



# CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

For the period of December 18 – January 8, 2015

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**TO:** The Honorable City Council                      **ISSUE DATE:** December 18, 2015  
**FROM:** Bryan Cook, City Manager

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## THE WEEKS AHEAD

- Dec. 21**      **Winter Camp Begins, Live Oak Park** (Refer to Pg. 4)  
**More info: Parks and Recreation Department, (626) 656-7320**
- Dec. 22**      **Planning Commission Meeting, 7:30 p.m., Council Chambers**  
**More info: Community Development Department, (626) 285-2171 ext.4312**  
**Up for discussion:**
- Proposed Ordinance Restricting Medical Marijuana
  - Proposed Ordinance Restricting Massage Businesses
- Dec. 23**      **Transportation and Public Safety Commission Meeting, (Cancelled)**  
**More info: Community Development Department, (626) 285-2171 ext.4345**
- Dec. 24**      **Christmas Eve (City offices close at 12:30 p.m., Park facilities close at 6 p.m.)**
- Dec. 25**      **Christmas Day (City offices and Park facilities closed)**  
**Dial-a-ride available from 9 a.m. until 5 p.m.**
- Dec. 28**      **Camellia Festival Royal Court Applications Due**  
**More info: Camellia Festival Office, (626) 285-2171 ext.4030**
- Dec. 31**      **New Year's Eve (Park facilities close at 6 p.m.)**
- Senior New Year's Eve Toast, Live Oak Park, Noon** (Refer to Pg. 4)  
**More info: Parks and Recreation Department, (626) 656-7320**
- Jan. 1**      **New Year's Day (City office closed, Live Oak Park Community Center open 10 a.m. until 10 p.m.)**
- Jan. 4**      **Winter Recreation Classes Begin, Live Oak Park** (Refer to Pg. 4)  
**More info: Parks and Recreation Department, (626) 656-7320**

**Jan. 5      City Council Regular Meeting, 7:30 p.m., Council Chambers**  
**More info: City Clerk's Office, (626) 656-7314**

**Up for discussion:**

- Receive and file City's Comprehensive Annual Financial Report;
- Community Development Block Grant Allocation;
- Adopt an Urgency and Regular Ordinance pertaining to Wireless Telecommunication Facilities; and
- Adopt an Ordinance Restricting Marijuana Cultivation.

**Jan. 7      Park Assessment Community Meeting, Live Oak Park Community Center, 7 p.m.** (Refer to Pg. 4)  
**More info: Parks and Recreation Department, (626) 656-7320**

**Jan. 28     Youth Committee Meeting, 5:30 p.m., Council Chambers**  
**More info: City Clerk's Office, (626) 656-7314**

Committee Members will receive updates from City Commission Liaisons and objective working groups.

## OF INTEREST

### Holiday Home Decorating Winners Announced



Lights, holiday décor and even snow were part of the creative ideas from Temple City homeowners this year as they prepared for the Holiday Home Decorating Contest. Judges made their way through town on Tuesday, Dec. 15 and selected six homes as this year's Holiday Home winners. Gift bags and yard signs were presented by Mayor Chavez and the Prize Patrol on Thursday, Dec. 17. A map of all entries is available at [www.templecity.us](http://www.templecity.us).

Thank you to all participants for bringing holiday cheer to TC!

### Holiday Home Winners – 2015

5947 Agnes  
6311 N. Encinita  
9903 E. La Rosa Dr.  
10274 Live Oak Ave.  
4902 Alessandro Ave.  
6119 Temple City Blvd.



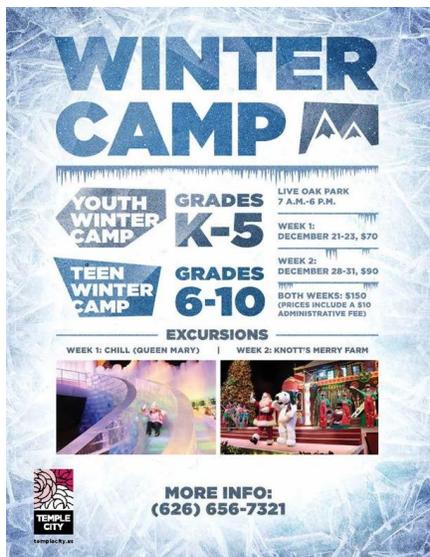
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### **Lights on Temple City**

Lights on Temple City opened the annual holiday season on December 4<sup>th</sup> with snow, crafts, face painting, caricature artists, photo ops, and of course, Santa. For four hours, Temple City Park was transformed into a winter wonderland. Performances by the Brighter Side Singers and the marching band from Temple City High School added to the holiday spirit. Santa was the highlight of the parade as the lights in the trees along Las Tunas came alive as he passed by the onlookers lining the street. Santa and Mayor Tom Chavez led the countdown to the lighting of the big redwood tree as the crowd looked on.



