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VETERANS DAY CELEBRATION

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 11

10:30 AM — NOON

TEMPLE CITY PARK



THE FIELD OF HONOR

Honor the veterans in your lives by sponsoring one or more flags in Temple City's very own Field of Honor.

Sponsorships are \$40, and include a 3' x 5' flag and flagstaff with a ribbon identifying your veteran.

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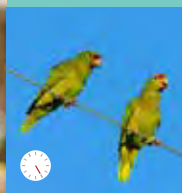
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IT'S THE LITTLE THINGS

Ask any roomful of residents what makes their city special, and you'll invariably receive a mixed bag of responses. Cities mean different things to different people; likewise, each person plays a unique role in shaping his or her surroundings. In this issue of Connect, we highlight all the little things that set our city apart from others, and all the little ways our locals push Temple City to continuously evolve.

We begin with an ambitious challenge: tracking a full day—yes, all 24 hours—in Temple City, a task that took our writers from a midnight karaoke session to a K-pop-inspired hair salon. Along the way, they encountered some (in)famous squawking parrots, a mid-meditation tai chi troupe and an SAT prep academy founded by a Harvard grad—among other aspects of the city's colorful scenery. Turn to page 10 to read about their adventures in our photographic feature "Pictures in Time."

In "More Than a Garden," (page 26) we introduce readers to Wen Lee, a "boomerang" Temple Citian who grew up here, left for college and moved back to town after a decade of living elsewhere. Finding a sense of community difficult to grasp as a newly relocated Temple Citian, Lee and her husband connected with their neighbors by drawing on people's near-universal love of freshly grown food. The duo's front-lawn garden, now nearly two years old, is a hub of activity, generating candid conversations as well as bounties of seasonal produce that often end up shared among friends. The couple are prime examples of the innate power of residents to positively impact their cities, no matter how small or mighty those residents' perceived resources.

The same concept takes on new meaning in our update of the San Gabriel Valley Humane Society's forward-thinking vision—implemented by the society chapter's President Doreen Hudson—which ensures no animals are euthanized simply to free up shelter space for new ones. Formerly the head of the Los Angeles Police Department Criminalistics Lab, Hudson now spends her days working to secure forever homes for forgotten pets and expand the 90-plus-year-old organization's reach. We chronicle her efforts in "Waiting for Adoption" (page 8).

Feeling inspired? Temple City's calendar features plenty of opportunities to get involved this season. Community events like Temple City Day at the Fair and our annual Classic Car Show offer ample opportunities to get out and meet your neighbors. Holiday festivities like Hocus Pocus, our Veterans Day Celebration and Lights on Temple City allow locals to come together in commemoration of time-honored traditions.

This fall and every season, we encourage each one of you to add your own handprint to the ever-changing shape of Temple City.

Cordially,



Bryan Cook
City Manager

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CITY BRIEFS

BY BRIAN HAWORTH

COUNCIL APPROVES 2018 CITY BUDGET

Priorities focus on public safety and capital improvements; funding for general services remains steady.



On June 20, Temple City council members adopted the city budget for fiscal year 2018.

The 2018 budget is set at \$18.5 million, a decrease of \$1.65 million from 2017. Over three-quarters of the budget—or \$15.95 million—is allocated to the general fund, with the remaining \$2.55 million assigned to so-called “special” funds.

The general fund, supported by sales and property taxes, provides a majority of city services and programs. Special funds, which are mainly voter-approved gas and road taxes, are set aside for designated uses.

The 8.2 percent decrease is largely due to a ramping down of the General Plan Update, which soon will guide the city’s future development. The 2018 budget also reflects some decreases in revenue. Statewide, there has been a decline in gas tax revenues due to lower prices at the pump, as well as a decrease in federal Community Development Block Grants.

Despite the decreases, the cuts only impact the general fund’s reserve—the “rainy day” fund—which is grown by investing annual budget surpluses. The 2018 surplus, projected to be \$106,000, will be invested into the reserve as in previous years.

“Had revenues stayed the same or grown, we would have been able to allocate more to the reserve,” says city manager Bryan Cook, adding that, “as things stand, residents can be comforted knowing that they will enjoy the same level of services as always.”

The general fund reserve currently has \$16.1 million, enough to fund city operations for more than a full

year. “Most cities do not have this level of financial protection,” says administrative services director Tracey Hause. “While our reserve is at about 114 percent of operating expenditures, most other cities only have five to 20 percent.” The reserve is primarily used for strategic long-term investments and emergency purposes.

Law enforcement will continue to be the city’s largest expense at roughly \$4.33 million, or one-third of the general fund budget.

The budget also calls for a number of public works projects including a \$2 million repaving of Temple City Boulevard this fall, and a \$3.9 million renovation and expansion of Temple City Library. Both the city and county will share equally in the cost of the library project, which is expected to begin in mid-2018.

Downtown improvements will also continue, with construction ending soon for a new \$500,000 public parking lot at Woodruff Avenue and Temple City Boulevard, and a \$125,000 demolition of city-owned properties on Primrose Avenue, just north of Las Tunas Drive. According to Cook, the properties “will be readied for future development.”

Cook also noted that city officials will soon present recommendations to improve the Las Tunas Drive streetscape between Cloverly and Kauffman Avenues. Although the project is in preliminary stages and the cost unknown, “the improvements will only be aesthetic, such as new benches and flower pots,” says Cook. “It will not result in any road re-configuration, bike paths or narrowed lanes.”

Hause noted some trends that could affect the city’s long-term budget situation. “By no means

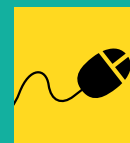
are we dealing with a crisis, but we will definitely be financially cautious as we move forward into the next year,” she says.

The city is seeing a slight cool down in construction activity, which will affect its future property tax and permit revenues. “We’re continuing to monitor China’s possible restrictions on outgoing investment, which could significantly impact Temple City’s economic growth,” she says.

Gas taxes, which provide sizable revenue for road repair, will also decline in the future as car manufacturers continue to meet federal mandates for hybrids and electric engines.

“Like the private sector and other cities, we’re also dealing with rising healthcare and pension costs for employees,” says Cook. “But because we’re a contract city—meaning we contract out for core services like law enforcement and public works—we don’t incur large, ongoing personnel, pension and equipment costs,” Cook explains. “We can enter into new contracts with other service providers to keep costs competitive.”

One positive trend is that a growing restaurant scene has increased the city’s sales tax base over the past six months. “There’s no doubt that the new restaurants opened in and around Camellia Square are generating healthy sales tax revenue,” Cook says. “So much so, that if Kmart was to go out of business tomorrow, these new restaurants would cover the loss in sales tax revenues.”



**VIEW THE 2018 CITY BUDGET AT
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Fall 2017

SEPT PATRIOT DAY

11

8:46 a.m.

Observe a moment of silence to remember those who died or were injured during the terrorist attacks of Sept. 11, 2001.

