



CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

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THE WEEKS AHEAD

Nov. 22: Meeting: Planning Commission
7:30 p.m., Council Chambers
CANCELLED

Nov. 23 Event: Senior Thanksgiving Luncheon
11 a.m., Live Oak Park Community Center
For ages 60 and over. Enjoy a traditional Thanksgiving meal with all the trimmings, followed by a special edition of BINGO! Reservation is required 24 hours in advance; call (626) 579-0461. A \$3 donation for lunch is requested.

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

Nov. 24 Holiday: Thanksgiving
All City facilities are closed; regularly scheduled programming is cancelled. Street sweeping will not occur, and trash collection will run one day late through Saturday, Nov. 26. Dial-A-Ride will operate on a modified schedule of 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Nov. 25 Holiday: Day After Thanksgiving
City Hall will be closed. Live Oak Park Community Center and Annex will open from 10 a.m. to 10 p.m., however, regularly scheduled programming is cancelled. Dial-A-Ride will return to its regular schedule of 7 a.m. to 8 p.m.

Of Interest: Registration begins for Winter Camp
For youth in grades K-10. Runs Dec. 27-30 and Jan. 3-6 at Live Oak Park Community Center, 7 a.m. to 6 p.m. Cost is \$100 per week, \$180 for both weeks. Features fun excursions for snow and ice play at Alpine Slide and CHILL at the Queen Mary.

Nov. 30 Meeting: Law Enforcement Monthly Summary
7 a.m., Community Room
Topics to include crime trends, notable arrests, and planned operations.

Dec. 2 Event: Lights on Temple City
5-9 p.m., Temple City Park
The annual holiday event will feature snow, a parade, even a visit from Santa!
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Overall, City finances are in good shape with sales tax receipts continuing to steadily grow at an average annual increase of 1.85%.

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT *(submitted by M. Forbes and S. Reimers)*

Neighborhood Focus: Trash Containers

Community preservation officers recently received an uptick in the number of complaints regarding trash containers left out after trash day. As such, officers have moved their focused enforcement from inoperable vehicles (in public view) to trash containers.

Over the past few weeks, officers canvassed a number of neighborhoods, visiting over 25 properties that have early/late trash issues.¹ Officers made contact with residents, explaining the City's regulations regarding the storage of trash containers.

Temple City Municipal Code (TCMC 6-2C-2(C)(1)) states that "...trash containers shall be removed from the place of collection (curbside) prior to 10:00 p.m. of the day the containers have been emptied to a storage location, which is not visible from the public right-of-way." If the containers are not removed and left out for an extended period, community preservation officers will make contact or send out a friendly reminder to homeowners and tenants.

To report trash container violations, call (626) 285-5240.

Street Resurfacing

With crack sealing and other preparation work complete, the slurry sealing of streets is scheduled to begin on Monday, Nov. 21. Affected streets will be posted with "No Parking" signs, and door hanger notices will be delivered to all residents several days before work begins.

Residents will be unable to drive or park on their streets from 7 a.m. to 5 p.m. on the day the slurry seal is applied. Please note that if you typically leave your home after 7 a.m., you will need to move your car to a side street before 7 a.m. or you will be unable to exit your driveway. If it is your trash pickup day, place trash cans on the curb and not in the street. Do not run sprinklers or otherwise get the street wet for at least one day before the slurry seal is applied.

Slurry seal will be applied on numerous streets around Temple City for the next few weeks. If the weather continues to cooperate, all street resurfacing should be completed by Dec. 21. For more information, visit templecity.us/pmp.

¹ 6100-6400 block of Avon Ave.; 5600-5800 block of Encinita Ave.; 9000-9100 block of Emperor Ave.; 6300-6400 block of Livia Ave.; 6100-6200 block of Muscatel Ave.; 6300-6400 block of Trelawney Ave.

