Woman’s Club of Temple City is Camellia Festival Grand Marshal

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The Woman’s Club of Temple City has been named as this year’s Grand Marshal for the 75th Temple City Camellia Festival.

The Woman’s Club was founded in 1925 and currently has 99 members.

In 1944 they held a contest to choose a flower and a slogan for the community, and Mrs. Ralph Saunders submitted the winning slogan “Temple City Home of Camellias.”

Many of the current Woman’s Club members have participated in the Camellia Festival throughout the years and are looking forward to celebrating the 75th anniversary.

The Festival Committee has selected Dave Smith, now retired as manager of The Hat, as the Honorary Grand Marshal.

Teamwork leads to success in annual Relay for Life event

Relay for Life of Temple City raised $58,025 for the American Cancer Society, Oct. 27, at Temple City Park.

The dedicated committee led by Event Chairman Kim Wunner put in countless hours to make the event a huge success.

This year’s event featured 35 teams, 269 registered participants, and countless visitors throughout the day.

Opening ceremonies featured survivor Joe Pacillo demonstrating his perseverance in his fight against cancer.

City expresses concerns over proposed El Monte medical marijuana facility

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The proposed El Monte Medical Marijuana Park converts an existing 7,000-square-foot industrial building near Temple City Boulevard and Ellis Lane into a medical cannabis cultivation, processing and distribution facility.

In reviewing the proposed project, Temple City officials also learned of plans for an adjacent clustering of seven additional medical marijuana facilities in El Monte.

While the City of Temple City does not have authority over proposed businesses in other jurisdictions, it does have the right to comment on City expressions concerns over proposed El Monte medical marijuana facility.

Ten local students to represent Temple City in annual Rose Parade

More than 600 high school students across Southern California try out each year for the Tournament of Roses PCC Honor Band for the honor of marching in the annual Rose Parade in Pasadena, Calif., on New Year’s Day.

Of the 247 high school and PCC students that made the cut, 10 were from Temple City.

After making the audition, the Honor Band members will rehearse every Sunday in November and December and almost every day during the winter break in order to prepare for the six-mile parade trek, Jan. 1. Even though the members have made the audition, failure to learn their music, routines, or drills will lead to their removal from the program.

Congratulations to Temple City students in the 90th Tournament of Roses Honor Band: Sydney Taylor (color guard/tall flag), Madison Young (percussion/tenors), Charlotte Nim (percussion/mallets), Rachel Trac (color guard/tall flag), Genesis Vega (color guard/tall flag), Justin Mo (tuba), John Sunderman (trumpet), Jordan Takeamura (trumpet), Patrick Liu (percussion/snare), William Yang (percussion/cymbals).

With Appreciation To Sponsors of Temple City Life

Gail Maisano, Karen Ford, Janet Smith, Jessica Doi, Diana Doi - Team Members of Keep Calm and Fight On who sold decorated Bras as their fundraiser.

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California American Water and Transtech Engineers have joined with the Chamber of Commerce to give back to the community. Their support greatly assists our engagement with both the business community and the many civic and service organizations in Temple City. Their support is greatly appreciated.

Theresa Tomaro, Luminaria Speaker and breast cancer survivor.

Relay for Life provided fun and support for participants

Fun activities included theme laps like the famous tutu lap and bra lap. The event concluded with a moving luminaria presentation with survivor Theresa Tomaro sharing her story.

To learn more about Relay for Life of Temple City, email Kim Wunner at kimwunner@yahoo.com or visit www.RelayForLife.org/TempleCityCA.

Temple City Relay for Life Event leader Kim Wunner and her son Brenton Wunner with special friends.

Temple City Camellia Festival

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Grand Marshal and Honorary Grand Marshal chosen for Camellia Festival

manager of The Hat in Temple City, as this year’s Honorary Grand Marshal.

Mr. Smith and his wife Linda moved to the area in 1974 where they raised their three daughters in Temple City schools.

While this is the second time Mr. Smith has been honored, the Committee felt that they could not pass up on the chance to recognize him for his years of support to local youth groups, schools, and other organizations in Temple City.

