



CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

For the period of April 3 – April 17, 2015

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TO: The Honorable City Council

ISSUE DATE: April 3, 2015

FROM: Bryan Cook, City Manager

THE WEEKS AHEAD:

Apr. 7 City Council Meeting, 7:30 p.m., Council Chambers

More info: City Clerk's Office, (626) 285-2171 ext. 2316

The City Council will consider the following items:

- Adopt the Updated Sewer System Management Plan for the City Stormwater;
- Approve Consultant Services Agreement with Vasquez & Company, LLP for auditing and accounting services;
- Approve agreement to hire an actuary to change vesting schedule;
- Approve of Services Agreement with Gretchen Sterling to operate the Farmers Market;
- Approve Final Map for 5451 Sultana Avenue;
- Nominate a representative to the Metro San Gabriel Valley Service Council;
- Make modifications the conditional use permit for Camellia Square; and
- Mayor's Council Appointment to outside organizations.

Apr. 8 Transportation and Public Safety Commission, 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
- Policy regarding back-in parking.

Apr. 14 Planning Commission, 7:30 p.m., Council Chambers

More info: Community Development Department, (626) 285-2171 ext. 2304

The Planning Commission will consider the following items:

- Request for a conditional use permit at 5605 Cloverly Avenue to install an electronic changeable message sign; and
- Request for a zoning variance at 10415 Olive Street to reduce the required setbacks for a garage.

Apr. 16 Neighborhood Watch Meeting: Area 4, 5:30 p.m., First Lutheran Church (9123 Broadway)

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

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

OF INTEREST:

City Commissioner Recruitment

The City will be accepting applications to fill City Commission vacancies beginning April 8. Applicants must be a registered voter and resident of Temple City. Those selected to fill the Commission vacancies will serve without compensation for a term of two years, effective July 1.

For more information in attaining a copy of the application and Commission vacancies, contact the City Clerk's Office at (626) 285-2171, ext. 2317.

Youth Committee Seeks 4 Members



The City's Youth Committee is looking for four prospective members! Residents ages 12-18 are invited to apply for this leadership opportunity to make positive contributions to the community. Members meet regularly with City leaders to discuss community issues and coordinate special youth activities and programs to encourage civic awareness and education among peers. Past projects have included the Rosemead Boulevard GO Festival and the Youth Engage Conference.

The recruitment period opens on April 9, with completed applications due by May 31. For more information, visit www.templecity.us/youthcommittee.

Reduce Your Use, Be Water Smart

The City, in collaboration with the Upper San Gabriel Valley Municipal Water District will be hosting a FREE Sustainable Gardening Workshop on Saturday, April 18, in the Community Room (9701 Las Tunas Drive) from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m. Become a Waterwise Gardener and learn six ways to make your garden "California friendly." California is facing the fourth year of a historic drought, so Temple Citians are reminded to conserve water. To reserve your spot for the Sustainable Gardening Workshop, contact the City Manager's Office at (626) 285-2171 or email gcorella@templecity.us.

To get started on saving water visit www.templecity.us to get some tips and information on rebates.

Compost Give-Away Event Recap

On Saturday, March 28, the City, in cooperation with Athens Services, hosted its first compost give-away of the new year at Live Oak Park. Due to the enthusiasm of the previous Compost Give-Away last December 2014, Athens Services agreed to host two events in 2015. By all accounts, the event held this past Saturday was the largest and most successful give-away to take place in Temple City. Over 200 people attended and over 48 tons of compost was given-away within two hours. Keep a look out on Athens Services website at <http://www.athensservices.com> for a list of upcoming compost give-away events in the San Gabriel Valley. As Athens customers, Temple Citians are welcome to attend any of the events hosted in neighboring cities. The next compost give-away in Temple City is planned to take place in the fall.



