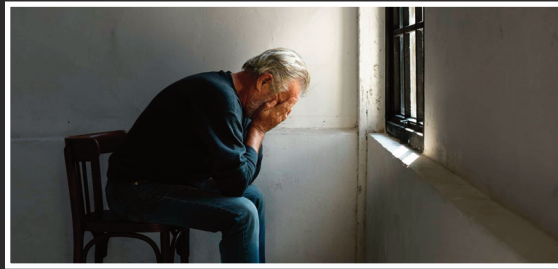




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The 'silent crime' of elder abuse has taken on new importance in Tempe with Mayor Corey Woods spearheading a campaign to detect and assist victims. **PAGE 3**



Tempe's Sister Cities organization is celebrating 50 years of smiling faces among the thousands who have trekked to foreign countries as ambassadors. **PAGES 8-9.**



A moment to reflect, as the wings of summer take flight

Wrangler News photographer Billy Hardiman captured this woman's pensive moment alongside the soothing waters of Tempe Town Lake. Her solitary reflection seemed to serve as inspiration for all of the heat-weary among us, ready for a return to cooler fall days soon to come.

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Mayor, panel launch initiative to ease concerns over elder abuse



By Janie Magruder
Special for Wrangler News

Tempe is taking the lead in bringing to light the “silent crime” of the 21st century — the often unreported financial exploitation of elderly people whose physical, mental and emotional health are in decline.

Last year, at the urging of longtime Tempe businesswoman Linda Arters, Mayor Corey Woods declared World Elder Abuse Awareness Day, in commemoration of the public awareness campaign’s 15th anniversary.

The effort promotes an understanding of abuse, neglect and exploitation of older people, focuses on prevention and reporting, and provides protection to vulnerable citizens.

This summer, Woods proclaimed June 13-17 World Elder Abuse Awareness Week in Tempe, and the city hosted a daylong community program on elder abuse and financial exploitation. It featured panels with real estate, financial, IT and other experts, and drew about 100 people.

Joining Woods during a discussion at Pyle Center were Karen Barno, a Tempe resident who is president and CEO of the AZ Assisted Living Federation of America; Bill Sallurday, a Chandler resident who is board adviser to R.O.S.E. Resources, and Arters.

The issue of elder abuse dovetails with Dementia Friendly Tempe, which promotes understanding of Alzheimer’s disease and dementia-related illnesses, and Age-Friendly Tempe, a 2020 initiative designed to improve the city’s livability for all ages.

According to U.S. census data, 25 percent of Tempe’s population will be older than 50 by 2025. And by 2050, people over 65 will outnumber children under 18 in Tempe, the census reports.

“Society, infrastructure, business, health services aren’t focused on the fact that we are all aging,” said Arters, a South Tempe resident, whose late mother experienced financial exploitation.

“Nobody thinks about it, nobody talks about it, but people are coming out of the woodwork. People are clamoring for more information.”

— ABUSE, Page 4

Chandler exploring ways to expand housing

It’s no secret that housing costs and interest rates are rising.

Many people, consequently, have been priced out of the housing market.

Just ask recently re-elected Mayor Kevin Hartke, whose own daughter was forced to consider Casa Grande as a place to live because of her home town’s lack of affordable availability.

And, officials note, when they look for alternatives in West Chandler and other city neighborhoods, the news is just as alarming.

With demand high, supply is low.

There just aren’t enough

available options, say city housing researchers. Chandler’s current public multi-family housing stock includes four multi-family sites, one senior multi-family site and 103 scattered single-family sites.

With the city within 5 percent of buildout, it’s unlikely it can do anything significant to change the dynamics, say officials.

But staff members are trying. The city does have a housing authority that is exploring possibilities.

For example, Chandler City Council has authorized its Housing and Redevelopment Division, which is the administrator of the Chandler Public Housing Authority, to study a potential affordable-housing development site on city-owned land near McQueen Road and Chandler Boulevard.

Most of Chandler’s current public-housing facilities were built during the early 1970s and need significant capital investment and repair, according to city officials.

— HOUSING, Page 6

Oktoberfest: Back, and better than ever

Four Peaks Oktoberfest is officially back and predicted to be better than ever for its 49th year at Tempe Town Lake.

The three-day outdoor Bavarian-themed festival will be open to all ages and feature live music, food and drinks, games, carnival rides, dancing and more. This year, say planners, there will be new rides, new food items and a weiner-dog fashion show.

The annual fundraiser

benefits Tempe Sister Cities, an internationally recognized non-profit founded in 1970.

General admission is \$20 on Friday and Saturday, free on Sunday. Attendees 20 and younger can enter free all weekend.

Presale tickets will be available at a discounted rate. Volunteer opportunities are available with free admission

Information: www.fourpeaksoktoberfest.com.

Abuse

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Elder abuse is defined as an intentional or negligent act by any person, causing harm or serious risk of harm to a vulnerable older adult. The primary categories of elder abuse are physical, sexual and psychological abuse; neglect, abandonment, financial exploitation and self-neglect.

According to the National Council on Aging, one-in-10 Americans older than 60 have been abused, and 5 million seniors in the U.S. are abused annually.

Because only one in 44 cases of elder abuse is reported, according to estimates by the National Adult Protective Services Association, the crime is considered silent.

Financial exploitation happens when money or belongings are stolen from an older adult. Crimes may include forging checks, taking someone else's retirement or Social Security benefits, or using a person's credit cards and bank accounts without their permission.

It also may include changing names on wills, bank accounts, life insurance policies, or titles to homes without permission.

AARP, which operates a free fraud watch network, reports that one in five older Americans are victims of financial exploitation, with each victim losing an average of \$120,000.

Nationally, financial abuse scams against the elderly are a multi-billion-dollar industry with annual financial losses ranging from nearly \$3 billion to more than \$36.5 billion, according to the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau.

Although more than half of the perpetrators of financial exploitation are strangers, an estimated 34 percent are family, friends or neighbors, NAPSA reports.

To help loved ones of senior citizens recognize the signs of elder abuse, the Department of Justice issued red flags for physical, emotional/psychological abuse and sexual abuse, financial exploitation, and neglect and abandonment.

