Tempe Human Services Resource Navigator program was established out of a desire to help individuals and families navigate sometimes unfamiliar or complex systems of support within the city, other government entities, and the nonprofit sector. Understanding and accessing resources can be particularly difficult in times of stress and the impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic make that even more so for those in need. The overarching goal of the Resource Navigator Program is to provide a systematic way to identify and organize community resources as a means of improving self-sufficiency and overall quality of life of those served.

The city's two Resource Navigators bring a breadth of professional Human Services experience and a passion for assisting vulnerable and at-risk residents in our community. In their roles, they connect individuals and families with the appropriate resources to address their needs based on their current circumstance. This program assists those impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic by providing them with resources **at no cost**.

Program Approach

Individuals may receive assistance online and over the phone and will have direct contact with the Resource Navigators. The goal is to provide a service that not only assists Tempe community members but City of Tempe programs as well.

Resource Navigators can assist individuals and families with a wide range of needs, including but not limited to:

- Connecting residents to appropriate city services and programs, such as Tempe PRE or CARE 7
- Helping obtain basic needs, such as food boxes and hygiene items
- Completing an AHCCCS application
- Connecting to shelter services
- Connecting to educational and employment resources
- Connecting to rental and utility assistance
- Connecting to childcare subsidies

As important, the Human Services Resource Navigator Program is committed to following up with individuals so they feel supported and can access resources as circumstances evolve.

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Meet the Resource Navigators



Lesley Almodovar discovered her passion for helping people when realizing the impact that could be made to the lives of individuals, families and communities. She has experience working with adolescents in a school setting and in child welfare and looks forward to assisting the community of Tempe and those most in need. Lesley has a Bachelor of Social Work and Master of Social Work, both from Arizona State University.

Brittany McNurlin brings a range of experience working in the areas of mental health, child welfare and youth homelessness. She received a Bachelor of Science in Family and Human Development from Arizona State University and later attended law school, where she recognized a significant gap between legal services and human services. Brittany pursued a Master of Social Work in order to help clients beyond meeting legal needs. She received her Juris Doctor in 2019 and Master of Social Work in 2021.



Residents can connect with residents two ways: resources@tempe.gov or 480-858-2021. They can also find information about our Resource Navigators and other resources at: tempe.gov/GetHelp.



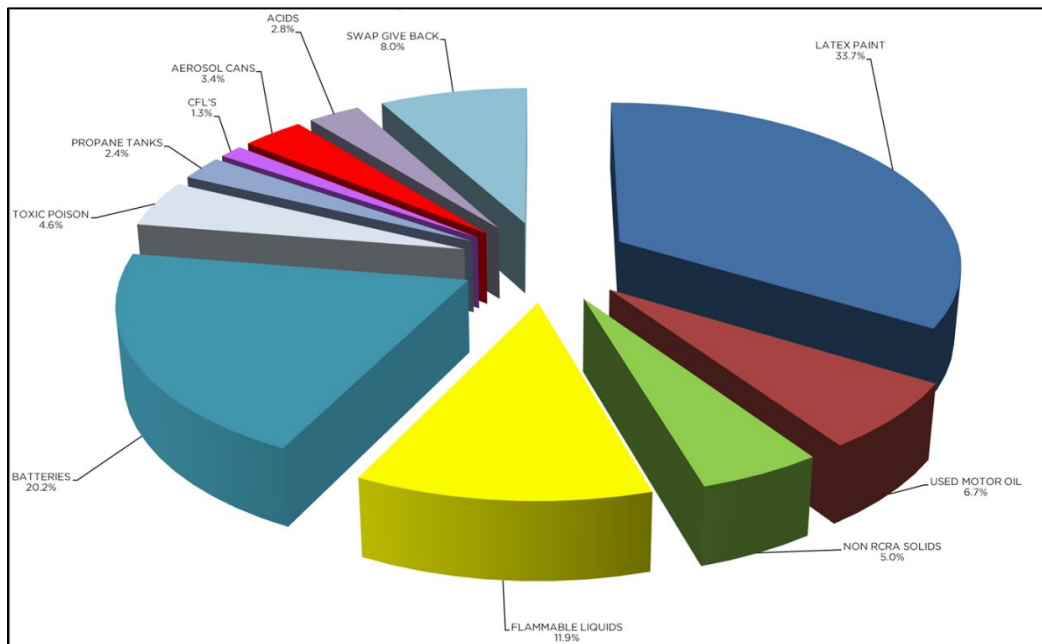
Zero Waste Day – July 2021

Terry Piekarz, Municipal Utilities Director, 480-350-2660, terrance_piekarz@tempe.gov

Tempe’s Municipal Utilities Department hosted the 41st Zero Waste Day on July 24, 2021. This event provided residents a means by which to donate usable items to local organizations for reuse, recycle items not accepted in the recycling container and properly dispose of household hazardous waste (HHW).

Although the rain during the morning of the event resulted in fewer participants compared to average, the amount of material per participant remained consistent at approximately 100 pounds, for a total of approximately 30,000 pounds of material collected.

In addition to keeping material out of the landfill, Zero Waste Days are an essential component of Tempe’s Stormwater Management Program by facilitating the collection and recycling or proper disposal of HHW, thereby preventing them from entering the stormwater conveyance system. At the July event, approximately 7,200 pounds (24 percent) of all material collected was HHW.



July 2021 Zero Waste Day – HHW collected by type

The collected HHW that cannot be reused is disposed of in accordance with local, state and/or federal regulations. Usable items are processed, packaged and made available to residents free of charge at the Swap Shop, located in the Household Products Collection Center (HPCC). Making partially used or new items such as cleaning supplies, lawn and garden supplies and automotive products available to residents eliminates the need for disposal.

Latex paint is the most common HHW material collected at Zero Waste Day. The City reuses the paint collected, processes it and repackages it as the signature “Tempe Tan” latex paint. Each resident attending a Zero Waste Day event is offered up to 25 gallons of Tempe Tan paint at no charge. Residents can also acquire this paint at no charge from the HPCC during normal operating hours, Wednesday, Friday and Saturday, 7:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. The HPCC is closed on Zero Waste Days.



The next Zero Waste Day event is scheduled for November 20, 2021, from 7:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. The event will be held at the Tempe Fire Training Center, located at 1340 E. University Drive. For more information on the November event, including a list of items that will be accepted, please visit tempe.gov/zerowaste.

