



# CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

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## THE WEEKS AHEAD

- July 19      Meeting: City Council  
7:30 p.m., Council Chambers  
Newsy item: Consideration of a [potential ballot measure](#) that amends the City Charter to address certain provisions related to campaign finance, gift restrictions, term limits and conflicts of interest.
- July 20      Summer Concert: Raymond Michael  
7 p.m., Temple City Park  
Crowd favorite Raymond Michael is back to leave you “all shook up” with his tribute performance of Elvis Presley’s most memorable hits.
- Meeting: Parks and Recreation Commission  
7:30 p.m., Council Chambers  
Up for discussion: project updates on the Live Oak Park Walking Path and Temple City Veteran’s Memorial.
- July 21      Meeting: Neighborhood Watch  
5:30 p.m., La Rosa Elementary  
For Area 7, which includes the neighborhoods bound by Olive St., Temple City Blvd., the Union Pacific railroad tracks and Rosemead Blvd. Topics will cover emergency preparedness, crime prevention and personal safety.
- July 27      Summer Concert: Smith the Band  
Throw on your cowboy hat and get ready to two-step with your best partner as Smith the Band “brings the party” with their high-energy renditions of classic and pop country hits.
- Meeting: Transportation and Public Safety Commission  
7 p.m., Council Chambers  
**MEETING IS CANCELLED.**
- July 30      Compost Giveaway (pg. 4)  
9 a.m., Live Oak Park  
Grow stronger, better plants. Stop by and pick up free organic compost—compliments of Athens Services, the city’s waste hauler. Bring sturdy containers (plastic bags are not allowed) and serve yourself. Limit is 30 gallons per visit, subject to availability.

## REPORTS FROM CITY DEPARTMENTS

### **MANAGEMENT SERVICES DEPARTMENT**

*(submitted by T. Chan and J. Nunez)*

#### **Pokémon GO Craze Comes to Temple City Park**

The newly-released Pokémon GO app is not only making a splash around the globe, but getting local youth outside to catch Pokémon.

The app uses a phone's GPS to give players a map where they are, turning the real world into a game board as they search for virtual creatures.

Temple City Park has become a destination, as players have to explore local landmarks to advance in the game. The civic center currently hosts eight virtual destinations (or Pokéstops) including City Hall, the Kauffman Memorial and Walter P. Temple bust.

Players visiting these stops collect items like eggs and Poké Balls to capture more Pokémon, or pocket monsters. However, running after them comes with a few risks if players aren't careful.



Public safety agencies across the nation have been reporting accidents, injuries and illegal trespassing as players have been distracted with the game. Temple Sheriff's Station recently issued a safety advisory, reminding those to play in well-lit areas, not to trespass private property and to be cautious of their surroundings.

#### **A "Par-Tea" Promotes Little Libraries**

In collaboration with Temple City Library, the City's Youth Committee held its first "Par-Tea" on July 10. The inspired "tea party" event—which hosted 30 children—offered storytime, snacks and a book collection drive for the Little Library at Temple City Park.

Two similar events have been confirmed: one on July 26, featuring a superhero theme; and an ocean-inspired storytime on August 9. Both events, open to those ages 4-12, begin at 10 a.m. near the Little Library. Participants are asked to donate two gently-used books, suitable for youth.

Please [refer to the flyer](#) for more information.



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## **COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT**

*(submitted by M. Forbes, S. Reimers and B. Ariizumi)*

### **Compost Giveaway, July 30**

Athens Services' semi-annual compost giveaway is set for July 30, 9 a.m. to noon at Live Oak Park. The event will be held in the south parking lot off of Daines Dr.

Athens' compost is a blend of organic material, including food waste. It is OMRI listed, licensed by the California Department of Food and Agriculture, and approved for use in agricultural operations certified organic under the USDA National Organic Program.

The giveaway event is open to Temple City residents only; a driver license or Athens bill must be presented as proof of residency. The event is self-serve only, and compost must be placed into sturdy containers—no plastic bags are allowed. Compost is available on a first-come, first-served basis. There is a limit of 30 gallons per household from 9-10 a.m.; afterwards, there is no limit while supplies last.

### **Southern California Edison Completes Critical Repairs**

Southern California Edison recently completed emergency repair work on an electrical vault below Temple City Blvd., just south of Las Tunas Dr. A routine inspection revealed that the concrete vault was in danger of collapse, resulting in costly equipment damage and long-term electrical outages.

Because the vault is located in the middle of Temple City Blvd., the street was reduced to one lane of traffic in each direction for several days while repairs were completed. Edison worked to minimize any impact to its electric customers; and Edison and the City partnered to minimize traffic and other impacts on the community.

### **Fireworks Enforcement Recap**

On July 4, the Sheriff's Department deployed two two-man patrol units to enforce the City's fireworks regulations. At the conclusion of their patrols, deputies confiscated 80 lbs. of illegal fireworks and issued \$6,000 in fines.

