



CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

For the period of February 6 – February 20, 2015

This report is issued the first and third Friday of each month.
It can be obtained at City Hall or online at www.templecity.us.

TO: The Honorable City Council

ISSUE DATE: February 6, 2015

FROM: Bryan Cook, City Manager

THE WEEKS AHEAD:

Feb. 10 Special City Council Meeting, 7:30 p.m., Community Room

More info: City Clerk's Office, (626) 285-2171 ext.2317

The City Council will review the Mid-Year Budget and 5-Year Forecast Model.

Planning Commission Meeting, 7:30 p.m., Council Chambers

More info: Community Development Department, (626) 285-2171 ext.2303

The Planning Commission will consider the following items:

- Approval of a Tentative Parcel Map at 6050 Hart Avenue;
- Approval of a Tentative Tract Map at 4857 Glickman Avenue; and
- Discussion regarding cellular policy.

Feb. 11 Transportation and Public Safety Commission Meeting, 7:30 p.m., Council Chambers

More info: Community Development Department, (626) 285-2171 ext.2327

The Transportation and Public Safety Commission will consider the following items:

- Parking citation appeals; and
- Removing one-way signs from four alleys, installation of two speed humps, and installation of 15 mph speed limit signs at the end of each alley.

Feb. 16 President's Day Holiday – Holiday Hours

More info: Parks and Recreation Department, (626) 285-2171 ext.2357

- City Hall: Closed
- LOP Annex: Closed
- LOP Community Center: 10 a.m. – 10 p.m.
- Dial-A-Ride: 7 a.m. – 8 p.m.

Feb. 17 City Council Meeting, 7:30 p.m., Council Chambers

More info: City Clerk's Office, (626) 285-2171 ext.2317

The City Council will consider the following items:

- Proclaim Arbor Day;
- Recognize 2015 Arbor Days Poster Contest Winners;
- Support for Relay for Life;
- Award of Environmental Document Profession Contract for 5935 Temple Blvd;
- Adopt an Ordinance Extending the Moratorium on Wireless Tower Facilities; and
- Storm water Funding.

Feb. 18 Parks and Recreation Commission Meeting, 7:30 p.m., Council Chambers

More info: Parks and Recreation Department, (626) 285-2171 ext.2361

The Parks and Recreation Commission will review transportation services (see page p.5).

Feb. 19 Neighborhood Watch: Area 2, 7:30 p.m., Temple City High School (9501 Lemon Ave.)

More info: Community Development Department, (626) 285-2171 ext.2336

Get the latest on your neighborhood's crime trends and statistics. Free dinner and child care.

Feb. 20-22 Camellia Festival, Las Tunas Drive and Temple City Park

More info: Community Development Department, (626) 285-2171 ext.2336

- February 20: Camellia Festival Carnival (4 – 10 p.m.)
- February 21: Camellia Festival Parade (10 a.m.) and Carnival (12 – 10 p.m.)
- February 22: Camellia Festival Carnival (12 – 8 p.m.)

OF INTEREST:

General Municipal Election Update

Vote-by-Mail voters can now mail in or drop off their ballots to the City Clerk's Office in City Hall Monday through Friday, 7:30 a.m. to 6 p.m. Vote-by-Mail ballots must be received by the City Clerk or postmarked by the March 3, 2015 election date to be counted.

Important dates to keep in mind for the election:

- **February 2 to February 10** - Permanent Vote-by-Mail Voter Ballots will be mailed out to your homes;
- **February 2 to February 24** - Voters may obtain Vote-by-Mail ballots by requesting an application from the City Clerk's Office, applying online at www.lavote.net, or by mailing in the application found on back of your sample ballot booklets; and
- **February 16** - Last day to register to vote for the election.

Should you have any questions regarding the City's upcoming election, please call or visit the City Clerk's Office.

State of the City Address

Last Monday, January 26, Mayor Blum presented his State of the City Address. Entitled "A Team Approach", his speech outlined the collective accomplishments of the current City Council since 2010.