The warning signs of financial exploitation include:

- Sudden changes in bank accounts or banking practices, including unexplained withdrawals of large sums of money by a person accompanying the older adult.
- Inclusion of additional names on his or her bank signature card.
- Unauthorized withdrawal of his or her funds using an ATM card.
- Abrupt changes in a will or other financial

documents.

- Unexplained disappearance of funds or valuable possessions.
- Provision of substandard care or bills left unpaid despite the availability of adequate resources.
- Discovery of a forged signature for financial transactions or for the title of his or her possessions.
- Sudden appearances of previously uninvolved relatives claiming their rights to his or her property or possessions.
- Unexplained sudden transfer of assets to a family member or someone outside the family.
- Provision of unnecessary services.
- An older adult's report of financial exploitation.

Arters, a certified senior advisor, has served on the Arizona Governor's Advisory Council on Aging and the Maricopa County Elder Abuse Prevention Coalition.

She currently is working to form an aging coalition in Maricopa County and Tucson.

"What I have learned, and why I approached Mayor Woods, is that you can have wills or trusts drawn up to protect yourself, and you can have powers of attorney for finances, powers of attorney for medical, but there is no guarantee that your wishes will be followed," she said.

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Housing

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Accordingly, city staff is exploring repositioning its public-housing portfolio through a public-private partnership known as the Rental Assistance Demonstration program with the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development. Congress authorized the program in 2012 with a goal to preserve and improve the nation's aging public housing stock. The program allows public-housing authorities to access additional sources of funding to maintain, repair and replace public housing units.

Recently re-elected Mayor Iler, has made improving Chandler's affordable-housing situation a priority during in his second term.

"We have a housing authority," he said. "At our last Council meeting we began looking at providing senior and veterans housing, 137 units. I hope to see more public-private agreements to help us with that.

"It's a challenge," Hartke said. "We're within five percent of buildout. After the Intel announcement (\$20 billion investment to build two more chip plants in the area) property has

just been gobbled up in Chandler. So we won't be able to make massive changes but we'll do what we can do."

The proposed initial multi-family project could include approximately 157 new units of one-, two-, three-, four- and five-bedrooms, with community space and a park area.

For the past year, city staff has conducted meetings with people and families to keep them informed of the RAD program.

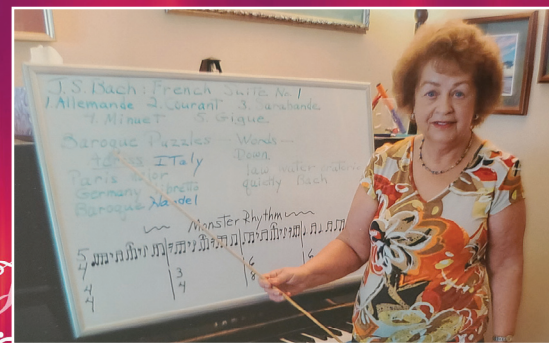
Residents were given the opportunity to ask questions about RAD and provide feedback on amenities for a potential future housing development.

There are several steps in the process, according to city officials, the critical first step being receiving City Council approval to allow Chandler's Public Housing Authority to apply to HUD and begin pre-development activities.

After HUD approves the city's RAD application, HUD would provide Chandler with a commitment.

A development agreement would be presented to City Council that would further detail the project and its specific scope.

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Sister Cities visit opens door for a lifetime of friendships

By Sally Mesarosh, Special for Wrangler News



When Skylar Schineller landed in Lower Hutt, New Zealand, for a five-week stay as a Tempe Sister Cities delegate, she was amazed at how green the countryside was.

"I was so excited and nervous," said 20-year-old Schineller. "I stepped out and was thrilled to see that there was green everywhere. Seeing that was amazing and everyone I met was so very welcoming."

For five weeks, Schineller, who was 18 at the time, explored New Zealand with her hosts and two other delegates from Arizona. Her favorite day was spent bungee jumping, eating fish and chips and splashing around in the rain.

As part of the Tempe Sister Cities Student Exchange Program, Schineller becomes part of the next generation of leaders to reach across geographical bounds to experience the variety of life and culture the world offers.

"I'd never been out of the United States before," Schineller said. "It was amazing. One of my goals is to experience other cultures. It's such an important perspective, to learn and grow from other people's lives."

On Oct. 6, Tempe Sister Cities recognizes 50 years of "Bringing the World Together – One Friendship at a Time" with a celebratory gala at the DoubleTree Phoenix-Tempe.

Deanna Carrera, country director of Lower Hutt New Zealand and chair of the 50th Anniversary Gala, said the occasion will bring together and recognize the volunteers who have helped promote Tempe Sister Cities' mission of fostering peace, education and understanding.

"We've had more than 1,000 student delegates, plus many, many individuals from our educator and professional exchange programs over the last 50 years," said Carrera.

"We have 35 delegates coming from other countries. It's an international event."

In 1956, the Sister Cities national organization was founded at the urging of President Dwight D. Eisenhower. In 1972, Tempe became the first American

city to partner with a city behind the Iron Curtain when it initiated its inaugural student exchange with Skopje, Yugoslavia (present North Macedonia).

The Tempe Sister Cities program now has 11 cities in cross-cultural efforts to build friendships between people and communities, including North Macedonia, Germany, New Zealand, India, China and in countries across Europe, South America and Africa. Exchanges are rooted in safety, education, culture and student opportunities.

Carrera, whose own children were delegates in New Zealand, said it's an eye-opening experience for the delegates.

"They realize there's a big world out there and many times it changes their career aspirations," she said.

Parents of the delegates often get involved as well, sometimes serving as hosts to visiting international guests. During a five-week exchange, international delegates are immersed in events and recreation in Arizona. Visiting delegates are often taken to the Grand Canyon, Disneyland, the beach, a mayor's luncheon and a youth summit.

Schineller said many of those places, such as the Grand Canyon, were her first visits as well and twice as much fun as she accompanied her international friends around. She said she'll never forget her Sister Cities experiences.

"I've made friends for life," Schineller said. "We'll stay in touch forever. And I'll definitely go back to New Zealand to visit."

