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## CONCRETE, STEEL AND SOU

Temple City Connect—our award-winning magazine that looks and reads like no other municipal publication in Southern California—often approaches topics from a new perspective. In this issue, we take a fresh look at infrastructure—a subject usually relegated to tedious civil engineering journals—and make it relevant by demonstrating it as not merely steel and concrete. Everything we do at City Hall is both driven and made possible by our residents, and the following articles will introduce the concept of human infrastructure—all about you, your family and your neighbors.

On page 8, we take prime examples of physical infrastructure—sidewalks and crosswalks—but focus less on materials and construction, and instead highlight the community members impacted by them. Whether it's a child walking to school, requiring safe pathways, or her disabled grandpa who needs updated wheelchair ramps to navigate the neighborhood, we're investing in human beings. While these improvements can be expensive, we strive for all residents to be accommodated—and do so efficiently by competitively pursuing grant money.

Another critical part of local infrastructure is our educational systems and facilities. High-performing students and great teachers comprise part of the human



Whether it's a child walking to school requiring safe pathways, or her disabled grandpa who needs updated wheelchair ramps to navigate the neighborhood, we're investing in human beings. JOSE PULIDO, CITY MANAGER infrastructure that sustains our community, while the facilities of Temple City Unified School District in severe need of upgrading and investment—are part of the physical. On page 13 we discuss the upcoming facilities improvement bond measure on the November ballot. While making no official endorsement, I must

note that national rankings naming Temple City as one of the best places to raise a family clearly consider the quality of our schools. Like roads and water lines, this is an infrastructure system requiring constant maintenance, updating and investment—especially when you factor in the human element.

Representing the classic case of human infrastructure is our innovative Citizen's Academy (page 20), which provides community members a close look at the inner workings of local government. By opening dialogue between City Hall and the community, the Academy serves as a valuable platform for learning and exchanging ideas. Our inaugural class brought together a diverse group that included individuals from different cultural and civic participation backgrounds—all of who graduated more educated, energized and prepared to take their community involvement to the next level.

You represent our most valuable and sustainable infrastructure. I hope this issue of *Temple City Connect* will inspire you to contribute more of your human spirit and energy to our great community.

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Looking forward to school zone improvements. PHOTO BY REBECCA LOPEZ

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©2012 City of Temple City. All rights reserved. If you have questions or comments regarding our magazine, please email us at connect@templecity.us. National Energy Awareness Month is formally recognized in October, but for many Temple Citians, reducing consumption and being "green" is a year-round state of mind. We wanted to see how locals were employing sustainable, eco-conscious practices in their daily lives, so we asked...

### "WHAT ARE YOU DOING TO REDUCE, REUSE AND RECYCLE?"

#### BY WENDY CHUNG AND REBECCA LOPEZ

"I don't drive much; I take the bus or ride my bike. I don't use a lot of electricity and I recycle that sort of thing. It saves money and it's good in the long term—keeps the landfills from filling up." GEORGE, RESIDENT

"We recycle paper and bottles. When we go to the park, or anywhere that's not too far, we walk. We try to introduce our children to nature—learn about the trees and plants. My two young daughters have also been helping me with gardening!" WIDYA, PARENT

"We pick up trash around here [Temple City Park] sometimes. And we turn off the lights after we're done using them." MIA, STUDENT

GEORGE

"I put my trash in the trash and I help my dad step on cans." SAMANTHA, PRESCHOOLER

"Whenever I shop, I take my reusable bag to cut down on plastic waste. I also purchased a water filtration system so I'm not drinking from bottled water." MARY, RETIREE

"I take the children at my daycare out and we plant trees in our neighborhood, at schools, parks or anywhere that allows us to." LISA, BUSINESS OWNER

"We use energy efficient lighting in my store and we have our front windows tinted to cut down on heating and cooling costs." LOUIS, BUSINESS OWNER "I drink a lot of beer, so I recycle all of my bottles and cans. I'm doing my part to save the Earth and I'm having a good time doing it!"

#### STEVE, RETIREE

"My husband and I try to be aware and reduce our carbon footprint. In 2003, we purchased a Prius because we didn't want to use too much gas. Then last year, we purchased the Nissan Leaf, which is an all-electric plug-in car." TRANG, RESIDENT

"I reuse all bags I get at the grocery stores and when they are no longer usable, I take them to get recycled. I also use a vacuum with a filter rather than bags to reduce waste."

JESSICA, RESIDENT

"I recycle my soda cans, milk cartons, bottles, newspapers. If I save my cans for half a year and take them to get recycled, I can usually get around \$100 back." CHRISTINA, RETIREE

"We use a lot of energy-saving methods in our house—even those that are just suggestions from the County. We're big on going green so we stay up-to-date on new policies and procedures." CONNIE, PARENT

"If I see trash laying around, I'll pick it up. I also encourage people who I see littering to please throw away their trash and put their recyclables into the right bin." GABRIEL, STUDENT

WIDYA

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**SCHOOL IS IN SESSION** AND FOOTBALL SEASON HAS BEGUN, BUT **THESE IMAGES OF RECENT TEMPLE CITY EVENTS WILL KEEP** THE SUMMER OF 2012 FRESH IN OUR MINDS.

1 CAMP-A-PALOOZA On July 20, 75 families came together at Live Oak Park for a "Wild West Summer" campout under the stars. The more than 400 participants enjoyed mechanical bull rides, relay races, rodeo trickster performances, down-home barbecue and much more.

**2** "CELEBRATE, REMEMBER AND FIGHT BACK" From July 28-29, locals gathered at Temple City High for the inaugural Temple City Relay For Life. The overnight American Cancer Society event raised nearly \$20,000 to support cancer research and community education.

**3 CONCERTS IN THE PARK** Wednesday evenings brought thousands to Temple City Park, where 10 unforgettable performances had concertgoers dancing the nights away.





#### **CITY CALENDAR**

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#### **SEPTEMBER**

6	Fall class enrollment begins	21	Neighborhood Watch Meeting: Area 7
12	Public Meeting: Traffic Calming Study	25	Public Meeting: New Animal Control Regulations
17	Fall classes begin	27	Public Meeting: Housing Element Update

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#### **OCTOBER**

8	Holiday donation
	drives begin

Neighborhood Watch 19 Meeting: Area 2

#### 20 Fall Festival and Car Show

31 Halloween Carnival

#### **NOVEMBER**

- **Daylight Saving Time** 4 ends (2 a.m.)
- Election Day 6
- 12 Veterans Day (City offices closed)
- **13** Filing period opens for 2013 City Election
- 22-23 Thanksgiving Holiday (City offices closed)
- 27 Flu Immunization Clinic

#### DECEMBER

Lights on Temple City 6 7 Filing period closes

for 2013 City Election

- Christmas Day 25 (City offices closed) 26 Christmas tree
- pick-up begins .....



#### Farmer's Market Locally grown fruits, vegetables, plants, flowers, honey, cheeses and baked goods. 8:30 a.m.-1 p.m. City Hall 9701 Las Tunas Dr.

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City receives up to \$1 million to support universal pedestrian access

BY WENDY CHUNG AND ROGER GRODY

# **THESE STREETS WERE MADE FOR**

t's funny because we don't *know* the people who walk, but every time we pass somebody, we'd always nod and say 'hi.'' Like many locals, Temple City resident Trang Lai and her husband enjoy regular evening strolls around the block. While walking primarily for health, Lai has also come to appreciate the opportunities for social interaction with neighbors she'd otherwise not encounter. "I have a feeling that if I keep seeing the same person, I *would* start to become friendlier," she says. "Maybe instead of a hesitant 'hi,' it'd be more of a bigger 'hi' each time. Eventually, I could see little conversations start to occur."

#### **Breaking Down Barriers**

Though often taken for granted, the value of adequate pedestrian amenities cannot be understated. By enhancing the safety and convenience of walking, sidewalks, curb ramps, crosswalks, even speed limit signs, create a more welcoming environment for street-level activity that can promote public health, generate local prosperity, provide a sense of security and—as Lai articulates, foster community cohesiveness. But in Temple City, where poor sidewalk connectivity and insufficient curb ramps make for conditions less conducive to-sometimes even discouraging of-pedestrian activity, the community as a whole loses out on a multitude of potential benefits. And for a multicultural town like Temple City, where human interaction on public streets takes on

even greater importance, lost opportunities are particularly lamentable.

In an effort to remove some of the physical barriers that often double as social barriers, the City is addressing issues of universal access and walkability, implementing two distinct but critically linked programs: Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) Barrier Removal and Safe Routes to School. Through the availability of more than \$1 million—comprised of up to \$600,000 in federal Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds and a Safe Routes to School (SR2S) award of \$431,900 from the State of California—the City will initiate street improvements proven to make a difference in people's lives. In addition to the CDBGfunded curb ramps, other facilities such as new sidewalks, crosswalks and speed limit signs will make it safer for both children and disabled individuals to navigate Temple City.

#### **On The Right Path**

"On a scale of one to ten, Temple City is probably at around a three or four in terms of walkability, wheelability—just because the infrastructure's not here." When incoming City Engineer Neville Pereira first arrived in July, he was struck by the unusual state of pedestrian access. Throughout the city, the widespread absence of such basic amenities as sidewalks and curb ramps created unappealing and unsafe conditions for walking.

According to Adam Gulick, Associate Planner with the City, the existing situation is a legacy of previous, less proactive planning policies that equated sidewalks with potential liability claims. However, over time, the flaws of this overly defensive perspective grew increasingly apparent. By denying some residents a more mobile existence, not providing adequate pedestrian facilities became an even greater liability for the City—both legally and in terms of thwarted community vitality.

"It's actually federal mandate that all cities improve their accessibility," said Pereira referring the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990, which provides all individuals "full and equal enjoyment" of facilities and public accommodations. With the help of CDBG funds from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (designated for programs benefitting special-needs populations) the City is adding up to 64 ADA-compliant curb ramps to ensure access for residents with limited mobility-including the elderly and disabled who together make up a sizable portion of the community. According to the U.S. Census, 43 percent of households have at least one person above age 60, while 3.5 percent of Temple Citians report ambulatory difficulty (i.e., trouble walking).

Though infrastructure deficiencies are something many of us are rarely even conscious of, for mobility-impaired residents, a buckled sidewalk, a steep curb at a crosswalk or the lack of a wheelchair ramp at a public library can create considerable hardship that breaks the spirit—or worse. Pereira points to a project site on Daines Drive at Nadine Street,



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Site on Daines Drive at Nadine Street, showing accessible curb ramp going down, but no connecting ramp on the other side.

where a curb ramp on one side of the road leads across to an uncut curb. "When those in wheelchairs access a curb ramp going down, there's an expectation of a ramp on the other end for them to be received," he explains. "But at this crossing, the danger in not having a receiving ramp is that when someone in a wheelchair is wheeling across to get to the other side, they all of a sudden become stuck and have to wheel back—meanwhile having to confront oncoming traffic."

As such, the ADA Barrier Removal Program addresses such issues. With construction starting in November, the City recognizes that these first ramps are only a beginning and do not address all deficient intersections. But the plan is to first alleviate conditions at the most hazardous sites, and in the future add more ramps as additional funding becomes available.

