



CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

For the period of April 1, 2016 – April 15, 2016

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TO: The Honorable City Council

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FROM: Bryan Cook, City Manager

THE WEEKS AHEAD

- April 5** **City Council Meeting, 7:30 p.m., City Council Chambers**
More info: City Clerk's Office, (626) 285-2171, ext. 4131
The City Council will consider the following items:
- Mayor's Council appointment to outside organizations;
 - Award of an Audit Contract;
 - Renewal of Service Contract with Transtech; and
 - Ordinance for Water Efficient Landscape.
- April 12** **Planning Commission Meeting, 7:30 p.m., Council Chambers**
More info: Community Development Department, (626) 656-7316
- A Tentative Parcel Map for a four-unit commercial condominium subdivision located at 5770 Rosemead Boulevard
 - A modification for an existing Conditional Use Permit for a façade modification located at 9055 Las Tunas Drive
- April 13** **Transportation and Public Safety Commission Meeting, 7:30 p.m., City Council Chambers**
More info: Community Development Department, (626) 285-2171 ext.4345
- The Transportation and Public Safety Commission will discuss parking citations.
- April 20** **Parks & Recreation Commission Meeting, City Council Chambers, 7:30 p.m.**
More info: Parks and Recreation, (626) 579-0461
- The Commission will consider a request for a fee waiver for reserved use of the Performing Arts Pavilion for the National Day of Prayer on May 5, 2016.

OF INTEREST

Every 15 Minutes

Temple City High School will host the "Every 15 Minutes" program on Thursday April 7. The "Every 15 Minutes" program is a two-day program focusing on high school juniors and seniors, which challenges them to think about drinking, driving, personal safety, the responsibility of making mature decisions and the impact their decisions have on family, friends, their community, and many others. The program's name was derived from the fact that in the early 1990's, every 15 minutes someone in the United States died from an alcohol-related traffic collision. However, with the implementation of new laws, grass roots programs like Mothers Against Drunk Drivers (MADD), Students Against Destructive Decisions (SADD), Friday Night Live (FNL) and other programs such as these, the death rate is now every 30 minutes, a figure which continues to be unacceptable. Temple City Blvd. will be closed between Camino Real and Lemon Avenue from 9:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m.

Temple City Thanks It's Volunteers

The City of Temple City is fortunate to have an energetic group of dedicated teen and adults as part of the Temple City Volunteer program. During 2015, over 200 active volunteers contributed 10,000 hours of service to the community, helping at special events, providing translation services, assisting staff with light clerical tasks and of course as lunch helpers at the ever-popular Senior Lunch Program.

On April 16, the City Council will recognize and thank volunteers that contributed 15 plus hours of service during 2015 with a special BBQ luncheon and recognition program at Temple City Park. Volunteers and their guests will enjoy a fun afternoon filled with festive décor, tasty BBQ, raffles, live entertainment and much more! Members of the Kiwanis Club, Miss Temple City Ambassador Program, Temple City Youth Committee, Boy Scout Troop 169, and Temple City High School service clubs will be recognized for their service.

If you would like to join the Temple City Volunteer Team, please contact the Department of Parks and Recreation, (626) 285-2171 ext. 4510.

Youth Basketball League Championships

The City's Youth Basketball program finished league play as champions Saturday, March, 19th. The league's competitiveness was on display as all 6 championship games were decided by less than 10 points.

Tournament play is continuing for our 3rd & 4th grade ("C" Division) boys and girls teams, as well as our 5th & 6th grade ("B" Division) girls' team all of which captured first place in the San Gabriel Valley tournaments two weeks ago in Azusa. These three teams will face off against the best in southern California during the Southern California Municipal Athletic Federation (SCMAF) finals on Saturday, April 2nd. Congratulations and good luck to our young all-stars.



Mini Division Champions



"C" Division All Stars- SGV Champions

Easter Egg Hunt and Pancake Breakfast

On Saturday, March 26, the City of Temple City's Annual Easter Egg Hunt and Pancake Breakfast was hosted at Live Oak Park. The event commenced with a pancake breakfast that included freshly grilled pancakes, sausage and a choice of juice or Starbucks coffee. Over 400 breakfast plates were served during the event.