## **Winter Camp**



A few spaces are still available for this year's Winter Camp, scheduled from December 21 – 31 at Live Oak Park. Camp will be open from 7 a.m. – 6 p.m. and will feature fun games, crafts, activities and field trips to Knott's Merry Farm, and CHILL at the Queen Mary. Camp will be closed on Christmas Eve, Christmas Day, and New Year's Day. Pre-registration is required and is currently being accepted at the Live Oak Park Annex, 10144 Bogue Street. For additional information, please call the Parks and Recreation Department at 656-7321.

## **Winter Fee and Charge Classes**

The City of Temple City's Department of Parks and Recreation is now accepting registration online at [www.templecity.us](http://www.templecity.us) or in person at the Live Oak Park Community Center for winter session of fee and charge recreation classes. Classes can be viewed on the City's website, [www.templecity.us](http://www.templecity.us). Classes begin the week of January 4, at Live Oak Park unless otherwise noted. Space is limited, so reserve your spot early! For more information, call the Parks and Recreation Department at (626) 579-0461. The Live Oak Park Community Center is located, 10144 Bogue St.

## **Seniors Ringing in the New Year**

Join the Senior Lunch Program on Thursday, December 31<sup>st</sup> at the Live Oak Park Community Center as we welcome the New Year. We will count down to 12:00 (noon) and will celebrate with sparkling apple cider, decorations and more. The program will be hosted during our senior lunch program. The lunch program serves seniors 60 years of age and older and their spouse. The suggested donation is \$3 per meal for the lunch and intake form for new participants in program. Reservations are required 48 hours in advance. Space is limited.

## **Countywide Parks Needs Assessment – Community Meeting**

What are your priorities for parks? The City of Temple City, the County of Los Angeles, and over 80 cities in Los Angeles County are taking stock of their parks and we need to know what you think. This countywide assessment is a once-in-a-generation chance for you to say where and how we should spend money on our parks over the next few decades. Where do we most need new parks, recreation facilities, or open space? Which parks need repair or expansion? What type of recreation facilities are needed?

Thriving communities have thriving parks. You can help prioritize park amenities and project needs in Temple City by attending our Community Meeting on Thursday, January 7, 2016 at the Live Oak Park Community Center. The meeting will begin at 7 p.m. All ages welcome. Refreshments will be served. Your participation might be the most important thing you can do to keep your family and your neighborhood healthy, happy, and fit. For more information, please contact Roman Rodriguez at (626) 579-0461.

Additional information on the countywide assessment is available at [LACountyParkNeeds.org](http://LACountyParkNeeds.org).

### **Community Emergency Response Team (C.E.R.T.) Training for Teens**



The City's Public Safety Division, in partnership with the City's Youth Committee, will offer free CERT training starting on Friday, Jan. 8, 2016 and ending on Sunday, Jan. 10, 2016. Training will be provided from 6:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. on Friday, and 8:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. on Saturday and Sunday, in the Council Chambers, 5938 Kauffman Ave.

The CERT program provides private citizens with basic skills that enable them to handle their own needs and then to respond to their community's needs in the aftermath of a disaster. Participants learn best practices in disaster preparedness, first aid, search and rescue, and fire safety.

Participants must be between 13 to 17 years old and attend all three days of training. Class size is limited and registration is required. For more information or to register, please visit [www.templecity.us](http://www.templecity.us). You may also contact Public Safety Supervisor Bryan Ariizumi at (626) 285-2171, ext. 4342 or [bariizumi@templecity.us](mailto:bariizumi@templecity.us).

### **Business License Renewal Online**

It's the holiday season, which means it's also time for annual renewal of business licenses. This year, for the first time, business owners have the option of renewing their business license and paying their annual license fees online. Renewal notices were mailed the last week of November, and we have already seen many businesses taking advantage of the online renewal option. All current business licenses expire Dec. 31, for further info, please contact Planning Secretary Jennifer Venters at 626-656-7316

### **Relaxation of Overnight Parking Enforcement**

Overnight parking enforcement will be relaxed starting 12:00 midnight on December 20, 2015, and ending 11:59 p.m. on Jan 10, 2016. Please be advised that street sweeping enforcement will continue during this time. Be sure to inform visiting guests and family members of the street sweeping schedule on your street.

