TEMPE FESTIVAL of the ARTS

December 3-7, 2026
Road Closures, Deliveries & Parking Plans

Tempe, AZ – Today the Downtown Tempe Authority announced the following information for affected merchants and businesses regarding street closures, traffic rerouting, and parking and transportation information for the upcoming **December 4-6, 2026** Tempe Festival of the Arts. Please be advised that parking will be prohibited in affected locations for several hours prior to road closures. If you have questions about the art festival, email Ally Dykstra at ally@downtowntempe.com.

WHAT THIS MEANS FOR YOUR BUSINESS:

DELIVERIES FOR DOWNTOWN TEMPE BUSINESSES DURING FESTIVAL:

- We permit delivery entry ONLY at 5th and Ash (the west end of 5th Street). No deliveries will be allowed to enter from the East on 5th Street, and none on the North or South on Mill Avenue.
- **Deliveries Thursday-Sunday will be permitted throughout the night beginning at approximately 11:00 p.m. on Thursday, and 9:00 p.m. on Friday, Saturday, and Sunday.**
- **All trucks must vacate the event area BEFORE 9:00 a.m. each day of the Festival**.
- Should your deliveries not arrive before 9:00 a.m., please contact Ally at 616-260-4657 and we will determine the alternate load-in options available so that delivery can be accommodated, if possible.

  If not possible, there are locations just **outside** the Festival's perimeter barricades where deliveries/FedEx/UPS may park and hand-load deliveries throughout the day. Barricade entry is not permitted during open hours to the public; however, deliveries can stop and hand-truck deliveries at the following locations:

  - 7th Street, east of Mill Avenue
  - 5th Street, west of Mill Avenue entering from Ash
  - 5th Street, east of Mill Avenue entering from Forest
  - 3rd Street loading zones between Mill and Ash

- **In no event will deliveries be allowed after 9:00 a.m. on any day of the festival** except for U.S. Post Office deliveries which may require special arrangements.

ART FESTIVAL STREET CLOSURES SCHEDULE (see map on last page):

The following streets will close on **Thursday, Dec 3, 2026:**

Approximately 7:00 a.m. Closure

- Mill Avenue between 5th St & University Dr.
- 7th Street between Mill Avenue and Maple
- 7th Street east of Mill to Westin Alley
- 6th Street, from east of Mill Avenue to W/6 Tower 2 Entry Garage
- 440 South Mill Surface Lot (between Hackett House and Mill Avenue Shops)
- Maple Avenue, between 5th & 7th Street

Approximately 2:00 p.m. Closures

- 4th Street, west of Mill to Maple
- Maple between 4th & 5th Street

Approximately 5:00 p.m. Closures

- 5th Street from Mill to Myrtle
- City Hall West Parking Lot
- Mill Ave from Rio Salado to 5th Street
- 3rd Street from Mill to Ash (closed only during load-in Thursday & load-out Sunday night)

All Streets should re-open by 6:00 a.m. on **Monday, Dec 7.**

RESIDENTIAL PARKING:

- Emerson on Mill – Public Parking entrance on Maple Avenue for Emerson on Mill Garage will close to the public at 7:00 am on Thursday morning. Monthly parkers can still access the Emerson Parking Garage on 6th Street (via Ash Avenue).
- West Sixth Public Parking & monthly parkers accessible on 6th Street via Ash Avenue.

PARKING FOR DOWNTOWN TEMPE EMPLOYEES:

Monthly assigned parking in parking facilities not obstructed by the event, will operate as normal. Monthly parkers in Emerson on Mill Garage and in the West Sixth Parking Garage will access their garages on 6th Street, via Ash Avenue.

In general, all employees should allow additional time to park during the event. On-Street Parking and small off street lots within the event perimeter will close between 7:00 am and 5:00 pm on Thursday, the day before the festival. On-street parking on Mill Avenue south of 5th Street will close at 5:00 a.m. and on-street parking on Mill Avenue north of 5th street will close at 3:00 p.m.

Avoid parking and take the bus or Light Rail. For details see www.valleymetro.org or if you live in Tempe, use the free and convenient Orbit Bus System.

Electric scooters not permitted within event perimeter; scooter, bike share use & parking not available within event perimeter. Bicycles must be walked within event perimeter.

