



CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

For the period of May 1 – May 15, 2015

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TO: The Honorable City Council

ISSUE DATE: May 1, 2015

FROM: Bryan Cook, City Manager

THE WEEKS AHEAD:

- May 5** Special City Council Meeting, 6:30 p.m., Council Chambers
More info: City Clerk's Office, (626) 285-2171 ext. 4132
Emergency Management Training for Elected Officials
- May 5** City Council Meeting, 7:30 p.m., Council Chambers
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- Adoption of one-way travel restrictions on four alleys in the Downtown area.
 - Amendment of the Public Arts Commission from seven members to five.
- May 11** Special City Council Meeting – Budget Study Session, 6:00 p.m., Community Room
More info: City Clerk's Office, (626) 285-2171 ext. 4132
- May 12** Planning Commission Meeting, 7:30 p.m., (CANCELLED)
More info: Community Development Department, (626) 285-2171 ext.4312
The next scheduled Planning Commission Meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, May 26.
- May 13** Transportation and Public Safety Commission Meeting,
More info: Community Development Department, (626) 285-2171 ext.4344
The Transportation and Public Safety Commission will discuss parking citation appeals.

OF INTEREST:

Community Blood Drive Set for May 20



In partnership with the City of Temple City and Temple City Chamber of Commerce, the Temple City Unified School District (TCUSD) will host a community blood drive to benefit The American Red Cross on Wednesday, May 20, 12-6:15 p.m., at 9700 Las Tunas Drive.

To make an appointment to give blood, visit www.redcrossblood.org and enter sponsor code TCUSD or call (800) RED-CROSS. Walk-ins are also welcome.

Donors must be at least 17 years old, weigh 110 pounds or more, be in general good health and provide photo identification.

For more information, contact TCUSD Public Information Officer Lynne Burkhardt at (626) 548-5120.

Sustainable Gardening Workshop Recap



On Saturday, April 18, Temple City in collaboration with the Upper San Gabriel Valley Municipal Water District (USGVMWD) hosted a Sustainable Gardening Workshop. Temple Citizens learned how to be a “water-wise gardener.” Water saving tips shared included soil conditioning to avoid over watering plants, choosing the right plants for the dry climate, incorporating mulch into your landscaping and much more.

Due to the popularity of the class with over 25 participants, staff is working with USGVMWD future collaborations. To learn more about being “water-wise” visit the City’s website at www.templecity.us.

Water Conservation Efforts

The City is doing its part to conserve water during the drought. Effective this week, irrigation will be turned off to the grass medians on Santa Anita between Live Oak and Grand; on Baldwin between Live Oak and Lower Azusa; and on Broadway at Encinita. Over the next several weeks to months, depending on the weather, we expect the grass to go dormant, or die off. Staff is considering options to renovate the medians with drip irrigation systems and drought tolerant landscaping.

Staff has also reduced watering at Live Oak Park and Temple City Park from 3 or 4 days per week to 2 days per week. We are already seeing some dry spots and areas where the turf is dying off; however, most of these areas are along the perimeter of Live Oak Park. We will continue to monitor the turf areas and will address special areas as they arise.

Planning Commission Update: Water Efficient Landscape Ordinance

On Tuesday, April 29 the Planning Commission met to review a draft Water Efficient Landscape Ordinance. The Commission unanimously recommended that the City Council adopt the Ordinance. To summarize, the Ordinance would require new construction with landscape areas greater than 2,500 square feet and rehabilitated landscapes greater than 5,000 square feet for existing single family houses to certify that the new landscape would have sufficient water efficient landscaping to meet the State’s water efficiency requirements. The Commission expressed a desire for the City to look at water issues in a broader and creative manner (new regulation and incentives for existing landscapes, water conservation, and enforcement), take a leadership role amongst the five water purveyors, and incorporate within this Ordinance or a future Ordinance new best practices coming from the Governor’s

Office and the Legislature. Before bringing the draft Ordinance to the City Council, staff will explore the suggestions by the Planning Commission.

General Plan Update

On Monday, May 4, the General Plan Advisory Committee will meet to begin discussions on the policy portion of the General Plan document. They will review a document demonstrating the topics that will be addressed in each element of the General Plan and give feedback on the topics addressed and topics may need to be added. This will lead to additional conversations at future meetings on the actual wording of each policy.

