2017 municipal election unnecessary as incumbent councilmembers unopposed

Temple City makes history and saves taxpayers money

By City of Temple City Communications Office

As two city council members are running for re-election with no challengers, the city of Temple City will not conduct the bi-annual municipal election that would have been scheduled for Tuesday, March 7, city officials recently announced.

The two available seats belong to city council members, Vincent Yu and Tom Chavez. Both were elected to the city council in 2009, and will serve another four-year term expiring in 2021.

According to city clerk Peggy Kuo, not holding a municipal election has never previously happened in the history of Temple City.

Challengers for the two available seats had until Dec. 9 to file papers with the city to state their intentions to run for public office. However, since only councilmembers Yu and Chavez filed, the election will not be held in accordance with California Elections Code 10229.

In addition, by not holding the election the city could save up to $87,000.

The next municipal election will take place March 5, 2019 with three city council seats becoming available.

Free festival celebrates New Year of the Rooster

For the third consecutive year, the Bliss & Wisdom Foundation of North America invites the public to celebrate the Year of the Rooster at its third annual Chinese New Year Festival, Feb. 11, at Temple City Park.

A member of the Temple City Chamber of Commerce, who are helping with the event, Bliss & Wisdom is a nonprofit organization with a mission to promote the welfare of all living beings and society as a whole.

Therefore, while sharing a festive Chinese tradition with the local communities, the Foundation is hoping to raise awareness in reducing plastic pollution, pro... CONTINUED ON PAGE 2

Helen Chen Marston honored by Ed Chau for community service

Temple City resident Helen Chen Marston was honored by Assembly member Ed Chau Dec. 2, at his 49th Assembly District 2016 Make A Difference Awards held at the Rosemead Community Center.

Born in China where she attended Peking University before immigrating to the United States, where she graduated from Cal State Los Angeles, Mrs. Marston is well known and respected across Temple City’s civic, school and business communities.

As a Planning Commissioner for the City of Temple City, a member of the Temple City Chamber of Commerce, and a lifetime member of the Historical Society, Mrs. Marston is an advocate for the community.

Mrs. Marston supports the Temple City Unified... CONTINUED ON PAGE 3
City invites nominations for Older American of the Year

Honoring outstanding and local older Americans has been a Temple City tradition for more than 50 years. The Temple City Parks & Recreation Department is accepting nominations for Temple City’s Older American of the Year from Jan. 3-31. Nominees must be at least 60 years of age and a resident of Temple City. Additional criteria used to select the award recipient includes service to organizations; special accomplishments; and time spent with volunteer activities.

Nomination forms can be downloaded from the Temple City Web site at www.templecity.us or at Temple City City Hall or Live Oak Park Community Center. The winner will be honored in May at a ceremony hosted by the Los Angeles County Commission for Older Adults and the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors. For more information, please phone Roman Rodriguez, Parks & Recreation coordinator at 626-579-0461.

New downtown parking lot planned

On Dec. 6, the City Council authorized bid advertisement for the construction of a new public parking lot at 5800 Temple City Blvd. Solicitations have since been circulated; contractors have until Jan. 11, 2017 to submit bids. A construction contract is scheduled for award on Feb. 21, 2017.

Youth Community Emergency Response Team (Youth CERT) Training

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The CERT program will provide youth with basic skills that will enable them to handle their own needs and then to respond to their community’s needs in the aftermath of a disaster. Participants learn best practices in disaster preparedness, first aid, search and rescue, and fire safety. The training course is being offered to teens between the ages of 13-17. Participants must attend all three days of training. Class size is limited and registration is required.

City seeks volunteers for homeless count

In January, City officials and public volunteers will comb Temple City to try to accurately count the number of homeless people in the community. The annual count, organized by the Los Angeles Homeless Services Authority, gathers information to determine and request how much federal funding is needed for homeless services programs, both countywide and in the San Gabriel Valley.

Volunteers are needed for the count, which will occur on Tuesday, Jan. 27. On the night of the count, volunteers will first check into City Hall for training, maps, materials and their assignments. Volunteer teams will then be deployed to specific areas in the community to count the homeless from their vehicle.

Work to be done by volunteers is considered a passive count. For safety reasons, volunteers will not approach or engage the homeless.