In addition to the breakfast, little egg hunters were able to participate in many activities including visits with the Easter Bunny, arts and crafts, face painting, a petting zoo and a magic show. Many families participated in all of the activities while waiting for the egg hunts to begin.



The Egg Hunts began at 9:45 am with the opening of the 1-3 year old area and the 4-5 year old hunt. Hunts continued throughout the morning and ended with the 8-9 year old hunt. This year over 400 pounds of plastic eggs and candy was distributed between all the hunt areas. The program concluded with a special raffle for egg hunt participants with winners receiving Easter Baskets. Estimated attendance for the event was approximately 3,000 participants.



Spring Fling

The annual Spring Fling, for youth 10 - 14 years of age, will be held at Live Oak Park on Friday, April 1st from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. Pre-sale tickets are on sale at each STARS Club site as well as the Live Oak Park Community Center and Annex. This year's event will be better than ever with a Live DJ, outdoor laser tag, gyroscope, photo booth, joust arena, hair coloring stations and caricature artists. Tickets for the event are \$10 pre-sale and \$15 at the door.

Spring Sports

Registration is underway for all spring sports, which include Mini Soccer, Volleyball, Track, and Pentathlon. Spring sports begin the first week in April. For further information, please call (626) 656-7321.

Tree Trimming Continues

West Coast Arborists continues with grid pruning in District 2 (between Arden Drive and El Monte Avenue). Grid pruning is a systematic tree maintenance program composed of pre-designed trimming grids which are trimmed in their entirety on a set schedule. All trees within the grid are trimmed, regardless of size. Temple City currently trims on a 4-year cycle meaning each grid is trimmed once every four years. This fiscal year, grids 1 and 2 are scheduled for trimming. To date, over 600 trees have been trimmed in grids 1 and 2.



Little Library

This City's first installment of the Little Free Library is now available at Temple City Park, books were donated by Temple City Library and residents in the City. Temple City's Youth Committee is currently hosting a Book Drive for more information, please contact the City Clerk's Office or any of the Youth Committee members.

Anyone interested in donating books, please drop by City Hall where a box will be available for anyone who wants to donate books.



Kayla's Kovers Project

Temple City employees recently participated in Kayla's Kovers project. Kayla Soto is a 7 year old Temple City resident who wanted to collect blankets for the homeless instead of receiving gifts for her birthday. Through a coordinated effort between Kayla, Temple City Sheriff's Station and City of Temple City, she was able to collect more than 100 blankets for the homeless.

Temple City staff donated over 40 blankets along with toiletries for Kayla's project. Plans are being made to coordinate another collection drive in the fall that will include blankets, coats, and toiletries.



Community Preservation Focusing on Overgrown Lawns and Weeds

For the first few months of 2016 the Community Preservation Division focused its efforts on reminding people to take down their holidays lights. In all, nearly 90 people were reminded and the compliance rate has been extraordinary. However, there are still many houses with holiday lights still up. The Community Preservation Officers will continue to keep an eye out for these properties at the same time they will turn additional focus to properties with overgrown lawns and weeds. With all the rain we have been receiving and the occasional warm weather and sunshine grass and weeds are growing. Officers will be giving courtesy notices to people whose lawns are unmaintained (the City's Municipal Code defines a lawn with grass more than four inches in height as overgrown). The Officers are also partnering with the City's Building Inspector to remind contractors to keep their sites free of weeds. Community members that know of sites that need some tidying up can call the Community Preservation Division at (626) 285-5240 or email planning@templecity.us

Community Preservation Successes

Our Community Preservation Officers seek to work with property owners in a courteous and professional manner to help maintain Temple City's quality of life. One success story is a property that had a lot of festive decorations including colored lights, lanterns and other holiday décor. After a courtesy notice, the property owners took down the decorations after just one visit.



Public Hearing Items

On Tuesday, March 29, the Planning Commission held a special meeting to conduct a mixed-use site tour. Planning Division staff along with Scott Martin of RRM presented a variety of mixed-use sites in the cities of Alhambra and Pasadena. The purpose of the mixed-use tour was to assist the Planning Commission in reviewing upcoming applications and the draft Specific Plan.

Community Development Updates

Attached are the Planning Division Weekly Updates for the week of [March 21](#).

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