Recently, Tempe History Museum opened an exhibit that runs through Oct. 15 about Tempe Sister Cities and its 50-year history of "Bringing the World Together – one friendship at a time." The exhibition is a partnership between the Tempe History Museum, Tempe Sister Cities, the ASU Melikian Center, and ASU Library volunteers.

"It's a great exhibit," Carrera said. "People can learn more about our program, it's really well done, with artifacts, videos and documents."

If you've been a part of Tempe Sister Cities over the last 50-plus years and would like to attend the 50th Anniversary Celebration, register at: tempesistercities.org/50th-anniversary-celebration.



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Summer offers a welcome hint that the end isn't far off . . . so relax and enjoy it while you can

Photographer Billy Hardiman seldom runs out of ideas when he's on the lookout for a story that captures the moment, and this trip to Tempe Town Lake was no exception. A setting sun, a family out for an early evening stroll, a couple captivated by the beauty stretched out before them—all signs that our hottest days may be on the wane.



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COMMUNITY

Pollack Chabad Center will draw Jewish New Year celebrants

Traditional Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur services will be held Sept. 25-27 and Oct. 4-5 at Pollack Chabad Center for Jewish Life in West Chandler to usher in the Jewish New Year.

“Rosh Hashanah is a most optimistic day,” said Rabbi Mendy Deitsch.

“We cut a deal with God, so to speak. We take New Years resolutions upon ourselves—to improve our ways. In return, we ask God to bless us and our children with health and sustenance throughout the upcoming year.

“It really isn’t much different than parents and children resolving their differences,” he said.

“We walk away from the services with a wonderful, positive feeling—full of motivation and hope for the coming months.”

Speaking for the center, Cindy Gold said:

“I’ve always found the concept of Rosh Hashanah uplifting. The idea that you can always start again—now that’s a refreshing change from what you get in the news.”

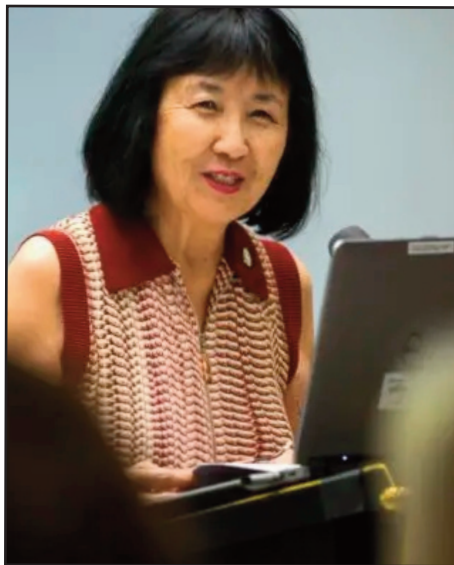
Highlights of this year’s celebration will include a simultaneous teen service; children’s program; and infants’ room

“All Jews are invited to attend,” Deitsch said. “One need not be a member of our synagogue to participate,” he said, adding that the occasion represents a crucial part of Jewish con-

tinuity that every Jew has a place to pray.

Information/reservations: 480-855-4333 or visit chabadcenter.com. RSVPs required.

Pollack Chabad Center is at 875 N. McClintock Drive, Chandler.



Noted ASU leader honored for giving back to community

Christine Wilkinson, senior vice president and secretary of Arizona State University and longtime Tempe resident, is among 15 Valley women being honored at an upcoming Celebrating Giving Back to Our Community event.

Wilkinson is also president and CEO of the ASU Alumni Association.

The event, sponsored by In Business magazine, brings together top local women of achievement to share their

stories and inspire Valley business leaders at the annual Women of Achievement event on Friday, Oct. 7.

Wilkinson has been a fixture in the community for decades, providing expertise in leadership and advocacy designed to improve the lives of others. She has served a range of organizations concerned with education, healthcare and diversity, including the Tempe Salvation Army, Big Brothers Big Sisters of Central Arizona, and American Red Cross.

In 2018 Wilkinson received multiple community awards and was inducted into the Arizona Women’s Hall of Fame as a Living Legacy. She was also named recipient of the Don Carlos Humanitarian Award of the Year by the Tempe Community Council.

The award, named after Tempe founder Charles Trumbull Hayden who was referred to by Spanish-speaking pioneers as “Don Carlos,” was designed to embody his legacy and spirit.

It is presented in partnership with Salt River Project, honoring individuals recognized for having made Tempe a better place to live through inspirational and lasting work that addresses human service needs in the city. It is said to be Tempe’s most prestigious distinction.

Tardeada seeks sponsors, booths, vendors for event

The Tempe Tardeada Festival, the city’s celebration of Hispanic heritage, makes its return after three years in hiatus on Oct. 2, but organizers say they need help in making it happen.

Community-booth participants, food vendors and sponsors are needed.

The festival is scheduled for noon to 8 p.m. on Sunday, Oct. 2, at the Tempe Community Complex, 3500 S. Rural

Road.

A tardeada is a traditional Sunday afternoon social dance.

The Tempe Tardeada is hosted in conjunction with National Hispanic Heritage Month as an opportunity to celebrate and experience the legacy of the city’s Hispanic culture through entertainment, music, dance, art, food and exhibits.

The family-friendly festival attracts thousands of people each year.

More information: tempe.gov/tardeada or Ginny Belousek at ginny_belousek@tempe.gov or 480-350-8979.

Chandler officially sets Juneteenth as a paid city holiday

The Chandler City Council has voted to designate Juneteenth (June 19) as an official paid city holiday to celebrate the end of slavery in the United States.

Juneteenth represents the commemoration of the end of slavery specifically in Galveston, Texas, more than two years after the Emancipation Proclamation was issued.

Beginning in 2023, city administrative offices will be closed in observation of the date, while essential operations such as police and fire response, water distribution and treatment, solid waste and recycling collection will continue to be provided. In addition, Chandler’s public libraries, parks, recreation and aquatic centers will remain open.

Administrative office employees will be required to use the Juneteenth holiday on the date of observation. City employees required to work during Juneteenth may use the holiday within the tax year.

Chandler currently observes 10 such days annually, making Juneteenth the 11th paid city holiday.

With the Council’s approval, Chandler becomes the ninth city in the Valley to observe Juneteenth. Juneteenth also was recognized as an official federal holiday in 2021.