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2017 Bliss & Wisdom Chinese New Year Festival

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More city news items on Pages 6, 11, and 12
Property crimes up in Temple City; holidays, Prop 47 may be to blame

By Shel Segal, Temple City Communications Specialist

While property crimes in Temple City have been on the rise, sheriff’s officials want residents to know they are doing their best to combat the current trend.

Speaking last week at the city’s monthly law enforcement meeting, Sgt. Ron Miranda of the Los Angeles County Sheriff’s Department, Temple Station, said there are a mixture of factors contributing to an increase in residential, commercial, and other types of theft.

Illustrating Sgt. Miranda’s point is that there have already been 164 residential burglaries in 2016 through October and that number is up over the 127 burglaries committed during all of 2015, according to statistics compiled by the Temple City Public Safety Division.

In addition, when comparing October 2016 to the same month of the previous year, the number of all reported burglaries and thefts has increased nearly 49 percent, from 39 to 58, according to those same statistics.

One of those factors is the holiday season that tends to bring out the worst in some, Sgt. Miranda said. He added that fellow deputies are very involved in the community, and work with residents to find out who exactly is committing those crimes.

“We’re trying to identify people who don’t belong here, people who are up to no good,” he said. “The goal is we want to stop crime. We’re trying to be proactive. We are gathering information. We share with other agencies.”

Sgt. Miranda also said the deputies stay engaged locally in fighting crime, adding it can often bring some fruitful results.

“Once we identify someone on our probation or parole watches who might be walking that fine line, they will be checked a little more regularly,” he said. “We’ve caught some pretty bad people because they just fall back into that lifestyle.”

The sergeant added that the sheriff’s department has increased saturation patrols for the next few months, which are above and beyond normal service levels. An additional 500 hours of manpower have been added to the streets, equaling about 20 more hours per week from patrols comprised of two to three deputies.

As for now, Capt. Jacob is speculating Proposition 47 is having a negative effect on the crime rate as criminals are in and out of jail much more rapidly than before the initiative’s passage.

“That crimes, instead of someone being arrested and spending three days in jail before seeing a magistrate and being sentenced, those people are getting a citation,” she said. “They are brought to jail. Once they get a warrant, they are cleared to go to court later. That allows them to continue their lifestyle before they go to court and if they go to court.”

And while Proposition 47 is on the mind of the department, Jacob said you can’t just rule out that’s it’s all because of the holiday season.

“We do believe it goes up during the holidays,” she said.

Helen Chen Marston honored by Ed Chau

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School District’s Performing Arts groups, the TCUSD’s Sports and Academic teams, Dr. Doug Sears Learning Center, the Miss Temple City organization, Temple City’s Camellia Festival Parade Flyovers, St. Luke’s Festival, Temple City’s youth sports organizations, and the World Drum Major Organization.

As busy as she is with her many areas of supporting the community, Mrs. Marston always brings a smart brain and a warm smile to every meeting and event.

For all these reasons, it is easy to understand why the Assembly member recognized her contributions that have made a true difference in Temple City.

Capt. Corrone Jacob, who oversees Temple Station, said another reason for the rise in property crimes might be the passage of Proposition 47 back in November 2014. Proposition 47 took many crimes that were felonies and reclassified them as misdemeanors.

“We think there’s a corollary with Proposition 47,” Capt. Jacob said. “The sheriff’s department is currently looking into the stats. And those are property crimes, mostly related to residential burglaries, commercial burglaries, and theft, in general.”

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Public invited to CIAM open house Jan. 5, view special presentation

The California Institute for Advanced Management invites the public to a free open house, with a special presentation titled Six Reasons Why Experience & an MBA Matters More Than Ever. The information event is at 6:30 p.m., Thursday, Jan. 5, at the CIAM Campus, 9550 Flair Drive, Suite 201, El Monte, CA 91731.

To Register Online, visit https://learnmore.ciam.edu. Contact Sammi Scott, at sammi.scott@ciam.edu or an Admissions Representative at 626-350-1500.

Aries Mladinov wins 1st SGV Idol Karaoke Contest

Before a cheering crowd at Old Oak Winery’s tasting room in Pasadena, Aries Mladinov bested a strong field of competitors to claim the title of SGV Idol Karaoke Champion.