#### Walkability 101

So what about morning drop-off congestion at and around Temple City schools? According to Lai—the evening stroller, who also happens to be a former principal at Cloverly Elementary—"Crazy."

Another population particularly vulnerable to insufficient pedestrian accommodations is young children walking to school. Given the heavy traffic, combined with inadequate pedestrian amenities around schools, this mother of two school-aged daughters understands why parents would have second thoughts sending their kids walking to school unsupervised. "If my children were to walk to their closest school here, there are definitely places where sidewalks are missing," she says. "And I know from experience that when there is no sidewalk, I usually end up walking in the street. Even for me, it feels less safe and a bit scary when the cars are whizzing by, coming from behind."

Because of conditions like those illustrated by Lai, the great American tradition of walking to school all but disappeared between the nostalgic 1950s and the beginning of the 21st century. But the concept is starting to make a comeback, partly because parents are recognizing the health benefits of doing so in an era of unprecedented childhood obesity and diabetes. For one, in 1999 the State established a Safe Routes to School Program, and through Caltrans provides cities and counties funding to install pedestrian improvements that enhance safety for children walking to and from school. Lai, speaking as both a parent and educator, says, "From a health standpoint, the more active we can keep our kids, the healthier the students are going to be."

This year, Temple City was one of 335 cities and counties throughout California that applied for funding, and one of 139 to be approved. Through the \$431,900 award to be supplemented by a required 10 percent local match—the City will install a variety of safety improvements in the vicinity of



nine local schools. Implementation of the additions-including new school zone and pedestrian crossing signs, as well as new sidewalks and curb ramps—is scheduled to begin next year.

#### **Paving The Way**

A recent study from the Brookings Institution identified three major benefits of increased walkability. First, there is an economic advantage. Homes in walkable neighborhoods-i.e., those that provide safe and efficient pedestrian access to commercial and recreational activities—are in great demand, and therefore command higher prices. Second, there are health and environmental benefits. In addition to helping residents fulfill recommended daily amounts of physical activity, the ability to walk-rather than drive-to local shopping and dining, reduces a community's carbon footprint, while boosting local economic vitality. Last but not least, walking also provides the valuable opportunity to build social cohesion. By creating inviting "street scenes" lively with human activity, pedestrian accessibility promotes social interaction that breaks down geographic, cultural or economic barriers between individuals, blocks or neighborhoods.

In the past three years, a shift in local policy has driven a renewed commitment to investment in pedestrian amenities and more universally accessible streets. In addition

#### **MULTIPLIED MODES, MULTIPLIED GAINS**

From the upcoming pedestrian improvements and recently adopted Bicycle Master Plan, to the ongoing traffic calming study and next year's new trolley, many of the City's latest projects are geared toward diversifying our local transportation system. By thinking beyond the motorway and considering walking paths, bicycle lanes and transit lines, the community is poised to reap a multitude of advantages.



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#### SCHOOL CROSSING AHEAD

With \$431,900 in Safe Routes to School funds, the City is adding new pedestrian facilities to safely assist local children walking or biking to school.

School	Curb Ramps	Signage	Sidewalks	Crosswalks
Cleminson Elementary (K-6)		•	•	•
Cloverly Elementary (4-6)	•	•	•	•
Emperor Elementary (K-6)		•	•	•
First Lutheran (K-8)	•			•
La Rosa Elementary (K-3)	•	٠	•	•
Longden Elementary (K-6)	•	•	•	•
Longley Way Elementary (K-6)	•			•
Oak Avenue Intermediate (7-8)	•	•		•
Temple City High (9-12)	•	٠		•

#### **CURB RAMPS**

#### SCHOOL ZONE SIGNAGE

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#### **SIDEWALKS**

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#### CROSSWALKS

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Curb ramps



School zone signage



to the advantages of an active, walking community, the City is also motivated by new State rules promoting "active transportation"—including walking, cycling and transit. In particular, the Complete Streets Act of 2008 requires cities to consider multimodal travel options in their general plans by 2014. The City, which last updated its General Plan in 1987, is set to begin the process of developing a new one within the next year. But even before official planning begins, those keeping up with the City's projects will recognize that it is already

#### "From a health standpoint, the more active we can keep our kids, the healthier the students are going to be." RESIDENT TRANG LAI

starting to make progress toward achieving a more multimodal community that seamlessly accommodates pedestrians, bicyclists, transit riders and motorists.

A prime example is the Rosemead Boulevard Project, set to begin construction in the next few months. With new bike lanes, sidewalks, bus shelters and public art, the project is designed to turn an unsightly slice of asphalt into a community destination with a lively street scene. Other developments include a new trolley to roll out next year, as well as a Las Tunas Drive downtown revitalization plan—which like the Rosemead Boulevard Project, is intended to transform the corridor from a street primarily dedicated to the automobile into a multimodal corridor. As the City moves forward with community planning initiatives—from the General Plan update to the downtown revitalization residents can look forward to opportunities for engagement, to be announced as dates become available.

#### **A Community Complete**

Although the CDBG and SR2S funds are distinctly targeted at benefiting different constituencies—the elderly and disabled, and young schoolchildren—the two work handin-hand toward furthering the City's broader goal of improving universal access and safety. The third grader on her way to school faces different, but related, hazards as her elderlybut-active grandfather who is wheelchairbound but not about to be house-bound. Without sufficient curb ramps, sidewalks and traffic controls, both struggle to navigate their own community in a safe manner.

"Even ambulatory people can benefit from these improvements," says Pereira. "Not only will they be supporting walkability, wheelability around the city, they'll also help reduce the tripping hazard as people come off the road and onto the sidewalk." Concurring, Lai adds, "It's good for all of us. I see that more and more people are really conscious about walking, taking runs at night or jogging. So with the sidewalks, it will help everyone feel more comfortable about walking out there."

And when people walk, they talk slowly forming the social ties that underlie *community*.

ACCESS A MAP of incoming pedestrian improvements by visiting www.templecity.us. To recommend a curb ramp site or suggest other safety improvements, call the City's Public Safety Division at (626) 285-2171, ext. 2333.

改善全民行人通路:市政府最近獲得接近一百萬元的賜款, \$600,000來自社區發展街區賜款 (Community Development Block Grant, 簡稱 CDBG), 另一筆 \$431,900 則來自安全上學道路獎金 (Safe Routes to School, 簡稱 SR2S),市政府將著手進行改善工程以配合全社區的全民通路的計劃,透過美國傷殘人士條 例 (簡稱 ADA) 障礙清除和 SR2S 計劃,市政府將會增添 64個路邊斜坡,以及在九間學校附近設立新的行人設施和安全設置,例如人行道、路邊斜坡和交通標誌。 使用 CDBG經費的路邊斜坡工程將會在十一月開始,使用 SR2S經費的改善工程將於明年展開。

## Infrastructure on the Ballore

#### Why this measure matters to Temple City residents

BY STEVE LEE

At every election, voters are confronted with an inundation of competing campaign measures. While some messages are polarizing and divisive, others promote public welfare and are critical to local quality of life. When Temple City voters hit the polls for the Nov. 6 general election, one issue on the ballot is the Temple City Unified School District (TCUSD) School Facilities Education Bond Measure—a unique initiative that addresses not only the community's physical, but also human infrastructure. n 2010, when *Bloomberg Business Week* rated Temple City as runner-up for the "Best Place to Raise Kids" in California, a key asset that set this community apart from the rest was the quality of the local education system. Our highly regarded schools have long been primary contributors to a quality of life for which Temple City has received national recognition. However, without assurance that academic facilities meet basic thresholds, families will stop viewing the community as a desirable place to live, and lose confidence in neighborhood schools as supportive local institutions.

Especially in an increasingly globalized and high-tech world, providing kids a quality educational environment prepares them to be competitive for college and poised for success. Children-the future leaders of our community and the world—rely on safe, secure and functional facilities in which to learn, play and socialize. As such the TCUSD Facilities Education Bond Measure recognizes the importance of constantly monitoring, updating and investing in our school system. If successful, it would, over 25 years, raise funds to cover approximately \$128.8 million in critically needed upgrades, benefiting local students from their first day of kindergarten through high school graduation. Approval would also make the District eligible for at least \$14 million in matching funds from the State of California. Money generated would be allocated to seven different facilities across the district-including an average \$8.8 million each for the four elementary schools, \$22.3 million for Oak Avenue Intermediate School and nearly \$70.5 million for Temple City High School (TCHS). Specifically, bond proceeds would be used to modernize existing buildings, upgrade classroom technology, improve campus safety and security, and construct specialized learning centers for music, art and science.

And while funds would not support increased teacher or administrator salaries, updating school facilities creates an attractive academic environment that would also have the effect of recruiting high-quality teachers and staff.

#### Pride of Temple City

From a new two-story classroom building and 3D art lab, to a state-of-the-art performing arts center fully equipped with a 700-seat theatre, band/instrumental and choir rooms, and a black box theatre—the planned additions at TCHS will finally provide students the same amenities available at other suburban high schools in highperforming districts.

Bemoaning the fact that drama students are currently without an existing on-campus theater and forced to stage their productions out of town in San Gabriel, Temple City Council PTA Board member Mary Saxonwho is also a parent and PTSA president at TCHS-believes this measure would mean much more than providing adequate physical accommodations. "It will not only give our kids the tools they need to compete with the rest of the world," she says, "but a new performing arts center would save costs on venue rental and also boost pride, not just for the students but the community as whole." And as an instructional aide at a high school in a nearby district, Saxon has witnessed firsthand what the injection of capital funding through a successful bond measure can do. "Not only did it improve teacher morale, but after the renovations, the kids had a spring in their step," she reports, adding, "They took ownership of their school and demonstrated a real pride in their campus."

#### Overcoming the Challenge



Since the economic downturn, voters have become especially weary of any new measures that incur debt—with many prone to immediately dismissing even consideration of the bond issue, no matter how meritorious. But in contrast to new prisons or mass transit, it is more difficult to say no to measures that increase funding for schools—not just because people care about their kids, but residents know intrinsically that good schools benefit the community as a whole. Like Saxon, Shirley Fang, another Council PTA Board member with kids entering second and sixth grades, also recalls not being too thrilled about having to drive to another city to see her child perform in her school's production of "The Wizard of Oz". But her reason for supporting the bond goes beyond the bigticket items like performing arts centers, saying, "We're not talking about anything extravagant. Especially at the elementary schools, it's just providing basic necessities for our kids."

In addition to building new facilities, generated funds will also enable schools to maintain existing structures. While some schools are plagued by leaky roofs, deteriorated restrooms, and outdated alarm or sprinkler systems, others face a more serious risk. Hard as it may be to believe, some structures in the district are still awaiting removal of hazardous materials like the now-banned asbestos or lead-based paint. "We all recognize this is a bad economy," Fang acknowledges, "but this is for the future of our kids and for Temple City. If we don't do it now, we'll have to do it later."