OPINIONS

The Bureau of Reclamation on Aug. 16 released its 24-month study for the Colorado River Basin, confirming Colorado River cuts for Arizona are planned to take effect in January. The study comes on the heels of an announcement in June that Colorado River Basin states must develop a plan to conserve water.

The following letter summarizes the situation from a local perspective and seeks the help of local leadership in developing a better understanding of what has been done so far and what still needs to be accomplished.

In recent days, the Federal Bureau of Reclamation declared a Tier 2 Shortage for Lake Mead, which will trigger additional cuts to Arizona's Colorado

River allocation. Lake Mead and Lake Powell water levels are down, and the Bureau oversees the Colorado River infrastructure. The conditions on the Colorado are not predicted to improve any time in the near future.

In addition to the anticipated shortage declaration earlier this year, the Bureau directed all seven Colorado River basin states, including Arizona, to create a plan to cut 2 million to 4 million acre-feet of water in 2023. They gave the states 60 days to accomplish the herculean task, or the Bureau will step in to make the cuts.

We anticipate significant national media stories with a narrative that Arizona is running out of water. While there will be real reductions due to

the Colorado River conditions, the heated simplistic rhetoric misses the full story.

Arizona has been a world leader in water management for decades and has planned for the prolonged western drought we are currently experiencing.

While Colorado River water is a resource we must protect, Arizona has other water resources that will remain available to meet the needs of residents and businesses.

The SRP reservoir system is only one example of notable surface water infrastructure systems that provide water for millions of Arizona residents. The SRP system is currently above 60% of its total capacity, which is a comfortable place to be at this point in the year.

Many Colorado River users have also been storing significant volumes of water underground for use during a shortage just like what we are experiencing today. According to the Arizona Department of Water Resources, Arizona has stored more than 3 trillion gal-

lons of water underground. Which is the equivalent of the amount of water the City of Phoenix would use over 30 years.

Arizona has been proactive in preparing for the situation we are seeing today.

In fact, we use less water today than we did in the 1980s, despite significant increases to our population. There are economic development realities for the state and region as these announcements are released.

When the media reports that Arizona is running out of water, we hope they will be viewed in context.

We also hope that the leadership in our communities will help spread the word that Arizona has planned for the drought, and will continue to make prudent investments in water infrastructure and maintain a legal environment that will position this state to continue to serve the water that residents and businesses need to thrive.

— *Tempe Chamber of Commerce President and CEO Colin Diaz*

Composting discontinued? Looking for an explanation

Editor:

I just found that the city of Tempe compost yard is no longer accepting greens for composting, has stopped offering compost to residents of other cities, and seems to be only operating until all of the existing mulch/compost is sold/given away.

There was a fire there in April, but there has been NO news coverage anywhere about the yard since then. Because of the lack of coverage, I assumed everything was running normally again. I was wrong.

I called the city when I found out about the changes there, and was told that equipment was damaged in the fire and they have no plans (or money) to replace it. If I understood the person I talked to correctly, it sounds like the greens we generate are being handled by an outside company (?)

Are they being composted? I really don't know. I'm a gardener, and I'm both shocked and concerned. In all of the fuss over the potential Coyotes stadium, the site of the compost yard is never referred to as anything but a contaminated site/former landfill in every news source I've read, so in news articles it sounds like wasted

land, which is untrue.

The city has diverted a massive amount of material that would have otherwise gone into landfills, saved all of those landfill costs, and produced mulch and compost which has been used on city property and has been sold to residents both in Tempe and around the Valley.

If they are quietly shutting down the yard that has been such a benefit to the city and the rest of the Valley, I think it deserves an explanation and a news story.

—*Nancy Schmebl, Tempe*

Please don't change too much

Editor:

I'm a 58-year-old, 21-year resident of Estate la Colina. Things have changed a bit since we moved to Tempe after 10 years in our starter home in West Chandler.

The world hasn't been kind for a while now; neighbors not as quite as friendly and the sunny skies are turning against us. The hard news, always challenging on the best of days, is now something I dread. Anyone can grab a url and suddenly it's either fake news or real news, depending on the audience.

It causes me stress. A side of me questions the validity of everything,

and the other side slips into grateful comfort when I read or listen to what I feel I can trust.

That said, The Arizona Republic, a paper that has been an online subscription for me for years, is sadly losing some relevance. It's facing competition from many areas and I will miss it terribly if it's gone as I scan the headlines during my morning coffee, particularly the opinion pieces and headline news.

It's been a steady part of life since I moved to Arizona in 1987. Is it past its time? Maybe, and no matter what, they need to evolve to stay alive.

Wrangler News has also been a life staple for years. You provide local news that is crucial to us as we as a society move our lives inward and not outward. We learn what's happening in our neighborhoods and find out about local events we may otherwise miss. Concerts, community activities, new restaurants, church information and new business details all reside within your pages. South Tempe, West Chandler, even Central Chandler still maintain much of the vibrant character that attracted us in 1991 as first-time homeowners.

We've never had children and still like to support school activities, as that's important to raising children to adulthood. The great stories about

local businesses and restaurants have turned us into loyal customers at many establishments. Local politics are also included, and we get the true facts here.

We make candidate choices and shape local government knowing what you share with us is true. We joke that we live our lives in a radius from the 101 to the I-10 and Guadalupe to Chandler Blvd. This is still a good place to live and work, and I do both of them here with no plans to go elsewhere. You provide the relevant details about our section of the East Valley and open us up to more than that. What we learn here is real and believable. *Wrangler News* is about the most perfect a paper out there. You can change, but please don't change too much. The value you bring to the community is too important. You're vital to us and bring us the news and features that have helped Tempe and West Chandler neighborhoods hold onto their character.

This area is still a little bit magical, and we need the news of our neighborhoods to hold onto that magic and bring us together as a community.

You're part of the glue holding us all together.

—*HH Kollar, Tempe*



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As kids settle into their classrooms for a new school year, here's some helpful information

With kids now back in the classroom, school districts are teaming with community partners to provide tips

and information on student safety, mental wellness, educational resources, transportation options and opportunities to get involved.