The contest was a joint presentation of the Temple City, Rosemead and Monterey Park Chambers of Commerce as part of their annual Tri-Chamber Holiday Party at Temple City Chamber member Old Oak Winery’s tasting room in Pasadena.

Mladinov won the Grand Prize (and title) of SGV Idol while three runner-ups won as best from each Chamber.

Sam’s Club Membership co-ordinator Amanda Torres won for Best Performance from a Temple City Chamber member.

Steve Ramirez won for Monterey Park and Christina Chen represented Rosemead.

Guests enjoyed a variety of appetizers and snacks to compliment their Old Oak wine pours.

Tom McIntee of TM Studios provided the stereo PA system and Sam’s Club-El Monte supported the event with a generous donation. As guests grabbed the mike during the post-contest open mike performances, all agreed that it was a blast and look forward to rocking out again next year.

Visitors from China

The Temple City Chamber of Commerce was honored to host a visit of Chinese delegates from the Hangzhou Municipal Commission of Commerce. Dec. 12. The visitors are (l-r), Kate Wang, Qian Jiang, Sun Huawei, Joanne Zhang, Hui Kai, Song Nan, Lily Lee, Chai Zhidong and Lina Song.

From left are Temple City President Peter Choi, SGV Idol winner Aries Mladinov, Rosemead Executive Director Ray Jan and Monterey Park’s Isabel Wu.

SGV Idol judges Jody Ruckle, Isabel Wu and Winnie Check kept their inner Simon Cowell in check. There was one judge from each Chamber.

Temple City Chamber Past Chair Ed Chen and Rosemead Chamber Executive Director Ray Jan.

Big thanks to Old Oak Winery owners Paul & Stanislava Overholt for providing the lovely space and the delicious wines.

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Rudy L. Kusuma and his team celebrate another successful year for the Remax Titanium team.

ReMax Titanium Team celebrates 2017, gifts

Since 2007, Chamber member Rudy L. Kusuma and the ReMax Titanium Team have celebrated the season of giving at their annual holiday party.

For every person that refers clients to the team, a significant portion of their income is donated to World Harvest and Children’s Hospital Los Angeles.

In 2017, they are on a mission to raise $25,000 to World Harvest and another $25,000 to help kids at the Children Hospital Los Angeles.

World Harvest helps children in Indonesia and Africa by building schools and hospital.

Children Hospital Los Angeles specializes in helping kids with serious illness (www.chla.org).

As readers can see from these photos taken at their 9th Annual Party in December, they wrote some pretty big checks.

To learn more about Rudy L. Kusuma, Real Estate Broker (Lic# 01820322) and ReMax Titanium, phone the 24-hour hotline 888-288-3508 or 626-789-0359 or e-mail Rudy@TeamNuVision.net.

The Web site is www.TeamNuVision.net.

Reserve space for Jan. 7 free seminar

on preparation for retirement

A limited number of spaces remain for a free seminar by Chamber Ambassador Joe Chia who will address two of the greatest fears people have about retirement which are A) not having enough saved and B) running out of money. The public is invited to attend Mr. Chia’s “Don’t Worry, Retire Happy: Retirement Strategies for Life” presentation on at 2 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 7 at the Temple City Chamber of Commerce.

In this engaging and interactive presentation, you will learn:

• How to guarantee your retirement income for the rest of your life (no matter what the stock, bond or real estate markets do).

• How to maximize your social security benefits.

• The major risks to a successful retirement and how to mitigate them.

Come learn how to design your ideal retirement without stress and pressure so that you can work and retire on your own terms.

New York Life and the Temple City Chamber of Commerce are working together to provide a professional environment because 3 out of 4 people are not prepared for retirement. Fewer than 10 spaces are available, so please reserve a space as soon as possible.

To reserve a space or for more information, phone the Chamber office at 626-286-3101 or e-mail info@templecitychamber.com.