OCT CLASSIC CAR SHOW

14

12–4 p.m., Temple City Park

Guaranteed to be a “horsepower heaven” for car enthusiasts. Vote for Best in Show and enjoy crafts, vendors, live entertainment, BBQ lunch and activities for the entire family. For car show entries and more info, call (626) 656-7322.



OCT FALL FESTIVAL

21

12–4 p.m., Temple City Park

Fall is in full swing in Temple City! Bring the family for an afternoon of live entertainment by school vocal groups. Craft vendors, food booths and plenty of kids activities. Co-sponsored by Temple City Unified School District.



OCT HOCUS POCUS

31

6–9 p.m., Live Oak Park

Our Halloween event is back with all the family favorites: carnival games, raffles, food trucks and tons of candy! Come—if you dare. And don't come alone!



OCT TRICK-OR-TREAT HEALTH FAIR

31

9 a.m.–1 p.m., Live Oak Park

Treat yourself to some Halloween fun and valuable health tips. Face painting, health screenings, information booths, giveaways, free flu shots and even a costume contest. For all ages! Sponsored by HealthCare Partners. For more info, call (626) 579-0461.



NOV END OF DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME

5

2 a.m.

Turn your clocks back an hour. And while you're at it, check your smoke alarms and, if necessary, replace the batteries. It's also a good time to reset timers on outdoor lights and sprinkler systems.



NOV VETERANS DAY CELEBRATION

11

10:30 a.m.–12 p.m., Temple City Park

Honor our local heroes with a celebration that includes the Posting of Colors, live entertainment and a vintage aircraft flyover. Free lunch provided after the program.



DEC LIGHTS ON TEMPLE CITY

8

5–9 p.m., Temple City Park

Santa Claus is coming to town—and bringing plenty of snow, holiday tunes, hot cocoa and cookies! Line up along Las Tunas Drive at 7 p.m. for the holiday parade, which leads right up to the lighting of our 100' holiday tree!



WORTH NOTING

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- 4 Labor Day (City offices closed)
- 11 Patriot Day
- 21 Day at the Fair (p. 31)
Neighborhood Watch Meeting: Area 9
- 22 First day of fall
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- 14 Classic Car Show (p. 40)
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- 5 End of Daylight Savings Time
- 11 Veterans Day (City offices closed)
Veterans Day Celebration (p. 2)
- 23 Thanksgiving (City offices and facilities closed)
- 24 Day after Thanksgiving (City offices closed)

DECEMBER

- 1 Closure of Live Oak Park athletic fields (through Jan. 31)
- 5 Public Hearing: Proposed General Plan Update
- 7 Registration begins for winter classes
- 8 Lights on Temple City (p. 28)
- 17 Suspended overnight parking enforcement begins (through Jan. 7)
- 25 Christmas Day (City offices and facilities closed)
- 26 Winter Day Camp begins (p. 37)

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MAY THE FUN BE WITH YOU

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JULY 14: A YOUNG JEDI USES THE FORCE TO LAUNCH A SURPRISE ATTACK ON DARTH VADER AT THE 15TH ANNUAL CAMP-A-PALOOZA.

More than 100 families camped, competed in costume contests and maintained balance in the galaxy. The Live Oak Park-based event has morphed from a no-frills camping and cookout experience into a themed annual event that features movies, family activities and a food truck. What hasn't changed is its popularity. The event sold out within hours after registration opened.

FOR MORE PHOTOS OF CAMP-A-PALOOZA AND OTHER HAPPENINGS AROUND TOWN, VISIT TEMPLECITYPHOTOS.COM.

WAITING FOR ADOPTION

BY SHANNON ARONIN AND AL LEFCOURT

When you enter the San Gabriel Valley Humane Society, it takes a moment to adjust to the surround-sound barking.

Doreen Hudson, President of the San Gabriel Valley Humane Society, welcomes us into her cozy office that includes an animal exam table. She has gotten an early start and has a busy day ahead. Formerly the head of the Los Angeles Police Department Criminalistics Lab, Hudson says “I spent 40 years saving the two-legged population of Los Angeles. Now I’m trying to save the four-legged population of the San Gabriel Valley.”

The reason she’s so busy right now is that it’s “kitten season”—that time of year when cats give birth and their owners flood animal shelters and rescue groups (like the Society) with litters. “The season starts in the spring, peaks in the early summer and ends in the fall,” she tells us. “Now we’re in the process of finding homes for them.”

Lean Means, Long Hours

That’s just one of the many challenges the Society faces on a daily basis. Fortunately, Hudson does not have to do it alone. She has the benefit of an active Board and a team of 250 volunteers who are central to the work of the Society, providing a range of services from kennel cleaning and dog walking, to marketing and fundraising, to front office staffing and veterinarian services.

Without this volunteer base, operations would come to a grinding halt. The Society runs on an annual budget of \$1 million that covers utilities and staffing costs, so wages and benefits are kept austere. Most of the money goes toward readying animals for adoption.

The Society houses up to 200 animals at a time, at an average cost of \$21 per day per animal. Those costs not only include food and the laundering of blankets and toys, but also spaying or neutering, basic vaccinations, deworming, microchipping and

checking for communicable diseases—all of which are done before sending an animal home with someone. Clearly, the reasonable adoption fees they require cover only a fraction of these expenses.

The Society augments their adoption fee income with animal control contracts, low-cost vaccine and spay/neuter clinics, and of course, donations. “We do rely on the generosity of the animal-loving community to make this place possible,” Hudson says. “We try to keep our costs down and focus all of our discretionary funding on the animals.”

As private donations are the Society’s biggest source of revenue, Hudson and her team are always busy drumming up funds, recently scoring financial support from PetSmart Charities and Southern California Edison. They also host a number of fundraising events, including doggie fashion shows, pet photo calendars, an Eat for Change dinner and the annual Strut your Mutt Dog Walk.

But costs are always rising and ongoing donations from private donors are not guaranteed. So Hudson and her team continue to be innovative in both meeting costs and getting pets adopted. For example, they recently launched a new website to better advertise pets for adoption. They’ve also devised creative ways to encourage adoption

of hard-to-place pets and are strategically addressing the growing feral cat population.

Finding Forever Homes

The Society boasts an impressive adoption rate of more than 90 percent, which enables them to achieve something few other animal shelters can match: They do not euthanize animals merely to free up space for new ones. They only engage veterinarians to humanely euthanize animals for health and safety reasons, for example, a dog that’s been struck by a car, or a feral cat that is diseased or refuses to be domesticated.

Young animals might stay in their care only a week before being adopted; people are always looking for puppies and kittens. But for senior dogs, a stay of a year or more is common. Hudson introduces us to one such resident—one of her current favorites—a friendly brown Staffy mix named Tracy who has been with them for some time.

