Council Taps Cook as New City Manager

ASSUMES POST AS TEMPLE CITY’S TOP ADMINISTRATOR ON SEPT. 15

Bryan Cook was hired as the new City Manager at the Aug. 19 City Council meeting. Mr. Cook, 42, currently serves as assistant city manager/finance director for South Gate, a full-service city of 90,000 people located southeast of downtown Los Angeles. He has more than 15 years of municipal experience including capacities as assistant to the city manager and interim parks and

CELEBRATING CHAMBER OF COMMERCE’S 90TH YEAR;

CHAMBER TOASTS 90TH YEAR;

CELEBRATES CITY’S FORTUNE

U.S. Rep. Judy Chu Installs TC Chamber Board of Directors

The Temple City Chamber of Commerce has been the voice of the small business community of the City of Temple City. This year, the Chamber celebrated its 90th anniversary with one of the most successful events in its long history.

A Night at the Gatsby transported more than 250 guests back in time to 1924 and an evening of casino games, tasty hors d’oeuvres and drinks at the Elk’s Lodge in San Gabriel, Aug. 16.


The congresswoman also recognized the evening’s eight honorees: El Ruizenor Grill restaurant; Dr. Tai K. Mao; Temple City Animal Hospital; Cal’s Jewelers; Pastor Jim Walden of First Baptist Church; the Honorable Tom Chavez, mayor pro tem of Temple City; LA County Sheriff Kirk Cardella and LA County Fire Captain Robby Wilkinson.

The Chamber thanked Congresswoman Judy Chu for her support of the Chamber’s mission and acknowledgement of its special role in the community. The Board of Directors and Honorees also received recognition from the office of L.A. County Supervisor Michael Antonovich and the City of Temple City.

Serving as the evening’s ceremonial hostess was U.S. Rep. Judy Chu, (center) flanked by (l-r) Temple City Mayor Pro Tem Tom Chavez, City Council member Cynthia Sternquist, Chamber Board Chair Jane Chavez, Mayor Carl Blum and City Council member Fernando Vizcarra.

Congresswoman Judy Chu congratulates the Temple City Chamber honorees. Seated (l-r) are Dr. Carol Crittenden, Eddie Cebrowski and Norma Perez. Standing (l-r) are Chamber CEO Peter Choi and City Council member Cynthia Sternquist.

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Chamber President Peter Choi and Night at the Gatsby Chair Judy Huie Mena.

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In the early 1920s, when newspapers were printed in black ink only, the world was looking for recovery and getting “Back to Normalcy.” Despite a postwar economic depression in 1919-21, the U.S. economy under President Warren Harding took off and started to roar as a result of steep government tax cuts and a nearly 50% reduction in government spending. By 1922, the economic depression was over and businesses started a huge expansion, coast to coast. Such was the time when the Town of Temple was being developed in east Los Angeles County (See Page 20 for a look back). To demonstrate just how far this community has come, we are printing some of our pages in black ink only as a tribute to progress.

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Chamber gala honors outstanding contributions to Temple City business community, Aug. 16

Each year, the Temple City Chamber of Commerce salutes small businesses, professionals and individuals who have made outstanding contributions to the quality of life in Temple City.

This year the Chamber celebrated eight honorees at “A Night at the Gatsby,” the Chamber’s 90th Annual Awards & Board Installation ceremony, Aug. 16. Each honoree received a Congressional certificate of recognition from Rep. Judy Chu and an original artwork from local artist Min W.

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 The Honorable Tom Chavez, Temple City mayor pro tem
 LA County Sheriff Deputy Kirk Cardella
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Honoree Pastor Jim Walden is introduced by Board member Brian Barreto.

Norma Perez of El Ruizenor thanks the Chamber. Mayor Carl Blum listens.
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**Temple City Chamber of Commerce**

An organization working to build the community through its businesses and residents

**Our Mission Statement**

The Temple City Chamber of Commerce sets the standard for excellence in member services, community collaboration, business growth, networking and achieving a high quality of life in Temple City. We exist to be a clear and persuasive voice in providing advocacy, promotional and benefit solutions for our members.

By Peter Choi, Chamber CEO

The Chamber is a membership driven organization and through our networking events, informational seminars, publishing Temple City Life, and use of our resources, we constantly strive to add value to your membership.

This past week I’ve been delighted to hear from members who attended our recent 90th anniversary gala about how impressed they were with the turnout, the new faces and especially the positive energy in the air.

