



CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

For the period of September 4 – September 18, 2015

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TO: The Honorable City Council

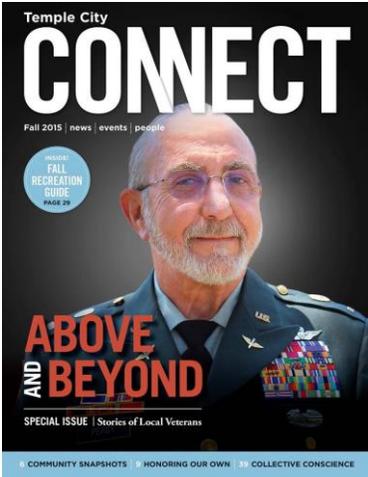
ISSUE DATE: September 4, 2015

FROM: Bryan Cook, City Manager

THE WEEKS AHEAD:

- Sept. 7** **Labor Day Weekend City Facilities Closures**
More info: Parks and Recreation Department, (626) 579-0461
- City Hall Closed
 - Live Oak Park Annex Closed
 - Live Oak Park Community Center: Open 10 a.m. – 10 p.m.
 - Dial-A-Ride Service Hours: 9 a.m. – 5 p.m.
- Sept. 8** **Planning Commission Meeting, CANCELLED**
More info: Community Development Department, Planning Division (626) 656-7316
The Planning Commission Meeting has been cancelled. The next Planning Commission Meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, September 22.
- Sept. 9** **Transportation and Public Safety Commission Meeting, 7:30 p.m., Council Chambers**
More info: Community Development Department, (626) 656-7315
The Transportation and Public Safety Commission will discuss parking citation appeals.
- Sept. 14** **Public Art Commission Meeting, CANCELLED**
More info: City Manager's Office, (626) 656-7314
The Public Art Commission Meeting has been cancelled. The next Public Art Commission Meeting is scheduled for Monday, September 28.
- Sept. 15** **City Council Meeting, 7:30 p.m., Council Chambers**
More info: City Clerk's Office, (626) 656-7314
The City Council will consider the following items:
- Approval of contract amendment with "Place Works";
 - Encinita Engineering Study; and
 - Arden Drive Engineering Study.
- Sept. 16** **Parks & Recreation Commission Meeting, CANCELLED**
Parks and Recreation Department, (626) 579-0461
The Parks & Recreation Commission Meeting has been cancelled. The next Parks & Recreation Commission Meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, October 21.
- Sept. 17** **Neighborhood Watch: Area 9, 5:30 p.m., Bethlehem Lutheran Church (5319 Halifax Rd.)**
Community Development Department, (626) 656-7315

OF INTEREST:



The fall issue of Connect hits mailboxes next week. Get ready for some good reading as we share the stories of eight local veterans. Featured here is Temple Citian Robert Percy, an Army helicopter pilot who served three tours of duty: Vietnam, Bosnia and Iraq. His story is not to be missed!

Update: Youth Committee Recruitment

At the September 1, Regular City Council meeting, the City Council appointed seven youths to the Temple City Youth Committee. The committee members are Hsien Chang (Patrick) Yeh; Jessica Huang; Amber Lee; Christie Wong; Bailee Weisz; Daniel Grimaldi; and Natalie Scigliano. They will serve a term of two years; however, the Seniors in high school will serve 1 year. The Temple City Youth Committee acts in an advisory capacity to the City Council on all youth related issues. Committee members will have the opportunity to work with City leaders and staff, as well as students from various middle and high schools to discuss and implement policies and programs that positively impact the youth of our community.

Water Update: Assemblymember Ed Chau's Water Informational Forum

On Saturday, August 29, at Temple City Council Chambers, Assemblymember Ed Chau held a Water Informational Forum. The Water Informational Forum provided the San Gabriel Valley community updates and information on the current status of the drought, innovative conservation methods, and the future of water in California. Topics discussed included Status of the Drought in California; Conservation Methods; and the Future of Water in California.



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Mural Dedication Recap



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Last Wednesday, August 26, the City held the “Temple City on Parade” Mural Dedication at Temple City Park. The City Council, including Congresswoman Judy Chu and representatives from Senator Ed Hernandez and Assemblymember Ed Chau’s offices were there to recognize the 102 community members for painting the “Temple City on Parade Mural.” Special guests were also present and included Josette Temple of the Temple family, Muralist Art Mortimer and Kathy Coakley of the Los Angeles County Library. Art prints of the mural were presented to the volunteers and are also available to public. To get the limited edition art print of the “Temple City on Parade” please stop by the Temple City Library or City Hall (9701 Las Tunas Drive).