Emergency Management Training for Elected Officials

With the recent election of two new City Councilmembers and in continuing with the City's efforts in emergency preparedness, the City's Disaster Management Area Coordinator (DMAC) will provide Emergency Management Training for Elected Officials to the City Council. During a Special City Council meeting on May 5, the City Council will learn about the emergency management cycle and what their roles and responsibilities are before, during, and after a disaster.

Youth Sports Festival

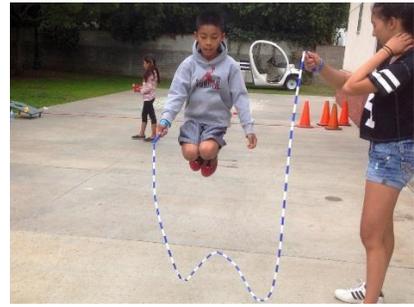
Despite the cool weather and threat of rain, the Second Annual Youth Sports Festival drew over 200 people to Live Oak Park on Saturday, April 25. Kids and their parents enjoyed the many activities spread throughout the park.

Activity zones were set-up for baseball/softball, basketball, football, soccer, golf and volleyball. Many parents enjoyed "old-school" activities along with their children including jump rope, hula-hoop, croquet, hop-scotch, tetherball, lawn darts and caroms.

Information was available for classes and sports offered by the City. The local Tri Cities youth football & cheer organization was also on hand distributing information about their program.

For those who were hungry, the Paradise Cookies & Ice Cream food truck was selling cookies, ice cream and soda while Austyn's Burgers & Fries were selling burghers, hot dogs, fries and sodas.





Track & Field

This year, 42 boys and girls are registered for the City's Track & Field program and will represent Temple City at the San Gabriel Valley Municipal Athletic Association meet which will be held on Saturday, May 2 at San Dimas High School. Winners will qualify for the Southern California meet to be held at Warren High School in Downey.

Pitch, Hit & Run



Boys and girls ages 7-14 can show off their skills in pitching, batting and sprinting for home in the Pitch, Hit & Run skills contest at Live Oak Park on May 9, beginning at 10 a.m. Some may qualify for the sectional level and some may even qualify to represent our local team at the National Finals during the MLB All-Star Game in July. Registration will be taken at the event. Proof of age and a parent/guardian signature are required for participation.

Pentathlon

75 boys and girls are signed up to compete in this year's Pentathlon program. Staff have been conducting practices and clinics at the STARS Club sites and Live Oak Park in preparation for the All-City Meet to be held at Live Oak Park on May 16, beginning at 4 p.m.

Temple City's 2015 Outstanding Older American

The City Council has selected Bob Rodenbucher as this year's Outstanding Older American. For over two decades, Bob has been involved with the Boy Scouts of America as Committee Chairman & Secretary for Troop 169 as well as District Commissioner, Assistant District Commissioner and Commissioner Staff for the Lucky Baldwin District. He currently sits on the Eagle Board of Reviews for the Lucky Baldwin District. Bob has been an active member of the Kiwanis Club of Temple City since 2011, is on the Board of Directors of Elk's Lodge #1328, and has been involved with the Camellia Festival for the past 16 years coordinating the Grand Stand Seating with his wife Carol.

Bob was a US Army Veteran serving at Fort Sill in Oklahoma from 1961-63 as an artillery surveyor, reaching an E-5 classification. When not volunteering in the community, Bob enjoys visits with friends and family and spends his summers in the Eastern Sierras, camping, hunting, and fishing.

Bob will accept a Proclamation, designating May as Older American Month, from the City Council at their meeting on May 5.

Senior Mother's Day Luncheon

On Friday, May 8, the Senior Lunch Program will celebrate Mother's Day with a special luncheon. The program will feature a special menu of Burgundy Beef, mashed potatoes, apple salad, vegetables and butterscotch pudding. The program will also include mom's favorite teas and treats, a caricature artist, and more. The program is open to seniors age 60 and over. Completed intake form for new participants required. The cost of the program is a suggested two dollar donation. To reserve a lunch for the program please call (626) 579-0461. Reservations for the program must be made by Thursday, May 7th before 12:00 p.m.

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