As one guest raved, “It was a scene you want to be a part of.” Certainly, anyone who has an interest in the business community of our city was there and the packed room attested to the new vitality in our Chamber universe.

Even as we welcome new members like Medtor, Inc. and the Irwindale Event Center, we are always focused on retaining our current members. I recently attended a gathering of the Western Association of Chamber Executives and during a discussion on membership retention, I heard this joke which I share with you.

A business woman dies and goes to Heaven where she is greeted at the Pearly Gates by Saint Peter. Heaven is calm, quiet and very organized. Everyone is content and every day is serene. Too serene. In fact, she finds it rather boring. She goes to Saint Peter and asks what the after-life is like down at the “other” place (i.e. Hell).

“Actually,” explains St. Peter, “You can check it out yourself. We have a day pass program where you can go down and visit Hell and experience it.”

Bored by the organized serenity of Heaven, she decides to use the day pass and finds herself in Hell. What a difference! Hell is like Mardi Gras. There is loud music and drinks. Folks are dancing and having a helluva good time. “Wow!” she says to herself, “This place rocks!”

After a full day of partying like its 1999, she finds herself back in Heaven. Quiet. Calm. Organized. She can’t stop thinking about how much fun Hell was, so she approaches St. Peter and asks if she can go down there again.

He explains that she only gets to use the day pass once and that if she returns to Hell she can’t come back to Heaven. She mulls this, but remembering the fun times during her last visit, she tells St. Peter that she would like to spend eternity in Hell.

Once again, in a blink of an eye, she finds herself transported down to Hell, but this time the place is full of flames, folks are crying out in agony, and she is being poked with pitchforks. As she is suffering mightily, she spots Satan and goes up to him.

“Satan,” she asks, “When I was here last time this place was fantastic! This time it is awful! What happened?”

“Well, my dear,” explains Satan with a smile, “Last time you were a prospect. This time you are a member.”

Rest assured, dear members, the Temple City Chamber of Commerce will not take you for granted and we will continue to seek ways to help you grow and promote your business. You are the cornerstone of our organization.

But even as we like a calm, organized and efficient office, we hope that our networking mixers and social events will be a helluva good time.

**Chamber News**

For Pete’s sake –

**Businesses building community**

Chamber works to promote business, prosperity by working with members, local government

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**Chamber Calendar**

Monday, Sept. 1, Labor Day, Chamber Office closed.
Monday, Sept. 8, 7 p.m., Board of Directors Meeting, Chamber Boardroom.

**Chamber CEO Peter Choi thanks Night at Gatsby event photographer Matthew Escobar, left.**

**For Pete’s sake –**

These are the business and government people that make a community work and prosper.
Franklin Xie (TCHS) passes out information in Chinese language on managing hypertension and diabetes to a passer-by. From left are Franklin, Janine Tsai (AHS), Michael Le (TCHS), Jessica Chen (TCHS)

Students distribute health information to at-risk groups

Students from Temple City High School and Arcadia High School teamed up August 16 to pass out free health information. Diabetes and high blood pressure are two of the most prevalent and preventable illnesses that affect the Asian Pacific Islander communities. Language is often the biggest barrier to preventative health services for Asian Pacific Islanders.

With the guidance of Medtor, Inc., a premedical program for high school students, students distributed health information in Chinese and Vietnamese languages to community members in Temple City.

To volunteer or more information about Medtor’s pre-medical program for high school students, email Sean Yee at info@medtorinc.com, visit their Web site at www.medtorinc.com, or phone 626-240-4689.

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Living trusts could help avoid probate

I’ve received several inquiries lately regarding estate planning—the advantages of living trusts in particular. Allow me to share some estate planning basics.

A living trust is a legal document separate from a will. With a living trust, your assets are put into the trust, administered for your benefit during your lifetime, and then transferred to your beneficiaries when you pass.

Most people name themselves as the trustees in charge of managing their trust’s assets. This way, even though your assets have been put into the trust, you can remain in control of your property during your lifetime. A living trust agreement:

• Gives the trustee the legal right to manage and control the assets held in your trust.
• Instructs the trustee to manage the trust’s assets for your benefit during your lifetime.
• Names the beneficiaries who are to receive your trust’s assets when you pass.
• Gives guidance and certain powers and authority to the trustee to manage and distribute comparable assets held in a living trust.

Without a living trust, your estate could be subject to probate. Probate is a court-supervised process for transferring assets to beneficiaries. Probate can take more time to complete than distribution through a living trust. The cost of probate is often greater than the cost of managing and distributing comparable assets held in a living trust.