Notably, while many bond measures are suffering from voter fatigue, educational capital improvement initiatives are actually being approved at a higher rate, despite the challenging economy. According to California finance expert Michael Coleman, the rate of success in the past three years has been close to 75 percent. Voters, even those resolved to vote no on most spending measures, appear sympathetic to school districts that have been squeezed by State budget cuts while the buildings their children are spending half of their waking hours in are crumbling. Educational bond measures that appeared on the ballot last June were overwhelmingly successful, although those scheduled for a November vote are faced with additional challenges. Not only is there the distraction of a hotly contested presidential election, but any spending measure must compete with statewide tax increase proposals.

## A SMART INVESTMENT

If passed, the proposed TCUSD School Facilities Education Bond Measure would generate \$128.8 million over 25 years to fund local school improvements—including classroom modernization and additions, classroom technology upgrades and campus safety enhancements. To learn more or see a complete list of what's planned at each school, visit www.tcusd.net and access the Facilities Needs Assessment and Improvement Plan.



#### Cloverly Elementary School, \$7,423,000

- Administration building expansion
- New Science/Art Room
- Lunch shelter improvements

#### Dr. Doug Sears Learning Center, \$658,500

- Classroom enhancements
- New modular buildings
- Enhanced courtyard and relocated basketball court

#### **Emperor Elementary School,**

- \$7,197,220
- New classrooms, Science/Art Room
- New lunch shelter and shade structures
- Improved learning courts

#### La Rosa Elementary School,

- \$7,746,040
- New classrooms and room reconfigurations
- New lunch shelter and shade structures
- Improved learning courts

#### Longden Elementary School, \$13,041,500

- New classrooms and room
  reconfigurations
- New Administration/Library Building
- Expanded lunch shelter and new shade structures

#### Oak Avenue Intermediate School, \$22,300,000

- New two-story classroom building and room reconfigurations
- Modernized gym facilities
- Science and music facilities

#### Temple City High School, \$70,474,310

- New two-story classroom building and facilities reconfiguration
- Expanded sports facilities—including stadium upgrades, new practice gym, swimming pool
- New Performing Arts Complex and 3D Art Lab

#### Beyond the Classrooms

Like the theater arts program, without the availability of local resources, TCHS aquatic teams are also relegated to using facilities outside of town. As Saxon reports, the swimmers are embarrassed of their current pool, which is not suitable for hosting community members. If passed, the bond measure would fund construction of a 50-meter swimming pool on campus in addition to a new practice gym and a substantial upgrade to the stadium and track-and-field facilities. An added bonus, she further notes, is that ultimately, these facilities not only benefit the student population, but the larger community.

While not always explicitly acknowledged, the partnership between the City and TCUSD has yielded invaluable community resources and benefits-ranging from co-hosted events like the upcoming Fall Festival, to mutual facility use agreements. For one, the new scoreboard at the Oak Avenue Intermediate gym was a joint venture undertaken by the two entities. Saxon believes continued collaboration would further enhance the community. "Our property values are already high, but they would go higher, and there would be greater pride in the community." And that is what makes the upcoming TCUSD measure compelling for many voters, even those who have no children or whose kids are already grown.

The positive economic impact—although impossible to accurately project—includes a likely acceleration of property values in the city, a result typically seen in the wake of successful measures of this kind. In the past two years, total assessed valuation in Temple City has increased between three and four percent, one of the highest rates in Los Angeles County. With the city's schools viewed even more favorably by prospective homebuyers, that magnitude of increase, or more, can be expected to continue during the next decade. Therefore, the value added for any homeowner within TCUSD boundaries would far exceed the increased assessment paid after a successful bond measure close to \$60 per \$100,000 of assessed value annually.

It can also be argued that with interest rates at historical lows, the time is ripe to initiate infrastructure projects of all kinds. The improvements would not only make our students more competitive, but the construction would also stimulate economic activity by creating jobs in the community-(project contractors would in fact be required to hire locally). And with the City also in progress with a long-term capital improvement plan, a successful school bond measure could be parlayed into much-needed improvements to municipal facilities-while exercising the kind of economic efficiency that has become a hallmark of current leadership at City Hall. With TCUSD headquarters, Temple City Public Library, City Hall and Temple City Park all clustered within a few steps of one another, future complementary physical improvements enhancing all these facilities could be envisioned. While such revitalization plans are extremely preliminary, they are worth evaluating conceptually. These institutions all occupy structures that were constructed 50 or more years ago and require replacement or extensive renovation in order to function efficiently in the 21st century. Ultimately, an added source of funding could open the door for a partnership resulting in these various community resources being integrated into a welcoming, pedestrianfriendly environment that presents a positive vision for both the City and the Districtwith even a possibility of leasing surplus space to private sector tenants, consistent with Temple City's penchant for entrepreneurial innovation.

As Fang observes, "I'm very impressed to see that such close cooperation exists between the City and the School District and believe that kind of innovative and collaborative development could be very good for the City's image." Ultimately, by increasing the value of our local community, the investment will bolster Temple City's reputation beyond its borders—enabling the City to attract and retain high-quality retailers and employers in pursuit of a broad-based, communitywide economic development strategy.

#### Thinking Outside The Ballot Box



Regardless of divergent political views in the community, it is safe to say the vast majority of Temple City residents are in agreement that local students should not be attending schools whose electrical systems haven't been upgraded in decades, when their counterparts halfway around the world are attending schools wired for the 21st century. "Is this really what you want for your kids?" Saxon asked at a recent public meeting. For places like Temple City to continue to excel, or even be relevant, good schools are as critical as weekly trash removal, clean water and safe gas lines.

While neither the City Council nor Temple City Connect is taking an official stance on the TCUSD bond measure, there is an undeniably strong correlation between successful school districts and highly respected cities that is worthy of recognition. With few exceptions, communities with a reputation for a high quality of life regularly attract new residents and new commercial ventures. Those very same municipalities are nearly always complemented by a school district whose test scores are high and whose facilities are regularly updated. After all, infrastructure, both traditional and human, requires constant maintenance and care.

基礎設施提案:學校設備是另一種形式的城市基礎設施,跟其他基礎設施,例如道路、公園,電力網絡同樣重要和不可缺乏,對社區整體的生 活質素而言,沒有甚麼可以比得上校區對一個城市的影響力。雖然選民對選票上林林種種的提案和倡議可能會感到有點疲倦,但學校設備債券 的提案在全加州投票中往往相當成功,因為選民明白到,過時的學校設備會對社區產生負面的影響,並且限制了城市的增長和經濟的發展,正 如各種形式的基礎設施,學校設備亦需要有適當的維修,定期更新和長遠的投資,鑑此,由天普市聯合校區提出,放在十一月六日選票上的學 校設備教育債券提案,相當值得選民慎重的考慮。 **BY STEPHANIE CHAN** 

School is back in

session! While that

typically involves a

**Monday through Friday** 

schedule of classroom

lessons, exercising your

brain doesn't always

require textbooks

and blackboards.

From learning how

to do a proper plié

in ballet to getting

coached for personal

success, Temple City

raises its GPA when

it comes to providing

community members

with extracurricular

activities.

## **Class Act**

#### **PLATINUM ACADEMY**



Happiness and success are pretty lofty goals, but that's exactly what Platinum Academy strives to help its students achieve. David Ho, a Harvard alum, developed Platinum's premier coaching program in hopes of creating an environment of inspiration, motivation and guidance for students (and parents) with ambitious dreams.

Founded in 2007 with his wife, Joan Bang, Platinum's program focuses on helping students understand life principles thoughts, attitudes, emotions, habits and actions—in order to gain confidence, build positive relationships and reach their goals. Ho constantly reminds his students: "You can't remove hard work from the equation of success and happiness."

Originally located in Alhambra, Ho moved Platinum to Temple City in 2009 after he became a resident himself. His love and enthusiasm for the community is demonstrated by the free workshops he offers through the Parks and Recreation Department, helping parents communicate more effectively with their kids.

Premier coaching is tailored for high school students, with mature seventh or eighth graders also eligible. Meeting each week with a coach in teams of four, the interactive sessions engage students in learning life skills, preparing them for the academic and emotional challenges of college.

Without hesitation, Ho states, "Our expectations of students—I'm very clear about this: I want them to become more successful than me."

#### **Platinum Academy**

9404 Las Tunas Dr., (626) 532-7690 www.platinumacademy.com

#### SHIN DANCE ACADEMY



As a former university dance instructor in China, Shin Yue Wang combines years of experience in Western ballet and Chinese classical and folk dance, enabling local students to master the techniques of diverse artistic expressions at Shin Dance Academy.

Wang and her husband, Oscar Bustamante, have operated their dance studio in Temple City since 2001. Since relocating the Academy from Las Tunas Drive to their current and larger space, they continue to inspire dancers and audiences alike. Bustamante explains, "Quality is something we strongly believe in, and we're working with heart to create a curriculum that produces exceptional dancers."

Wang developed a passion for dance early in life, learning ballet when she was just 12. As a teenager, she shifted to Chinese dance to discover her own heritage. In addition to teaching the basics, Wang also aspires to "teach students about understanding their own bodies and appreciating different cultures and art through dance."

The Academy shares its appreciation for dance through performances at retirement centers, fundraisers and community events, and holds an annual production in June.

With dance classes ranging from Chinese, ballet and ballroom—even Zumba, lyrical and hip-hop—Shin Dance captures the beauty of Temple City's diversity, offering the young and old an opportunity to leap, step and sway.

#### Shin Dance Academy

5839 Temple City Blvd., (626) 286-1200 www.shindance.com



Chinese classical dance dates back 5,000 years to the royal courts of Imperial China. In the 20th century, new generations of dancers began fusing traditional elements of folk operas and martial arts with Western techniques like ballet—first introduced to China in the 19th century, by way of Russian immigrants.

Shin Wang of Shin Dance Academy tells us how to distinguish between the fundamentals of Western ballet and Chinese classical and folk dance:

- Chinese dance focuses on the upper body; while Western ballet, the lower half.
- Ballet aims to lengthen the body for a leaner and taller look. The moves in folk dance are more circular and round.
- Folk dance reflects the Chinese philosophy that one returns to earth after death, so choreography is oriented more toward the ground. Western culture suggests otherwise, with ballet dancers stretching toward the heavens.
- Western dancers reveal more of their bodies to accentuate their movements. Chinese performers emphasize more drama by wearing long skirts and dancing with ribbons, swords and fans.

As Wang contrasts, "If Chinese folk dance is *yin*, Western ballet is *yang*—it's beneficial to perform both the top and bottom." Supporting

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## COUNTING ON INFRASTRUCTURE

#### **Temple City's**

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#### WHERE THE **SIDEWALK STARTS**

Pedestrians have free range on the city's 74-mile network of sidewalks. While conventionally paved with concrete, for new sidewalks, the City is looking into the possibility of using rubberized asphalt concrete-a "green" material made from recycled ground-up tires, asphalt and standard aggregate materials.

#### 2

#### **SIGN O' THE TIMES**

In accordance with new traffic safety requirements, the City is swapping all existing road signs with ones made from highintensity reflective material. For the next three years, 500 signs per year will be replaced. In addition, all City street signs will be switched out, starting June of next year.

