



CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

For the period of April 17 – May 1, 2015

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It can be obtained at City Hall or online at www.templecity.us.

TO: The Honorable City Council

ISSUE DATE: April 17, 2015

FROM: Bryan Cook, City Manager

THE WEEKS AHEAD:

Apr. 21 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:

- Approval of a Consultant Services Agreement with Community Media of the Foothills for videotaping of Council meetings, streaming the meetings live on-line, and programming of City's cable channel;
- Approval of a Consultant Services Agreement with ECS Imaging, Inc. to renew software maintenance and support services, also approval of purchase of additional users licenses for Laserfiche web portal;
- Approval of firework sales permits;
- Approval of an amendment to a Consultant Services Agreement with Kimley-Horne to conduct a Traffic Impact Analysis of the modified design for Las Tunas Drive Enhancement Project;
- Approval of a Consultant Services Agreement with Gretchen Sterling to manage Temple City's Farmers Market;
- Discussion and nomination of a representative to represent Temple City and other cities in the east city cluster of the Metro San Gabriel Valley Service Council;

Apr. 22 Transportation and Public Safety Commission, 7:30 p.m., Council Chambers (CANCELLED)

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

The next scheduled Transportation and Public Safety Commission Meeting is Wednesday, May 13.

Apr. 28 Planning Commission, 7:30 p.m., Council Chambers

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

The Planning Commission will consider the approval of an ordinance regarding Water Efficiency Landscaping.

OF INTEREST:

City's Youth Committee Wins Award of Merit



Earlier this week, the California Association of Public Information Officers presented the City's Youth Committee with an Award of Merit in Special Innovation for its Youth Engage conference.

The award was presented as part of the association's annual communications competition. Judging criteria for the award included achievement of program objectives, creativity, and effectiveness.

The inaugural conference, held October 23, 2014, engaged young residents and students, ages 12-18 to learn more about City Hall, as well as emerging community development trends, from crowd funding to civic hacking. The event was organized by the City's seven-member Youth Committee, with oversight by Mayor Tom Chavez and Management Analyst Wendy Chung.

City Moves Ahead with Third Public Art Installation



This month, the City began installation of its third public art series on Rosemead Boulevard featuring five mosaic panels on various monument directories. The artwork, commissioned by renowned artist Carole Oueijan, depict modern day community themes ranging from entrepreneurship and the Temple City Park bandstand, to the community's high-performing schools and annual festivals.

Two of the five mosaic installations are complete, and can be viewed at the Rosemead/Las Tunas intersection (near the Camellia Square shopping center and Mobil gas station). Placement of the other three mosaics are planned along the corridor at Callita, Broadway and Pentland. Those mosaics are scheduled for installation later this summer.

The artwork series will be featured this weekend in the Pasadena Star News.

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. Deadline to submit an application is April 30, 2015.

Applications are available on the City's website at www.templecity.us or by calling the City Clerk's Office. For more information regarding the Commission vacancies, please contact the City Clerk's Office at (626) 285-2171, ext. 2317.

Be Water Wise

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." There are still spots available so reserve your spot for the Sustainable Gardening Workshop today! Contact the City Manager's Office at (626) 285-2171 or email gcorella@templecity.us.

To become water smart today, visit the City's website at www.templecity.us to learn some tips and obtain rebate information for turf removal and high efficiency appliances.

General Plan Update

The General Plan Advisory Committee (GPAC) met on Monday, April 6 at 7:30 p.m. and concluded their conversation on the General Plan opportunity areas. The GPAC looked more intently at a few areas where they had not previously reached a consensus – such as the industrial area adjacent to Gidley Street. Now that the Committee has reached consensus on the appropriate uses for the opportunity areas, they will turn their attention to reviewing new topic areas for the General Plan policies and providing direction and feedback on the specific plan area.

Volunteer Appreciation Luncheon

A special BBQ luncheon and recognition program was enjoyed by over 100 teen and adult volunteers on Saturday, April 11 at Temple City Park. Volunteers contributed over 4,000 hours to the City during 2014. Guests were treated to a "camping" inspired afternoon which included live entertainment, raffles, guessing games, and yummy cupcakes!

Special recognitions were presented by the City Council as follows:

- "Troop S'Mores" (400+ Hours of Service): Sung Wong Lee, Sam Meleika, Ruben Martinez, and Joe Juarez;
- "Happy Camper" (200 Hours of Service): Linda Chen;
- "What's Cookin?": Senior Lunch Program volunteers;
- "Take A Hike Award" : Craig Boehne, Norma Boehne, Jane Ching, Dave Lassanske, and Erma Schaefer;
- "Trail Blazers" (25+ Hours of Service) : Crystal Chang, Jocelyn Wu, Jared Kok, Joshua Kok, Evan Kuo, Amberly Thai, Serena Thai, and William Xu;
- "Honorary Historian" John Ito & Jerry Jambazian;
- "Camp Team Buddy" : Jared & Joshua Kok, Pookie & Weinkei Li, and Amberly & Serena Thai;
- Senior Leader "1995" : Joe Juarez

A special thank you was extended to the Kiwanis Club of Temple City as well as Temple City High School's Key Club, Interact Club and Eyes Club.



Easter Egg Hunt and Pancake Breakfast

Over 1,000 children participated in this year's Easter Egg Hunt. Thousands of pieces of wrapped candy were spread over the four hunt areas and free crafts and face painting kept children entertained throughout the morning. Approximately 1,000 pancakes and 600 sausages were cooked and served to 320 hungry participants. A special thank you to the many volunteers that assisted in the event.



Youth Sports Festival

The second annual Youth Sports Festival will be held at Live Oak Park on Saturday, April 25, from 11 a.m. – 4 p.m. Kids ages 3-15 will discover ways to get active and stay fit right here in Temple City, and best of all, it's free!

Activity zones will be set-up for baseball/softball, football, soccer, golf and volleyball. There will also be an area for old-school activities including jump rope, croquet, tetherball, hula hoop, hop scotch, and caroms.

Information will be available for classes and sports offered by the City. The local Temple City youth sports groups will also be handing out information for baseball, soccer, softball, and football/cheer.

For those who are hungry, they may purchase lunch or snacks from the two food trucks that will be on-site, including Austyn's Fresh Burgers & Fries and Paradise Cookies & Ice Cream.

Temple City Welcomes (Back) New Employee

Antonio Villalobos was recently hired as the new Parks and Recreation Coordinator for the City of Temple City. "Tony" will be overseeing the City's STARS Club, Teen Zone, and Youth Sports programs. He started his career in the recreation field in 1999 as a Recreation Leader here in the City of Temple City and was part of the first Recreation Leader II recruitment. During his 4 years in Temple City he worked the STARS Club program at Emperor, Cleminson, and Longden schools. In 2003, he went to the City of Claremont to run their youth sports programs. After 2 years he was moved over to run city-wide teen programming and to oversee the high school teen center & skate park. In 2006 he was hired by the City of Ontario to run their teen programs and special events. Tony is excited that his career has come full circle, bringing him back to the place where it all began.

When he is not working, Tony loves spending time with his 7-year old daughter. He is a distance runner, and has competed in 2 marathons, 3 half marathons, and dozens of 5K runs. Tony also loves live theatre. His goal in life is to expose as many people as possible to health, fitness, and theatre.

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