Mayor Nanette Fish pronounces the State of Temple City to be financially stable

INTRODUCTION

Good evening and thank you for joining us at tonight’s 2020 State of the City. As I reflected on this past year, I asked myself, “What is the secret to our success?” Well, the secret is not so secret. Our success is built on three key and enduring values: engagement, stability, and respect. It is these foundational values that have made Temple City a community where everyone feels welcomed, cared for, and a place everyone can call home.

ENGAGEMENT

A hallmark of Temple City’s success is how the community collaborative- ly works together. Following are a few examples where this engagement has produced real dividends to improve local quality of life.

Our collaboration with Temple Sheriff’s Station is an excellent example of how trying new types of engagement, while maintaining tried and true methods, can lead to a safer community.

In January, we held our first-ever Burgers and the Brass event where residents, after work, had an opportunity to casually meet with local law enforcement over burgers. Our Neighborhood Watch Program continues to provide a foundation to our community-based policing approach.

Our Monthly Law Enforcement Meetings with Temple Sheriff’s Station also provide direct lines of communication and accountability regarding local crime and public safety trends. Because of the community’s partnership with local law enforcement, I’m proud to report that Part 1 crimes (serious crimes) are down over 20 percent from last year and are at a historic five-year low. Additionally, Temple City once again ranked in the top 10 percent of all cities in California when it comes to public safety.

Our engagement took an artistic turn this year with our first-ever Photo Contest. The contest asked residents to take their best shot at capturing the city’s spirit. More than 150 photos were submitted by 49 local photographers, who captured the diversity of Temple City’s people, landscapes, and events. Social media is changing our world. The city’s social media accounts continue to be a critical driver of community engagement.

STABILITY

Each year, independent auditors examine our books to let the city council know of any concerns regarding the city’s financial operations. Tonight, I am proud to inform you that our recent audit passed with flying colors, like those of years past.

RESEARCH

In the five years I’ve served on the city council, the value of respect has helped make Temple City so unique. It’s this respect that permeates amongst the city council and its decision-making process. As a city each of us brings their own unique life and work experience to serve the community. When we cannot reach consensus, we respect each other’s opinions and decisions.

The values that embody the Temple City community, engagement, stability, and respect, play out daily in our classrooms, at our parks, with our neighbors, and during city council meetings. It is these values that sustain us, that fill us with hope for the future, and that make Temple City an amazing place to live.
College counseling comes to Temple City

College Torch is pleased to join the Temple City Chamber of Commerce

College Torch is a small boutique consulting firm that works directly with families to support students during college planning.

College Torch guides high school students through the entire college admissions process, creating and applying to a list of colleges where students will thrive and be positioned to achieve their goals.

Families that work with College Torch for a longer period of time will benefit from more support: course selection, test planning, extracurricular and volunteering guidance, time management, summer planning, etc.

Families choose to work with a college counselor because they want a guide for the stressful, high-stakes college admissions process.

College Torch families know how crucial it is for a student to take advantage of their high school years in order to achieve success in the future.

When is the perfect time to start college counseling? For most students, ninth grade.

However, some students choose to start earlier or later. For example, if they’re applying to private high school, College Torch helps students in middle school.

Robert Powers is the founder of College Torch and works directly with students as a college counselor.

He has both a bachelor’s and master’s degree from Johns Hopkins University. In addition to his college counseling experience, Mr. Powers reads applications annually for a competitive national scholarship, so he knows what a stand-out application looks like.

College Torch also offers online tutoring in English and history from Rose Wong, a senior at Duke University and the local national news editor for the Duke Chronicle.

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Skip DIY option; see dentist for Invisalign

So, about a year ago, I started seeing ads for direct-to-consumer clear aligner orthodontics on social media. I was curious, I ordered a starter kit to check it out … for only $95 bucks.

Last week, I read a news report coming from NBC Health, it brought back some memories.

The compelling message for direct-to-consumer clear aligner orthodontics is cost and remote care: “40-60% off and you don’t even have to go to the dentist or orthodontist.”