#### 3

#### **SHARED RIDES**

For regional travel. Metro and Foothill Transit run eight bus lines within the city, connecting residents to the rest of Greater Los Angeles. Locally, a Dial-A-Ride shuttle provides transportation to residents with limited mobility. Next year, the addition of a new trolley will better link the city's residential and commercial areas.

#### **NEW PAINT JOB**

4

From curbs and road striping, to public buildings and lampposts, maintenance staff goes through about 150 gallons of paint annually to spruce up infrastructure.

#### HOMEGROWN ROOTS

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In total, the City's 5.647 public trees comprise a \$17.4 million asset. After losing 500 to last November's windstorm, staff is now pursuing grant funds in hopes of replanting 300 by June 2014.







It's everywhere around us, yet nowhere to be seen. From the pipes that deliver fresh water into our homes, to the trees that beautify our neighborhoods, the City's infrastructure so dutifully provides us with modern-day life essentials that they are often taken for granted. Here, we pay special tribute to our vital physical assets, and count the ways we count on infrastructure.

BY WENDY CHUNG AND STEPHANIE CHAN

#### 6 8 7 9 10 11 **EN ROUTE CLEAN SWEEP RED, YELLOW**, **CYCLE ON LIFE LINES BRIGHT LIGHTS** GREEN Maintaining Temple City's For tidy roads, the City The recently adopted Covering a mere four square Of the 2.160 streetlights in 271-plus miles of streets contracts with Athens Bicycle Master Plan miles in land area, Temple our neighborhoods, some Thirty-three traffic is an annual \$1.4 million Services for street proposes 29 miles of City sits on thousands are owned by the City and signals dot the Citv's responsibility. With the sweeping, a chore that bikeways citywide, the first of miles of underground operated by the County, transportation grid, development of a new collects 582 tons of litter two of which will be the pipes and lines—water, while others belong to helping direct traffic. The **Pavement Management** yearly. By Jan. 1, a new separated/protected lanes plumbing, sewer, storm Southern California Edison. busiest intersection is at Plan underway, roadways parking restriction taking to be installed by early drain, gas, electrical and Staff is currently identifying Rosemead Boulevard and cars off roads during street 2014 as part of the will be phased for six-year Las Tunas Drive, which telecommunications-all ways to integrate energy repaving cyclessweeping will allow more **Rosemead Boulevard** saving technologiesproviding residents with handles almost 60,000 with those in most thorough cleaning, doubling Project. access to vital amenities. including low-wattage cars daily. need of repair to be debris loads to almost bulbs—into the City addressed first. 1,200 tons annually. streetlight system. •=•

## The Human Element

Beyond steel and concrete, some infrastructure lives, breathes and dreams.

BY DANIEL STEVENS

When examining the successful operation of any municipality, one needs to look beyond roads, water treatment plants or transit systems. Just as a computer is useless without compatible software, the concrete and steel that comprise a community must be complemented by its people. Prime examples of human infrastructure in action include event volunteers, residents who speak up at Council meetings, and even social media buffs "tweeting" or posting about local events. The "hard" infrastructure is only as good as the human, or "soft," infrastructure that maintains it, makes it more efficient—and, of course, plans for its future. As such, Temple City's Citizen's Academy recognizes the need to develop and enhance its human infrastructure—which includes not only a highly trained staff but an engaged, energized citizenry.

emple City now employs several aggressive strategies to engage people-a revitalized Neighborhood Watch program, the launch of Temple City Connect magazine and Citizen's Academy-transforming unaware residents from sharing a zip code into active citizens that comprise a cohesive community. All are designed to educate and engage community members, but Citizen's Academy is the most proactive. Its first class of 23 graduated in August, and the next class is scheduled to begin in spring 2013. The Academy is a seven-session educational program wherein participants meet for two hours every other Thursday evening. While it provides valuable information on the administration of Temple City, its greater goal is that of promoting an informed, active citizenship that not only enhances the democratic process, but ultimately brings together people from diverse backgrounds.

#### **Taking Ownership**

A natural byproduct of the Academy may be the emergence of future leaders, but a more significant outcome however, is the Academy's ability to engage and energize residents and business owners who were previously lacking any connection to, or appreciation for, local government. By educating citizens and fostering ongoing communication with City Hall, a prevailing culture of community engagement can be established.

Through the Academy's curriculum, participants are exposed to every major function of local government—from the budgeting process, to public safety, to zoning issues. With up-close and personal interaction at City Hall, participants gain valuable insights directly from department heads and form genuine connections with staff members. "This is an opportunity for future community leaders to learn about the city—its responsibilities, its issues, its challenges and its opportunities," reports Councilmember Carl Blum, adding,

"Residents, business owners—they own the city. We're encouraging them to take on the responsibility of ownership. That means they need to know what's going on and to become involved in what's going on."

The Academy fuels not just an engaged citizenry, but an informed, educated populace poised to make a real difference in shaping the future of their community. "By furthering civic education, we help our residents understand not only how the City functions and serves their needs," notes Councilmember Tom Chavez, "but also how they can make a difference." The Councilmember cites an old Chinese proverb to illustrate how knowledge and education is the key to success, not only individually, but in the life of a community: If you tell me, I'll forget, if you show me, I may remember, but if you involve me, I will learn. "I think that's the basis for the Citizen's Academy...Getting these people involved is not only educating them, but saying we want you to stay engaged," he insists.

#### **Inaugural Class**

The Academy is the first step in fostering civic engagement among residents, participating in one of our greatest American traditions. According to Blum, "Democracy works best with knowledgeable people, and if your citizens aren't knowledgeable, they can't contribute or provide educated input." The program appeals to individuals who never thought of participating in City government before, as well as those who aspired to make a difference but couldn't imagine their first step.

Some Academy participants may ultimately be motivated to serve on City commissions, speak their minds at Council meetings or perhaps even run for public office themselves. "It's sort of like a baseball team, you have to have a farm system," suggests Blum. "You have to start developing people, knowledge and skills-otherwise, if people get elected or get appointed to commissions, they spend their first year learning, rather than contributing," he adds. While the development of future leaders is one outcome, the primary purpose of Citizen's Academy is to provide a conduit for getting ideas from participants and instilling within them a culture of involvement. If they feel empowered to participate—as quietly or as publicly as they choose-and encourage the community to do the same, then it will be fulfilling its promise.

And based on this first cycle of sessions, the Academy is already doing just that. "It's my first time being involved with the City," reports Citizen Academy grad Vance Ho, who has lived in Temple City since 1992 and operated a business here since 1995. The situation is similar for Steve Curran, a 40-year resident who never really got involved in City affairs until he learned about the Academy. "I think there will be a significant increase in the number of those citizens who will make an effort to become involved in helping the City to continue to advance if they attend the Citizen's Academy," said Curran, who was recently appointed to the Planning Commission.

For resident Ben Torres, he was attracted to the Academy because he understands that local politics has a profound impact on his life. "The fact of the matter is that local government reflects our community's standards and cultures a lot more than state and federal." As such, even involved community members like Jerry Jambazian a local business owner and the community's ex officio photographer—was able to find value in the sessions. "I attend many of the Council meetings and I know what's going on, but didn't know the inner workings so that's what influenced me to sign up," he reports.

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COUNCILMEMBER CARL BLUM

#### **Team Spirit**

Resident Erica Liu's first interest in local affairs began after she attended the Rosemead Boulevard Enhancement Project community meetings. "I noticed that there's a more inviting atmosphere from management and leadership in getting resident involvement," she said, noting a contrast to past administrations. While she's not sure she wants to pursue a leadership role, Liu explains, "I just feel a sense of obligation in improving this community," adding that she's thinking about volunteering her time after she retires. With Liu as example, the Academy's role is not solely to create a pool of future politicians. It introduces the many avenues by which residents can make a difference in the community. Exposure to the issues presented at the Academy can motivate people like Liu in productive ways. "I feel more of a sense of ownership of this community—it's like being part of a team," she reported after completing the curriculum.



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- Become a Neighborhood Watch area leader, or attend a meeting to find out how you can help prevent crime in your neighborhood. For a meeting schedule—and even the latest crime blotter visit www.templecity.us or call (626) 285-2171, ext. 2333.
- Learn how local law enforcement keeps the city safe with the Temple Sheriff's Station's Community Academy. A class is now forming. Call (626) 292-3351 for more information and to enroll.
- Join Citizen's Academy next spring and become the next group of engaged community members. Add your name to our interest list by calling (626) 285-2171, ext. 2324 or e-mail connect@templecity.us.

Another positive aspect about the Academy, was the fact that the class was as diverse as Temple City itself. Ho appreciated how the program provided a platform to bring together a diverse community toward a common purpose. "For myself, as a first generation immigrant, my culture is different from others. But if we're able to sit down— 25 people from different groups—we can share and talk about [our own cultures] and understand more about each other."

Elaborating, Chavez addresses this very challenge. "We have a high percentage of Asians in our population, and one of the frustrating parts for me when I first got on the Council was how do we get them more engaged," he says. Although Jambazian believes the City has been effective in reaching out to its diverse population, he valued the opportunity to interact with fellow community members from various cultural backgrounds, and understand different perceptions of local government. "I'd like to find out if Asians are scared of local government-in other words, do they see it as 'big brother,' do they see it as not helping them, but being a hindrance," he pondered. There is of course, research and anecdotal evidence that bears out Jambazian's concerns, but by providing a public forum, Citizen's Academy offers a place for dialogue and exchange, as well as opens City Hall to residents who may harbor fears or misconceptions of local government.

Liu's experience at the Academy, which was very positive in terms of cross-cultural understanding, addresses that issue. "The Citizen's Academy opens the doors and eliminates barriers, especially among different cultural and racial groups," she insists. Nonetheless, she thinks improvements can be made, commenting, "Perhaps [City] management can consider having some Asian language translation for certain discussions that are important...That would probably encourage more first generation immigrants to attend."

Some people, even those passionate about fostering positive multicultural relations, don't necessarily believe local government can solve diversity issues alone—citizens need to be part of the process too. For instance, Academy grad Torres observes, "As far as bridging the gap between cultural sensibilities, that ultimately comes down to the individual, in my opinion. It doesn't matter if it's Asian culture, Latino culture it comes down to the individual and how they choose to get involved."

While opinions regarding the scope and effectiveness of public outreach may differ, it is clear that Citizen's Academy is a potentially valuable tool in bridging Temple City's diverse cultures. The program not only reaches out to Asian residents, whose community has traditionally been less active in civic affairs, but reinforces an essential message to all citizens: we are not simply a collection of ethnic groups but a single, unified community with solidarity of purpose.

#### **Post-Graduation**

Educational systems are among the most essential types of human infrastructure. Reflecting upon that model, Citizen's Academy emphasizes awareness and empowerment. The educated, inspired leaders that it develops represent a constantly renewable, sustainable resource that can fuel the city's development well into the future. With the knowledge and skills the participants acquire in their training, they will be in a position to influence and mobilize their neighbors, enhancing the strength of local institutions and preserving the high quality of life Temple City residents currently

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enjoy. Most importantly, it reinforces a culture of education, engagement and responsibility that can be passed from person to person, generation to generation.

City Hall has reported a near record-setting number of applications for commissions, with Chavez noting, "I think a lot of those people were coming from Citizen's Academy. In fact, some even told us in the interview process that they never thought of serving in that capacity until they got involved with the Academy."