If unable to attend, those interested may request a one-on-one consultation with Joe Chia via his contact information: Joe Chia, jchia@newyorklife.com, 562-445-2018. New York Life Insurance Company, Calif. Insurance License: 0K06214.
Markets happy so far with Trump

Dear Emmy, how will Trump’s presidency affect our financial lives?
That’s the question on everybody’s mind. Time magazine recently named Trump 2016 Person of the Year and stated: “Whatever happens next, it will never be like it was before.” That’s a bit hyperbolic, but the point is no one can say for certain.
I can, however, briefly recap the 30 days since the election: The market is up.
The Dow industrials, S&P 500 and small-cap focused Russell 2000 have risen to all-time highs. United States Steel Corp. stock rose 80%.
As I write this, the chyron across CNBC’s screen says: “10 out of 11 market sectors rise, stock rose 80%.”

Our job is to recognize them as they always do. Our clients’ assets are pleased. Tangibly, however, very little has changed in the economic or regulatory arena since Election Day, Nov. 8.
Tax rates remain the same. Corporate earnings are generally unchanged, but major exceptions are OPEC’s decision to reduce oil output in hopes of elevating its price. The market’s rise may be due to perceptions that “things are about to change” more than any actual nut-and-bolts changes to date. Trump’s soon-to-be presidency is apparently seen as a boon for industrial production. But this has yet to happen. Additionally, some economists remind us that increased corporate profit doesn’t necessarily lead to Main Street growth or lift the economy dramatically. Elections bring change. In the financial industry, this change is being examined with caution, confidence and some caution. Even if the incoming administration were wholly transparent, unknowns will rise to the surface as they do always.
Our job is to recognize them and to attempt to plan accordingly.

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What’s happening in Temple City

Construction to begin on 28 condominium units
During the week of Dec. 19-23, building permits were issued to the Olson Company for its newest project, Blossom Walk, a 28-unit condominium project at 5657 and 5654 McCulloch Ave. The condominiums will be divided into seven condominium units.

The Community Preservation Division offers a friendly reminder, per Temple City Municipal Code 4-2C-2(A)(16) that seasonal displays like Christmas lights and other holiday decorations will have to be removed by Jan. 16, 2017. These efforts are in line with the goals and objective of the surface as they always do. Major resurfacing work has been completed, with some striping and cleanup remaining. All work was expected to be completed by Friday, Dec. 23.

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The importance of planning for long-term care through Medi-Cal

Most Americans do not know or refuse to accept the facts surrounding their potential need for long-term care and the costs associated with it. Despite the availability of this information, most Americans are unprepared for the costs associated with long-term care.

On average, only one-third of adults are confident in their ability to pay for long-term care. Interestingly, while many individuals reported being concerned about leaving family with debt or becoming a burden on loved ones, many do little to alleviate their concern in the way of planning.

The three most popular options for long-term care are likely personal savings, long-term care information, or elder law planning. Starting in 2017, elder law planning through Medi-Cal has become a much more attractive option due to limited recovery after death.

If you have ever thought about Medi-Cal planning, starting January 1, 2017, with the passing SB-833, Medi-Cal recovery is now limited to assets that are subject to probate. This means that if you have property that is in a trust, co-owned, or if you have beneficiaries listed on your accounts, Medi-Cal cannot recover these assets after you pass away.

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There will also be a free lunch provided for the children at the end of the activities. The clinic will take place at Tecumseh National’s home field, located at 1283 E. Longden Ave. in Arcadia. This is a great opportunity to let children see if they would be interested in playing baseball for the upcoming season. This also provides a chance for parents considering coaching to see what goes into helping players practice. TCALL will also be holding registration for the upcoming 2017 season at the clinic.

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School News

Reserve TCHS yearbook today

By Evelyn Lu
TCCHS Yearbook is a creative class that works together combining photography, design, and copy to create a memorial book for the student body.

The staff captures and documents moments throughout the year to ensure that they are not forgotten. Purchasing a yearbook is a good investment because it is a book full of memories that will gradually be more valuable as the years pass.

A yearbook documents the school spirit at football games, funny “Remember that time when...” stories at club meetings or school dances, and friendships made at lunch or in class.

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January Library programs, activities

Friday, Jan. 6, 13, 20 & 27, 12 p.m. - 5 p.m.: A Covered California Representative will be at the library to sign up any interested in signing up to re-enroll in their medical coverage.