An animal’s age should not discourage people from adopting, Hudson





Romancing with the stars: George and Amal Clooney fell in love with and adopted four-year-old basset hound, Millie, at the San Gabriel Valley Humane Society.

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explains. "Seniors have gotten over all the puppy behaviors of a younger dog. We have lots of very active seniors and we have couch potatoes too." The Society's reduced rates for senior dog adoptions do help, as do dog obedience classes.

Another obstacle to adoption is the color of the coat. Hudson tells us about a dog that was with them for four years. "She was old, and all black," she says. "Typically, black cats and

dogs have a hard time getting adopted." So, a similar fix was established: Black Friday in November, when black-coated animals can be adopted for less.

While the staff can't resist getting attached to long-term residents, Hudson tells us that "there are tears of joy when an animal gets adopted. That's why we're here. We want these animals to get into homes."

A New Focus

Sadly, feral cats are a problem for the Society all year long, not just in "kitten season."

Therefore, they are captured, spayed or neutered, then freed once more. Hudson explains that cats that cannot reproduce are the only way to control the stray population. "It's much more effective than

euthanizing them," she says. Plus it reduces the number of cats they'll have to deal with in the future. "We expect the number of animals treated this year to be double what we did in 2016," she adds. They've already done almost as many surgeries this year as they did all last year.

She calls the Society "a work in progress, though we've come light years from where we were." A large organizational focus is on long-term viability. A capital campaign was recently launched to restore the Society's 100-year old building for necessary updates and to better blend in with the community. They also plan to build a new intake center and parking lot north of the building, update the 40-year-old kennels and transition the open-space cattery to individual, multi-level "cat condos," designed to reduce stress-induced illnesses.

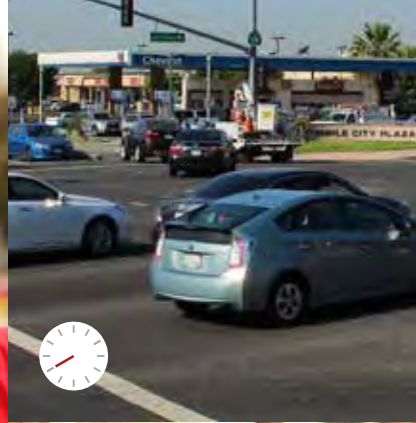
All this will take time, and money, but the Society's vision is clear. "We've been here for more than 90 years," Hudson reminds us, "and improving our services to the community all along. That's not going to stop any time soon." ■

Hudson introduces us to Tracy, a friendly Staffy mix who has been at the shelter for some time. Senior dogs like Tracy are harder to place into forever homes.



PICTURES







4 A.M.



GLAZED GOODNESS

Long before the sun rises, you'll find a small group of dedicated regulars outside Olympic Donuts, a popular shop located inside an old Tastee Freez. Its owners, a Chinese-Cambodian husband-and-wife duo, open their doors every day at 4:30 a.m. It's not hard to understand the regulars' dedication. Locals know the predawn hour is when they'll discover trays of the warmest, fresh-from-the-oven doughnuts, including ever-popular glazed options and unique creations topped with bacon, cereal and Oreo crumbs arranged into cartoonish panda faces.

For wife Sandy, who covers the morning shift, owning the shop has been a difficult but rewarding experience. Like many Cambodians who fled the country during the Pol Pot regime more than 30 years ago, Sandy arrived in the U.S. with little formal education. She learned conversational English working in several doughnut shops and in 2000 purchased the store, which she now operates as a family affair.

At Olympic, which is also known for its croissant sandwiches and fan-favorite hamburgers slathered with homemade sauces, the action continues until 10 p.m. That's when Sandy's son closes the shop and readies its kitchen for the next day's batch of doughnuts. —T.E.

5 A.M.



WAKE-UP CALL

Hate 'em or love 'em, the parrots of Temple City do their thing at dawn every morning. They fill the entire sky with their loud squawking, a sound residents have affectionately dubbed their wake-up call. These social birds make so much noise, you hear them before you see them.

While some Temple Citians wish the parrots would just disappear, others wonder how in the world they got here in the first place. Theories abound, with some going back nearly six decades. One claims the parrots were left behind after the 1952 filming of a "Tarzan" movie in the Arcadia Arboretum. Another recalls a 1959 fire in a Pasadena pet store that ended with the owner freeing the parrots to save them. Some people even believe the parrots migrated to Mexico, ended up on the black market and were eventually released by smugglers. The truth is, it's all speculation.

Still, most Temple Citians take affectionate pride in their noisy, green alarm clocks. And while some experts worry these former jailbirds will infringe on the prime nesting spots of native birds, that problem has not yet materialized.

So if you ever encounter a Polly who wants a cracker, feel free to indulge her. —D.B.





6 A.M.



GO, FIGHT, WIN!

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DEDICATION

The rising sun adds a morning glow to the high school campus. Over by the football field, waves of runners create tiny dust storms with every step.

It's cardio training for the Temple City High School (TCHS) football team, the first of many drills coach Riley Saxon puts his players through during this summer ramp-up to the 2017 season.

Saxon is not new to Temple City. He grew up and attended school here. As a high school freshman, he entered the football program. As a junior and senior, he helped the team win back-to-back league championships. A decade later, Saxon—a history teacher at TCHS—finds himself

as the varsity team's new head coach. He sees his background as an advantage: he knows the community, the fans, his team and every square inch of the football field.

And he knows the history of TCHS football too. Saxon took over in the wake of a 10-year stretch of futility, and many Temple Citians long for the team's glory days of the 1960s and '70s, as well as the late '80s and early to mid-'00s. Is he worried? Not at all. Based on the drive and enthusiasm he sees in his players, Saxon is confident that his team will surprise a lot of people. —D.B.



MEDITATION IN MOTION

An unconventional dance party is unfolding at the city's two parks. Hundreds position themselves in formation to practice *tai chi*, a martial art known for its mental and physical health benefits. Practitioners engage in a kind of meditation-in-motion as they go through their paces in 90-minute blocks of synchronized practice.

Walk through Temple City Park and you'll see three variations of *tai chi*. Practitioners of the original flavor look like they're moving through water as their limbs make slow, steady arcs. The people wielding swords are practicing *tai chi jian*, sword *tai chi*. And then there's the *yuanji* group.

To a casual bystander, *yuanji* looks like a cross between rhythm gymnastics and a leisurely line dance. Enthusiasts often practice with props like balls and fans, which accentuate the movements. Outfits of red polos and white slacks are the final accent—red for luck and happiness, white as a nod to the all-white garb of Chinese martial arts masters.

Strategically placed speakers project the *yuanji* soundtrack: plucked strings, reedy flutes and *tom-tom*ing drums. After a few sets of five-to-ten-minute songs, the mostly senior crowd has gotten a solid workout. Have they thought about wearing all white to *yuanji*?

"Nah," a woman wearing tea-colored sunglasses laughs. "We're just amateurs. Plus," she winks, "red on white looks better in photos." —M.L.