PARKS AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT *(submitted by C. Burroughs)*

Veterans Memorial

Completed in less than two months, the City's new Veterans Memorial was dedicated last Friday during our annual Veterans Day Celebration. The event highlight was a raising of five U.S. Armed Forces flags by local veterans and scouts. Roughly 400 attended the celebration, which recognized and honored all veterans past and present.



Meeting Recap: Parks & Recreation Commission

Actions taken at the Commission's Nov. 16 meeting include:

- Approval of a request by the Great Enlightenment Lotus Society to reserve the Temple City Performing Arts Pavilion and adjacent grass areas for a Chinese New Year Festival on Feb. 11, 2017.
- Denial of an appeal to reverse staff's determination in removing a city-owned Holly Oak tree located at 10312 Daines Dr.
- Review of an appeal to reverse staff's determination to remove a city-owned Stone Pine tree at 6333 Encinita Ave. No formal action was taken; the appeal may be subsequently considered by the Commission or City Council.
- Concurrences to move forward a Holiday Home Awards program (see pg. 8), with Commissioners and others to determine winners.

Lights on Temple City

Thousands of tree lights have been installed along Las Tunas, 40 tons of snow has been ordered, and TCHS' Brighter Side Singers are wrapping up rehearsals—all in anticipation for this year's Lights on Temple City, set for Friday, Dec. 2.

Activities begin at 5 p.m. in Temple City Park where children can ride sled runs, play in the snow, make free holiday crafts, take pictures with holiday characters, and visit with Santa. The Brighter Side Singers will perform holiday favorites on the Pavilion at 6 p.m., followed by a mini-parade at 7 p.m. along Las Tunas (from Cloverly to Temple City Park). The TCHS Marching Band will lead the parade and, as Santa passes by, over 50 trees will be lit for the holiday season. Festivities will continue until 9 p.m. in Temple City Park.

Community members are reminded that Las Tunas will be closed to traffic between 5-8 p.m. for the parade. Parking restrictions will also be in effect on Las Tunas, as well as around Temple City Park.

Holiday Home Awards

Get set to see Temple City sparkle for the holidays!

Elves will make their way through the streets of Temple City beginning Monday, Dec. 12 looking for homes that are decked out for the season! Registration is not required, but to be considered, they're looking for homes that show the true spirit of the season with colorful lights, animated displays, icicles, and more! Residents will be notified by mail if their home is selected, and will receive a Holiday Home Award sign to display in their yard. For more information, call (626) 285-2171, ext. 4510.

Youth Flag Football

Our youth flag football season concluded Saturday, Nov. 5 with the 3rd place and championship games played at Live Oak Park. In the 3rd place game, the Emperor Elementary School team defeated Live Oak Park's team. In the championship game, the Longden Elementary School team—lead by first year coach Erik Estrada—defeated the team from Cloverly Elementary School. Both games were very close and evenly matched. Congratulations to all players, coaches, and parents.



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Nomination Period Now Open for City Council Seats *Registered Temple City voters are encouraged to apply*

TEMPLE CITY (11/15/16) – If you're interested in running for City Council, now is the time to jump into the race.

The nomination period opened Nov. 14 and will close Dec. 9. Candidates interested in throwing their hat into the ring must submit their forms no later than 5 p.m. on Dec. 9.

There are two City Council seats with four-year terms that will be open in the March 7, 2017 general municipal election. Currently, Mayor Vincent Yu and Councilmember Tom Chavez occupy those seats.

If Mayor Yu and Councilmember Chavez decline to run for re-election, the nomination period will be extended to Dec. 12.

All potential candidates must be registered voters and have been residents of Temple City for at least one year preceding the date of the election.

Candidates interested in running for council must make an appointment with the City Clerk's Office to go over the required nomination paperwork. The appointment will take approximately 30 minutes.

For more information and to make an appointment, call City Clerk Peggy Kuo at (626) 285-2171, ext. 4132.