January Children and Family Programs:
EVERY MONDAY, except Jan. 2 & 16: Baby Storytime (Ages 0 - 18 months), 10:10-10:30 a.m.
EVERY MONDAY, except Jan. 2 & 16: Playtime (Ages 0 - 5), 10:30-11:30 a.m.
EVERY TUESDAY, except Jan. 3: “Sign-Up is Required” Crazy 8’s Math Club (Grades 3 - 5), 4:30-5:30 p.m.
EVERY WEDNESDAY: Toddler Storytime (Ages 18 - 36 months), 10:30-11:30 a.m.
TUESDAY, Jan. 3: Family Game Day (All Ages), 4:30-5:30 p.m.
SATURDAY, Jan. 14: Hands-On Science Fun (Ages 6 - 12), 2-3 p.m.
WEDNESDAY, Jan. 18: Junior Book Club (Grades 4 - 6), 4-5 p.m.
SATURDAY, Jan. 21: Bingo for Books (All Ages), 2:30-3:30 p.m.
SATURDAY, Jan. 28: Lunar New Year Celebration Art Activity (All Ages), 3-4 p.m.

January Teen Programs
(Grades 7 - 12):
SATURDAY, Jan. 7: Rube Goldberg STEM Project, 1:30-3 p.m.
SATURDAY, Jan. 7: Advisory Board, 3-4 p.m.
FRIDAY, Jan. 20: DIY Game Maze, 3:30-4:30 p.m.
SATURDAY, Jan. 21: “Sign-Up is Required” Free ACT Practice Test, 8:45 a.m. to 2 p.m.
FRIDAY, Jan. 27: Book Discussion:

Temple City HS students practice entrepreneurial skills at holiday boutique
Visitors entering the Temple City High School library on Dec. 7-9 might have thought they took a wrong turn and ended up at Santa Anita Mall, but it was just the TCCHS Business Management classes hosting a holiday boutique with a variety of items for sale. Operated by students, the event allowed them to experience how businesses are managed. Guests participated in a variety of activities from playing with rescued puppies to painting cookies and a giveaway raffle. In the photo, Chamber President Peter Choi displays some holiday gifts he purchased from two young entrepreneurs.

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Find your inner muse at Library Paint Night

The library is not just a place for books anymore. At the Temple City Library, a branch of the County of Los Angeles Public Library system, there are exciting programs and fun community resources. Children can enjoy storytimes, parent-child workshops and holiday art activities. Teens can explore resources such as intro to finance and free SAT practice tests.

A monthly Paint Night is available for adults. Every second Wednesday night of the month from 6-7:30 p.m., a relaxing program allows adults of any skill level to explore their creativity. Participants learn about basic color theory, such as primary colors, complementary colors, foreground and background.

An example portrait is then presented, and attendees are invited to test out their paint and brushes before creating their pieces on canvas or watercolor painting. Library staff walk around during the program, giving general pointers and guidance, but the point of this program is about getting to the true appeal of making art: embracing the joy and freedom of creating something that resonates with the artist.

Paint Night is a way for Temple City adults to be creative, meet new people and take a mental break. This program is for adults at any skill level. All materials and refreshments are sponsored by The Friends of the Temple City Library.

For more details about this fun, free activity, and other great library programs, visit the library’s Web site at www.colapublib.org/libs/templecity or phone the library at 626-285-2136. Also, follow the library at facebook.com/TempleCitylibrary for up-to-date library news.

The Historical Society of Temple City will celebrate its 30th anniversary, Jan. 15. The Museum will be open from 12 noon until 2:30 p.m., followed by light refreshments and the general meeting at 3 p.m.

During the meeting, the newly elected officers will be installed by former Mayor and Councilman Tom Chavez. Following the installation of newly elected President Lynne Rest, vice president Delora Brown, Secretary Carol Daugherty and Treasurer Geneva Van Houten, the program will be presented by Paul Spitzzeri, director of the Homestead Museum in La Puente.

His program “The Road Ahead” promises to be very interesting as Mr. Spitzzeri recounts his years of involvement with the Homestead Museum and what news he has for the future. As many know there is a strong connection between the Homestead and Temple City.

The meeting takes place in the Museum Hall. Enter via the entrance at 9704 Woodruff Ave., Temple City. Phone the office at 626 451-0833 and leave a message for information about the meeting or membership.