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Temple City Unified welcomes two new directors

The Temple City Unified School District (TCUSD) is expanding its leadership team with the addition of two new directors of curriculum & instruction. Dr. Mercedes Gomez and Dr. Michael Williams will work in tandem to provide executive oversight of the District’s elementary and secondary educational programs.

The District has selected Dr. Gomez to lead as director of curriculum and instruction for elementary education. She holds bachelor’s degrees in English and Spanish literature from UC Santa Barbara, where she also obtained her master’s in Spanish.

Dr. Gomez earned a Master’s in education and teaching, as well as a teaching credential from Claremont Graduate University. More recently, she added to her list of accomplishments by completing a doctorate of education at the University of Southern California.

A former elementary school principal, Dr. Gomez is eager to apply her experience and knowledge to her new role. “I’m excited to support and work alongside the staff, students and community in Temple City,” said Gomez.

The Educational Services Department also welcomes Dr. Michael Williams who will serve as director of curriculum and instruction for secondary education.

Prior to coming to TCUSD, Dr. Williams was principal of Tustin’s Foothill High School. He holds a bachelor’s degree in physiological biology from Pepperdine University, a master’s in educational leadership from Brigham Young University, and a doctorate of education at the Graduate University.

Dr. Williams hopes to build on the traditions and accomplishments of Temple City, and expressed excitement for the future. “In the upcoming years, we want to continue to strive to be that model district that provides an environment where our students and staff love to learn, grow, and reach their full potential.”

The newly minted director positions are part of a departmental restructuring designed to meet the growing needs of the District. The Temple City Unified School District and Board of Education proudly welcome Dr. Gomez and Dr. Williams to the TCUSD family.

Temple City kids can get a letter from Santa

Thank you to a new partnership between the City of Temple City and the North Pole, Santa Claus himself has promised to take time out of his busy schedule to answer the letters of local youth. A special mailbox has been set up in the lobby of City Hall, 9701 Las Tunas Drive, which will get kids’ letters whisked straight to Santa’s workshop. And he’s promised to do his best to respond to each one with a personalized letter of his own.

The new tradition is open to all Temple City children 2-10 years old. They’re encouraged to write their own letters, although parents can help the younger ones.

Naturally, Santa wants to know one or two things they want for Christmas. He would also like kids to tell him two nice things that they’ve done this year.

To make letter writing easier, Santa encourages children to use the downloadable form available at www.templecity.us/santa.

In addition to dropping off letters at City Hall during normal business hours, 7:30 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday through Friday, kids can also deliver them to the city information booth at the Lights on Temple City event, Dec. 7.

In order for Santa to write back a personalized response, each letter must include the child’s first and last name, age and mailing address.

Letters must be received by Dec. 14. Santa will begin mailing out responses on Dec. 5 and expects to be finished by Dec. 21 so he can get to work packing his sleigh.

For more information, phone Ilana Flores at 626-285-2171, ext. 4111.
Simple ways to improve your home’s exterior

• Use stone, brick or wood veneer materials. Consider using bricks, natural stone or wood veneer material to upgrade your home. Before making this investment though, have someone prepare 3-dimensional colored renderings to help you decide on the best material.

• Change the front door and/or windows. A different style front door can make a significant change to your facade.

Do not be afraid of changing the front door color for your front door. It will stand out and add a lot to the existing look. If your windows are old, switch them with new styled ones.

• Change the lighting. Bring depth and definition to your facade by using the right light fixtures. You can highlight certain architectural features with direct light or slightly outline the silhouette of the house. A linear in-floor light strip along the walkway to your entry door would look fantastic in some cases.

• Change the roofing material. If your house is a Mediterranean/ Spanish style and has shingles, change replace them with clay roofing tile.

City will monitor medical marijuana business

The City of Temple City will monitor medical marijuana businesses and their potential to cluster at city borders, as well as pose potential threats to public health and safety.

The City of Temple City’s formal comment letter was posted to the city website: www.templecity.us.