Living trusts aren’t a clear benefit to everyone. Young married couples without significant assets and without children may not benefit from having a living trust.

Older couples with significant assets and specific wishes for their disbursement may benefit more from living trusts. Please phone my office at 626-943-8833 if you’d like to learn more.

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Don’t know about you guys, but for me, there’s nothing more fulfilling than serving friends and family.

Couple of weekends ago, Dental Assistant Extraordinary Kolleen and Super Star Hygienist Chelsea and I took a continuing education trip up to the UC Davis Medical Center. Twenty million Americans suffer from obstructive sleep apnea (OSA); that’s one in five adults. OSA is a condition where the airway is restricted; a blockage behind the tongue and soft palate effectively stops breathing during sleep.

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Part I: Pathways to medical school, MD

By Sean Yee, CEO of Medtor, Inc.

One of the most common ways for students to become doctors is to first go to a four-year college or university. Although admission requirements vary for each medical school, generally students are expected to take one year of biology or life sciences, one year of physics, one year of English writing, one year of basic chemistry with laboratory and one year of organic chemistry with laboratory.

The Medical College Admission Test (MCAT) is changing in 2015 to include natural sciences as well as social and behavioral sciences. That means students should take some courses in psychology and social sciences to have a solid foundation of scientific knowledge.

There are generally three stages for the application process. The first stage is often referred to as Primaries. For most medical schools, students must first submit an application with AMCAS (www.aamc.org/students/applying/amcas). Many Texas medical schools are not part of the AMCAS organization; so students must submit the Texas version of AMCAS called TMDSAS: (www.tmdsas.com). For admission to DO schools, students submit the AUCOM application (aacom@aacom.org). Students are encouraged to submit the application as soon as the application officially opens. The second stage of the application process is school-dependent; this stage is often called Secondaries. Some schools automatically send secondary applications (e.g., Icahn School of Medicine at Mount Sinai). Other schools (e.g., UCLA) only send secondary applications to top applicants. The third stage is the interview stage and for most applicants the last stage. Every medical school has its own ways of doing the interviews. For more information about the application process, please contact Medtor, Inc.

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TCHS Band Camp preps for grid season
By Esteban De Leon

Band Camp is the part of the band that nobody sees. It is the time when all the details of marching and music are explained to the band members and taught in practice. During this time new and veteran band members meet and work closely together to set the building blocks of what is to become the marching band season. Typically, band members spend upwards of eight hours a day for two weeks preparing aspects of the performance that most spectators instantly identify with a marching band. Perhaps the most important part of the season, band camp is simply … the beginning.

Sister Cities program yields enrichment for TCHS students’ visit to Down Under
Back from Australia, returning students will miss connecting with another country’s people, culture

By Bailee Weisz and Nathan Wong

Final week. It’s hard to believe that our trip is coming to an end. This month has been nothing short of amazing. From going on a jet boat ride through Sydney Harbor, to running through the white sand beach of Coogee in the rain, this trip has brought memories that will always be near and dear to our hearts.

The last seven days have been jam-packed with last-minute trips to Coles for food to bring home and spending just a little bit more quality time with our host families.

The week’s festivities kicked off on Thursday and included a trip to a local primary school where we made Lamingtons and played a friendly game of Oz tag with the kids during recess. We then had a sausage sizzle with our fellow exchange students from Japan and headed to ten pin bowling.

Friday was another school day where we learned about Australian geography and its role from a global perspective. It was eye opening to see how another country sees the United States and the impact of events happening at home.

Friday night brought out our cowboy boots and flannels as we do-si-doed to traditional Australian music. It was a night of laughter, new friends, and an overall good time.

Our last weekend was time for us to spend alongside our host families and each other. Some of the girls, including Bailee Weisz, Sarah Tomason, and Amber Allred, spent Saturday at a family farm in Merriwa. They went yabbying, spotlighting for animals, and had dinner around a roaring bonfire.

I, Nathan Wong, went mountain biking in nearby Hornsby. The track included winding boardwalks, moguls, and steep cliffs, all of which led to many crashes and collisions.

Our weekend ended with a VIP trip to a live taping of the X Factor television show. Thanks to Nathan’s host family, we were lucky to take a front row seat to witness some of Australia’s singing talent. Australia has been very good to us and we are sad to leave.