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“LIGHTS ON TEMPLE CITY” TO KICK OFF HOLIDAY SEASON *Annual event on Dec. 2 to feature parade, snow, and a visit from Santa*

TEMPLE CITY (11/17/2016) – Getting the holiday season underway, “Lights on Temple City” is coming Friday, Dec. 2 from 5 to 9 p.m. at Temple City Park, 9701 Las Tunas Drive (on the corner of Golden West Avenue).

The annual family event will feature a whopping 40 tons of snow, complete with sled runs and two play areas for the kids.

Of course, Santa Claus will be on hand to take photos and spend time with the children. Kids will also be able to take home holiday crafts, enjoy caricature artists, and even have Santa's elves make their favorite balloon animals. Free hot chocolate will be available.

A holiday parade will start at 7 p.m., taking place along Las Tunas Drive. Santa will make a splashy entrance into Temple City Park, followed by the lighting of the park's 100' redwood tree.

Cathy Burroughs, parks and recreation director, said “Lights on Temple City” is something many throughout the community look forward to each year.

“This annual event is just a lot of fun,” Burroughs said. “It's designed to get everyone in the holiday mood.”

Entertainment will be provided by the Temple City High School Brighter Side Singers and Temple City High School Marching Band. Booths will be set up to sell food and drink to get you in the holiday spirit.

Please note that parking on Las Tunas Drive, between Cloverly and Golden West, will be prohibited between 4 to 8 p.m.; that same stretch of Las Tunas will be closed to traffic from 5 to 8 p.m. to accommodate the parade.

For more information, call (626) 579-0461.



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CITY TO HONOR THOSE IN THE ARMED FORCES
Veterans to be recognized through an artistic name listing at City Hall

TEMPLE CITY (11/18/16) – If you’re a veteran of the U.S. Armed Forces, the City of Temple City wants to hear from you.

The City is in the process of developing an artistic name listing that will be on display in the lobby of City Hall to honor and recognize Temple City veterans. While the list already has more than 700 names, there is still plenty of room to add yours.

In order for a veteran to be added to the list, he or she should be a Temple City resident, have immediate family that resides in Temple City, or work in Temple City. Deceased veterans are also eligible.

Temple City Mayor Pro Tem Cynthia Sternquist said the artistic veterans name listing is another way the City can honor those who have served in the armed forces.

“In this country we owe so much to those who have served in uniform to keep us free,” Sternquist said. “Honoring and recognizing Temple City’s veterans with a name listing is the least we can do. I am proud that Temple City remembers its veterans every day of the year.”

If you would like to have a veteran recognized, please complete a Veterans Recognition form online at www.templecity.us/veteran or fill one out at City Hall, 9701 Las Tunas Drive.

Please make sure to have the form completed and returned by Dec. 9 in order to be included in the name listing for 2017. Names received after Dec. 9 will be added to the name listing for 2018.

For more information, contact Tinny Chan at (626) 285-2171, ext. 4122.

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Temple City Sales Tax *Update*

Third Quarter Receipts for Second Quarter Sales (April - June 2016)

Temple City In Brief

Temple City's receipts from April through June were 1.9% above the second sales period in 2015.