Sometimes, when I’m relaxing and breathing slowly in through my nose and out through my mouth (Mr. Miyagi style), I ponder health metaphors or analogies for do-it-yourself orthodontic results. “It’s not as easy as it sounds.”

Using a colonoscopy example, it’s like receiving the device at home, aiming it and conducting the inner journey all by yourself, returning to the results to a clinician you’ll never meet, and waiting 90 days for the results.

I’ve provided Invisalign care since 2002. I mentor other GP Invisalign doctors; we’ve even won awards. And I’ve never taken my own impression and I suck at selfies. I’d have zero confidence in the do-it-yourself result.

Unsupervised care is inexorable. Beginning care at home or a scanning facility isn’t close to meeting the standard of care. Mail order plastic is 2002 Invisalign quality.

Invisalign isn’t inexpensive. We know there’s a want. Near the end of 2019, we dropped our fee by $1000 (it’s our new fee) and saw an overwhelming response. Align will soon offer an approach for less challenging cases, rivaling the financed cost of direct-to-consumer products. Care Credit offers interest free financing for $188 per month in our practice. We’re introducing Compassionate Finance to young people without established credit and anyone who experienced credit setbacks.

Our vision is all about helping people we see as family become their own best health advocates. We’re on your side. We want you to do the right thing.

Last held in 2010, the decennial population count, or census, is key to ensuring local communities across the country receive adequate funding from the federal government.

With the 2020 census fast approaching, Temple City Mayor Nanette Fish is encouraging all residents to participate by completing the 10-questions survey distributed by the U.S. Census Bureau. The census is conducted every 10 years, with the data collected during each census period determining funding amounts for early childhood education programs, infrastructure improvements, and more.

The data collected is used to determine California’s apportionment—by the U.S. House of Representatives.

“The information our residents provide to the Census Bureau will help to ensure critical federal funding for important programs that truly make an impact in our community,” Fish said, noting funding could be used to subsidize senior meals and provide recreational scholarships to children participating in city programming, among other causes.

Temple City households will begin receiving official Census Bureau mail, March 12, with an invitation to complete the short survey online, by phone or by mail. This year marks the first time residents will be able to submit census responses online.

All homes will have received information about the census by April 1, which is nationally known as Census Day. Responses are required by law to respond will result in a reminder by mail in April, along with a paper questionnaire that can be completed and mailed back.

Beginning in May, Census Bureau representatives will begin visiting households that have not responded. The last day for residents to submit a response is July 31.

By law, responses to the census questionnaire cannot be shared with any other agency or person. All responses are confidential and protected under Title 13, which makes it illegal for census data to be used for immigration regulation or other law enforcement.

After collecting and aggregating the population data, the Census Bureau will disseminate the results to the president and Congress in December.

For more information, visit 2020census.gov, which provides information in 12 non-English languages, with certain items available in 59 non-English languages, or phone the Census Bureau’s Call Center at 800-923-8282.

The SECURE Act explained - new rules for your money, retirement

The Setting Every Community Up for Retirement Enhancement (SECURE) Act, passed by Congress in December 2019, is seen as one of the most significant retirement system overhauls in recent years. Some highlights below:

**Tender Age of 72**

Previously, retirement account holders were required to take RMDs the year they turn 70.5.

With the new Act, that age is increased to 72. However, anyone who turned 70.5 last year still must follow the old rules.

Also, a person can now contribute to a traditional IRA after attaining the age of 70.5, provided that individual has qualified income.

**Stretch IRA is No More**

By the old rule, money left in retirement accounts after owner dies could be distributed over the life of the beneficiary.

However, the new rule stipulates that retirement assets now have to be dispersed to the beneficiary within 10 years after death, whether or not distributions of the original owner’s interests have begun.

However, exceptions are available for some beneficiaries, these include surviving spouses, under-age children, and disabled and chronically ill individuals.

Surviving spouses can still elect to delay distributions until the end of the year that the original account owner would have attained age 70.5 (or age 72, as appropriate).