In preparation for next year's dedicated enforcement, deputies have begun documenting "problem locations." If you would like to report an area or location with known illegal fireworks use, please contact Sgt. Ron Miranda at (626) 292-3353.

### **Added Sheriff Patrols**

As part of the City's FY 2016-17 Adopted Budget, a new \$20,000 appropriation provides added saturation and directed patrols by the Sheriff's Department. Deployment of these patrols will occur over the next few months, pending further analysis of the city's crime trends.

### **August 3: Save the Date for a "Night Out"**

In collaboration with the Sheriff's Department, the City will co-host National Night Out—an event to strengthen and build a safer Temple City—on August 3, 6 to 9 p.m. at Temple City Park.

Residents are encouraged to attend and learn about crime prevention, establish relationships with neighbors and local law enforcement, and to enjoy the following activities:

- Free food and refreshments.
- Live entertainment by Bella Donna, a Fleetwood Mac tribute band.
- SWAT and Sheriff's recruitment displays.
- A rattle in the "Shakey Quakey" earthquake trailer.
- Visits from McGruff the Crime Dog.
- Raffle prizes and giveaways.

For more information, call Bryan Ariizumi at (626) 285-2171, ext. 4342.

**Vaccination Clinic a “Howling” Success**

Last Friday, the City hosted its annual Rabies Vaccination Clinic in partnership with the Temple City Sister Cities Association, Community Companion Animal Hospital, and the San Gabriel Valley Humane Society.

Dr. Pavlik and his staff from Community Companion Animal Hospital administered 220 vaccinations, nearly the same amount provided last year. The Humane Society implanted six microchips, and issued 158 animal licenses—a 32% increase over the prior year.



**Code Enforcement Activity Up Over Prior Year**

The first half of 2016 was very busy in terms of community preservation. Officers opened 544 cases—a 33% increase over the prior year. A contributing factor was overgrown vegetation, as residents laid off their gardeners given last year’s water conservation efforts, followed by a wet winter.

Proactive preservation efforts also yielded reductions in the amount of time it takes to close code enforcement cases—from 22 to 16 days. This success is attributed mainly to cooperative property owners; for a case study, please refer to the following page.

**Community Preservation Report**  
 January, 2015 to June, 2016

Month	New Cases Opened	Cases Closed	Net Difference
Jan-15	54	33	21
Feb-15	47	34	13
Mar-15	70	48	22
Apr-15	91	93	-2
May-15	74	76	-2
Jun-15	71	66	5
Jul-15	74	74	0
Aug-15	49	66	-17
Sep-15	57	58	-1
Oct-15	60	56	4
Nov-15	30	26	4
Dec-15	26	29	-3
Jan-16	78	36	42
Feb-16	96	94	2
Mar-16	101	97	4
Apr-16	103	113	-10
May-16	72	85	-13
Jun-16	94	95	-1
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,247</b>	<b>1,179</b>	<b>68</b>
<b>Average</b>	<b>69</b>	<b>66</b>	<b>4</b>



*As depicted above, this location was issued a courtesy notice for an unmaintained yard with overgrown grass, weeds and vegetation. The property owner was very responsive to the first notice, clearing the yard within two weeks.*

### **Community Development Update: June 2016**

[Provided is a summary](#) of received planning applications, and City-issued licenses and permits.

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

### **Construction Begins: Live Oak Park Walking Path**

Construction has begun on the Live Oak Park walking path. Irrigation lines have been relocated and construction fencing is now in place.

Crews will soon clear and grub the walkway area, followed by compaction and backfilling at month's end. The concrete mow strip along the walkway will be cast in early August, as will the concrete pads for the new drinking fountains. The path's rubberized surface is scheduled for installation by early September.

Although fencing has been installed around the field area, the field is open for public use until the rubber surfacing is poured. Entrances are located on the north, south and west side of the field.



### **Summer STARS Club Still Enrolling**

Session II of Summer STARS Club—the City's youth day camp—begins next Monday with over 150 participants signed up for both the Live Oak Park and First Lutheran sites. The second session, which runs for five weeks, includes daily enrichment activities and weekly field trips to destinations like Knott's Berry Farm, Soak City and Catalina Island.

Registration is still being accepted at the First Lutheran site; cost is \$210 per child, \$275 with field trips. For more information, call (626) 579-0461.



### **Dance and Mini-Sports Camps**

Our six-week Summer Dance Camp is coming to end on July 21. A showcase performance by participants on July 26 will demonstrate their learned skills with the following dance forms: Hip-Hop, Jazz, Modern, Lyrical and Drill.

Additionally, the Mini Sports Camp is going strong with over 100 registered athletes. Our final two-week camp begins July 25, concluding this summer's four-sport camp featuring t-ball, flag football, basketball and soccer.

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Attachments