A transcript and video of the address is now available for viewing at www.templecity.us

Update: Demolition of Former Mortuary

Demolition of the former mortuary building is scheduled for February 23, 2015. This date will allow the contractor enough time to mobilize site activities, as well as to file proper demolition clearances with the South Coast Air Quality Management District.

Actual demolition work is expected to be complete by February 27, 2015. Other activities, like site work and punch list items, will extend project duration to 20 work days (concluding on or about March 14, 2015).

Volunteers Counted for the 2015 Greater Los Angeles Homeless Count in Temple City

The 2015 Greater Los Angeles Homeless Count took place in Temple City on Tuesday, January 27, from 8 p.m. to 12 a.m. midnight. The Los Angeles Homeless Services Authority (LAHSA) coordinates the biennial count and uses the numbers to appropriate resources for homeless prevention. Temple City had 18 volunteers participate in the local biennial census of the homeless. Volunteers teamed up and were assigned census tracts in the community to canvas. If you are interested in participating in future local counts, sign up on LAHSA's website at www.lahsa.org

Lunar New Year Festival



Temple City hosted the annual Lunar New Year Festival on January 24th and 25th. The Festival stretched for five blocks along Las Tunas Drive and included food booths and food trucks, vendor booths, carnival rides, and live entertainment. Attendance was higher than prior years so staff hosted a General Plan booth and engaged community members in conversations about the future of Temple City, collected feedback, and promoted the upcoming General Plan community meeting. Five hundred flyers were handed out to promote the upcoming community meeting.

The weekend went smoothly with no significant incidents or problems reported, making for a safe and enjoyable weekend for all who attended. City staff worked throughout the weekend to help make the festival a success by keeping the trash cans empty and the street clean and by monitoring and directing traffic due to the Las Tunas Drive street closure.

General Plan Update

The City will be hosting the first General Plan community meeting at 7 p.m. on Thursday, February 12, at Live Oak Park Community Center (10144 Bogue St.). Attendees will receive a short presentation on the project's status, followed by an interactive mapping activity to share input for future development. Attendees are asked to arrive early to sign in. Registration opens at 6:45 p.m. with the workshop beginning promptly at 7 p.m. If you have any questions or suggestions please contact Planning Manager Scott Reimers at (626) 285-2171.

Soccer for Better Health 50+:

The City's Department of Parks and Recreation in collaboration with Chinese Soccer Stars of America will offer a "Soccer for Better Health 50+" program for older adults. The program is designed to give opportunities for adults 50 and older to play soccer in a group setting, make new friends, and keep fit. The program is open to men and women who wish to play and participate in a soccer program. Those with little or no experience, as well as experienced soccer players, will enjoy this new program, learning and refreshing basic skills as well as getting plenty of great exercise. The program will take place on Wednesdays and Fridays at the Live Oak Park (10144 Bogue St.) athletic field 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. The two-hour session will consist of warm-up exercises and soccer drills. The last hour and a half will consist of match play between the participants. The program is free of cost however, space is limited and in-person, registration is required. For more information, please contact the Parks and Recreation Department at (626) 579-0461.

Senior Luncheons

The Senior Lunch Program is open to seniors age 60 and over. Completed intake form for new participants is required and the cost of the program is a suggested two-dollar donation. Space is limited so reserve your spots early. For more information, and to reserve for the program call Roman Rodriguez at (626) 579-0461. The following are the upcoming Senior Luncheon themes:

Valentine's Day

On Friday, February 13, at the Live Oak Park Community Center, the Senior Lunch Program will celebrate Valentine's Day by featuring a special menu of Burgundy Beef, mashed potatoes, salad, vegetables and peach pie. Reservations for the Valentine's lunch program must be made by Wednesday, February 11.