Historical Society Of Temple City, Inc., Box 1379, Temple City, CA 91780 626 451-0833.
Dennis Marciuska, 15, attains Eagle Scout rank in ceremony at San Gabriel Mission

Temple City resident Dennis Marciuska, 15, attained the rank of Eagle Scout as a member of Troop 261, Boy Scouts of America, Greater Los Angeles Area Council. Dennis was presented award, the highest award in Scouting, at a Court of Honor ceremony, at San Gabriel Mission in November. Currently a sophomore at Don Bosco Technical Institute in Rosemead where he is studying Media Arts and Technology, Dennis chose his Eagle Scout Project based on a challenge from San Gabriel Mission Pastor Father Tony Diaz, CM, who advised him to think big and create a project of lasting significance for the community.

He planned and led a project which started in October 2015 and finished with a formal dedication ceremony in February 2016. The fundraising campaign and implementation required four months and raised $4,500 to fund the project whose goals were to remodel Meeting Room 1 (now known as the Helen Nelson Memorial Room) of the San Gabriel Mission Parish Center, and formally bless and dedicate it in honor of Helen Nelson, a parishioner for more than 50 years who passed away last year.

More than 800 hours of service were performed by Troop 261 scouts and leaders, friends, parishioners, family, Eagle scouts from local troops, and scout and leaders from troops in Rosemead, Alhambra, and Temple City.

An outstanding high school student who has received President’s Education Awards for Outstanding Academic Excellence, Dennis is on the President’s Honor Roll, and he received Academic Excellence Awards in Honors World History, Geometry and English in his freshman year. Dennis is a member of the Bosco Tech Band, playing the alto saxophone, and participating in Marching Band, Jazz Band, and Concert Band.

And crimes committed in Temple City are really not that much different from those committed in neighboring cities, she added. “Crime that’s in Temple City is the same as the crime that is throughout the San Gabriel Valley,” Jacob said. “We are basically a target-rich environment here in Temple City. People who don’t want to work for a living, they prey on those who do. Crime does not pay. It catches up with you.”

And one more worry for law enforcement in Temple City is the passage of Proposition 47 back on Nov. 8. That initiative will release many inmates from jail early. How will that affect local crime? Jacob said she isn’t sure yet. “The effects of that remain to be seen,” she said. “Any time we’re letting criminals who are in custody out of custody, it would certainly add to crime.”

City Council member Nanette Fish said while all crime cannot be stopped, there is one technique she has personally tried to keep thieves off of her street. “One of the things we’ve done in my neighborhood is we’ve tried to get to know each other and each other’s schedules,” Ms. Fish said. “It’s helped me a great deal. Enough of us in Temple City don’t know our neighbors anymore. You really have to make a point of getting to know your neighbors. So, if you see something, you can call (your neighbor).”
Residents invited to join the City’s Volunteer On Patrol Program

To help make your community an even safer place to live, work and play, consider working as a Volunteer on Patrol and partner with our local law enforcement. A Volunteer on Patrol Academy is required. Volunteer on Patrol volunteers are recruited through the Station Volunteer Coordinator. While participating in the program, VOP volunteers are required to wear a uniform and must report to the Station Volunteer Coordinator.

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- Susie Andrews
- Kevin Bateman
- Shane Berger
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- Steven Chittica
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- Jerald Spinal
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St. Luke Catholic school registration open for 2017-2018; Open house Jan. 29

Students are invited to participate in many different extra-curricular activities, including robotics teams, student council, sports, a cappella, graphic design/yearbook team, speech and debate team, and a theater program.

St. Luke Catholic School offers the only elementary robotics program in the LA Archdiocese. In 2015 the team won the state championship and competed in the world competition. On average, 97% of St. Luke students are accepted into and attend highly competitive private and Catholic high schools.

Admission procedure information and registration forms are available online at www.stlukeelims.org or at the school office.

For more information, phone 626-291-5959 or e-mail principal@stlukeelims.org.

St. Luke Catholic School is located at 5521 N. Cloverly Ave., Temple City.

Public invited to Financial Peace University sponsored by First Baptist Church of TC

First Baptist Church is hosting a Financial Peace University course starting in February. It will be open to the community as well as anyone who is interested within the San Gabriel Valley.

The classes will teach how to win with money, change legacies, save marriages, take control of your financial future, create a budget and pay off debt. The classes are from 7:30-9:30 p.m., from Feb. 12-April 9, in the church library.