Temple City Sales Tax Update

First quarter sales tax (from January to March 2015) shows an increase in sales receipts (6.9%) from the same period one year prior. More information can be found in the attached report.

Safety and Customer Service Trainings

In order to provide a safe and professional work environment and develop a knowledgeable workforce that delivers quality service, the City has ramped up its training efforts, identifying and providing training opportunities for all employees.

The following Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) training courses, which have been designed to provide training for workers and employers on the recognition, avoidance, abatement, and prevention of safety

and health hazards in the workplace, have been completed, or are currently scheduled, through California Joint Powers Authority (CJPIA):

- CPR/AED/First Aid Training – June 16, 2015 and August 25, 2015
- Bloodborne Pathogens/Aerosol Transmissible Diseases/Fire Extinguisher Operation – September 3, 2015
- Hearing Conservation/Heat Stress – September 3, 2015
- Hazwoper/Awareness Level – September 9, 2015
- Lockout, Tagout, Basic Electrical Safety – October 7, 2015
- Workplace Harassment Training – October 14, 2015
- Confined Space Entry – October 22, 2015

Additionally, City employees participated in a Customer Service Skills workshop on May 6, 2015 and a Customer Service Skills Training for Supervisors workshop (for managers and those who supervise) on September 2, 2015. Both workshops were facilitated by Customer Service Advantage, Inc. (CSA).

2015 Concerts in the Park Memories

As a tradition with many, thousands of concertgoers from across the San Gabriel Valley brought their lawn chairs and blankets to Temple City Park and enjoyed a *Sizzlin'* Concert in the Park series this summer. The 11-week lineup, June 17 – August 26, featured many returning favorites and several new bands including Kenny Cetera's Chicago Experience, Surf's Up, Sharon & The Chevelles and Bella Donna's Tribute to Fleetwood Mac and Stevie Nicks. Whether it was Motown, 50s and 60s, country or good old rock and roll, the dance floor was filled each week! Aside from great music, festivities included weekly raffles and giveaways, Beats & Eats food trucks and Sizzlin' Summer Contests for Best Dressed Elvis, Beach Bum, and Cowboy and, to celebrate the 4th of July, Most Patriotic Dressed.

A huge thanks to our local non-profit organizations that were on site each week with a host of refreshments, snacks and face painting - Blue Star Banner, Temple City Kiwanis Club, Temple City Sister Cities, Miss Temple City Ambassador Program, and Boy Scout Troops 161 and 169. The City would also like to recognize the 2015 series sponsors - Burke, Williams & Sorensen, LLP, HealthCare Partners, Amida Society, Athens Services, California American Water, Southland Transit Inc., The Sauce Creative Services, Longo Toyoto-Scion-Lexus, Foothill Transit, Sunnyslope Water Company, East Pasadena Water Company and the Temple City Tennis Club. A special thanks goes to Jerry Jambazian for helping us share memories with you week after week through the lens of his camera (www.templecityphotos.com).



Fall Recreation Programs Underway

Registration is currently being accepted at Live Oak Park for various youth recreation programs. STARS Club, an afterschool recreation program for children in 1st – 6th grade, has begun a new school year at Cleminson, Cloverly,

Emperor, La Rosa and Longden elementary schools. We are still taking registrations at each site and are currently servicing over 150 Temple City elementary school youth.

For Junior High students, Teen Zone is available Monday through Friday from school dismissal until 6 p.m. at Live Oak Park. Shuttle service is available from various schools.

Registration has also begun the following youth sports programs:

- Flag Football for boys and girls 3 ½ years – 6th grade (8/31 – 11/5)
- Volleyball for boys and girls in 5th – 8th grade (9/12 – 11/7)
- Cross Country for boys and girls 8 – 13 years (10/6 – 12/3)
- Basketball for boys and girls 3 ½ years – 8th grade (11/9 – 3/19)

Additional information on any of the above programs is available by calling (626) 579-0461.

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Temple City Sales Tax *Update*

Second Quarter Receipts for First Quarter Sales (January - March 2015)

Temple City In Brief

Receipts for Temple City's January through March sales were 4.0% higher than the same quarter one year ago. Actual sales activity was up 6.9% when reporting aberrations were factored out.