PUBLIC PARKING FOR CLIENTS AND CUSTOMERS:

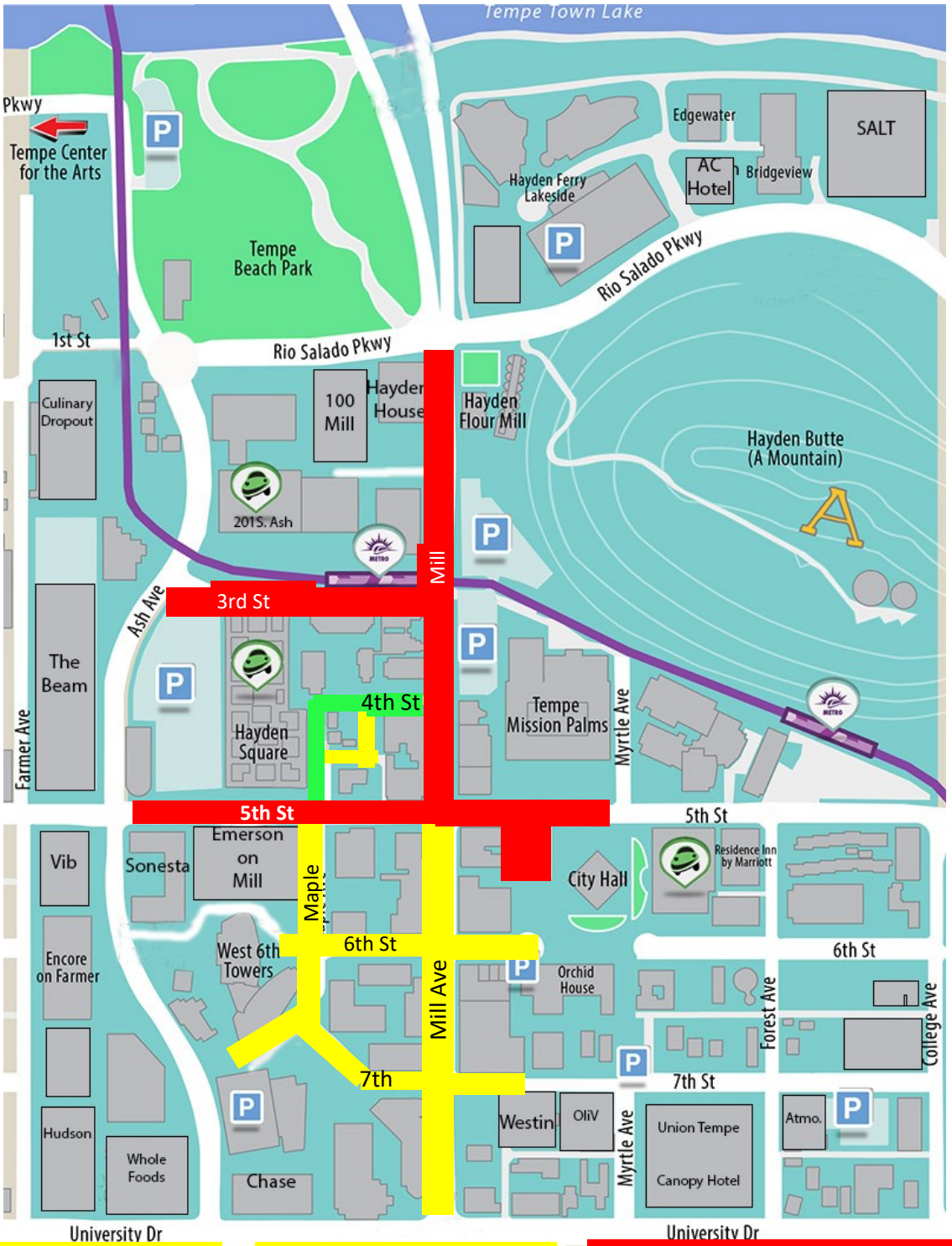
Public Parking at the Festival: There is paid parking available surrounding the Festival, and none within the actual venue itself. Since many garages and lots are privately owned, there is a charge that ranges from $10 - $30 but may be different at each location. Look for parking along Rio Salado Parkway, University, Ash, and College.
For festival parking locations, rates & map, visit https://tempefestivalofthearts.com/info/get-here.

Accessible Parking at the Festival: The Tempe Festival of the Arts does not offer a wheelchair concession.

- All public lots and garages offer paid disabled access parking.
- There is no parking inside the event perimeter. All available metered on-street parking throughout Downtown Tempe is FREE to cars displaying required current disabled access license plates or placards.
- Dedicated accessible parking meters will be reserved on 5th Street east of Mill to College Avenue and on 7th Street east of Mill, adjacent to the Festival venue. As always, on-street parking is free for vehicles displaying required current disabled access license plates or placards.
- METRO light rail provides free parking at 11 Valley Park and Ride locations so you can ride the train directly to the 3rd & Mill festival entrance. For details see www.valleymetro.org

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Street Closures Thursday - Sunday
December 3 - 6, 2026



7 AM

Mill Avenue between 5th St & University Dr.

7th St. between Mill & Maple

7th St. east of Mill to Westin alley

Maple between 5th & 7th St.

7 AM

6th St. both sides of Mill Ave.

440 S. Mill Surface Lot (by Hackett House)

2 PM

4th St west of Mill to Maple

Maple between 4th & 5th St

5:00 PM

5th Street from Ash to Myrtle

City Hall West Parking Lot

Mill Avenue from Rio Salado to 5th Street

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3rd Street from Mill to Ash

Download this map: https://tempefestivalofthearts.com/info/get-here