The Temple City City Council will continue to monitor this project and the seven other proposed medical marijuana facilities.

Updates will be provided through the city website and its social media accounts.

Residents and business owners in Temple City have an opportunity to share their views by either emailing Betty Donovanik, El Monte Community Development Director, at donavanik@elmonte.gov or attending the El Monte City Council meeting at 6 p.m., Dec. 18, at El Monte City Hall, City Council Chambers, 11333 Valley Blvd. El Monte, CA 91731.
Planning ahead: give your family the gift of peace of mind

The holidays are a time for family and friends, when people travel far and wide to be with loved ones. Even during the busy holiday season, it’s important to plan for the unexpected.

If you were injured in an accident and could no longer make decisions for yourself, who would you want to manage your finances and manage your affairs? Who would make healthcare decisions for you? If you and your significant other were no longer here, who would you want to take care of your children? What about your pets?

Although it can be unpleasant to think about these scenarios, it’s important to plan for them before disaster strikes. Otherwise, you may leave your loved ones in a mess of uncertainty.

Probate administration and conservatorships cost thousands and can result in unnecessary delay. Proper estate planning can ensure that your wishes are properly carried out.

When it comes to family, everybody has different concerns. An estate planning attorney can help devise a solution that addresses your unique needs.

Although estate planning is not always the easiest thing to discuss, I emphasize to all clients that they are in charge, and it is my job to help ensure their wishes come to fruition and give them peace of mind.

Tony does not charge for initial consultations. For more information, please contact Tony at 5703 Temple City Boulevard, 626-285-7033, or ttyre@tyrelawgroup.com.

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TCHS students chosen for parade appearances

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performing in the 92nd Macy’s Thanksgiving Day Parade. The parade took about three hours from when the first marchers left the starting point in the Upper West Side of New York until the last marchers in Herald Square.

“Performing in the Macy’s parade is a rare opportunity,” said Mo.

“And I was super excited to represent my community and hometown.”

Temple City residents are invited to participate in the city’s Holiday Home Decorating Contest. Judges will tour the City, from 6-9 p.m., Dec. 10-14 for the most festive homes. To be considered for an award, have holiday decorations turned on during those times. Winners will be notified the week of Dec. 17-21. For more information, phone Tony Villalobos, Recreation Coordinator at 626-285-2171, ext. 4520 or email avillalobos@templecity.us.

Light up homes for City’s annual decorating contest

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New Blue Star banner recipients welcomed to program

The Blue Star Banner Program’s November Recognition Dinner at the Temple City First Baptist Church celebrated active and retired military Temple City residents.

Sharon Johnson opened the program and acknowledged the program’s 14th year.

New Blue Star Posters recipients include Edith Berman, Abraham Hererra, Louis Echeveria-Newberry, Troy Brocado, and Darby Cassell.

Dale T. Perry, a Torpedo man 2nd Class, shared his WWII experience.

Just 15 years old when Pearl Harbor was attacked, Mr. Perry joined the Navy in 1943. After Boot Camp, he attended torpedo training and motor torpedo boats school for PT boats and was assigned to PT Boat 309 stationed in Leghorn, Italy.

Known as the Mosquito Fleet, PT Boats are well armed, can move in quietly, strike silently, and escape in a cloud of smoke when the 1250 horsepower engines accelerate to 40 knots in 11 seconds.

While attending a football game between the 5th and 12th Air Force on New Year’s Day, Mr. Perry was seated next to a war correspondent from Life Magazine who took a picture that wound up on the front of the magazine.

After V.E. Day, Mr. Perry joined 1400 troops aboard the USS West Point leaving France for Boston, Massachusetts.

Mr. Perry was assigned to a new destroyer, the USS Steinsaker, that escorted the aircraft carrier F.D. Roosevelt from Guantanamo Bay, Cuba to Portland, Maine. Mr. Perry was discharged in 1946.