The entire course is only $75 which includes a complete kit of resources along with teachings from nationally known radio show host and financial advisor Dave Ramsey and his team.

To enroll in the classes, phone 626-286-3125 or e-mail tcbchurch@templecitybaptist.org.

Dave Ramsey is an American businessman, author, radio host, television personality, and motivational speaker. Mr. Ramsey’s syndicated radio program, The Dave Ramsey Show, is heard on more than 500 radio stations throughout the United States and Canada, in podcast format, on iHeartRadio, the Dave Ramsey Show iOS application, live on YouTube, as well as live audio and video on DaveRamsey.com. He has written numerous books including five New York Times bestsellers. Ramsey was named the 2009 Marconi Award winner for Network/Syndicated Personality of the Year, and was inducted into the National Radio Hall of Fame in 2015.

Planning Commission approves new business

The Planning Commission met on Dec. 13 and approved an afterschool tutoring business at 5644 Rosemead Blvd. in Temple City, which will be open to the public on or around Monday, Dec. 19.

The VOP program is very beneficial and invaluable resource to Temple City as this service is provided at no cost to the city.

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Church News

Dave Ramsey: 

Your Community Christian Churches Welcomes You

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Temple City, CA 91780
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First Baptist Church of TC
Jim Walden, Senior Pastor
5019 Baldwin Ave. • Temple City, CA 91780
626-286-3125
web site: www.templecitybaptist.org
e-mail: tcbchurch@templecitybaptist.org

San Gabriel Community Church
Steve Balentine, Senior Pastor
117 N. Pine St., San Gabriel
626-287-0486
web site: www.sgucandocs.org

San Gabriel Mission Catholic Church
Pastor FR. Tony Diaz, CMF
428 South Mission Dr., San Gabriel 91776
626-457-3035 — www.sangabrielmissionchurch.org

Sunrise Community Church
Nondenominational: Conservative Christian
Andrew Kikkert, Pastor
9642 E. Live Oak Ave. • 626-287-6120

Temples City Church of Christ
(Disciples of Christ)
9723 Garibaldi Ave. at (gold West)
626-286-0581 — e-mail: tcc9723@yahoo.com.
Pastor’s Class 9:10 a.m.
Sunday Worship 10 a.m.

Temples City United Methodist Church
Rev. David Palmer, Pastor
5957 N. Golden West Ave.
Temple City, CA 91780
626-286-3129
Sunday School 8:45 a.m. — Worship 10 a.m.
E-mail: info@templescityumc.org
Website: www.templescityumc.org

Faith United Methodist Church
Pastor Matthew Chong
5957 Golden West Ave.
Temple City, CA 91780
626-286-3129
10 a.m. Worship Service in Mandarin
11:30 a.m. Praise service in English

Immanuel Church of the Nazarene
Charles Lin, Senior Pastor
9953 Las Tunas Drive, CA 91780
626-285-3832
10 a.m. Worship Service in Mandarin
11:30 a.m. English; Mandarin

St. Luke Church
Fr. Mark A. Strader, Pastor
5605 Cloverly Ave.
626-281-5900
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St. Luke Catholic School is accepting applications for the 2017-2018 school year. The school serves students in transitional kindergarten (TK) through eighth grade.

An open house is scheduled for 10 a.m. to 1 p.m., Jan. 29.

All are welcome to come and see the exciting happenings at St. Luke Catholic School.

Or phone the School Office for a tour. The open house will also include a breakfast in the Parish Hall from 7 a.m. to 12 noon and a Scholastic Book Fair, from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m.

St. Luke Catholic School offers an excellent core curriculum, a high school preparatory program, an advanced math and algebra program, a fully networked computer lab, and more.

Curriculum is taught in a faith-based environment. We welcome all international students, and work diligently to teach them English.

In addition to a strong core curriculum, students experience a variety of other learning opportunities, both in and out of the classroom.

Music, art, Meet the Masters art program, PE, and Spanish are incorporated into the curriculum of all grade levels.

Students are invited to participate in many different extra-curricular activities, including robotics teams, student council, sports, a cappella, graphic design/yearbook program and attend highly competitive private and Catholic high schools.