Free transit passes

Tempe and Guadalupe schoolkids ages 6 to 18 can pick up a free Youth Transit Pass that allows them to ride all Valley Metro bus routes and light rail for free. Passes are available at the Tempe Transit Store, 200 E. Fifth St., 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday excluding holidays.

Public parking is at 117 E. Fifth St.

Requirements for students 17 and younger:

A parent or guardian and the child must be present when registering.

A paper copy of your most recent utility bill (dated within the last 60 days) with a Tempe address. Acceptable utility bills include SRP, APS, Southwest Gas, City of Tempe, Cox Communications, Century Link, Direct TV, Dish Network, cell phone company, bank statement or a current statement from the Department of Economic Security. The bill must have the parent or guardian's name on it.

Youth's birth certificate. (The accompanying parent must be listed as the parent on the birth certificate.)

A valid driver's license/photo ID of parent/guardian.

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Requirements for students age 18

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Original artwork in media including oil, acrylic, pencil, pastel, mixed media and watercolor will be presented by members of Tempe Artists Guild beginning in September.

The exhibit, at Tempe History Museum, displays seasonal subjects and represents the 10th year of a TAG/museum partnership.

"Tempe History Museum values the opportunity to partner with Tempe Artists Guild to showcase the work of local artists," said Brianna King, program coordinator for the museum.

Visitors will see depictions of the community through the eyes of the participating artists.

Said TAG President Marie Provine:

"Our members are accomplished artists who create unexpected and intriguing interpretations of what they see. These are seasonal works we've created in the past, along with new works inspired by Tempe's...evolving landscapes."

The show, Fall in Tempe, will be on display Sept. 16-Nov. 12 in the museum's in the Community Room. It will open with a celebratory Artist's Reception 5:30-7:30 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 24—free and open to the public.

Tempe History Museum, 809 E. Southern Ave., is open 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Tuesdays through Saturdays. It is closed on Sundays and Mondays.

Admission is free, but donations are welcomed.

Tempe Artists Guild is a 501(c)(3) organization that promotes and advances the practice of the visual arts.

In addition to meetings, the organization offers its members opportunities to display their work, critique works in process and attend workshops.

It also supports art-related community projects, including making donations to local school programs and awarding scholarships to art students.



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DIVERSIONS

Film Fare . . . with M.V. Moorhead

All of 'Bullet Train's' creditable work doesn't add up to much satisfaction

Brad Pitt plays one of several professional assassins riding the title vehicle in *Bullet Train*, on an overnight zip from Tokyo to Kyoto. Dubbed “Ladybug” by his dispatcher (Sandra Bullock), he’s a lethal fellow with mad fighting and weapons skills, but he regards himself as a magnet for bad luck, and he’s weary of his career and wants more positivity in his life.

This is Pitt in frumpy, glamor-debunking mode, decked out in a bucket hat, drab jacket and sneakers, with horn-rimmed nerd glasses. His manner is pleasant and unassuming. A central



M.V. Moorhead

heartily approve.

There are other strong actors here—Aaron Taylor-Young and Brian Tyree Henry as a team of bickering Brit killers, Hiroyuki Sanada and Andrew Koji as father-and-son assassins, Benito A Martinez Ocasio as a vengeful Mexican hit man, Zazie Beetz as a deadly concessions peddler, Joey King as a schoolgirl type with secrets, all chasing a briefcase McGuffin and trying to avoid the wrath of a shadowy Russian gangster known as “The White Death,” not mention a pesky (if rather sweet-faced) venomous boomslang snake on the loose. A few

big names turn up in amusing cameos.

Yet all of this creditable work doesn't quite add up to a satisfying movie. Directed by David Leitch from a script by Zak Olkewicz adapted from a Japanese novel by Kotaro Isaka, *Bullet Train* feels like an exercise in nostalgia. It's like one of the innumerable '90s-era knockoffs of Tarantino, Robert Rodriguez or (especially) Guy Ritchie, full of savage yet “ironic” facetious violence and whip pans and cute but bloody flashbacks and characters engaging in detailed discussions of pop culture (*Thomas the Tank Engine* in this case).

It's well-crafted and perfectly watchable, as long as you aren't too squeamish. But for me, it lacked any real emotional stakes, and the homestretch grows overblown and tediously overextended. Compare it to 2018's underrated *Bad Times at the El Royale*, another faux-Tarantino throwback that had roughly the same tongue in cheek, but a bit of heart in its chest, as well.

Howard's 'Thirteen Lives' makes all humankind one big Thai soccer team

Now on Prime Video, *Thirteen Lives* is the story of a rescue mission with the number 13 in the title, and it's directed by Ron Howard. That's a pretty solid recipe for success.

In June of 2018 twelve members of a youth soccer team and their coach went



on an outing into a cave in a provincial mountain park in northern Thailand. An unexpected early monsoon hit after they went in, the paths quickly filled up with water, and the boys were trapped, more than two miles into the narrow, twisty passages. The rescue efforts that followed over the next three weeks included participants ranging from Thai Navy Seals to U.S. military to Brit rescue divers to a Bangkok-based engineer who figured out how to divert rainwater from sinkholes on the mountain into the agricultural fields below. The movie asserts that more than 5,000 people from 17 countries pitched in.

Howard focuses on the Brits, nicely underplayed played by Colin Farrell, Viggo Mortensen and Tom Bateman, and an Australian diver, played by Joel Edgerton, who was called in because of

the specifics of his medical background.

Like Howard's best film, *Apollo 13*, this is a fairly deep dive (sorry about that) into the technical difficulties of the operation, and this attention to detail adds to the suspense rather than dragging on the pace.

The movie's a bit of a harrowing ordeal at times, especially for those of us with a claustrophobic streak, but it's just about impossible not to invest in it emotionally. And while it's inspiring, it may also leave you a little exasperated with our seeming inability to work together for the common good when it's not such an obviously urgent crisis. What a pity it's so hard for us to remember that, in the end, all humankind is one big Thai soccer team, hoping to get out of our respective caves.

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An 18 year old who lives at home with a parent or guardian may use the parent or guardian's utility bill as proof of address if they bring a birth certificate and the parent or guardian with them to get the pass.