Community Emergency Response Team (C.E.R.T.) Training

The City, in partnership with the County of Los Angeles Fire Department, provided CERT Basic Training to residents of Temple City and the surrounding neighborhoods. The training course was presented over a period of three

consecutive Saturdays, beginning on March 14. On March 28, sixteen (16) CERT participants graduated from the most recent CERT class by completing a final exercise which simulated a 7.8 magnitude earthquake in which CERT participants needed to apply the knowledge and skills learned from the previous sessions.

The City has held seven CERT training classes since 2009 and has graduated 193 community members from the program. Upon graduating, community members are invited to join the City's Advanced CERT Team, to provide volunteer services to the City. Advanced CERT Team members will meet quarterly and receive refresher and advanced training. For information about CERT or the Advanced CERT Team, contact the Public Safety Division at (626) 285-2171, ext. 2336 or by email at bariizumi@templecity.us.



UPDATE: General Plan Update

The General Plan Advisory Committee (GPAC) will meet on Monday, April 6 at 7:30 p.m. to conclude their conversation on the General Plan opportunity areas. The GPAC needed to study a few areas further before concluding with their recommendations. Over the last few months the GPAC has met several times to consider the appropriate intensity and use of potential opportunity areas as well as review feedback from the General Plan community meeting and the Youth Committee. Over the next few months the GPAC will begin reviewing new topic areas for the General Plan policies and provide direction and feedback on the specific plan area.

Planning Commission Recap

The Planning Commission met once in March and approved two cases. One case was a request to open a restaurant serving beer, wine and spirits at 5561 and 5563 Rosemead Boulevard. The business will be a Japanese restaurant featuring tanks of live fish, fresh sushi, and shabu shabu. The existing tenant space is currently leased

to Payless Shoe Source and a wedding shop. The other case was a lot line adjustment that would transfer 5,600 square feet of lot area from the rear of 5337 Pal Ma Avenue to the rear of 10558 Olive Street. The Planning Division does not currently have an application for any additional development on the site 10558 Olive Street.

Volunteer Appreciation Luncheon

National Volunteer Week will be celebrated across the United States during the week of April 12 to 18. Last year, 220 volunteers contributed over 8,100 hours of service to the City. As a way to thank the City's volunteers for their dedication to their community, a special Volunteer Appreciation Luncheon will be held on Saturday, April 11. Adult and teen volunteers along with their guests will be treated to a "camping" themed afternoon including a tasty BBQ lunch, live entertainment, caricature artists, raffles and recognitions and awards presented by the City Council. If you are interested in joining the Temple City team of volunteers, please contact the Department of Parks and Recreation at 285-2171 ext. 2360.

Free Lo-Vision Seminars

The City's senior program and the Braille Institute will be offering FREE seminars designed to assist adults in coping with vision loss every Friday, April 3 through 24, from 10-11:30 a.m. The seminars are designed for those who are experiencing difficulty with daily living tasks due to low vision. Classes will be held at the Live Oak Park Community Center, 10144 Bogue Street and will include topics such as understanding vision loss and its emotional impact, low vision devices, orientation & mobility for safe travel, and much more. For more information, contact (626) 579-0461.

Spring Fling

Over 100 boys and girls attended this year's Spring Fling on Friday, March 27 at Live Oak Park. Participants were able to test their skills on a mechanical bull, bubble ball raceway, laser tag, and an inflatable twister game. A live DJ kept the crowd going with top 40 hits. A drawing was held for raffle prizes and a Dollar Snack Bar was available items including hot dogs, nachos, soda and chips.



Easter Egg Hunt and Pancake Breakfast

The Easter Bunny will visit Live Oak Park for the annual Easter Egg Hunt on Saturday, April 4. Activities planned include a pancake breakfast, springtime crafts, face painting, petting zoo, street magic show and an egg hunt. The event will take place from 8:30 a.m. to 12 p.m. noon with the egg hunts beginning at 10 a.m. sharp! Egg hunts are

grouped by ages 1-3, 4-5, 6-7 and 8-9 years. The event is free to the public except for the pancake breakfast. The cost of the breakfast is \$3 for adults/teens and \$2 for children under 12.

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