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Yes, Virginia, there is a Santa Claus and he lives in Temple City

By City of Temple City Communications Office

He looks Santa Claus. He even dresses like him and he can belt out a solid “ho, ho, ho!”

But no, he does not live at the North Pole. This Santa lives in Temple City with Mrs. Claus and loves delighting children during the holidays and at a number of community events.

Danny Redmond can fool anyone into believing he is the one and only Santa Claus. Mr. Redmond, a city public safety commissioner and nurse with the County of Los Angeles, comes complete with a genuine white beard and a very real Mrs. Claus at his side, his wife Helen Redmond.

“I’ve had a beard since 1980,” said Mr. Redmond. “The last time I shaved was when I was in nursing school, and not since.”

For the past six years, he has been serving as Santa Claus, first performing at parties with the Temple City High School band, and later for the city, most notably at “Lights on Temple City.”

As the town’s premier Santa Claus, Mr. Redmond said he puts in the proper work that is required if you really want to look like and be like St. Nick. “Instead of just painting the beard, I go and get it bleached,” he said. “I got a custom-made costume. I got a custom-made costume for Mrs. Claus. We’ve invested in the role now. I’m going with my strengths: I’m fat, I’m bearded. What better?”

But the main reason he said he likes to be Santa is the overwhelming appreciation from the children when they see him in his red suit at Christmas time, adding there is nothing else quite like it.

“The thing that got me devoted to it was the first year I did Lights on Temple City,” said Mr. Redmond, who first appeared at the event in 2012. “Going from the antique car that drives us (down Las Tunas Drive) from Ralph’s to (Temple City Park), and from the car to light the tree, the adulation and cheering that I got made me feel like Mick Jagger. It was the most positive esteem I have ever felt in my life. I sort of became addicted in one dose.”

While it’s mostly rock star-like cheering and lot of fun with the children, Mr. Redmond said sometimes kids ask for things that are out of Santa’s control.

“There are some real hard things, so you have to want to bring happiness to kids,” he said. “You also have to be a little bit resilient. Kids may ask you something for their health or health of a family member, their parents’ marriage, but when it hits, it hits hard and deep.”

Another job-hazard Mr. Redmond found is trying to be Santa to kids who are a little older and might just be catching on.

“They are suspicious,” he said. “Six-year-olds will frisk you to see if there are pillows. They will pull your beard to make sure that it’s real. Seven is when they really start to think critically. Earlier than that they’re checking to see if you’re the real Santa. After that they’re challenging the concept completely. And that’s ok, because I can sell it until they’re 10 years old!”

Mrs. Redmond, a nurse with Temple City Unified School District, said she didn’t decide to be Mrs. Claus until her husband was already Santa for a few years. And then it just kind of worked.

“It wasn’t the kind of thing we thought out at all,” she said. “But then we had so much fun doing it together. It’s really, really fun.”

She added while she has to be a bit stern in her day job, she said it is quite the relief to let go a little when performing.

“I’ve had to learn how to be Mrs. Claus,” Mrs. Redmond said. “And I am not the main attraction. I’m just background activity.”

The couple has lived in Temple City since 1984 and Mr. Redmond said he is enjoying his life in town while wearing the red suit.

“I feel like this is my turf,” he said.

Women’s Club first Christmas party a hit with community

The Woman’s Club of Temple City hosted its First Community Christmas Party, Dec. 3 with a sold out crowd.

A wonderful holiday time was had by everyone in attendance as they shared the joy of the season with friends old and new while enjoying enjoyed tasty food and treats.

Special guests included Josette Temple, granddaughter of the City’s founder, who was honored, 2017 Tournament of Roses Queen Victoria Castellanos who attended with her parents, and, of course, Mr & Mrs. Claus.

The party was a huge success, and the Woman’s Club thanks the many business and members who donated, money, prizes, and time to the event. Proceeds will support the Woman’s Club of Temple City and its many philanthropic activities.

For more information regarding the group visit www.WomansClubOfTempleCity.org.

Two historical women of Temple City: honoree Josette Temple and 2017 Rose Queen Victoria Castellanos.

Entertainment was provided by Christine and Jim Justus.

Mayor Pro Tem Cynthia Sternquist, honoree Josette Temple, Mr. Claus, Mrs. Claus.