8 A.M.



RUSH HOUR

It's rush hour in Temple City. Nowhere is that more apparent than at the intersection of Las Tunas Drive and Rosemead Boulevard.

Nearly 40,000 vehicles pass through this intersection on a typical day, making properties at its four corners some of Temple City's most visible—and valuable—commercial real estate. Retail and restaurant spaces here rent for well over \$4 per square foot, comparable to rents found in Beverly Hills.

But don't let the traffic at this powerhouse intersection fool you. Temple City is truly a "bedroom community," overwhelmingly residential with less than 10 percent of its land area zoned for commercial use. More than 40 percent of employed Temple Citians—some 16,000 residents—travel out of town for work, racking up an average commute time of 30 minutes each way.

And how do they all get from here to there and back? Right through the intersection of Las Tunas and Rosemead, the community's premier crossroads. —M.L.



PLAYTIME!

The children at Mrs. Nichols' Tiny Tots start each day with playtime—and it's serious business. Playtime helps children build social skills and is crucial for those with separation anxiety.

"Once a child makes one friend, it leads to another and to enough independence to break away from their parents," Sarah Nichols says.

An early childhood educator of 31 years, Nichols started working with Tiny Tots when she was pregnant with the last of her children. She varies her teaching by a child's stage of development: Arts and crafts are interspersed with learning activities that take students from letters and concepts (big and small, long and short) to phonics and basic reading.

Central to the preschool program is its "non-traumatic" philosophy—children may only attend if they are willing and able to be independent from their parents. Meanwhile, Nichols' co-operational model requires parents to contribute snacks and time in the classroom. Her guidance has worked so well, former students now bring their children to Tiny Tots.

Even though the class is a fixture in the community, changes will be coming. Nichols will retire in the next five years but doesn't plan to stop working with children. "I love kids," she says wistfully. "I've already started calling hospitals to volunteer for storytime." —M.L.



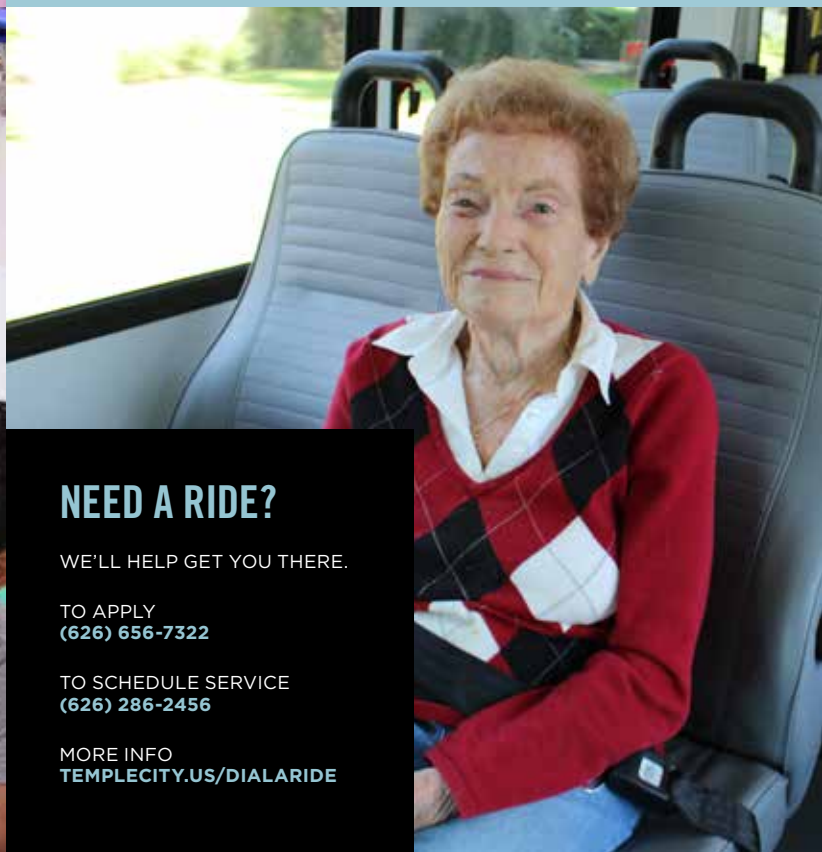
OUT AND ABOUT

Ninety-eight-year-old Catherine Johnson has lived in Temple City for 40 years. At age 95, and despite reluctantly surrendering her driver's license to her daughter, Johnson still wasn't willing to surrender her life. She had remained active, and she continued to take pride in her appearance. Even though driving was out of the question, she wasn't about to give up her weekly trip to the beauty salon to get her hair washed—a task a fractured shoulder made impossible to do herself.

So yesterday Johnson scheduled an appointment with Dial-A-Ride, a shuttle service for seniors and those with limited mobility. It costs just 50 cents per trip and yes, when she returns later, her hair looks great.

Johnson is one of nearly 1,800 Temple Citians who schedule more than 11,000 trips through Dial-A-Ride annually. The service provides transportation to the supermarket, medical offices, the mall or anywhere else around town. More importantly, it restores freedom to people like Johnson, who would otherwise be homebound.

Fifty cents doesn't buy much nowadays. But for those like Johnson, it literally goes further than you might think. —D.B.



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11 A.M.



12 P.M.



Lunchables!

"This is the most enjoyable hour of my day," says Samir Meleika, a volunteer at Live Oak Park's senior lunch program.

A six-year veteran of the Lunch Bunch, the volunteers' name for themselves, Samir has made quite a few friends among volunteers and program participants.

"You need the community," he says, explaining how he got involved with the program. "Volunteering is a good deed, and I enjoy it."

It's clear this morning that Maleika is a hit among the seniors gathered there for lunch and that they particularly enjoy his energy. "He does an excellent job," one chimes in. To those in their 80s and 90s, Meleika is a mere youth. "I'm 67 so I'm still a baby," he says with a grin.

"You're a damn kid!" retorts Bob, a 97-year-old World War II veteran who's one of his close friends from the program.

And what do kids do for their elders circa 2017? Help them with their phones, of course. At least that's what Samir does, right after serving another lunch and patting another shoulder. —M.L.