Students who attend Tempe, Marcos de Niza or McClintock high schools and live in Tempe or Guadalupe can get a transit pass at their school. Go to the main office to get a registration form. If a pass is obtained at the school (not at the Transit Store), a parent does not need to be present, nor is proof of residency or a birth certificate required. The school registrar will verify that information.

Bicycle registration

Tempe has one of the highest percentages of bicycle commuters in the country. As a result of bicycling popularity, theft is a problem. Bicycle registration was designed to aid in the recovery of lost or stolen bicycles by providing unique identifying information that can help the Police Department identify and return found bikes to their owners.

Tempe Police recommend the National Registry. Register your bike at project529.com/garage/nbr.

To register your bike in Tempe, you will need:

- Name.
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- Bicycle serial number.
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- National bike registry.

More information: tempe.gov/government/police/bicycle-registration.

Mental wellness

Support and resources are available for Tempe students experiencing mental-health concerns.

Reach out to CARE 7, the city's crisis-response program, which offers pro-

fessional counseling and online resources, as well as case-management services, to Tempe residents.

CARE 7 Youth Specialists assist students in Tempe high schools who need social and emotional support.

In each of the six Tempe Union High School District schools and several Tempe Elementary Schools, there is a CARE 7 Youth Specialist who provides social and emotional support to students who may be struggling with stress, anger, depression, anxiety, conflict resolution and life skills. Youth specialists meet with students in group and individual settings and are available to assist during crisis situations. Students can meet with these specialists at no cost for as long as needed.

Because the youth specialists are connected to CARE 7, they have direct access to resource coordination and support, long-term follow-up and basic needs. They work to improve lives and meet the needs of not only the student but also the family.

Youth specialists and their schools are:

Corona del Sol — Temitope Williams, temitope_williams@tempe.gov.

Marcos de Niza — Tristyn Rivas, tristyn_rivas@tempe.gov.

Gilliland Middle School — Cameron Judge, cameron_judge@tempe.gov.

Thew Elementary School and Connolly Middle School — Kaleb Hargous, kaleb_hargous@tempe.gov.

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College Connect

Few things are more important-or more overwhelming-than navigating the process of college and post-secondary education opportunities.

Tempe's College Connect makes it easy, with free resources that provide everything to build an achievable plan. Services includes a workshop series, one-on-one mentoring and access to college experts from schools across the state.

Aug. 23 Kyrene district response to investigation regarding anti-Semitic incident at one of its schools

Kyrene School District has reached a resolution with the U.S. Department of Education's Office for Civil Rights (OCR) regarding the anti-Semitic harassment of an 8th grade student on one of our campuses in the 2018-19 school year.

Kyrene holds the safety of students, both their physical safety and their social-emotional wellbeing, as the highest priority. Superintendent Laura Toenjes and the Kyrene Governing Board are dismayed that any student would be made to feel unsafe or unwelcome on a Kyrene campus.

"As a person of Jewish faith, I was deeply affected by this investigation," said Superintendent Toenjes.

"I will work very closely with our Board to ensure every student of every faith, every race, and every background feels safe, valued, and respected inside our schools."

Action was taken in the 2018-19 school year to address the complaint with both students and staff, and students involved were held accountable for their in-school actions. However, the District is always striving to strengthen its commitment to non-discrimination, and much of the work required in the resolution is already underway in Kyrene.

In May of this year, the Kyrene Governing Board approved the District's first so that every student in Kyrene will have a sense of belonging, without bias or discrimination.

"This work would happen regardless of the resolution in front of us today, but we are grateful for the opportunity to reflect, and we appreciate the guidance that will be offered by the Office for Civil Rights," said Superintendent Toenjes.

The District has already begun developing a plan to directly address the resolution, and later this year, Kyrene will begin a comprehensive review of all District policies with an equity lens to ensure the District's commitment to inclusion is consistent throughout its practices.



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Story & photo by Andrew Lwowski
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It's one of a kind in Arizona, and it's at Wild Horse Pass Casino, 5040 W. Wildhorse Pass Blvd. in West Chandler. It's the new Topgolf Swing Suite. You'll find it in the original casino tower, on the upper deck across from the BetMGM Sportsbook and overlooking the gambling floor.

It opened this past Memorial Day weekend, after the space was vacated by the casino's steak house, Prime, which moved to the other tower.

The Suite is primarily an immersive one-of-a-kind golf simulator, with large viewing screens. It features Full Swing technology, which is used by PGA Tour professionals for off-course practice. There are over 80 Suites in the country, with others in Canada, Puerto Rico and Australia.

The casino's PR manager, Daniela Vizcarra, says, "The Suite is a casino within a casino. It has been so popular. We were originally looking for a different concept. We weren't sure if people were going to like it, but they love it because it's private. You're away from the chaos but you still get the feel."

The Suite is a high-tech space with comfortable seating, HDTVs, food and top-notch bar service. Exclusive for members 21 and older, it has a 200-guest capacity and has two "bays" which can each accommodate up to eight players. They offer not only the interactive golf simulator, but also non-golf virtual games like zombie dodgeball, baseball, football and soccer. The bays are available by reservation or walk-in for \$60 an hour, and can be rented for private entertaining and events. Outside of the bays there are two blackjack tables, kiosks and a full bar and kitchen.

With football season approaching, the Suite is expected to attract guests away from the Sportsbook room if they want to have watch parties.

Topgolf Swing Suite is closed from Monday through Wednesday except for private events. It's open Thursdays from 4 to 10 p.m.; Fridays from 4 p.m. to midnight; Saturdays from 11 a.m. to midnight; and Sundays from 11 (9 a.m. during football season) to 10 p.m. Evenings and weekends are busiest.



Sports Notebook . . . with Alex Zener

Aztecs optimistic for an improved outlook after lifting of restrictions

High school sports in Arizona are set to resume with no new restrictions due to COVID for the first time in two years, with football, girls volleyball, badminton, cross country, golf and swimming teams practicing for their first competition of the 2022 season.

Corona's Division I Central Region badminton team was scheduled to kick off its competition on Aug. 25, playing against the Jackrabbits at Mesa High School.

The Aztecs are looking to have a good start to their 2022 season in the hopes of repeating or improving on their performance in 2021, when they ended the regular season.