Participating in this exchange program has made us grow as individuals and mature in the way we go about our daily lives. We have learned that love exists in all forms; for a home, an adopted family, and for friends we make along the way. It is the connection with the different people that we will miss the most, and is something that we will not take for granted once back home.
Sponsors, prize donors make Chamber’s annual gala best ever

Key to the success of the Temple City Chamber’s 90th annual awards ceremony were the generosity of the companies who sponsored the event: Platinum Sponsors Athens Services, California American Water, Southern California Edison, SoCalGas, and Gold Sponsor Sunnyslope Water Company.

The Chamber was also blessed with a parade of Prize Sponsors: American Medical Response, Arcadia Chamber of Commerce, CEMCO Strength Equipment, The Law Office of Thomas Chavez, Gold’s Gym-Arcadia, The Hat, Hilton San Gabriel, Irwindale Event Center, Dr. Wenli Jen, Los Angeles County Sheriffs, the Los Angeles Register, realtor Helen Chen Marston, Min W Fine Art & School, Office Depot, realtor Rita Padilla, Sam’s Club, Super A Foods, Sushi in the Box restaurant, Pastor Jim Walden, and Realtor Jackson Wong (ReMax Omega).

Special thanks to Starbucks for coffee and Fanny’s Flowers for their generous donation of flowers.

A special thank you to local artist and art teacher Min W of Min W Fine Art and School for donating eight artworks which were presented to the honorees.

A super special thank you to Tom McIntee and TM Studios for providing the sound and audio in his inimitable professional manner.

The Chamber thanks Event Chair Judy Hui Mena for her tireless hard work and leadership in organizing the event.

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A Night at the Gatsby.

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President Peter Choi thanks Realtor Jackson Wong, one of many generous donors to the event.

Luck be a lady tonight.

Baby needs a new pair of shoes! Randy Mena tries his luck.

Honoree Temple City Animal Hospital’s Arthur and Dr. Carol Crittenden watch a guest try her luck.
Celebrating Chamber of Commerce’s 90th Year

Community comes together for fun and fortune

Event photos by Matthew Escobar

Is Chamber Finance Chair Margaret Healy counting cards?

An evening of casino games, tasty hors d’oeuvres and drinks at the Elk’s Lodge in San Gabriel, Aug. 16.

Mayor Carl Blum shares a laugh with Board member Brian Barbeto and Past Board Chair Nicholas Pon.

Dan & Cynthia Vance enjoy a game of Black-jack with Greg Sternquist.

The joint was jumpin’.
CELEBRATING CHAMBER OF COMMERCE’S 90TH YEAR


Past Board Chair Nick and Mrs. Pon.

Mayor Carl Blum and Honoree Pastor Jim Walden.

From left are Miss Temple City Monea Alvarez, Honor Court members Rebecca Chen, Christine Chen, and Tiffany Jie and Pageant Director Kyla Sickles.

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newhopechurchoffice3@gmail.com
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Community News

Cheering, basketball offered at First Baptist Church Sports Camp

First Baptist Church of Temple City presented its Second Annual Sports Camp offering the community Girls Cheer with Boys and Girls Basketball, Aug. 4-8. The five-day camp featured a mixture of alumini and current Temple City High School cheerleaders for the cheer camp and Pastor Jim Walden along with eight young men leading the basketball side. The lead cheer director has been Anissa Stoker who has a team of five other young ladies who teach girls ages 5-12 basic fundamental stretching and jump routines.

The basketball camp instructs both boys and girls of the same age range basic dribbling, shooting and passing skills. The camp was offered during the evening and for $50 per child and no more than $100 per family.

To learn more of what First Baptist offers for youngsters, phone Pastor Sam at 626-286-3125, ext. 13.

HealthCare Partners Medical Group helps world’s needy with prosthetic hands

On July 31, HealthCare Partners Medical Group sites joined together in changing the lives of people across the world by building 60 prosthetic hands. More than $15,000 in funds were raised through recycling and monetary donations.

Each site received a bag with 30 pieces of unmarked plastic parts, an instruction manual, markers and a bag to decorate.

School registration, information for TCUSD 2014-15

The Temple City Unified School District first day was Wednesday, Aug. 27. Ongoing registration and orientation is still taking place for the following dates, locations and times:

- Sept. 4: Cloverly: 6 p.m.
- Sept. 8: DDSLC: 6 p.m. Oak: 6:30
- Sept. 9: Emperor: grade 1-3: 6:15 p.m.; grade 4-6: 6:50 p.m.
- Sept. 16: TCHS: 6:30 p.m.