Tea Time

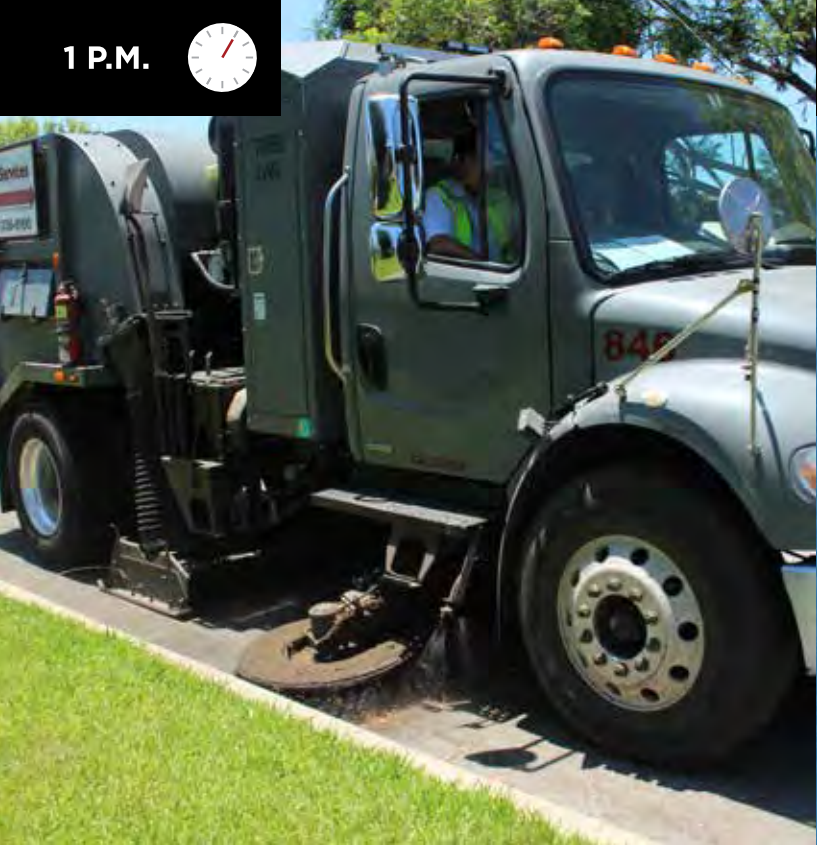
Noon inevitably means rush hour at Grand Harbor, Temple City's dim-sum mecca. But don't expect to flag down any servers pushing carts. Instead, guests order from a menu of straight-from-the-kitchen treats ranging from egg tarts and creamy pineapple buns to shrimp dumplings and barbecued duck.

Today, customers by the hundreds pile into the restaurant's lavish main room—gilded chandeliers, mirrored ceilings and painted murals—for multicourse meals that feature traditional Cantonese dishes rendered in different levels of extravagance.

For those weary of the afternoon crowds, check out Grand Harbor's next-door storefront for a selection of convenient to-go plates. Or if you'd like, return for dinner service at 7 p.m. when specialties including sea cucumber, deep-fried crab and steamed lobster take center stage. And who knows—you might end up being the very first customer to order the restaurant's \$9,388 tasting menu for 10, a master class in top-tier seafood that spotlights dishes like abalone and geoduck in congee. —T.E.



1 P.M.



STREET SMARTS

How far is 41 miles? For reference, it's the distance from Temple City to Malibu Pier. It also happens to be how far a Tymco 600 has traveled by the end of its busy workday.

The Tymco 600 is the sweeper that keeps Temple City streets spotless. It cleans 708 miles monthly, 620 of which are residential. If you think that translates to tons of dirt, debris and litter, you'd be right. Two hundred and fifty tons annually, to be exact.

Looking like the offspring of a dump truck and a Zamboni, the Tymco 600 sweeps the city's main streets early in the morning to minimize disruption. As for the problem posed by parked cars? It shrunk significantly since the posting of "No Parking on Sweeping Day" signs.

Curiously, the sweeper doesn't clean both sides of the street on the same day. Why? Ed Chen of Athens Services, the provider of the sweeper, says it's because the company doesn't want residents on the cleaning side to have to move their cars far away.

Chen is convinced that due to weekly service, Temple City streets are cleaner than those of other communities. Plus, he informs us, much of the collected street debris makes excellent feedstock for composting. This gives a whole new meaning to the term "street smart." —D.B.

2 P.M.



PERMITTED

Temple City is evolving, and planning manager Scott Reimers has a front-row seat to the action. This afternoon, he's reviewing some of the city's newer building permits, all which have a common theme: additions and improvements to existing properties.

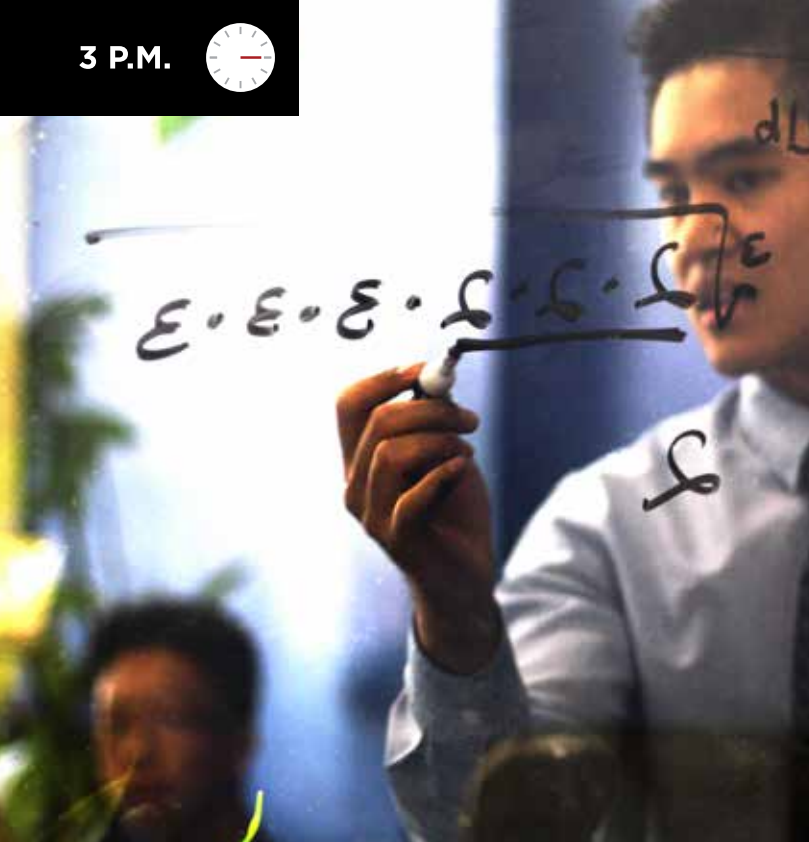
Multigenerational living is becoming more and more common thanks to California's hot housing market, new legislation, aging parents and changing norms. Reimers often sees permit requests for garage conversions or guesthouses that can accommodate family members or renters. When a property serves multiple functions, its owners can claim their home as an investment as well as a nest. It's not a trend Reimers expects to taper off anytime soon.

He also sees the investment mentality in the rising value of building projects. "The value of proposed construction has increased 2 percent this year, against a 4 percent decrease in the number of permits," Reimers reports. The value of permits has risen steadily since 2000, and this year alone the city logged \$3.5 million per month in new valuation.

According to Reimers, most of the boost has to do with the use of higher-quality materials, which contribute to overall construction value. Restaurants have especially been bolder in making improvements. That means the experience of going out in Temple City will soon be more beautiful—not to mention sturdier. —M.L.