## **COMMISSION AND COMMITTEE UPDATES**

### **Youth Committee**

The Youth Committee met on December 10 at 5:30 p.m., in the Council Chambers, and received updates from each working group (i.e., Water Conservation, Youth Disaster Preparedness, Increasing Literacy and Downtown Revitalization) and liaison to the City Commission. Below is a summary of the working group progress:

Water Conservation Working Group will meet with the City Council Water Conservation Ad Hoc Committee on December 22 to discuss possible awareness activities to promote awareness to the youths in the community. Four of the local water purveyors (i.e., Sunny Slope Water Company, Golden State Water Company, East Pasadena Water Company and Upper San Gabriel Valley Municipal Water District) have donated money towards the working group's initiatives;

There are only 10 seats left for the Youth Disaster Preparedness training from January 8 to January 10 (Friday 6:30 to 10 p.m., Saturday and Sunday 8:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.). Applications are still being accepted and are available on the City's website and at City Hall until January 4, 6 p.m.. Training is open to youth in the community ages 13-17. Participants must be committed to all 3 days of training and will earn up to 20 volunteer hours. This training is only available to the first 40 qualified participants;

Increase Literacy Working Group has introduced and promoted the "Little Free Library" during the Lights on Temple City on December 4. Feedback from the community was extremely positive. The working group is moving forward with the construction of the two Little Free Libraries (i.e., Electric Street Car and Spaceship) that will be installed on City grounds (i.e., City Hall and Live Oak Park) with the help of Planning Commissioner O'Leary and a friend. They plan to continue promoting the "Little Free Library" at the Camellia Festival in February; and

Downtown Revitalization Working Group shared their Photo Visioning Project with the Youth Committee. Their next step is to present their findings and get feedback from their peers and City Planning staff. They will present the final finished project to the City Council Downtown Revitalization Standing Committee at a future date.

Those interested in any of the Youth Committee projects can volunteer to work with the working groups by emailing [pkuo@templecity.us](mailto:pkuo@templecity.us) or by calling the City Clerk's Office at 626-285-2171 ext 4132.

The next Youth Committee meeting is on Thursday, January 28, 5:30, in the Council Chambers. Meetings are open to the public and all are welcome to attend.

**WHAT'S NEW**

**Monthly Law Enforcement Summary – October and November 2015**

Sheriff Targeted Operations

- Probation Compliance Operation
- Parole Compliance Operation
- Burglary Operations
- Transient Operation
- Traffic Safety Operations
- Neighborhood Watch Meeting – Area 9

Crime Statistics

The following is a summary of Part 1 crimes that were reported in October and November.

<b>Target Crimes</b>	<b>October 2015</b>	<b>November 2015</b>
Homicide	0	0
Robbery	3	1
Assault	2	0
Residential Burglary	21	10
Commercial Burglary	5	2
Vehicle Burglary	2	8
Grand Theft	1	1
Petty Theft	22	11
Grand Theft Auto	7	2
<b>Target Crimes Total</b>	<b>63</b>	<b>35</b>

Traffic Statistics

The following is a summary of traffic-related activity for October and November.

<b>Traffic Category</b>	<b>October 2015</b>	<b>November 2015</b>
Injury Accidents	9	14
Persons Injured	9	13
Non Injury Reports	15	7
<b>Total Accidents</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>21</b>

Speeding Citations	33	46
Other Hazardous Citations	52	45
Non-Hazardous Citations	13	13
<b>Total Citations</b>	<b>98</b>	<b>104</b>

### Planned Efforts

In December, the Sheriff's Department will conduct holiday patrol in the shopping centers and business corridors, probation compliance checks, and operations involving burglary suppression and traffic safety.

## **PROGRAM UPDATES**

### **Community Preservation Update**

#### **Holiday Lights on Homes**

The Community Preservation Division would like to wish everyone a happy holiday season. As a friendly reminder, please make a goal of removing your Christmas lights and decorations by January 16, 2016. The Temple City Municipal Code (Section 4-2C-2(A)(16)) requires Christmas lights and other holiday decorations to be removed within 15 days of the end of the holiday being commemorated.hgsdfgsdg

#### **Pro-Active Assistance Provided to Victims of a Burned Out House**

On November 30, there was a fire in a house in the 6100 block of Golden West Avenue. During the incident the firefighters had to move personal items in the house out onto the front yard. Community Preservation staff and the building inspector responded to the property the next day to provide assistance by inspecting the structure and explaining the clean-up process. Given the owner's circumstances, staff contacted Athens Disposal Company to request two complimentary bins to assist with the clean-up. On December 4, two free waste bins were delivered to the property. The front yard has been cleaned up and the property has been properly secured.

### **Planning Division Updates**

#### **Zoning Code Changes**

The Planning Division is in the midst of proposing four changes to the City's Municipal Code. Comments from the public are welcome by emailing [planning@templecity.us](mailto:planning@templecity.us) or

contacting the Planning Division at (626) 656-7316. Please see the table below for tentative meeting dates.

	Planning Commission Review	City Council Review
Telecommunications and Wireless Communications Facilities Ordinances	December 8	January 5
Medical Marijuana Cultivation Ordinance	December 22	January 5
Massage Ordinance	December 22	January 19
Water Efficient Landscape Ordinance	January 26	February 2

Attached is the Planning Division Weekly Update for the week of [December 14](#).

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