As the No. 7 seed in the 2021 AIA Badminton Division I Team Championship, the Aztecs made it to the quarterfinals by defeating No. 10-seed Pinnacle, 5-1.

Corona was unfortunately defeated in the quarterfinals when the playoff brackets placed the Aztecs against No. 2 Perry, the eventual state champion.

The player lineup for the singles part of each match is expected to include five seniors and one junior.

Seniors include **Merilyn Li**, **Allie Pequeno**, **Angelina Zhang**, **Chole Kuhl** and **Mayson Milanovich**, along with junior **Michelle Chen**.

Li, as the No. 2 seed in the 2021 Division I Singles Championship, made it all the way to the finals before losing to the No. 1 seed from Hamilton. She will be seeking to win the singles championship her senior year.

Pequeno also has state tournament experience, received when she qualified for the singles championship tournament last season, as well. Unfortunately, she was not ranked so had to play the No. 1 seed from Hamilton, the eventual champion, in the first round.

The first team in doubles this season should be Chen and Pequeno, with the



Alex Zener

second team Li and Zhang and the third doubles team consisting of Kuhl and Milanovich.

The Aztecs only play one match against Mesa before heading off the

next day to Highland High School for the Flying Feathers Badminton Tournament.

After the tournament, the team will have two matches at home. One, Aug. 30, against Sunnyslope and then one against Mountain Ridge, Aug. 31.

The JV badminton team is made up of mostly juniors, including **Mel Burnside**, **Julia Tran**, **Eva Ricci**, **Riteesha Asam** and **Rachel Sindlinger**. Sophomore **Surahya Hasim** rounds out the current JV squad.

The JV team was scheduled to play at Mesa on Aug. 25, as well, but will be home against Sunnyslope on Aug. 30 and Mountain Ridge on Aug. 31.

Cross Country

It's easy to tell by the number of athletes out running in the afternoon heat that Corona's and Marcos de Niza's cross-country teams are hard at work training for their first meet, the Chandler Invitational, to be held Sept. 3 at Tumbleweed Park.

Corona's boys team lost a number of runners to graduation last May but should have its top performer at the 2021 AIA State Championship racing this season opener.

Tyler Tisinger, the Aztec' top finisher last season at the Division I state meet, with a time of 16:48.8 to cross the finish line in 16th place, will be looking to improve on his time this season, his senior year.

Tisinger's personal record time last season was at the Desert Twilight XC Festival when he ran the 5,000 meters in 15:57.6.

On Corona's girls team, **Paige Davies-Boerner** was Corona's top finisher at the state meet last season when, as only a sophomore, she came in 21st with a time of 20:36.4.

Boerner also ran her personal record time last season at the Desert Twilight XC Festival when she completed the 5,000 meters in 19:38.9.

Also expected to improve on her results in the 2021 state meet will be **Kimberly Musgrave**. Musgrave crossed the finish line in 40th place out of 139 Division I runners at the state championship with a time of 21:14.5.

Musgrave's fastest time during the 2021 season was when she set a personal record of 20:00.3 on Oct. 15 at the Casteel Invitational.

Marcos has 15 runners, eight boys and seven girls, listed on its AIA Division III cross-country team.

Luke Sieveking ran for the Padres in the AIA State Cross Country Championships his sophomore and junior years and, if he remains healthy his senior year and continues to steadily improve, should be one of the team's best runners.

In 2020, Sieveking's fastest time in the 5,000 meters was 18:14.6, which

ranked him placed 13th in the AIA Sectionals Crossroads on Nov. 4.

In 2021, Sieveking's fastest time, or personal record time, was 17:32.5, which he set at the Desert Twilight XC Festival on Sept. 24.

Senior **Aspen Koch** has run cross country for the Padres all three of the previous years and could have a breakout season his senior year.

Another runner to watch for on the boys team could be junior **Shane Ellett**. He shaved over three minutes off his best time, going from 23:51.8 his freshman year to 20:37.4 in his sophomore year. Other members of the boys team expected to participate include one senior, one junior and three sophomores.

Senior **Jesus Angulo**, junior **Caleb Lumbra** and sophomores **Joshua Edwards**, **Michael Rowley** and **Parker Lewis** will be training to improve their times and, hopefully as a result, where they finish each race this season.

The Padres girls team has seven members listed as part of the cross-country team, however two of them, **Alondra Jayme** and **Liana Barrios**, have no previous high school experience.

Senior **Virginia Penunuri** may have the most experience. She ran for Marcos her freshman and junior years but did not compete her sophomore year, possibly due to COVID. Penunuri set a personal best record at the Nike Desert Twilight XC Festival with a time of 31:43.2 her freshman year, competing in a total of four races in 2019. Junior **Amalia Wrigley** set a personal resort best time of 28:52.6 at the Ojo Rojo XC Invitational her sophomore year in 2021.

The last three runners on the girls team had satisfactory results last season, their freshman year. All ran in five races and all set personal best record times at the AIA Sectional Crossroads in early Nov. 2021. **Lilia Shafi** set a personal best time of 26:13.0, **Melanie Valdez** set a personal best time of 34:07.2 and **Stacey Pascual Martinez** set a personal best time of 34:25.6 running together in the same 5,000-meter race.

Discerning Diner . . .

With an eye to easy summer meal prep, warm up a bowl of creamy potato salad

EDITOR'S NOTE: Despite the somewhat remarkable fact that columns by our long-time Discerning Diner, who now seeks that we preserve her anonymity, have not appeared on our pages lately, we still receive requests for reprints. Thus, when we occasionally have a bit of spare space, we rummage through our archives to find a treatise that still captures the delights of a seasonal favorite. What follows fills that bill quite nicely.

Summer weekends are well upon us, and to me that means two things: pools and potato salad.

The pools are obvious. As for potato salad, well, one way or another, my outdoor dining adventures always have included it, whether I'm out on a picnic or at home by the grill.

It's a summertime tradition, and not one I'm inclined to give up.

Now, potato salad is something that people feel strongly about. I'm pretty sure you have a favorite picnic potato salad recipe, and I'm not going to tell you how to make it.

Instead, I'm going to talk about a different kind of potato salad: the warm kind. It's not a replacement for the cold, creamy stuff you pack on picnics, but pretty scrumptious nonetheless.