**Expansion of 529 College Saving Plans**

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Stairs: functional and decorative element for new home

You probably live in a single-story house, the most popular architecture in the valley. If so, this article will be an informative one. If you live in a two-story house, have stairs or are planning to build a new home with stairs, here are some ideas for you.

Stairs are functional architectural elements that can also serve as decorative pieces. I see them as large functioning sculptures. There are different structural methods for building stairs which are an architectural design decision before it is built.

Metal, wood, glass, tile and carpet are some of the materials which can be used for steps. Let's focus on the decorative aspects:

- Winding forms add dynamism to the space.
- To highlight the presence of a stairway, the steps can be covered with a colored carpet.
- Ornamental tiles covering the risers will complement Spanish-Mediterranean style architecture.
- Projecting steps offer minimal aesthetics. This type of stairway also acts as a decorative element by allowing light to reach the level below where everyone can enjoy more natural light.
- Stairways usually have an available space underneath which can be used as a sitting area, for display shelves or storage.
- Cement, metal or glass materials offer a more industrial atmosphere.
- A straight staircase, with nothing underneath, adds an elegant minimalism.
- I like real wood steps with black metal guard rails and a wooden handrail combination.
- Spiral staircases, with steps spiraling around a central pole, are best for saving space.

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San Marino - Every month, thousands of homeowners are faced with the stressful dilemma of whether to buy first or sell first. You see, if you buy before selling, you could run the risk of owning two homes. Or, just as bad, if you sell first, you could end up homeless. It's what insiders in the industry call the Real Estate Catch 22, and it's an extremely anxious position to find yourself in. This financial and emotional tightrope is one you usually have to walk alone because most agents have no way of helping you with this predicament. But one local realtor is using a unique Guaranteed Sale Program which solves this dilemma. This program guarantees the sale of your present home before you take possession of your new one. If your home doesn't sell in 120 days, they will buy it from you themselves for the previously agreed price ensuring that you never get caught in the Real Estate Catch 22.

Before you hire any professional, you should research the market to find out who can do the best job for you. When interviewing agents, find out what kind of guarantee they are willing to give you with respect to the selling of your home. Unfortunately, you'll find that most agents simply cannot make such a guarantee.

To help you learn more about this program and how it can make your move less stressful, a FREE special report has been prepared entitled “How to Avoid Getting Stuck with Two Homes.” To order a FREE Special Report, call toll-free 1-888-300-4632 and enter 1022. You can call any time, 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. Get your free special report NOW to find out how to guarantee the cash sale of your home.

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Stairs can add creative storage space

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ing space. These are usually used in smaller houses.
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Government here to help you secure retirement

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The U.S. population is aging. Today, there are more than 46 million older adults age 65 and older living in the U.S. Already, the middle-aged outnumber children, but the country will reach a new milestone in 2034. Older adults are projected to outnumber kids for the first time in U.S. history. Every year health care costs increase due to the aging of the population. Although policymakers can do practically nothing to affect these factors, seniors may be able to greatly reduce these costs with preventative health care.

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Register now for AYC Rubber Ducky Fundraiser booth space
Asian Youth Center’s 4th Rubber Ducky Fundraiser, now combined with the Parent Resource Fair, is scheduled for 11 a.m. to 2 p.m., April 4.

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Grand Prize Raffle Tickets Available
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The annual community event will feature a food court with a diverse selection of menu offerings, live entertainment, rides, carnival games, a plant booth, and a boutique & craft fair.
Tickets are now available for a grand prize raffle.
First prize is $5,000 cash (2nd prize: $1,000, 3rd prize: $500).
Winners will be announced on Sunday evening (need not be present). Tickets are $2 each and can be purchased in the Pastoral Office and at the Fiesta until sold out.
Ride tickets (discount price) and unlimited ride wristbands (pre-sale only) will be available in the Pastoral Office in late March, along with food/game tickets.
The location is 5605 Cloverly Ave., Temple City. Admission is free. Hours of the event are 6-11 p.m., April 24, noon to 11 p.m., April 25, and noon to 8 p.m. April 26.
Event subject to change.
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