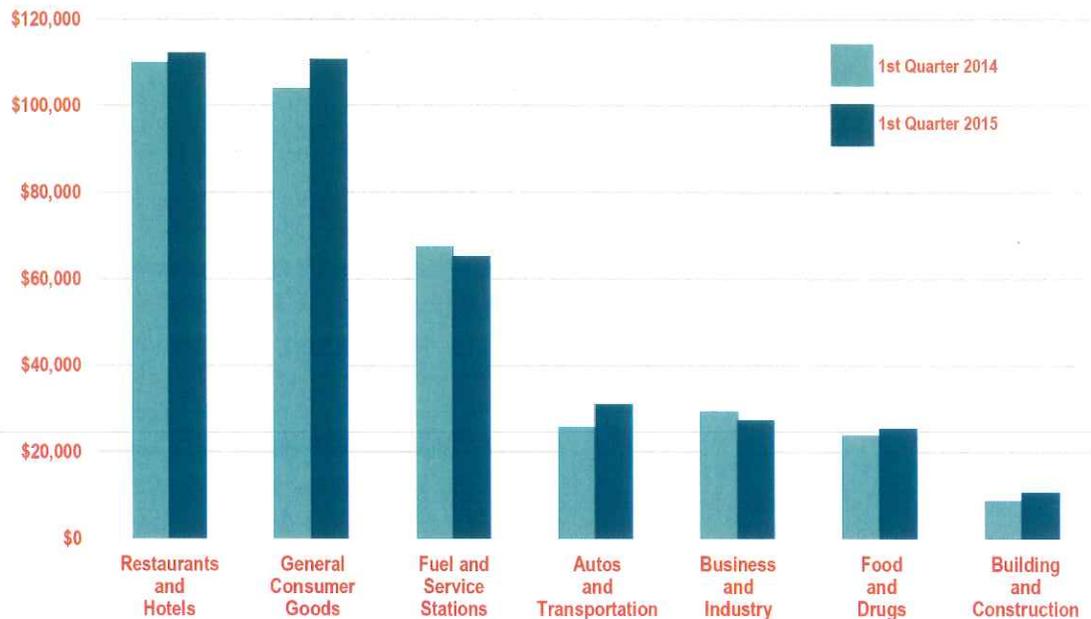
A newer retail business addition and higher sales boosted most general consumer goods sectors and was a significant factor in the overall increase.

New eatery openings and net higher sales lifted several restaurant categories while autos and transportation experienced a strong sales quarter. A larger allocation from the countywide use tax pool further contributed to the increase.

The gains were partially offset by continued declining fuel prices that negatively impacted service station revenues.

Adjusted for aberrations, taxable sales for all of Los Angeles County increased 3.0% over the comparable time period, while the Southern California region as a whole was up 3.2%.

SALES TAX BY MAJOR BUSINESS GROUP



TOP 25 PRODUCERS

IN ALPHABETICAL ORDER

Applebees	Pep Boys
AT&T Mobility	Rite Aid
Chevron	Seafood Palace
Circle K	Star Maintenance Supply
Circle K	Super A Foods
CVS Pharmacy	Super Pets
Hometown Buffet	Temple City Mobil
In N Out Burgers	Temple City Powersports
K Mart	The Hat
McDonalds	TJ Maxx
Mingja	Vasil
Modern Lighting	
Office Depot	
OG Smoke Shop	

REVENUE COMPARISON

Four Quarters – Fiscal Year To Date

	2013-14	2014-15
Point-of-Sale	\$1,564,244	\$1,698,076
County Pool	186,798	212,553
State Pool	1,052	1,135
Gross Receipts	\$1,752,094	\$1,911,763
Less Triple Flip*	\$(438,024)	\$(477,941)

*Reimbursed from county compensation fund

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California as a Whole

Local one cent tax receipts from sales occurring January through March rose 3.65% over 2014's comparable quarter after adjusting for reporting anomalies.

An exceptionally strong quarter for auto sales/leases and restaurants was the primary contributor to the overall increase. A rise in building-construction materials was also a factor although much of this growth came from specific office and sports facility projects in Northern California.

Gains from sales of general consumer goods were primarily in value priced clothing, home furnishings and specialty retail which includes pet supplies and cosmetics. Online shopping involving goods shipped from out of state continues to shift a major portion of the growth in general consumer goods to the countywide pools.