3 P.M.



4 P.M.



LIFE LESSONS

How cliché is it to get your tutoring from a company founded by a Harvard grad? Luckily, Platinum Academy decided early on to bring soul and love into the business of tutoring.

“Students bond with the instructors. They build long-lasting relationships,” says Katy Tu. She would know. Tu was a student at the academy, went on to teach there, and now oversees its operations.

In a community where summer doesn’t mean a break from academics, Platinum Academy aims to fill a demand for ongoing academic support with a sensitive bent. Tu puts particular emphasis on student happiness, starting with students being their true selves and extending into a coaching program that focuses on EQ, or emotional intelligence.

“Not everyone has the same goal,” Tu says while explaining the academy’s heart-centered, one-size-fits-few approach. For instance, students’ academic goals aren’t always identical to those of their parents. Where many students look to earn a spot in the venerable University of California system, others have their sights on Ivy League colleges.

Summer is SAT prep season, which means instructors are breaking down test questions on whiteboards. And their Harvard-grad founder? David Ho is on paternity leave, living the Platinum Academy value of putting life and family happiness first. —M.L.

EXTREME MAKEOVER

The interior design at the spa-like Luz Salon is subtle, but its makeovers aren’t. The many Korean-trained artists, some of whom have more than 20 years of experience, churn out looks that mirror those you’d see from K-pop groups like f(x) and BTS.

Stop by at 4 p.m. and you’ll find the salon flooded with millennials from all over the San Gabriel Valley who gravitate toward experimentation. On a typical afternoon, the salon’s styling chairs play host to clients dabbling in balayage, a highlighting technique that paints hair for a more graduated, natural effect but in bold colors (think lavender, rose gold and hot pink). Guys, meanwhile, are fond of the two-block cut, a style that emphasizes the hair on the crown of the head and elongates the face.

Not quite ready to submit to the salon’s styling gods for a full K-pop makeover? Opt for a manicure topped with custom jewels from Korea and Japan, but be sure to reserve at least an hour for the nail artists to work their magic. —T.E.



ALL ARE WELCOME

The First Baptist Church of Temple City seems as much a community center as it is a place of worship. Pastor Jim Walden, the church's spiritual leader since 2012, describes the facility he guides as a campus. In addition to the sanctuary, there's a two-story educational building and a gymnasium with a full-size basketball court. And as befits a campus so well equipped, this one bustles with activities every day. Even at times you wouldn't expect.

Take early evenings, for example. On Mondays, a volleyball group rents the gym. Tuesdays bring Tuesday Night Live, a program for teenagers featuring sports, music and worship. On Wednesdays, a children's ministry called Reach Out takes over with games, songs and Biblical stories. Another volleyball group hits the gym on Thursdays; on Fridays, it's soccer. Anything goes on Saturdays, as long as the type of activity changes weekly.

Evenings on the church campus have also been the setting for many community events. These include the State of City Address and two Blue Star Banner banquets. The Miss Temple City Ambassador Pageant was held here. The church even hosts preparations for the Camellia Festival.

Walden estimates his congregation numbers between 350 and 400. "We have a real mix," he says. "Asian, Hispanic and European." But as reflected in the broad spectrum of activities the church hosts, his mission is not purely spiritual. "We're here to serve this community," he says. "All kinds of groups are welcome." —D.B.



Creative Outlet

It's the second Wednesday of the month, and artists are hard at work at Temple City Library.

Paint Night started as something that would look familiar to anyone who's ever watched Bob Ross on television: A teacher leads a group of students, with everyone producing the same painting. But after a few weeks, program coordinator Charmetria Marshall began receiving requests from participants who wanted to create their own artworks.

Thankfully, she said yes. The monthly event now provides an opportunity for adults to sit with canvas, paper, painting supplies and their creativity. Paint Night artworks are often on display, adding a colorful inspiration to library walls.

Paint Night is just one of many regular programs hosted at the library. Events run the gamut from jewelry design workshops to citizenship classes. This robust programming is the result of the library's evolution from its most basic function—a place to read and interact with books—into a community-gathering place. Some conveniently timed events and workshops, like Paint Night, even help community members interact with each other after leaving work.

Librarian Jing Li and her team have overseen the changes at Temple City Library, and Li has a tip: You can help the library provide more services and programs simply by suggesting them. "If it fits the budget, it gets the green light," she says. —M.L.



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7 P.M.



8 P.M.



LOVE THY NEIGHBOR

On Harker Avenue sits a tiny shed with a gable roof in the front yard of a one-story home. It resembles a wishing well on stilts. Inside are vegetables. Tonight it's squash—zucchini, yellow and patty pan. Tomorrow, who knows, maybe potatoes or tomatoes. Help yourself. They're free.

Two years ago, Wen Lee moved back into her family home after her mother died. At the time, she was concerned that the community in which she now lived didn't seem much like a community at all. She attempted to befriend her neighbors, but for the most part they kept to themselves. It was a cultural thing, Lee said. But she was determined.

Lee believed a neighborhood where others knew and cared about each other was safer. A strange car on the street, a misplaced child, a need for a cup of milk—all could be investigated or addressed quickly by a tightknit group of neighbors.

So Lee and her husband, Chris Stratton, set out to build a produce-sharing shed as a way to encourage a sense of community. Their plan worked from the start. Several neighbors donated leftover paint. A young girl painted a wall. Another neighbor translated "Share Shed" into Chinese and hand-lettered the sign. The shed was off and running. —D.B.

100 STEPS TO 99

When the mercury climbs to 95 degrees, the temperature of cement leapfrogs to 125 degrees. That's a few degrees shy of being able to fry an egg on the sidewalk—and also hot enough to burn and blister a dog's paws. It's no surprise then that Jessica Escobar holds off on walking her chocolate lab, Harlee, until after sunset.

Escobar is hardly the only Temple Citian who walks at this delightful time of day. Other residents, such as Janie Kuo, find it the perfect hour for taking an after-dinner stroll on the walking path around Live Oak Park. Kuo is motivated in part by the promise of longevity. She cites a Chinese proverb: "If you take 100 steps after dinner, you will live to 99." But Kuo isn't counting. She knows exercise improves digestion and relieves stress, making for a good night's sleep.

For others, an evening stroll might stem from a simple desire for a change of scenery. Kuo admits that's part of what motivates her, too. Whatever it is that gets the feet of Temple Citians moving, everyone who walks knows they're doing something to lift their spirits.

They also know they're safe. In fact, Safewise again ranked Temple City (at 36) among the Top 50 Safest Cities in California. And nobody seems to mind that at 8 p.m. the sidewalks are no longer hot enough to fry an egg. —D.B.



OPEN MIC NIGHT

Boba teahouses aren't exactly a rarity in the San Gabriel Valley, but lively, youthful Meet Tea elevates the concept with the addition of one key element: free musical performances, offered every Thursday evening. This makes Meet Tea the city's sole establishment (aside from schools and arts studios) to host live entertainment.