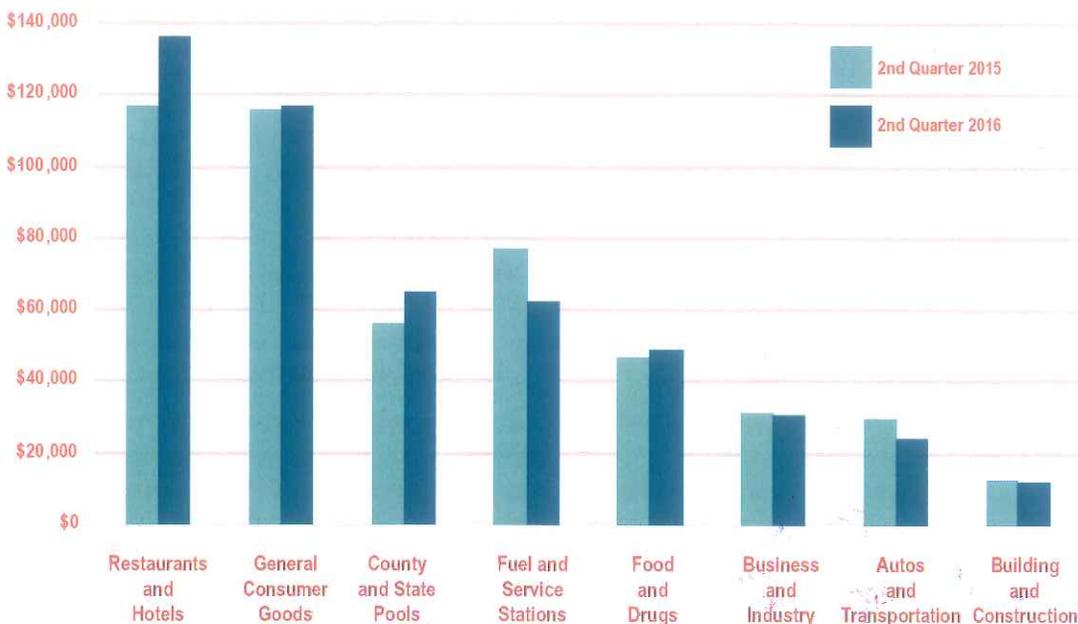
Receipts from newly opened quick-service and casual dining eateries more than offset the losses from recently closed outlets as restaurants and hotels posted a 16.5% sales gain, far outpacing regional and statewide trends.

The City's allocation from the countywide use tax pool increased 15.6% over the previous year due largely to the correction of a prior multi-year misallocation that inflated the pool during the quarter. New home furnishing and variety stores offset new lower sales from existing retailers, while payment aberrations were mainly responsible for the gain in food and drugs.

The gains were largely offset by continued lower gas prices that depressed service station results, an accounting adjustment and an auto supply store closeout that lowered the automotive sector. Business and industry and building and construction returns were also down.

Net of aberrations, taxable sales for all of Los Angeles County grew 1.1% over the comparable time period; the Southern California region was up 1.6%.

SALES TAX BY MAJOR BUSINESS GROUP



TOP 25 PRODUCERS

IN ALPHABETICAL ORDER

Ahipoki Bowl	Oo-Kook Korean BBQ
AT&T Mobility	Ralphs
Chevron	Rite Aid
Circle K	Seafood Palace
CVS	Star Maintenance Supply
Grand Harbor Restaurant	Super A Foods
Icho Izakaya Fusion Cuisine	Super Pets
In N Out Burgers	Temple City Mobil
Kmart	Temple City Powersports
McDonalds	The Hat
Mingja	TJ Maxx
Modern Lighting	Vasil
Office Depot	

REVENUE COMPARISON

One Quarter – Fiscal Year To Date

	2015-16	2016-17
Point-of-Sale	\$430,670	\$431,236
County Pool	56,018	64,733
State Pool	363	151
Gross Receipts	\$487,050	\$496,120
Less Triple Flip*	\$(121,763)	\$0

*Reimbursed from county compensation fund

California Overall

Statewide local sales and use tax receipts were up 1.9% over last year's spring quarter after adjusting for payment aberrations.

The largest gains were for building supplies, restaurants, utility/energy projects and countywide use tax pool allocations. Tax revenues from general consumer goods and business investment categories rose slightly while auto sales leveled off.

Interest in Tax Reform Grows

With modest growth in sales and use taxes, agencies are increasingly reliant on local transaction tax initiatives to cover growing infrastructure and employee retirement costs. As of October 1, there are 210 active add-on tax districts with dozens more proposed for the upcoming November and April ballots.