Chavez and his colleagues recognize the City will benefit from the knowledge, engagement and empowerment that residents take away from Citizen's Academy. Educated residents contribute to a more effective democracy-demanding greater accountability from staff and City Council with some of their names no doubt appearing on future ballots, challenging incumbents. Torres appreciates how the Academy experience will keep its participants involved and engaged in the future. "The Citizen's Academy is one great way-a simpler way-to reach out to the community. It's up to the people to be able to reach back. It goes both ways." Citing some of the California cities experiencing severe financial problems, Torres adds, "One of the reasons, in my opinion, that cities struggle is because the public just isn't engaged."

The education received through the Academy curriculum is already generating engagement with the potent fuel of knowledge, and represents a tool set that its graduates can use to become more committed to community service. Citizen's Academy provides the information, motivation and inspiration necessary for genuine civic engagement.

"Communication, communication, communication—it's what keeps citizens engaged," insists inaugural class grad Jambazian. Recognizing that its residents are the City's greatest resource, Citizen's Academy is part of a broader strategy in maintaining, expanding and energizing

INTERESTED IN PARTICIPATING? An interest list is forming for the Spring 2013 session. To place your name on the list, e-mail **connect@** templecity.us, or call (626) 285-2171, ext. 2324

#### The Curriculum

The Academy consists of seven two-hour classes that provide the nuts-and-bolts of local government:

#### STARRING ROLES OF CITY LEADERS

Explains how City Hall operates—from the roles of staff, to elected leaders and their advisory boards.

#### WHERE ARE THE BENJAMINS?

Discusses money and the different types of revenue the City receives and how they are used.

#### SURVIVAL OF THE FITTEST COMMUNITY

Focuses on how the City maintains physical infrastructure—roads, sewers, the urban forest.

#### **GOT PLANS?**

Examines the City's General Plan and upcoming projects that are designed to implement it.

#### **LET'S PLAY IT SAFE**

Looks at the complexities of public safety services and the issues affecting Temple City.

#### PARKS AND RECREATION

Demonstrates how parks facilities and recreational programs evolve to meet ever-changing needs.

#### THE FUTURE AWAITS

Provides a look at initiatives that will shape the City's physical, economic and cultural future.

The curriculum of the Citizen's Academy encompasses very specific principles, but the process of becoming educated is just as important as the material covered in class. Success is measured not by a final exam but by the degree to which participants use their new knowledge and confidence to build stronger institutions and fully participate in their local democracy.

人文元素:一個城市除了有鋼筋水泥傳統式的基礎設施之外,還需要具備「人文基礎設備」,城市不單要有受過高度訓練的職員,更需要有積極投入和有活力的市民, 「市民院校」是一連串為市民而設的課程,內容主要教授天普市地方政府的內部運作,推動市民活躍參與本地的民主體系,學習知識,建立信心去參與市議會的會 議,或者出任城市委員會的專員,甚至參選市議會的議席,「市民院校」另一個主要收益是把一個多元化的社區連結起來,大家朝著同一個目標進發,很多新移民對美 國本地政府的認識不深,「市民院校」有助提高移民社區對政治活動的參與。

## BE AFTER SCHOOL

Get work done and have some fun! Enroll in the City's afterschool programs, running weekdays all schoolyear long, from class dismissal to 6 p.m. For more information or to register, call the Parks and Recreation Department at (626) 285-2171, ext. 2360.

#### **STARS CLUB**

GRADES K-6, \$100/MO. On site at cleminson, cloverly, emperor, la rosa, longden elementary schools

Games & Crafts Outdoor Recreation Health & Fitness Special Events Supervised Homework Time



SPORTS . HOMEWORK . FIELD TRIPS . ARTS & CRAFTS

#### **TEEN ZONE**

GRADES 7-9, \$25/YR., \$160/YR. WITH TRANSPORTATION\* LIVE OAK PARK ANNEX

Computer Lab Use PS2 Tournaments Pool Table Mini-Excursions Fun Activities



Please note that a one-time administrative fee of \$10 applies.

\*Shuttle service to Teen Zone available from Dana and First Avenue middle schools, Gidley and Rio Hondo elementary schools, Oak Avenue Intermediate and Temple City High School. Don't just stand there! Get your body moving and your brain thinking with stimulating classes offered by our Parks and Recreation Department.

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Sign up for classes starting Sept. 6 online at www.templecity.us or by mailing in completed registration forms, which can be obtained at Live Oak Park Community Center, 10144 Bogue St. In-person enrollment begins Sept. 10 at the Community Center. Incomplete applications or checks may result in failed enrollment. Space is limited, so reserve your spot early! For more information, call the Parks and Recreation Department at (626) 579-0461.

Classes begin the week of Sept. 17 at Live Oak Park unless otherwise noted. No class will be held Nov. 12 and 22–24, in observance of Veterans Day and the Thanksgiving Holiday.

若需要中文的幫助, 請打電話 (626) 285-2171, ext. 2361。

## Youth and Adult Activities

#### CHILD DEVELOPMENT

#### LITTLE STARS / Recreation Leaders

Bond with your tot through song, game, stories and crafts in this parent participation class.

CODE	DATES	AGE	DAY	TIME	FEE
8888	9/18-11/20	2 yrs.	T/Th	9:30-10:45 a.m.	\$100

#### **TINY TOTS / Sarah Nichols Tiny Tots**

Toddlers can build social skills, make new friends and learn independence while experiencing music, art projects and group activities. Children must be at least three years old and potty-trained by the first class. In-person registration required; bring proof of birth date and immunization record.

CODE	DATES	AGE	DAY	TIME	FEE
8889	9/24-12/7	3-5 yrs.	M/W/F	9:30 a.m12:30 p.m.	\$330
8890	9/25-12/6	3-5 yrs.	T/Th	9:30 a.m12:30 p.m.	\$240

#### DANCE

#### BALLET & TAP / Shekinah Glory School of Dance

Lively music and classical steps introduce children to the art of dance. Ballet and tap shoes required. Family members allowed during two-year-old class only. (No class 10/26.)

CODE	DATES	AGE	DAY	TIME	FEE
8865	9/21-11/16	2 yrs.	F	1:30-2 p.m.	\$55
8866	9/21-11/16	3 yrs.	F	2-2:30 p.m.	\$55
8867	9/21-11/16	4-5 yrs.	F	3:15-4 p.m.	\$65
8868	9/21-11/16	6-8 yrs.	F	4-4:45 p.m.	\$65
8869	9/21-11/16	8+ yrs.	F	4:45-5:45 p.m.	\$65

#### **BALLROOM DANCE / Robert Chin**

Have fun while learning the latest routines and techniques. Dances include the Cha-Cha, Rumba, Samba, Waltz, Tango and Foxtrot. Dance shoes required.

CODE	DATES	LEVEL	AGE	DAY	TIME	FEE
8872	9/22-11/10	Beg./Int	16+ yrs.	S	11 a.m12 p.m.	\$58

#### LINE DANCE / Bill Chang

Step into this old Western dance—with a twist! Learn basic line dancing set to country and non-country music. Level I for beginners, levels II and III for experienced dancers.

CODE	DATES	LEVEL	AGE	DAY	TIME	FEE
8873	9/21-11/30	Level II	15+ yrs.	F	6:20-7:50 p.m.	\$60
8874	9/21-11/30	Level III	15+ yrs.	F	8-9:30 p.m.	\$60
8875	9/18-11/20	Level II	15+ yrs.	Т	7:40-9:10 p.m.	\$60
8876	9/17-11/26	Level I	15+ yrs.	М	10:30 a.m12 p.m.	\$60
8877	9/20-12/6	Level II	15+ yrs.	Th	9-10:30 a.m.	\$60
8878	9/18-11/20	Level I	15+ yrs.	Т	6-7:30 p.m.	\$60
8879	9/19-11/28	Level I	15+ yrs.	W	10:30 a.m12 p.m.	\$60

#### STARS DANCE & AUXILLARY TEAM / Recreation Leaders

Be part of a traveling drill and dance team! Boys and girls will learn choreographed hip hop, military, parade and tall flag routines for performances at community events and national competitions. Fee does not include \$100 uniform.

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8975	9/10-6/7	Mini STARS	1st-3rd	M/W	5:30-6:30 p.m.	\$110
8976	9/10-6/7	Super STARS	4th-8th	M/W	6:30-7:30 p.m.	\$110

#### **EDUCATIONAL**

#### **BRICKS 4 KIDZ / Bricks 4 Kidz**

Have loads of fun—and learn a bunch!—using LEGO® bricks to explore the worlds of engineering and architecture. (No class 10/26.)

CODE	DATES	AGE	DAY	TIME	FEE
8881	9/21-11/16	5-11	F	3:30 p.m4:30 p.m.	\$130

#### **COMPUTERS FOR SENIORS / AGI Academy**

It's never too late to learn! Get hands-on practice with basic computer usage and word processing. \$10 lab fee due at first class.

CODE	DATES	AGE	DAY	TIME	FEE
8882	9/21-10/26	55 <b>+</b> yrs.	F	11 a.m. — 12 p.m.	\$88
8883	11/2-12/14	55 <b>+</b> yrs	F	11 a.m. — 12 p.m.	\$88

#### COMPUTER INTRODUCTION TO INTERNET & E-MAIL / AGI Academy

Get hands-on practice in navigating the internet and using e-mail. \$10 materials fee due at first class. (No class 10/26.)

CODE	DATES	AGE	DAY	TIME	FEE
8887	9/21-12/7	8+ yrs.	F	6:30 p.m7:30 p.m.	\$85

#### STRATEGIES IN COMPETITIVE MATH / The Left Brain

Gives students a competitive edge in learning important math concepts and solving complex problems. Assistance will be provided to those interested in signing up for the International Math Olympiads. \$10 materials fee due at first class. (No class 10/31.)

CODE	DATES	AGE	LEVEL	DAY	TIME	FEE
8884	9/19-11/28	9-10 yrs.	Level I	W	4:30 p.m6 p.m.	\$150
8885	9/20-11/29	10-11 yrs.	Level II	Th	4:30 p.m6 p.m.	\$150

#### **FITNESS**

#### 45+ CARDIO DANCE & STRENGTH TRAINING / Amy's Health & Fitness

Burn calories as you build strength through a fusion of low-impact, high-energy dance and exercise. Bring two light hand weights (2-3 lbs, each). (No class 10/31.)

DATES	AGE	DAY	TIME	FEE			
9/17-11/26	45+ yrs.	М	8:15-9:45 a.m.	\$40			
9/19-11/28	45+ yrs.	W	8:15-9:45 a.m.	\$40			
9/17-11/28	45+ yrs.	M/W	8:15-9:45 a.m.	\$73			
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#### FAT-BURNING CARDIO DANCE / Amy's Health & Fitness

Blends high-energy dance moves—from Bollywood to Latin—to help burn mega-calories and increase strength, balance and grace. Fitness mat required

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CODE	DATES	AGE	DAY	TIME	FEE
8894	9/17-11/26	16+ yrs.	Μ	5:30-6:30 p.m.	\$48

#### KICKBOXING CARDIO DANCE CHALLENGE / Amy's Health & Fitness

Combine the intensity and power of kickboxing with the playfulness and fun of dance for a unique workout. Exercise mat required. (No class 10/26.)