The Blue Star Program thanks First Baptist Church, Brittany Burns, Jerry Jambanian, Frances, Tony Hilburner, Mama Pettilors, Stonefire Grill, BJ’s, Islands, Peppers, The Hat, Cal’s Jewelry, Numero Uno, TC Woman’s Club, Starbucks, Art Hertzelandez, and raffle item donors. Special thank you goes out to the San Gabriel Valley Association of Realtors and all the Blue Star volunteers.

End of WWII experiences shared at Blue Star Recognition Dinner

Temple City Patriotic News

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Enjoy the wonder of TCHS production of Mary Poppins

Temple City High School has announced as its Spring production Disney’s Mary Poppins, to be performed at the San Gabriel Mission Playhouse March 15-17, 2019.

This musical offering is Temple City High School’s 55th annual production. It is based on the 1930s books by P.L. Travers and the 1964 Disney motion picture starring Julie Andrews and Dick Van Dyke. The adaptation made its Broadway debut in 2004.

Matt Byers, director and producer for the past 33 years, said that this musical will be a wonderful follow-up to last year’s incredibly successful production of “The Little Mermaid.” “A Spoonful Of Sugar,” “Supercalifragilisticexpialidocious,” and the Academy Award winning song “Chim Chim Cher-ee” are some of the memorable songs to be fully staged with a live orchestra, beautiful sets and colorful costumes.

Tickets will go on sale Dec. 18 online and at the Temple City High School Activities Office. For more information phone 626-548-5160.

Chamber of Commerce announces Spark of Love Holiday Toy Drive

Help make Christmas brighter for a deserving child with your donation

The Temple City Chamber of Commerce joins ABC7 and Southern California Firefighters to collect toys for underserved children and teens through donations to the Spark of Love Toy Drive. With love and support from donors, kids across Southern California receive a new toy each holiday season.

Drop off a new, unwrapped toy or sports equipment at the Temple City Chamber of Commerce office, 9050 Las Tunas Drive, Temple City between 10 a.m. and 5 p.m. (closed for lunch 12-1 p.m.) until December 17.

The “Spark of Love Toy Drive Fund” was created in 2004 at the California Community Foundation to provide toys or sports equipment for underserved children during the holiday season in Southern California.

Help spread the spirit of the season and drop off a toy today.

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Chim, Chimney, Chim, Chimmy, chim, chim, cher-ee

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SONshine children learn how to keep smiles bright with help of pediatric dentist

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Children at SONshine Preschool enjoyed interactive activities while learning about keeping their smiles bright with proper dental care.

Come Discover THE JOY OF CHRISTMAS

Walking Nativity
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Public invited to Temple City Walking Nativity scene tour

All are welcome to the first ever Walking Nativity, at 6 p.m., Dec. 16, at the MidEast Evangelical Church on the corner of Golden West and Garibaldi. The family-friendly walking tour will feature several featured scenes of the Christmas story hosted by local congregations.

Participants will visit scenes at the United Methodist Church, the First Baptist Church, and the Nazarene Church.

The tour concludes at 7:30 p.m. with Christmas carols and cookies at Temple City Park. This event is open to the public and no collection will be taken.

See Page 11 for map of walking tour.

Thy Word is a lamp unto my feet, a light on my path. Psalm 119:105

Let not your heart be troubled: ye believe in God, believe also in me. John 14:1
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Her adoption fee is $130, which includes spay surgery, microchip, first vaccinations and a free wellness check-up at a participating veterinarian.
Visit the San Gabriel Valley Humane Society from 10:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Tuesday through Sunday, at 851 E. Grand Ave., San Gabriel, CA 91776.
www.sgvhumane.org for information and photos of all the pets. The shelter also provides animal control and licensing services to Temple City and is the friendly, local choice for low cost spay/neuter and vaccination services for your pet.

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The announcement to Mary
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Step 2 (Methodist Church):
The three wise men
5957 Golden West Ave, Temple City, CA 91770
Step 3 (Baptist Church):
The Shepherds and Angels
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Step 4 (Nazarene Church):
The Magi
9965 Las Tunas Drive, Temple City, CA 91770
Step 5 (The Conclusion): 7:30PM
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