The Temple City Chamber of Commerce will host a monthly square dance at the Community of Christ Church, 9468 Broadway, Temple City. The first lesson is free and $5 per lesson after that. For more information, phone Judy at 626-287-1946 or Marlene at 626-359-7924.

Do you want to learn to square dance? Square dancing fans or interested beginners are welcome to join one of two modern square dancing clubs in Temple City.

Both clubs are accepting members for the first three weeks (see below for start dates). Square dancing is a fun activity that combines exercise, friendship and fun in one evening and the first lesson is free ($5 per lesson after that).

The San Gabriel Valley B’n B’s Club meets from 7-9 p.m., Sundays, Sept. 14, 21, or 28, at Community of Christ Church, 9468 Broadway, Temple City.

The Grin N-Square It Dance Club meets from 7-9 p.m., Tuesdays, Sept. 23, 30, or Oct.7, at Bethlehem Lutheran Church, 5319 N. Halifax Road, Temple City.

For more information, phone Randy and Pat at 626-358-6485.

“Members of the San Gabriel Valley B’n B’s Square Dance Club gathered Aug. 9 for the monthly square dance. From left are Christine Smith, Larry Rosa, Donna and Larry Whelan, Margaret & Bill Berry, Elaine Smith and John Ureges.”

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Blue Star Banner volunteers who served ice cream treats and sold patriotic items at the Temple City Concert in the Park series (l-r) Carol Burns, Bob Marston, Darryl Beaman, Patricia Hendrix, Sharon Johnson, and Dom Hendrix. Joanne Beaman at register. The Blue Star Banner booth also had a table and materials for writing letters or drawing pictures to send to active military personnel. Blue Star chairperson Sharon Johnson thanks all the volunteers and customers during this summer’s Concerts in the Park. “Your loyalty and support are greatly appreciated, especially the outpouring of love for our Temple City troops,” she said. The Blue Star Banner program is anticipating its next Blue Star Recognition Dinner on Friday, Nov. 7, in anticipation of Veterans Day. Phone Ms. Johnson at 626-285-3852 for more information.

Library programs for September

Children’s Programs
• English Chinese Bilingual Storytime, every Tuesday, 10:30-11:30 a.m. except Sept. 16
• Unfity Tuesdays, 10:30-11:30 a.m. Tuesday, Sept. 16
• Anime Club, 4-5 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 23

Teen Programs
• Teen Conversational English, 3-4 p.m. Thursdays, except Sept. 3 & 5
• Teen Advisory Board, 4 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 16
• Teen Advisory Board, 4 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 23
• Teen Teenage Enrichment Class, every Monday, 3:30-4:30 p.m. except Sept. 1
• Teen Advisory Board, 3 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 11
• Pathway to Medical School, 10 a.m.-12 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 11
• Teen Game Day, 4 p.m. Thursdays, Sept. 18
• Teen Book Club, 4 p.m. Thursdays, Sept. 18

Adult Programs
• Citizenship Class, every Wednesday & Friday, 3:30-4:30 p.m. except Sept. 3 & 5
• Book a Librarian: Basic Computer Skills, 10-11 a.m. Wednesday, Sept. 3
• How to Install Micro-Drip Irrigation, 6:30-7 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 11
• Bingo Game, 3:30-4:30 p.m. Friday, Sept. 28

Family Programs
• Moon Festival Celebration, 11 a.m.-1:30 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 6

For more information, contact Grace Yang, Teen/Adult Services Librarian, County of Los Angeles Public Library, Temple City Library, 5939 Golden West Ave., Temple City, CA 91780, 626-285-2136.
Contact the library online at www.facebook.com/TempleCityLibrary or e-mail gang@library.lacounty.gov.
Small Business Tax Workshop

Chamber member tax expert and Evoroll Agent Franklin J. Ruodel and fellow tax expert Luz Orozco led an informative Small Business Tax Workshop in the Chamber boardroom, Aug. 20. During the seminar, the duo covered strategies to grow business and manage federal tax responsibilities. For more information, phone Mr. Ruodel at 626-285-2107 or email taxfrank@charter.net.

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Increased home prices signal an end to struggles that began with the housing crisis

By Rudy L. Kusuma, Realtor®
March 2014 was the 25th consecutive month of year-over-year increases in home prices, according to the CoreLogic Home Price Index Report. For millions of homeowners nationwide, the increased home prices signal an end to struggles that began with the housing crisis.