The Bradley-Burns 1% local sales tax structure has not kept pace with social and economic changes occurring since the tax was first implemented in 1933. Technology and globalization are reducing the cost of goods while spending is shifting away from taxable merchandise to non-taxed experiences, social networking and services. Growing outlays for housing and health care are also cutting family resources available for discretionary spending. Tax-exempt digital downloads and a growing list of legislative exemptions have compounded the problem.

California has the nation's highest sales tax rate, reaching 10% in some jurisdictions. This rate, however, is applied to the smallest basket of taxable goods. A basic principle of sound tax policy is to have the lowest rate applied to the broadest possible basket of goods. California's opposite approach leads to revenue volatility and causes the state and local governments to be more vulnerable to economic downturns.

The State Controller, several legislators and some newspaper editorials have suggested a fresh look at the state's tax structure and a few ideas for reform have been proposed, including:

Expand the Base / Lower the Rate:

Eliminate much of the \$11.5 billion in exemptions adopted since the tax was first implemented and expand the base to include the digital goods and services commonly taxed in other states. This would allow a lower, less regressive tax that is more competitive nationally and would expand local options for economic development.

Allocate to Place of Consumption:

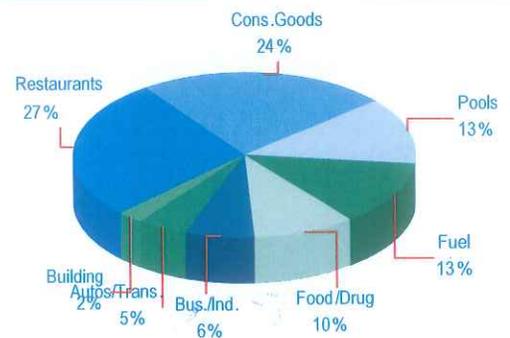
Converting to destination sourcing, already in use in the state's transactions and use tax districts, would maintain the allocation of local sales tax to the jurisdiction where stores, restaurants and other carryout businesses are located, but return the tax for online and catalog sales to the jurisdiction of the buyer that paid the tax. One outcome of this proposal would be the redirection of tax revenues to local agencies that are currently being shared with business owners and corporations as an inducement to move order desks to their jurisdictions.

Tax reform will not be easy. However, failing to reach agreement on a simpler, less regressive tax structure that adapts this century's economy could make California a long-term "loser" in competing with states with lower overall tax rates.

SALES PER CAPITA



REVENUE BY BUSINESS GROUP
Temple City This Quarter



TEMPLE CITY TOP 15 BUSINESS TYPES

Business Type	Temple City		County	HdL State
	Q2 '16	Change	Change	Change
Automotive Supply Stores	9,224	-24.3%	-2.5%	1.5%
Boats/Motorcycles	—	CONFIDENTIAL	3.1%	6.4%
Casual Dining	65,048	15.4%	6.7%	4.4%
Discount Dept Stores	—	CONFIDENTIAL	0.4%	0.7%
Drug Stores	10,476	-10.8%	0.9%	0.5%
Electronics/Appliance Stores	—	CONFIDENTIAL	29.9%	22.3%
Family Apparel	—	CONFIDENTIAL	3.5%	4.3%
Fast-Casual Restaurants	—	CONFIDENTIAL	5.0%	4.5%
Grocery Stores Liquor	—	CONFIDENTIAL	2.2%	1.1%
Home Furnishings	14,101	27.8%	8.0%	1.3%
Office Supplies/Furniture	—	CONFIDENTIAL	-20.7%	-153.9%
Quick-Service Restaurants	58,425	8.2%	6.1%	6.6%
Service Stations	62,316	-19.0%	-20.5%	-19.2%
Specialty Stores	14,887	-3.7%	-0.6%	2.4%
Variety Stores	10,697	21.1%	8.4%	7.6%
Total All Accounts	431,236	0.1%	0.1%	-0.6%
County & State Pool Allocation	64,884	15.1%	15.1%	15.2%
Gross Receipts	496,120	1.9%	1.9%	1.4%