On this particular night, a saxophonist named Louis is the headliner at Meet Tea, whose window-front "stage" is sandwiched between a Chipotle Mexican Grill and an Ono's Hawaiian BBQ. Louis started playing the instrument more than 20 years ago and is a prime example of the teahouse's talent pool—the bulk of which are local music instructors who moonlight as live entertainers.

According to Louis, performing at Meet Tea is a unique experience because the alcohol-free teahouse atmosphere usually ensures an attentive, respectful audience. In lieu of booze, the audience sips on flavored milk teas or shared pots of traditional hot teas. —T.E.



LIGHTS OUT

Another day in Temple City comes to an end as the lights go out at Live Oak Park.

Thanks to the park, the city has been on Daylight Extension Time for as long as anyone can remember. That's because Live Oak Park, which opens at 6 a.m., is a recreation, athletic and special events hub, attracting an estimated 250,000 visitors annually.

This shouldn't come as a surprise. The park offers 200 recreation classes per year. It's also the venue for a teen zone, senior lunch program and popular annual events including the Easter Egg Hunt and Halloween Carnival. In all, community events attract 17,000 people from around the region.

Live Oak Park's athletic fields constantly see action, too, thanks to three nonprofit organizations. A whopping 750 kids get their kicks with the American Youth Soccer Organization; nearly 300 players from the Temple City American Little League and Temple City Amateur Softball Association, meanwhile, flood the park's baseball and softball diamonds each spring. On other fields, the parks and recreation department runs programs including flag football and youth soccer leagues.

Occasionally, the park needs time to recharge its batteries. For two weeks this past spring, basketball and lighted tennis courts were closed for resurfacing. The most extensive maintenance happens each December and January when athletic fields are closed for aerating, fertilizing and reseeding. As for the community center, its maintenance is ongoing and strategically scheduled around an ever-growing slate of classes and room rentals.

Each February, a renewed and refreshed Live Oak Park reopens its arms to the public. And it keeps them open every day (except for Thanksgiving and Christmas) until the park's 10 p.m. bedtime. —D.B.





11 P.M.



ANIMAL STYLE

Although Temple City is fairly quiet at this time of night, there's one place in town that's sure to be slammed until at least 1 a.m. That place is the city's jam-packed outpost of In-N-Out Burger, less than six miles away from the fast-food chain's original Baldwin Park stand.

These days, it's uncommon to approach an In-N-Out drive-thru that doesn't already have at least four or five cars idling outside its pickup window. The same is true for the Temple City location, now known for its steady stream of cars spilling out onto Lower Azusa Road.

As one of the few restaurants open in Temple City past midnight, In-N-Out attracts a broad mix of customers: families leaving school events, teenagers on their way home from parties and middle-aged adults in pursuit of small rewards after late-night shifts. Many come from neighboring cities like El Monte and even Arcadia.

Factor in the bowlers and karaokers ducking in from Action Lanes and Happy KTV across the street, and you'll soon realize you're far from alone in your pursuit of all things animal-style —T.E.

12 A.M.



SING-ALONG

As the clock strikes midnight, the scene is just heating up at Paradise Isle, a laid-back lounge on Las Tunas Drive known for its catalog of Chinese and English karaoke songs. One of the few Chinese-owned bars in Temple City, Paradise Isle's unassuming stone façade belies its tropical, flower-bedecked interior.

Once inside, there's a good chance you'll be treated to an impromptu performance by amateur crooner Alec Vigil. His song of choice tonight is Michael Wong's 2005 hit single "Fairy Tale," one of the most successful Chinese-language songs in recent years. Although not a native Chinese speaker, Vigil says he memorized the song's lyrics as part of a high school class.

His rendition pleasantly surprises most of the patrons in the bar, many of them regulars, including a particularly enthusiastic man who grabs a mic to join in. Two strangers bonding over a song whose words aren't even written in English: Is there anything more emblematic of life in Temple City? —T.E.

1 A.M.



SWING SHIFT

On any given night, two squad cars patrol Temple City. One focuses on traffic, the other on crime.

It's Saturday night, and deputy Michael Fugawa is busy dealing with DUI stops, mostly along Lower Azusa Road. Compared to other communities, Temple City doesn't have a huge problem with DUIs, Fugawa tells us, but, "unfortunately, they're still a reality."

Meanwhile, deputy Rafael Ruiz is on crime patrol and has just come back from a family disturbance call. After working in Temple City for years, he's seen first hand for how different families deal with domestic issues.

Most families try to solve their own disputes rather than involve law enforcement, he says, "but once we get a call, it's our duty to respond and investigate."

Mid-sentence, we're interrupted by a call. Ruiz points to a helicopter flying overhead.

"If you see a chopper, it's likely on its way to track down robbery suspects using spotlights and infrared heat sensors," Ruiz says. He would know. He's often in pursuit of the same types of suspects.

So if both Fugawa and Ruiz are busy, who takes the next call?

"Temple Sheriff's Station is in town," Fugawa assures us. "There's always another car ready to be deployed." —M.L.

2 A.M.



NIGHT OVER-CITE

It's 2 a.m. Do you know where your car is? If it's in a permit-only space, public safety supervisor Bryan Ariizumi does. That's because between the hours of 2 and 5 a.m., he enforces the city's overnight parking restrictions.

On an average night, Ariizumi says, officers issue roughly two dozen parking citations—a relatively low number he attributes to public awareness. Parking restrictions have been in effect for decades, so most Temple Citians know they can get ticketed without a permit. Nevertheless, there are repeat offenders who return to empty parking spaces. Their cars are towed, and towing is by no means a free service.

If there's one thing that unites city dwellers, it's a hatred of parking tickets. But the truth is, violations have more to do with public safety than anything else. Managing on-street parking allows sheriff's deputies to better scan neighborhoods when patrolling and responding to calls. It also forces criminals, who could hide behind cars, out into the open where they can be caught more easily.

Ariizumi notes that not all of the problems he and his officers face involve tickets. Often they encounter parked cars with tell-tale steamy windows. Those situations are generally resolved with a simple tap on the window and a friendly, "Move along." —D.B.



3 A.M.



RED MEANS GO

Firefighter Craig Morgan is sleeping. Morgan is 20 hours into a 24-hour shift that began at 7 a.m. Five of the 15 firefighters at the county's Station 47—the lone station in Temple City—are always on duty and ready to respond, even when they're in the sack.

Yesterday was a busy one for Morgan, with more calls than usual dispatched during the daylight portion of his shift. When he climbed into bed, sleep came quickly. But it lasts only until half past three, when the station alarm sounds and red light fills the firemen's dorm room.

