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September 5, 2008

Tempe 9/11 Memorial Healing Field

Thursday, Sept. 11 – Sunday, Sept. 14 | Open 8 a.m. – 11 p.m. | Free Admission

Thursday, Sept. 11 | 5:40 a.m. Commemorative Ceremony | 8 a.m. Blood Drive | 7 p.m. Candlelight Vigil

Saturday, Sept. 13 | 8 a.m. Amp Walk | 8 a.m. Blood Drive



The Valley of the Sun Exchange Clubs Foundation, Valley Toyota Dealers and the City of Tempe are honored once again to present the 9/11 Memorial Healing Field at Tempe Beach Park. The field consists of nearly 3,000 American flags – one for every person who perished as a result of the terrorist attacks on our nation September 11, 2001.

Mayor Hugh Hallman said, “The City of Tempe is proud to continue our tradition by honoring the memory of those who died on September 11, 2001. Every year we dedicate this time to remember, in the continuing midst of our loss, that our very freedoms are built on a foundation of equality, trust and inclusion.”

A brief commemoration, including presenting of the colors, invocation, and the reading of the names of the first responders who died on September 11, 2001, will be held Thursday, Sept. 11 at 5:40 a.m. A candlelight vigil with music, prayer and guest speakers, including Joseph Dittmer, a 9/11 Tower Survivor, will begin at 7 p.m.

Additional activities include:

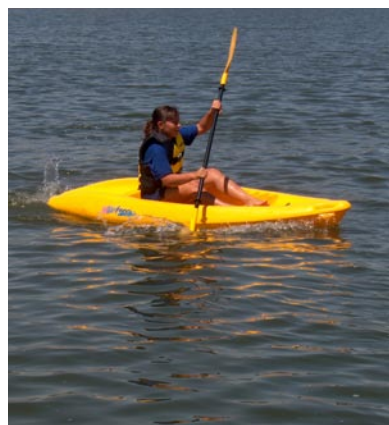
United Blood Services blood drives will be held on Thursday and Saturday from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. The goal is to collect 411 pints of blood in remembrance of the emergency responders who lost their lives on September 11, 2001.

Flag retirement ceremonies on Saturday and Sunday, Sept. 13 and 14 at 2 p.m. The public is encouraged to bring their worn United States flags for proper disposal.

The Amp Walk on Saturday, Sept. 13 starts at 8 a.m. Registration begins at 7:30 a.m. The free walk has been designed to raise community awareness and support for amputees nationwide.

For more information: www.tempe.gov (included under “Hot Topics”)

Moonlight Paddle



Looking for a unique way to experience Tempe Town Lake? Then come over and join the fun as we paddle under a full moon. Prior kayaking experience is not necessary. Upcoming paddles will occur Sunday, Sept. 14 at 5:30 p.m., Friday, Oct. 17 at 7:15 p.m. and Friday, Nov. 14 at 6 p.m. Bring your swim suit, towel and dry clothes. And be prepared to howl at the moon!

Please register in advance at www.tempe.gov/brochure. Kayaks, equipment and personal flotation devices will be provided. Must be 18 years or older to participate. Fee: \$30 if you need a boat, \$20 if you bring your own boat.

NFL Pepsi Punt, Pass & Kick program



Tempe Parks and Recreation is proud to host the NFL Pepsi Punt, Pass & Kick local competition on Saturday, Sept. 27 from 1 to 4 p.m. at Benedict Sports Complex. This event provides a lively and engaging

forum for youth ages 8 – 15 to compete in punting, passing, and kicking contests (based on distance and accuracy). The competition is free. Boys and girls will compete separately in four age divisions: 8-9, 10-11, 12-13, and 14-15. The top finishers from each of the eight age groups will advance to the Sectional competition. The top five first-place scorers in each group will advance to the NFL Team Championship which will occur at half-time during an Arizona Cardinals home game.

For more information contact Keyon Cornejo at 480.350.5222 or keyon_cornejo@tempe.gov.

Halloween Carnival Performers and Vendors Wanted



City of Tempe is looking for non-profit organizations and performing groups such as dance, vocal, gymnastics and more to participate in the 31st Annual Family Halloween Carnival. The carnival is free event at Kiwanis Park on Friday, October 31st from 5:30 – 9 p.m. The event is a safe alternative to going door-to-door and attracts more than 5,000 people annually.

Halloween Carnival allows non-profit organizations the opportunity to host an activity booth and raise funds for their cause. Performing groups get the opportunity to showcase their talents in front of thousands of trick-or-treaters.

For more information on how your organization can participate, contact Jonni Wolfe at 480.350.5225 or jonni_wolfe@tempe.gov.

Save the Date – Upcoming Events

- 9/23/08** Community Trees Public Meeting
Come and share your thoughts on Tempe’s community trees.
6 – 8 p.m. at the Tempe Library Programming Room
- 9/27/08** NFL Pepsi Punt, Pass and Kick Local Competition
Youth ages 8 – 15 compete in punting, passing, and kicking contests
1 – 4 p.m. at Benedict Sports Complex
- 10/3/08** Reels & Wheels Fall Movie Series
Bring the family to a free outdoor viewing of the Bee Movie
Movie begins at dusk. Tempe Community Complex at Library