CODE	DATES	AGE	DAY	TIME	FEE
8895	9/21-12/7	16+ yrs.	F	7:30-8:30 p.m.	\$50

#### SENIOR FITNESS SWEATING TO THE OLDIES / Amy's Health & Fitness

Burn calories and strengthen your heart while singing along to your favorite hits of the '50s and '60s. You'll have so much fun, you'll forget you're exercising!

CODE	DATES	AGE	DAY	TIME	FEE
8896	9/21-11/9	60+ yrs.	F	8:30-9:45 a.m.	Free

#### SLIM & TONE PILATES/YOGA BLEND / Amy's Health & Fitness

Get relaxed and strong at the same time. Reduce stress while increasing strength, flexibility and energy. Yoga mat required.

CODE	DATES	AGE	DAY	TIME	FEE
8897	9/22-12/1	16+ yrs.	S	8:45-10:30 a.m.	\$55

#### SUN-MOON YOGA / Michael Appleby

Balance, strengthen, align and flex. A well-developed mind-body rapport brings better health and well being. Yoga mat required.

CODE	DATES	AGE	DAY	TIME	FEE
8898	9/17-11/26	16+ yrs.	М	7-9 p.m.	\$60

#### ZUMBA / Sylvia Escobar & Clarissa Fawk

Features exotic rhythms set to high-energy Latin and international beats. Before you know it, you're getting fit and your energy level is soaring! (No class 10/31.)

CODE	DATES	AGE	DAY	TIME	FEE
8899	9/18-11/6	15 <b>+</b> yrs.	Т	7:30-8:30 p.m.	\$60
8900	9/19-11/14	15+ yrs.	W	6:30-7:30 p.m.	\$60
8901	9/20-11/8	15+ yrs.	Th	6:15-7:15 p.m.	\$60

#### **MUSIC AND PRODUCTION**

#### ABC, MUSIC, & ME / Emily Chang

Help your little one build social skills while having fun singing, moving and playing instruments. \$6 materials fee per child; \$22 materials fee per family. Includes instrument, CD and home activity guide.

CODE	DATES	AGE	DAY	TIME	FEE
8902	11/16-12/14	19 mo4 yrs.	F	10:30-11:15 a.m.	\$54

#### FLUTE / ARK International

Learn the fundamentals of playing flute. No experience required. \$10 materials fee due at first class.

CODE	DATES	LEVEL	AGE	DAY	TIME	FEE
8903	9/20-10/25	Beg.	8+ yrs.	Th	4:15-5 p.m.	\$88
8904	11/1-12/13	Int.	8+ yrs.	Th	4:15-5 p.m.	\$88



#### Deck (City) Hall with Holiday Spirit

If you're looking for ways to escape the hustle and bustle of the stressful holiday season, Temple City Parks and Recreation has just what you need! From romping in the snow to giving to the less fortunate, there's plenty to do to make your holidays special. After all, 'tis the season to be jolly! —REBECCA LOPEZ

#### HOLIDAY HOME DECORATING CONTEST

#### Apply starting Nov. 5

Now in its eighth year, Temple City's contest awards prizes to homes with the best holiday spirit. A panel of judges will inspect entries and determine which homes are most festive. Winners will receive a yard sign declaring their victory, publicity on the City website and community newspapers, and a basket full of Temple City goodies including gift certificates to local eateries and businesses. Whether you prefer classically simple or over-the-top—like the home from the film "National Lampoon's Christmas Vacation"—all residents are welcome to enter. Applications are available at Live Oak Park, City Hall, and online at www.templecity.us.

#### LIGHTS ON TEMPLE CITY

#### Dec. 6, 5-9 P.M., Temple City Park

This annual celebration and tree-lighting ceremony comes with snow, crafts and Santa! It is a guaranteed good time for the entire family. Come early to enjoy arts and crafts, music performances and the company of fellow community members. At 7 p.m., Santa will ride into the park for pictures and visits. As the night draws to a close, stay warm with a cup of hot chocolate and enjoy the lighting of our 100-foot redwood tree. Admission is free.

#### **DONATION DRIVES**

#### Oct. 8- Dec. 10

As the saying goes, "giving is better than receiving." During this holiday season, Temple City invites residents to participate in Sock-O-Rama, a City-sponsored donation drive aimed at helping the homeless and lowincome families with basic clothing items and toiletries. All donations are distributed to various organizations supporting the less fortunate. The community is also encouraged to contribute to Santa's Paws & Claws, helping our four-legged friends stay clean and fed at the San Gabriel Valley Humane Society. Items such as dry dog and cat food, toys, clean linens and towels are welcome. All donations will be accepted at City Hall and Live Oak Park Community Center.



#### **Fall Sports!**

Hey kids! Summer vacation may have ended, but the fun isn't over. So head outside, get active and play!

#### **MINI T-BALL**

Live Oak Park

Batter up! Boys and girls—it's time to play the all-American sport of baseball. Participants will learn the fundamentals of throwing, fielding and batting and play a few games to test their new skills. Take advantage of this opportunity to learn sportsmanship, make new friends and just have fun. Fee includes souvenir T-shirt, cap and trophy.

CODE	DATES	AGE	DAY	TIME	FEE
8956	8/28-10/11	4-5 yrs.	T/Th	4-5 p.m.	\$65
8957	8/28-10/11	6-7 yrs.	T/Th	5-6 p.m.	\$65

**REGISTER AT LIVE OAK PARK** 

#### **FLAG FOOTBALL**

#### Various Locations

The City offers a premier flag football league for boys and girls ages 4-7, and those in the third through sixth grades. Provide your child with an exciting opportunity to learn new skills and gain confidence, while being part of a cohesive team. And there's nothing wrong with a little friendly competition, either!

Children will be placed on a team according to their age/grade and the school they attend. A first team meeting will be held at the sites below on Monday, Sept. 10 at 4 p.m. Practices will be held twice a week, with league games on Saturdays beginning Oct. 6 through the end of November. Fee includes instruction, plenty of fun, a trophy and souvenir T-shirt or jersey.

CODE	DATES	AGE/GRADE	LOCATION	DAY	TIME	FEE
8958	10/16-12/1	4-5 yrs.	Live Oak Park	T/Th	4-5 p.m.	\$65
8959	10/16-12/1	6-7 yrs.	Live Oak Park	T/Th	5-6 p.m.	\$65
8963	9/12-11/17	5th-6th	Cloverly	M/W	4-5 p.m.	\$75
8964	9/12-11/17	5th-6th	Emperor	M/W	4-5 p.m.	\$75
8965	9/12-11/17	5th-6th	Cleminson	M/W	4-5 p.m.	\$75
8966	9/12-11/17	5th-6th	Longden	M/W	4-5 p.m.	\$75
8967	9/12-11/17	5th-6th	Live Oak Park	M/W	4-5 p.m.	\$75
8968	9/12-11/17	3rd-4th	Cloverly	M/W	4-5 p.m.	\$75
8969	9/12-11/17	3rd-4th	Emperor	M/W	4-5 p.m.	\$75
8970	9/12-11/17	3rd-4th	Cleminson	M/W	4-5 p.m.	\$75
8971	9/12-11/17	3rd-4th	Longden	M/W	4-5 p.m.	\$75
8972	9/12-11/17	3rd-4th	Live Oak Park	M/W	4-5 p.m.	\$75

#### **REGISTER NOW AT LIVE OAK PARK AND STARS CLUB LOCATIONS**

#### KINDERMUSIK SING & SIGN / Emily Chang

Strengthen bonds with your baby while speeding their language development through songs, toys and playtime. A \$36 materials fee per family is due at the first class—includes family activity guide, DVD and a set of American Sign Language sign flashcards. (No class 10/12—11/9.)

CODE	DATES	AGE	DAY	TIME	FEE
8905	10/5-12/14	0-19 mos.	F	9:30 a.m10:15 a.m.	\$69

#### PIANO, PIANO! / Music, Math & More

Learn to read piano notes and play basic songs. Bring a three-ring binder and 20 sheet protectors to the first class. (No class 11/14.)

CODE	DATES	LEVEL	AGE	DAY	TIME	FEE
8906	9/17-11/5	Beg.	5+ yrs.	М	4-4:30 p.m.	\$85
8907	9/17-11/5	Int.	7+ yrs.	М	4:30-5 p.m.	\$85

#### VIOLIN / Vic Che

Learn the fundamentals of playing classical violin. No experience required.						
CODE	DATES	LEVEL	AGE	DAY	TIME	FEE
8908	9/22-10/20	Beg./Int.	3+yrs.	S	10-11 a.m.	\$60

#### **VOCAL POPULAR SONG / ARK International**

Calling all singers! Come learn the fundamentals of singing—including breathing, vocal power range, pitch and rhythm skills. \$10 materials fee due at first class.

CODE	DATES	LEVEL	AGE	DAY	TIME	FEE
8909	9/20-10/25	Beg.	5-11 yrs.	Th	5-6 p.m.	\$82
8910	9/20-10/25	Beg.	18+ yrs.	Th	6-7 p.m.	\$94
8911	11/1-12/13	Int.	5-11 yrs.	Th	5-6 p.m.	\$72
8912	11/1-12/13	Int.	18+ yrs.	Th	6-7 p.m.	\$84

#### SELF DEFENSE AND MARTIAL ARTS

#### JAPANESE SWORD-IAIDO / Rojen Recreation

laido is a traditional art of Japanese swordsmanship. Learn traditional forms and how to cut with the samurai sword in this hands-on class. (No class 10/26.)

CODE	DATES	AGE	DAY	TIME	FEE
8913	9/21-12/7	15+ yrs.	F	8-9 p.m.	\$51

#### JU-JITSU & JAPANESE SWORD / Rojen Recreation

Learn the fundamentals of traditional martial arts—Judo, Aikido, Kendo—and the weapons of self-defense. Second hour of instruction covers the basics of laido, the art of Japanese swordsmanship. (No class 10/26.)

CODE	DATES	AGE	DAY	TIME	FEE
8914	9/21-12/7	15+ yrs.	F	7-9 p.m.	\$61

#### JU-JITSU & KARATE / Jennies Gym

Build strength while learning martial arts techniques for self-defense. Lessons include Judo, Aikido, Kendo and Karate.

CODE	DATES	LEVEL	AGE	DAY	TIME	FEE
8915	9/18-11/29	All levels	13+ yrs.	T/Th	8-9 p.m.	\$61
8916	9/18-11/29	New	8-12 yrs.	T/Th	6-7 p.m.	\$61
8917	9/18-11/29	Green Belt+	8-12 yrs.	T/Th	7-8 p.m.	\$61

#### LITTLE KICKERS JU-JITSU / Jennies Gym

Teaches self-esteem and discipline through age-appropriate martial arts lessons. (No class 10/26.)

