



# Tempe's Hip Mitchell

**L**OCATED IN THE HEART of Tempe, the Mitchell Park East and West districts may be divided by a centrally located 11-acre park, but they are united by residents dedicated to continuing the neighborhood's vivacity, independence and history.

The area is named for William M. Mitchell (Tempe Congressman Harry Mitchell's grandfather), who donated his land to build the school that once graced the park. After World War II, Mitchell built a residential development for veterans and newcomers. More than 50 years later, the community still boasts a few unique spots to check out.



**4 CASEY MOORE'S OYSTER HOUSE**  
850 S. Ash Ave.  
480-968-9935  
caseymoore.com



Perhaps the neighborhood's best-kept secret, **Casey Moore's Oyster House** blends right in with the surrounding funky houses near Ash Avenue and Ninth Street. The place is known for its variety of seafood, its brews on tap and its regular visitors (including the ghost who allegedly haunts the second floor). Check out the bike on the ceiling, the bowl of onion soup and the restaurant's very own Blarney Stone, a.k.a., the men's outdoor restroom.



**1 WET PAINT ARTIST SUPPLY**  
806 S. Ash Ave.  
480-967-2002  
wetpaintaz.com

If the neighborhood's funky vibe has awakened your inner artist, head to **Wet Paint Artist Supply**. Owner Jesika Jordan opened shop in 2001 and has answers and advice for all sorts of projects (just take a look at her works in progress on the walls and ceiling). Local artists, art students and supporters of the local art movement all frequent the shop.

**2 ESSENCE BAKERY CAFE**  
825 W. University Dr.  
480-966-2745, essencebakery.com

Farther west on University Drive, eco-friendly **Essence Bakery Cafe** focuses on fresh, local ingredients - but that doesn't mean rabbit food. The chef-owned spot is known for scrumptious quiche Lorraine, creative sandwiches and homemade macarons in flavors such as espresso, raspberry and pumpkin spice (seasonal).



**3 CARTEL COFFEE LAB**  
225 W. University Dr., Ste. 101  
480-225-3899  
cartelcoffee.com

At **CarTEL Coffee Lab**, owners Jason and Amy Silberschlag participate in the entire process of coffee-making, from visiting growers in Guatemala to roasting and grinding the beans on state-of-the-art machines to brewing coffee in their Clover 1S. The result is some of the finest java in town. With the espresso machines, mugs and local roasts for sale, you could even start a lab of your own.



**5 TEMPE FARMERS' MARKET**  
805 S. Farmer Ave.  
tempefarmers-market.com

Resident Daryle Brett Dutton is organizing the first **Tempe Farmers' Market**, slated to open this spring. The market's goal is to give Tempe residents and visitors a taste of healthy, high-quality, locally made products.