Lunar New Year

On Thursday, February 19 at the Live Oak Park Community Center, the Senior Lunch Program is celebrating the Year of the Ram. Join us for a festive celebration complete with decorations, traditional food items, and a special treat tucked in red envelopes. Participants are encouraged to wear red to bring luck for the New Year! Reservations must be made by Tuesday, February 17.

Dim Sum and Tea in the Park

Everyone is invited to celebrate the Year of the Ram with Dim Sum and Tea in the Park on February 18. According to Chinese folklore the 2015 Year of the Ram is the "inspiring period" to try to leave behind any unstable affairs and connections with the aim to carve a new more honest pattern of relations. The event will be hosted at Temple City Park from 9:30-11 a.m. and at Live Oak Park from 10:30 a.m. to 12 p.m. noon, or while supplies last at both parks. Tea and a sampling of traditional food items such as Ha Gao, Siu Mai, barbecue pork buns, egg rolls and sesame seed mochi balls will be available free of charge in the picnic shelters. For more information, call Roman Rodriguez at (626) 579-0461.

Chinese New Year Festival in Temple City Park

The Great Enlightenment Lotus Society (GELS) will host a Chinese New Year Festival on Saturday, February 28, in Temple City Park, between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m. The privately run event will be a family-orientated, fun-filled, and culturally rich event, open to the public, including 30 booths offering free authentic Chinese food, information on physical and spiritual well-being, and various performances. This event is expected to draw 300-400 people throughout the day. The Pavilion has been reserved by GELS, as well as surrounding grass areas.

Review of Transportation Services

Dial-A-Ride members are encouraged to attend the Parks and Recreation Commission meeting on Wednesday, February 18 at 7:30 p.m. at the Council Chambers, 5938 Kauffman Ave. The Commission will receive input from the public and discuss possible enhancements to the service. Representatives from Southland Transit Inc. will be on hand to answer questions as well. Dial-A-Ride cardholders wishing to attend the meeting should call the Reservation Center to schedule a ride to the meeting. A meeting notice will be available at City Hall and in all Temple City DAR vehicles beginning February 9. For more information, call the Parks and Recreation Department, 285-2171 ext. 2361.

Deadline for Older American of the Year Applications

The City's Parks and Recreation Department will accept nominations for Temple City's Older American of the Year through February 20. Honoring outstanding and local older Americans has been a Temple City tradition for 47 years. Nominees must be at least 60 years of age and a resident of Temple City. Criteria used to select award recipients include service to organizations, special accomplishments, and time spent with volunteer activities. Applications can be obtained by visiting the public counter at the Live Oak Park Community Center or by calling Roman Rodriguez at (626) 579-0461.

71st Annual Camellia Festival

The 2015 Camellia Festival takes place February 20-22. This annual event features dozens of carnival rides and attractions, game booths, food booths, live stage entertainment and much more. The carnival opens at 4 p.m. on Friday, February 20. Several food trucks will be stationed on Golden West Avenue Friday evening offering a variety of tasty dinner items and treats. Additionally, non-profit organizations will be selling everything from tacos and pizza to teriyaki bowls and apple towers throughout the weekend.

Las Tunas will be closed to all traffic from 12 p.m. noon on Wednesday, February 18 until early morning on Monday, February 23 to accommodate carnival rides. In addition, Las Tunas between Rosemead Blvd. and Baldwin Avenue will be closed to all traffic on Saturday from approximately 8 a.m. – 12 noon for the annual parade. Additional information on this year's Camellia Festival is available on the City's website.

Temple City Awarded \$240,000 for Walking/Jogging Path at Live Oak Park

Temple City has been selected to receive up to \$240,000 for a new walking/jogging path around Live Oak Park through the Fifth Supervisorial District's 2015 Competitive Excess Funds Grand Program. Supervisor Michael Antonovich made \$5,000,000 available to cities in the Fifth District. Forty-nine (49) proposals, totaling over \$11,700,000 were received. The walking/jogging path will be incorporated into the new Master Plan for Live Oak Park.

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