CODE	DATES	LEVEL	AGE	DAY	TIME	FEE
8918	9/21-11/30	New	5-7 yrs.	F	4:30-5:15 p.m.	\$49
8919	9/21-11/30	Yellow Belt+	5-7 yrs	F	5:15-6 p.m.	\$49
8920	9/21-11/30	All levels	8+ yrs.	F	6-7 p.m.	\$56

#### NIPPON KEMPO KARATE / Do Mar

Develop respect, discipline and self-confidence through this self-defense system based on punching, kicking, blocking, joint locks and ground combat. (No class 10/31 and 11/14.)

CODE	DATES	LEVEL	AGE	DAY	TIME	FEE
8912	9/17-11/26	All levels	7+ yrs.	M/W	6:30-8 p.m.	\$55
8922	9/19-11/28	New	5-9 yrs.	W	5:40-6:25 p.m.	\$34
8923	9/17-12/5	Yellow Belt+	5-10 yrs.	М	5:40-6:25 p.m.	\$34

#### **SPECIAL INTEREST**

#### **KIDS IN THE KITCHEN / Jennies Gym**

Let's get cooking! Little chefs can learn their way around the kitchen practicing new skills, techniques and recipes. \$25 materials fee due at first class. (No class 10/31.)

CODE	DATES	AGE	DAY	TIME	FEE
8924	9/19-11/14	4-7 yrs.	W	4-4:45 p.m.	\$53
8925	9/19-11/14	8-12 yrs.	W	5-6 p.m.	\$53

#### NATURE & SCIENCE WORKSHOP / Jennies Gym

Explore the wonders of nature and learn the principles of science through simple experiments with household items. A list of materials for the entire session will be provided at the first class. (No class 10/31.)

CODE	DATES	AGE	DAY	TIME	FEE
8926	9/19-11/14	6-12 yrs.	W	3-3:45 p.m.	\$61

#### PARENT WORKSHOP / Platinum Academy

Taught by a Harvard-educated instructor, this workshop empowers parents to forge strong relationships with their teenagers during the high school years. Learn to increase mutual trust and prepare your kids for the challenges of college, both academically and emotionally.

CODE	DATES	DAY	TIME	FEE
8927	9/11	Т	7-8 p.m.	Free
8928	9/25	Т	7-8 p.m.	Free
8929	10/9	Т	7-8 p.m.	Free
8930	10/23	Т	7-8 p.m.	Free
8931	11/13	Т	7-8 p.m.	Free
8932	11/27	Т	7-8 p.m.	Free

#### SPORTS

#### **GYMNASTICS & TRAMPOLINE / Jennies Gym**

Young gymnasts will learn basic tumbling skills and exercises on the balance beam, bars, vault and trampoline. New students will be evaluated and grouped by ability.

CODE	DATES	AGE	DAY	TIME	FEE
8933	9/22-11/10	4-7 yrs.	S	10:30-11:30 a.m.	\$71
8934	9/22-11/10	7-15 yrs.	S	11:30-12:30 p.m.	\$71
8935	9/22-11/10	13+ yrs.	S	11:30-12:30 p.m.	\$71

#### **KINDERGYM / Jennies Gym**

Kids are not the only ones allowed to have fun, since parents get to come too! You'll learn forward rolls, back rolls, handstands and more with your kids. Together, you'll walk the balance beam, swing on bars and jump on the trampoline! One parent per child must attend each class.

CODE	DATES	AGE	DAY	TIME	FEE
8936	9/22-11/10	9 mos2 yrs.	S	9-9:45 a.m.	\$71
8937	9/22-11/10	3-4 yrs.	S	9:45-10:30 a.m.	\$71

#### TABLE TENNIS / L.A. Table Tennis Association

Learn table tennis from the pros! Former U.S. Olympians and National Champions teach rules and proper techniques. Dress in athletic wear and light shoes, and bring your own paddle. Equipment is available for purchase on-site. All classes held at the L.A. Table Tennis Association facility, 10180 Valley Blvd., El Monte.

CODE	DATES	AGE	DAY	TIME	FEE
8938	9/18-11/13	6+ yrs.	Т	7-8:30 p.m.	\$190
8939	9/22-11/17	6+ yrs.	S	2-4 p.m.	\$250
8940	9/23-11/18	6+ yrs.	Su	3-5 p.m.	\$250

#### **TENNIS ACADEMY / TJP Tennis Professionals**

Have fun while preparing for match play. Challenge yourself with physically demanding court workouts and drills. Tennis shoes required. Bring a racquet and new can of three tennis balls to the first class. (No class 10/31.)

CODE	DATES	LEVEL	AGE	DAY	TIME	FEE
8941	9/17-11/5	Beg./Int.	8-12 yrs.	М	6-7 p.m.	\$85
8942	9/19-11/14	Beg./Int.	8-12 yrs.	W	3:30-4:30 p.m.	\$85
8943	9/17-11/5	Int./Adv.	10+ yrs.	М	7-8 p.m.	\$85
8944	9/21-11/9	Beg./Int.	8-12 yrs.	F	6-7 p.m.	\$85
8945	9/21-11/9	Int./Adv.	10+ yrs.	F	7-8 p.m.	\$85
8946	9/17-11/5	Beg.	14+ yrs.	W	6-7 p.m.	\$85
8947	9/17-11/5	Int.	18+ yrs.	W	7-8 p.m.	\$85
8948	9/17-11/5	Adv.	18+ yrs.	W	8-9 p.m.	\$85

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#### **Senior Programs**

FOR MORE INFORMATION, CALL (626) 579-0461.

#### AARP DRIVER SAFETY NOV. 12 & 13, 8:30 A.M.-12 P.M., \$12-14

As you age, driving proficiency becomes increasingly important. The AARP Driver Safety Program is the largest and most respected refresher course, designed to help those 55 and older tune up their driving skills, allowing for normal age-related physical changes. Classes are offered at Live Oak Park Community Center. \$12 for AARP members, \$14 for non-members. Fee is payable by check at the first day of class. Pre-registration is recommended.

#### **DIAL-A-RIDE**

#### MONDAY THROUGH THURSDAY, 7:30 A.M.-6 P.M., 50 CENTS PER TRIP

Provides curb-to-curb transportation service for elderly or disabled residents with limited mobility. Schedule a trip in town for any purpose; or to Arcadia, El Monte, Rosemead or San Gabriel for medical appointments, government and daycare facilities, convalescent home visits, church or shopping. Membership is required. For more information, call (626) 285-2171, ext. 2361.

#### LINKAGES PROGRAM FIRST & THIRD MONDAY OF THE MONTH, 10:30 A.M.-12 P.M.

Offers free case management services to seniors (ages 60 and over) and adults with disabilities (ages 18 and older), affording them the ability and independence to remain safely at home and in the community. In addition to onsite services at Live Oak Park Community Center, services are also available by appointment. For more information, contact the YWCA San Gabriel Valley at (626) 214-9465.

#### **FREE FLU SHOTS**

#### NOV. 27, 8:30-11:30 A.M.

The City of Temple City, County of Los Angeles and Monrovia Health Center will host a seasonal flu clinic at Live Oak Park Community Center. Over 300 free vaccinations will be offered on a first-come, first-serve basis. Shots will be administered to those without health insurance, or whose health care provider does not offer flu vaccines. Participants are asked to wear short sleeves. Ages 18 and under must be accompanied by an adult. For more information, call (626) 579-0461.



#### **SENIOR BINGO**

#### LAST THURSDAY OF THE MONTH, 1-3 P.M.

Studies show that bingo can enhance memory skills and improve concentration. Play free at Live Oak Park Community Center—it's fun and all games are played for prizes!

#### SENIOR LUNCH WEEKDAYS, 11 A.M., \$2 DONATION

Seniors over 60 years of age are invited to Live Oak Park Community Center for a hot lunch, activities and socializing with friends and neighbors. Monthly menus are available at the Community Center and on the City's website, www.templecity.us. Hot tea and coffee are available for just 25 cents per cup—best price in town! Reservations required 24 hours in advance by calling (626) 579-0461.

#### SENIOR WELLNESS SERIES

**THIRD WEDNESDAY OF THE MONTH, 10-11 A.M.** Get informed on senior health issues. Free and open to seniors, their families and caregivers at Live Oak Park Community Center.

**SEPT. 19: LIVING WITH TYPE 2 DIABETES** Workshop provider: Care1st Health Plan

OCT. 17: RETIREMENT PLANNING AND TRUST Workshop provider: Merrill Lynch

NOV. 21: CARING FOR THE CAREGIVERS Workshop provider: Home Watch CareGivers

#### **Senior Excursions**

The City offers one-day excursions to local and nearby destinations. These daytrips—ranging from tours and shows, to dinners and unique shopping opportunities—show off the incredible diversity of attractions in Southern California. Registration is taken on a first-come, first-paid basis at Live Oak Park Community Center. For more information, call (626) 579-0461.

#### **TEMECULA'S WINE COUNTRY** SEPT. 10, 8:30 A.M-6 P.M., \$71

Enjoy a day in the grapevines for wine tasting at Thornton's Winery specializing in sparkling wines and champagnes—and Bailey's Vineyard & Winery. End with a three-course meal at Carol's Restaurant. Registration deadline: Sept. 3.

#### LAKE CACHUMA AND CHUMASH CASINO

#### SEPT. 21, 8 A.M-7:30 P.M., \$30

All aboard the Osprey—a 30-passenger pontoon boat—for a two-hour guided tour of Lake Cachuma! Take in the sights and sounds of various wildlife including birds, fish, trees and plants. After the tour, enjoy the rest of the day at Chumash Casino Resort, where popular slot machines, table games and bingo are offered at their best! Registration deadline: Sept. 10.

#### **SPEND THE DAY IN JULIAN** OCT. 11, 7:30 A.M.-6:30 P.M., \$39

Spend the day in the ol' rustic mining town of Julian. Visit local artisan shops, enjoy lunch at the Rongbranch Restaurant and discover the various historic venues. Last stop of the day will be a drive into Valley Center to the famed Bate's Nut Farm, where you can grab a bag of delicious treats before returning home. Registration deadline: Oct. 1.

#### **SPIRIT OF HOLLYWOOD TOUR** OCT. 29, 9 A.M-5:30 P.M., \$60

Get a head start on Halloween with a spine-tingling day of exploring Old Hollywood haunts. Visit the Hollywood Forever Cemetery—where some of music and film's late greats have been laid to rest—and roam around on a guided tour of L.A.'s spookiest "cold spots." Destinations include De Longpre Park, Grauman's Chinese Theatre, the Hollywood Bowl, Griffith Park and Angel's Flight. Lunch at The Stinking Rose Restaurant is included. Registration deadline: Oct. 19.

#### SENIOR SPOOK-TACULAR MALLOWEEN

#### **OCT. 31, LIVE OAK PARK**

Even on a day of ghosts and goblins, Temple City's seniors are not afraid to come out and play—especially when there are spook-tacular events!

#### SENIOR "TRICK-OR-TREAT" HEALTH FAIR

9 A.M.-12 P.M.

Go booth-to-booth picking up valuable information on healthy living, and gathering treats from vendor exhibits. Also take advantage of free onsite healthcare screenings, subject to availability.