The statewide gains were largely offset by a 21% decline in receipts from fuel and service stations.

Tax on Services

The Board of Equalization has released an estimate that levying sales and use tax on services would raise over \$122.5 billion in state and local revenues or enough to lower the overall tax rate to under 4%.

Originally imposed in 1933 as a 2 1/2% tax with only three exemptions, the legislature has gradually exempted more and more goods from the sales tax while raising rates to compensate for the corresponding revenue loss. This and the state's shift from a manufacturing to service economy has created the nation's highest sales tax rate on the narrowest basket of goods.

Although more discussion is needed, there is interest in expanding the sales tax to services and lowering the rate to make the tax less regressive and

more competitive while providing greater flexibility in the development of local tax bases.

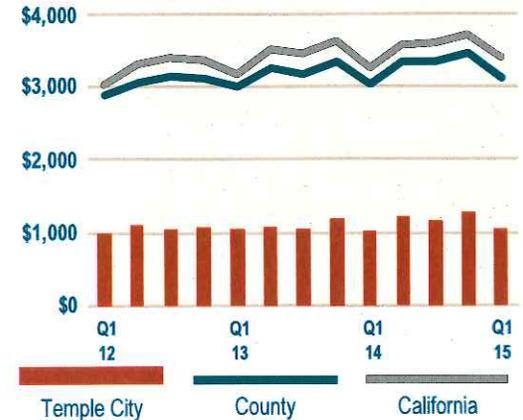
Tax on Jet Fuel

The Federal Aviation Administration has ruled that sales taxes on jet fuel must only be used for airport and aviation programs. The rule applies to taxes levied after 1987 but is unclear as to transactions tax districts, Proposition 172 revenues, or revenues collected by jurisdictions without airports. Clarification will not be available until FAA review and approval of a plan that has to be submitted by the state Department of Finance by December 8, 2015.

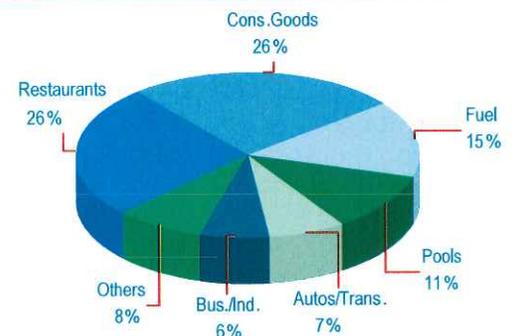
Tax on Marijuana

A pilot study for more effective tracking and collection of sales taxes on medical cannabis is underway in the central and northern California districts. Because current registration policy allows a "decline to state" to avoid self-incrimination, the precise number of cannabis retailers is unknown. BOE findings are expected by November 2015.

SALES PER CAPITA



REVENUE BY BUSINESS GROUP
Temple City This Quarter



TEMPLE CITY TOP 15 BUSINESS TYPES

Business Type	Temple City		County	HdL State
	Q1 '15	Change	Change	Change
Automotive Supply Stores	12,290	12.5%	3.6%	5.2%
Boats/Motorcycles	— CONFIDENTIAL —	—	7.9%	13.5%
Casual Dining	44,867	-16.1%	5.8%	5.7%
Discount Dept Stores	— CONFIDENTIAL —	—	4.3%	4.2%
Drug Stores	— CONFIDENTIAL —	—	11.2%	10.7%
Electronics/Appliance Stores	— CONFIDENTIAL —	—	-6.1%	-0.4%
Family Apparel	— CONFIDENTIAL —	—	8.7%	9.8%
Fast-Casual Restaurants	— CONFIDENTIAL —	—	11.4%	12.9%
Grocery Stores Liquor	— CONFIDENTIAL —	—	6.3%	5.0%
Home Furnishings	10,323	42.0%	12.5%	8.2%
Office Supplies/Furniture	— CONFIDENTIAL —	—	62.0%	0.6%
Quick-Service Restaurants	55,573	16.9%	9.7%	10.5%
Service Stations	65,246	-3.2%	-21.8%	-21.9%
Specialty Stores	12,789	-1.2%	8.4%	9.7%
Variety Stores	8,495	-19.0%	12.6%	15.6%
Total All Accounts	\$382,768	3.7%	3.0%	3.6%
County & State Pool Allocation	\$49,600	6.6%	5.9%	1.1%
Gross Receipts	\$432,369	4.0%	3.3%	3.3%