My interest in warm potato salads is primarily dates back to one who, among many quirks, professes to hate cold potatoes in any form.

Without conceding his point—I love cold potato salad—I will say that, yeah, the starchy texture of potatoes is typically better hot.

Warm potato salads are also convenient if you forget to make the cold stuff ahead (and that's the real reason I make them so often).

Warm or cold, the best choice for salad is red-skinned new potatoes, which hold up well to boil-



ing. Baking potatoes, like Russets, will tend to mush and fall apart.

For my warm potato salad, I borrow a tip from *Cook's Illustrated*, which recommends slicing the potatoes before cooking them. Not only will the pretty red skins adhere all the better; you'll cut down on cooking time and avoid having to handle the proverbial hot potato.

So: For a family of four hungry potato salad eaters, thoroughly scrub two pounds of small new potatoes and slice into rounds about ¼-inch thick.

Put the potatoes in a pot, cover them with plenty of cold water, add one tablespoon of salt, and bring the whole thing to a boil over high heat. Reduce to a brisk simmer and cook the potatoes until tender but not soft, five or 10 minutes.

You can probably tell that the potatoes are done just by poking at them. But if you'd like to bite into a slice, spear it with a fork and run it under cold water first, to avoid burning your mouth. (Not that I've ever done that before.)

When the potatoes are done, drain them well. Carefully transfer the slices directly to a serving bowl.

So much for the potatoes. Now for the dressing, a vinaigrette, which you make while the potatoes are cooking.

Here's the basic formula: one to three teaspoons of Dijon mustard (depending on how mustardy you like it) whisked with two tablespoons of red or white wine vinegar and five tablespoons of

best-quality olive oil.

Some freshly ground black pepper and ¼ teaspoon salt is a good idea, too.

When the potatoes are just barely cool enough to handle, drizzle the vinaigrette over them and, with clean hands, toss gently to combine. Salt the potatoes to taste.

If you're adding extras, toss them in at the same time. Fresh herbs are always in order: chopped fresh parsley, chives, tarragon and/or thyme.

So are alliums, i.e., the onion family. Add finely chopped shallots, sliced scallions or even sliced green garlic (if you can find it) directly to the salad.

Or, finely chop ¼ of a red onion and soak it in two tablespoons of wine vinegar, mixed with ¼ teaspoon sugar, for 10 minutes. Substitute this mixture for the vinegar in your dressing.

And if you're feeling adventurous, try mixing in some chopped, oil-cured black olives and oil-packed sun-dried tomatoes. Garnish with slices of freshly hard-boiled egg.

It's not your mother's potato salad—but then, it's not supposed to be.

Does the reappearance of our long-popular Discerning Diner column whet your appetite for contributing your own favorite meal preparation or dining-out experiences. Email editor@wranglernews.com to discuss the possibilities. Bon appetit!

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Tempe accelerates response to homelessness

The City of Tempe is pioneering an innovative approach to homelessness that prioritizes safety and public health, connects people with housing options and services faster, gives residents new tools to help, and addresses encampments more quickly.

In the past two years, Tempe has invested heavily in services and housing.

Today, we are sharing new tools developed by the city. The community is invited to use these tools to help those experiencing homelessness and to track Tempe's progress:

- A dedicated phone number – “The CARE & HOPE Line” – is operating 24/7.

Anyone can call to let the city know about a person who needs help or may be experiencing homelessness. It's 480-350-8004. Or you can email

HOPE@tempe.gov.

- An online tool to directly report encampments. Find the form at [tempe.gov/HomelessResponse](https://www.tempe.gov/HomelessResponse).

- A public dashboard with data for our homeless outreach and encampment efforts.

Find it at homeless.solutions.tempe.gov.

Tempe is enhancing how we address encampments citywide at parks, vacant lots and elsewhere.

We are prioritizing safety and public health by connecting people who are unsheltered to housing options and services.

Alongside non-profit partners, the city has activated a compassionate, public health-focused response to assisting homeless people living in the Salt

River area near Tempe Town Lake.

Remaining in these no-trespass areas is not an option due to safety and public health reasons, including flooding, fires and other hazards.

People will not be able to return to this area, so the operation will provide resources including housing options.

In August, following weeks of outreach in July, Tempe and partners will operate a temporary “resource village” area near the river bottom for unsheltered people who are leaving the area.

A variety of assistance will be offered so that people can live safely elsewhere.

We are providing pet services and a storage option for personal belongings if needed.

Then, between September and December, an environmentally sensitive effort to prune vegetation and remove debris will occur, in order to return the river bottom to a riparian area. For more information, visit [tempe.gov/HomelessResponse](https://www.tempe.gov/HomelessResponse).

Fall events at the Tempe History Museum

Visit the Tempe History Museum this fall to learn about Tempe's history and rich music culture.

The Tempe History Society Lunch Talks series returns this September, with events highlighting the interesting facets of Tempe's past, present and future through guest speakers and activities.

Events are held at 11:30 p.m. on the second Wednesday of the month from September through April.

Performances at the Museum kicks off a new season this September with this year's theme, “La Mejor de la Música Latina,” showcasing the best of Latin music.

Since 2011, Performances at the Museum has brought Tempe's favorite and emerging musicians to the museum for music, stories, culture and art in an informal, interactive setting. All events are free.

Visit [tempe.gov/MuseumEvents](https://www.tempe.gov/MuseumEvents) for up-to-date information.



Tempe updates entryway signs

As part of Tempe's ongoing commitment to reinvesting in the city, signs located at key entryway points were recently rehabilitated and refreshed.

The 29 signs, first installed in the 1990s, were redesigned to highlight the city's brand and important community partnerships.

Over the last several years, the Tempe City Council has been increasing reinvestments in parks, streets, golf courses, water lines and more. This initiative, called Refresh Tempe, is adding and maintaining amenities and infrastructure to improve quality of life for all community members.

When you see the Refresh Tempe logo or hear that term, you know we're talking about new investments and reinvestments in the places and assets that make living in Tempe great!

See more about how we're refreshing the city at [tempe.gov/RefreshTempe](https://www.tempe.gov/RefreshTempe).





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