During the housing crisis, home prices dropped precipitously. The drop in prices left millions underwater on their mortgages, owe more on their home than the property was worth. However, the recent increase in home prices in San Gabriel Valley, and SoCal in general, is ending mortgage struggles for many.

Home prices have increased dramatically. Many home owners have finally regained equity in their homes.

Several market conditions combined to drive the recent price increases, such as limited inventory, more people looking to buy a home, and a fewer distressed properties.

Many people don’t realize just how much things have improved. The same factors driving price increases have also made today’s market a seller’s market. Today, homeowners who have been struggling in recent years have more options than at any time in the last five or six years.

Home searches are up because what homes down the street sold for. A free computerized list with maps and pictures of area home sales and current properties is available for sale. For a free recorded message, phone him at 626-380-4632, ext 1041.


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Chula is estimated to be 5 years old and weighs about 46 pounds. She is a sweet girl who is not fond of baths. She knows how important first impressions are, so she is patiently waiting until she can get her paws on the ground again. This squeaky clean gal can be a little bit nervous when she meets new people, but warms up quickly with attention. Chula came to us as a stray with a genetic condition called entropion, where her lower eye lids fold inward. Thanks to generous donations from shelter supporters and contributions from a local vet clinic, Chula was able to have the surgery needed to repair her eyelids. She’s all better now and ready for a home. She is easy going, intelligent and devoted and will make a delightful companion and good watchdog. The Shar-Pei is one of America’s most popular and beloved Chinese imports. Chula’s calm temperament makes her an ideal pet for a lucky family. Chula qualifies for the Senior For Senior’ reduced fee adoption program.

Temple City Animal Hospital to present free Therapy Dog Workshop Saturday, Sept. 13

Dog owners with a heart for people are invited to attend a free presentation on Sept. 13, by Therapy Dogs International at Temple City Animal Hospital.

Therapy dogs visit care facilities including hospitals, special needs children’s camps, nursing homes and other facilities where sick, lonely or sad people, anyone who can use some extra love, would benefit from a visit from a friendly dog.

To become a therapy dog, a dog must be trained (by owner) and then be certified by a Therapy Dogs International evaluator. The presentation on Sept. 13 will be made by Karen Saunders, an evaluator with TDI.

Ms. Saunders’ presentation will cover steps that an owner will follow in the training and evaluation process and will recount the experiences she has had working with her own dogs in care facilities.

Temple City Animal Hospital is at 5406 Rosemead Blvd. For more information, phone 626-287-1173.

Shar-Pei Chula Intelligent, easygoing, devoted

Shu-Chi is 46 pounds of pure loveliness, and has been loving life here at the San Gabriel Valley Humane Society since May 2013. She was adopted as a puppy and after a short period spent in care facilities. She is a gentle soul who is fairly easy going, and is very affectionate when she meets new people. She would benefit from a visit from a friendly dog. The Shar-Pei is one of America’s most popular and beloved Chinese imports. Shu-Chi is calm temperament makes her an ideal pet for a lucky family. Shu-Chi qualifies for the Senior For Senior’ reduced fee adoption program.

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Today’s office environment is smaller, more mobile

By Cynthia Kurtz, President/CEO
San Gabriel Valley Economic Partnership

There is cautious optimism about the economy. We have achieved six months of job growth averaging more than 200,000 new jobs per month. The housing market is slowly recovering. Without the fear of job loss looming, more homeowners are ready to move into larger homes, freeing up homes for first-time buyers.

Industrial space is scarce, especially in the San Gabriel Valley. Vacancy rates dropped to 3.3 percent in 2013, the lowest in the Los Angeles region and almost a full point below the Los Angeles County average.

The exception in this good news story is the commercial office market which is recovering at a more glacial pace. Vacancy rates in the San Gabriel Valley have dropped from the 2009 peak of 18.4 percent, ending 2013 at 16.2 percent.

The essence of what workers are looking for in office space has changed. Just 10 years ago, the individual 250 square foot office was considered standard and everyone eyed the carpeted “corner office” with the double doors, preferably with a view. Workers adapted to taking conference calls in their cars, meetings in coffee shops, and working from home.

As the economy rebounded, the demand for office space is not keeping up. Why not? Don’t we all want our large office back?

There are several factors influencing the office market. Certainly, the recovery is not strong enough yet. Many businesses are still holding on to cash rather than committing to long-term leases. But there is a change in what workers want and need as well.

Recent trends are toward non-dedicated work space with more shared resources. Companies that lease “shared co-op” styled space are popping up. Smart developers and architects are retrofitting and reconfiguring existing spaces.

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