#### SENIOR SPOOKY HALLOWEEN LUNCHEON CHECK-IN: 11 A.M.

Continue the thrilling celebration into lunch! Don't be afraid to have a little fun—enter the costume contest, participate in a table decorating competition and more. This event is hosted as a part of the senior lunch program. For reservations, call (626) 579-0461. Register by Friday, Oct. 26, as space is limited.

#### **OLD TOWN MUSIC HALL**

#### NOV. 13, 10:45 A.M.-5:45 P.M., \$49

Take a step back in time at El Segundo's Old Town Music Hall. After lunch at the Marmalade Café in Rolling Hills Estates, it's off to exploring the fully restored 1919-built theater—where a nine-foot Bosendorfer piano and Mighty Wurlltzer Pipe Organ welcome visitors with a sing-along upon arrival. Then sit back and enjoy the full feature-length film "My Blue Heaven" (1950), starring Betty Grabel. Registration deadline: Nov. 2.

#### RICHARD NIXON LIBRARY NOV. 26, 11 A.M.-5:30 P.M., \$63

Spend a day getting the presidential treatment. Start with lunch at the White House Restaurant in Anaheim, before heading to the Richard Nixon Presidential Library & Birthplace in Yorba Linda. The museum features galleries, theaters and gardens, as well as the small farmhouse where Nixon was born. Also visit the gravesites of the former President and First Lady Pat Nixon. Registration deadline: Nov. 16.

**NOTE:** Trips may be cancelled or changed at the City's discretion. Refunds will be offered only if a replacement is found and notification of cancellation is provided at least eight days in advance of the trip.



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### **Ask City Hall**

*Temple City Connect* addresses questions from residents on a wide variety of City activities, projects and policies, keeping you connected, engaged and educated. In this issue, we respond to inquiries about the City's proposal to adopt Title 10 of the Los Angeles County Code, which contains additional provisions that increase our ability to protect the health and safety of pets, owners and the general public.

#### Why is the City proposing to change its animal control laws?

The City is responsible for protecting the public from vicious or potentially dangerous animals. That is best accomplished by standardizing animal control laws—eliminating inconsistencies with State legislation and recent court decisions—so they are easy to follow and enforce. The laws should reflect the City's goals of reducing the number of stray, unattended dogs and cats, and the unnecessary euthanization of animals.

#### What are the proposed animal control laws and why are they important?

The proposed changes would require that cats be licensed in the same manner as dogs, ensuring appropriate vaccinations and medical treatment. The proposed laws also require all dogs over four months of age (except service dogs, law enforcement dogs or dogs that may suffer physical harm) and all cats over six months of age (sold or given to a new home) be spayed or neutered. This practice reduces aggressive animal behavior, spreading of diseases and the number of strays. The proposed law also requires all dogs to be microchipped— a safe, nonsurgical procedure that assures positive identification. Other provisions give the City greater control over dogs considered vicious or potentially dangerous, while still protecting the rights of their owners.

#### Will any of our current laws remain the same?

References to animal control in the City's zoning regulations will not be affected, including restrictions on the number of animals allowed per household. For example, a single-family home is currently restricted to three household pets over four months of age.

#### When do these new laws take effect?

The City Council will hold a study session for the proposed animal control laws on Sept. 25, 7-9 p.m., in the Council Chambers at 5938 Kauffman Ave. Some provisions—such as licensing of cats,

mandatory spaying and neutering of dogs, and microchipping—would not take effect until July 1, 2013.

#### Will residents have an opportunity to comment before the new laws are enacted?

Community members can talk to staff about the proposed laws any time before the study session. To schedule an in-person or telephone appointment, call the City's Public Safety Division at (626) 285-2171, ext. 2333. The public can also make comment at the Sept. 25 meeting. To download more information on the proposed laws, visit www.templecity.us.

#### I've heard these new regulations may force the City to switch from the San Gabriel Valley Humane Society to another service provider. Is this true?

The City is studying a variety of ways to make animal control services more efficient, without sacrificing quality of care. Any provider that the City uses, including the San Gabriel Humane Society, would benefit from the City's adoption of Title 10 because it would create a clear standard of service, while making City laws consistent with other local jurisdictions.

**HAVE A QUESTION FOR CITY HALL?** E-mail it to connect@templecity.us. Submissions may be edited for length and clarity.

## Jeff Huang

BY WENDY CHUNG

#### How long have you been playing table tennis?

I started at age 10, right after I immigrated to the U.S. with my family from Fujian in mainland China. I used to play badminton with my father; however, after we immigrated, my mother looked after me and coached me in table tennis.

#### So your parents are athletes, too?

Yes, I was born into a very athletic family. Both my parents were on the Chinese National Team and won multiple pro tours and U.S. Opens—but never had the chance to go to the World Championships or Olympics. My goal to reach London was partly to help fulfill their dreams.

#### Tell us about your Olympics journey.

I was out of UCI for one quarter and practiced three to four hours a day—on weekends, five or six. I typically did footwork, multi-ball, and game simulation drills; very technical stuff.

#### What was competition at trials like?

The process was divided into two rounds, with the top 12 automatically advancing. I was ranked 13th and had to compete with 46 others for two remaining spots to continue— there was extreme pressure. When they posted the draw of selection, I knew each of my opponents and their playing styles. In my head, I was thinking how I could take them out one by one. I tried my best and got to the semifinals, but sometimes, I think the game is not only about skills. Other factors, such as experience and luck, are also involved.

#### Tell us something about table tennis outsiders might not be aware of.

People often mistake table tennis as an easy sport, but it is both physically and mentally demanding. Players must be able to react and return all shots coming at them. Many know forehand and backhand, but there are also the loop, smash, block, push, etc.—these all take one to two years of training at about 10–15 hours a week to master.

#### Wow, sounds intense. Speaking of training, are you gunning for Rio 2016?

Yes, definitely! Since I'll be out of college, I'll be more prepared. When I turned 18, I stopped training to focus on school. But I've always wanted to go to the Olympics. This year, my mom pushed for me to try out.

#### What are your aspirations outside table tennis?

I'm studying civil engineering. I eventually want to work in government—either transportation or construction.

**GET A 'GRIP!'** Learn from the pros at the L.A. Table Tennis Association! Classes are offered through the Parks and Recreation Department. Turn to page 29 for more details. Taking in the action of last month's London 2012 games, many may have been unaware that one of Temple City's very own was a recent Olympics hopeful.

In the past year, 20-year-old table tennis player Jeff Huang trained rigorously with dreams of making the U.S. team. And while his journey stopped heartbreakingly short of the Summer Games, this reigning L.A. **Open Doubles Champion is determined to** continue his Olympic quest and compete in the 2016 Rio de Janeiro games. Between training, coaching at his mother's table tennis club and studying at University of California, Irvine (UCI), Huang-whose accomplishments since 2003 include membership on Team USA as Table Tennis Cadet Champion, as well as other national and regional titles—found time to chat with Temple City Connect about life on and off the court.

#### City Services All telephone numbers are 626 area code unless designated.

#### **Emergencies**

911 Request immediate sheriff. fire department or ambulance assistance to protect life or property.

#### Animals

#### 285-7187

Call to report a lost pet and stray or dead animals; get or renew a license.

#### **Building and Development**

285-2171, ext. 2301 Obtain permits and inspections for repairing, remodeling or adding onto your home or business.

#### **Business Assistance**

285-2171, ext. 2303 Find out how to start or expand a business, and how to do business with the City.

#### **Community Involvement**

285-2171, ext. 2317 Learn of upcoming public meetings, volunteer opportunities and how to serve on a City commission.

#### **Community Preservation** 285-2171

Improve your neighborhoodreport property maintenance issues, illegal construction and garage conversions.

#### **Dial-A-Ride** (First Transit) Request shared transit service

for seniors and the disabled. 285-2171, ext. 2361

Establish membership; general inquiries

286-2456 Schedule service

#### **Elections and Voting**

285-2171, ext. 2317 Register to vote, get information on election dates and find out how to run for City public office.

#### **Emergency Preparedness**

285-2171, ext. 2333 Receive training to handle an emergency situation or local disaster.

#### Employment

285-2171, ext. 2330 Apply for a City job and learn of other government employment opportunities.

#### Environment

285-2171, ext. 2333 Learn about water, recycling and energy conservation programs.

#### **Facility Rentals**

#### 285-2171, ext. 2361

Reserve one of our facilities for sports team practices, birthday parties and private events.

#### Hotlines

Help keep Temple City looking great by reporting: (800) 252-4613

Abandoned Shopping Carts (800) 794-7384

Graffiti Removal 285-5240 Illegal Construction (after hours)

#### Housing

285-2171, ext. 2303 Get information on rehabilitation programs, homeownership opportunities and landlord/ tenant rights.

#### **Mayor and City Council** Let them know what you think!

285-2171, ext. 2322 Schedule a meeting

285-2189 Leave a suggestion, comment or complaint

#### Parking

285-2171, ext. 2333 Ask about residential parking permits and parking tickets; report nuisance vehicles on public streets.

#### **Permits and Licenses**

#### 285-2171, ext. 2300

Find out what is required to improve your property, operate a business and conduct special events.

#### **Planning and Zoning**

285-2171, ext. 2303 See what you can do with your property and what developments are planned in your neighborhood.

#### **Public Safety** (Temple Sheriff's Station)

285-7171 Form a Neighborhood Watch group, request increased patrolling and obtain police reports.

#### **Public Records**

285-2171, ext. 2317 Review or request copies of City records and documents.

#### **Recreation and Parks**

285-2171, ext. 2361 Participate in our many recreational and cultural activities; report maintenance needs at City parks.

#### Seniors

579-0461 Stay active and healthy with our lunch program, recreational classes and referrals to wellness providers.

#### **Streets and Sidewalks**

285-2171, ext. 2333 Request street or sidewalk maintenance; report broken street lights, traffic signals and signs.

#### **Trash and Street Sweeping** (Athens Services)

336-3636 Report service problems or make a special service request; get help with billing.

#### **Tree and Median** Maintenance

285-2171. ext. 2361 Get a street tree; report maintenance issues on street trees and medians.

#### Youth

#### 285-2171. ext. 2360 Learn about after school programs, day camps, sports leagues and

recreational activities.

#### **Sunnyslope Water Company** 287-5238

CAN'T FIND WHAT YOU NEED? We'll find it for you! Just call (626) 285-2171.

#### QUICK CONTACTS

#### SCHOOL DISTRICTS

Arcadia Unified 821-8300

**El Monte Citv** 453-3700

**Rosemead Unified** 312-2900

**Temple City Unified** 548-5000

#### **MASS TRANSIT**

**Foothill Transit District** (800) 743-3463

**Metro Transportation Authority** (323) 466-3876

#### RESOURCES

**Chamber of Commerce** 286-3101

**Temple City Library** 285-2136

#### UTILITIES

ΔΤ&Τ (800) 288-2020

**Charter Communications** (866) 499-8080

Southern California Edison (800) 655-4555

The Gas Company (800) 427-2200

#### WATER DISTRICTS

**California American Water Company** (888) 422-5269

**East Pasadena Water Company** 793-6189

**Golden State Water Company** (800) 999-4033

San Gabriel County Water District 287-0341

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