Despite the hour, it's not as rude an awakening as in years past. The station's new wake-up system not only helps speed readiness, it's also less jarring than the standard blaring alarms and blinding fluorescent lights. The old system was a known cause of adrenaline dumps, the cumulative effect of which can contribute to heart disease.

Now alert, the Station 47 firefighters suit up, collect their gear and head out of the station in one minute and 18 seconds—par for the course at night. During the day, they're ready in 30 to 45 seconds.

On average, Temple City firefighters respond to seven calls per day. When the calls are for fires, all five firefighters and both vehicles respond. However, most calls are medical in nature—think chest pains or complications from diabetes. The paramedic vehicle handles an average of 17 calls per day.

Morgan says a typical week for a firefighter at Station 47 consists of three 24-hour shifts. But he often logs four shifts and, on very rare occasions, five. It's clearly a profession that requires extraordinary dedication and endurance. So next time you hear a siren wailing in the middle of the night, think about your Temple City firefighters who sprang into action in less than two minutes. —D.B. ■





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WEN LEE IS A “BOOMERANG” TEMPLE CITIAN: SHE GREW UP IN TEMPLE CITY, LEFT FOR COLLEGE AND MOVED BACK TO HER HOMETOWN AFTER 10 YEARS OF LIVING ELSEWHERE IN THE COUNTRY. SHE AND HER HUSBAND CHRIS STRATTON WRITE A BLOG CALLED FRUGAL HAPPY, WHERE THEY CHRONICLE THEIR SUBURBAN ADVENTURES. THE FOLLOWING IS AN EXCERPT.

It's a challenge to get to know our neighbors. In suburbs like Temple City, people keep to themselves, don't open the door to strangers, grow shrubbery around their property for privacy, and travel everywhere by car. Without face time, it's nearly impossible for neighbors to learn each other's names—let alone become friends—so I started an email group for our street. The goal was to connect neighbors so we could share local events, safety alerts, and help each other out. Everyone would love the idea. I printed out cute little fliers and stuck one in every mailbox on the street, inviting anyone interested to email me.

I received one email.

That wasn't not going to work. Two households don't make an email group!

AN UNEXPECTED HUB

That was 18 months ago. I now realize that it was silly of me to hope that fliers alone would build community. It takes time, trust, and a willingness to learn about a place and understand its culture. It also involves a conscious effort to be friendly, communicative, and generous.

Luckily, we stumbled upon a way to contribute to the neighborhood, and it was right under our noses.

Our garden! Who knew?

Last year we replaced our front lawn with a garden. In addition to providing us with fresh, yummy vegetables, it has come with an unexpected side benefit: helping us meet our neighbors.

The garden was a fantastic conversation starter. Since it was in the front yard, everyone saw it. When we started assembling planter boxes, neighbors driving by slowed down, rolled down their windows, and asked, “Whatcha building?” When we started putting in baby plants, “Whatcha growing?”

Some neighbors were amused, some were impressed. Others were skeptical. People

have asked if what we were doing was legal (it blows my mind that growing food in your yard could be illegal).

“Aren't you afraid people are going to steal your vegetables?” No. It doesn't bother us and it hasn't happened.

Skepticism aside, conversations were happening. Neighbors were introducing themselves and becoming friends.

STARTING CONVERSATIONS

The first time I realized something was changing, Chris and I were planting our first batch of seedlings. A small elderly gentleman who lived a few doors down emerged from his house and shuffled over.

He didn't speak much English but he came up to us and held out a small bag of seeds. They were amaranth seeds that he'd collected in his own yard.

“Scatter these in the soil,” he said. “They grow like weeds, and the leaves are delicious.” We had never seen him before, and here he was sharing his seeds.

As time went on, more neighbors stopped by. The kids next door came over and left with a zucchini that they named Bob. The guy across the street gave us gardening tips from his family's experience farming in China. A woman down the street gifted us a box of chocolate for some Swiss chard.

Not all our crops have done well (darn you, aphids!), but we've sometimes had excess produce that we couldn't eat on our own. We've given out kale, squash, chard—the works. There was once such a glut of summer squash that I put a “free pile” on our front porch for the neighborhood.

Sharing begets more sharing. We offer garden vegetables to a neighbor across the street. The next week, they lend Chris tools that he needs for his construction work. I translate a notice in the mail they can't read. They keep an eye on our house when we're out of town. It's a positive feedback loop.

A WEB OF SUPPORT

Chris and I are amazed by the social power of our garden, and we think it stems from a universal love of food. People love to stop and look at our garden. They ask questions, give advice, and they love to watch things grow. Even better, sometimes multiple neighbors congregate at the garden at the same time, which means neighbors are meeting through us.

Chatting about the garden leads to other topics. Someone might make a spontaneous comment about our tomatoes. Fifteen minutes later, we've talked about their kids, how long we've lived in the neighborhood, our hobbies, and how the block email group works (it now includes more than 10 households). I've learned that my neighbors include a general contractor, a teacher, a massage therapist, and an air conditioner repairman. I never knew there was so much expertise on our street.

My neighbors are from all over the world. They are hardworking, friendly, and kindhearted. They make me laugh and the street a more joyful place to live. Instead of existing in isolation, each household is part of a growing web of support.

Our street is still a quiet place where people mostly keep to themselves. But I'm grateful that our garden can be a hub of connection for our neighbors. We're not only growing vegetables, but also a sense of community. ■





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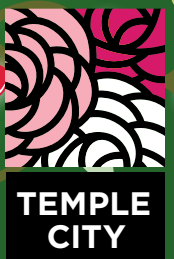
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DATES	AGE	DAY	TIME	FEE
9/25-12/8	3-5	M/W/F	9:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.	\$375
9/26-12/7	3-5	T/Th	9:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.	\$275

DANCE

BALLET & TAP

Shekinah Glory School of Dance

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DATES	LEVEL	AGE	DAY	TIME	FEE
9/29-11/17	Tots	2	F	2:15-2:45 p.m.	\$60
9/29-11/17	Tots	3	F	2:45-3:15 p.m.	\$60
9/29-11/17	Petite	4-5	F	3:15-4:00 p.m.	\$70
9/29-11/17	Beg.	6-8	F	4:00-4:45 p.m.	\$70
9/29-11/17	Jr.-Adv.	8+	F	4:45-5:45 p.m.	\$70

HIP HOP

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A high energy, age-appropriate hip hop dance class featuring music kids love.

DATES	AGE	DAY	TIME	FEE
9/28-11/16	6-9	Th	5:00-5:45 p.m.	\$60
9/28-11/16	10+	Th	5:45-6:30 p.m.	\$60



INTERNATIONAL FOLK DANCING

Cindy Fang

Travel the global world of dance! Explore rhythmic dances from North America, Latin America, Europe, the Middle East and Asia. Have fun learning about new cultures while moving to the beat.

DATES	LEVEL	AGE	DAY	TIME	FEE
9/30-12/9	Beg.	18+	Sa	10:00 a.m.-12:15 p.m.	\$40

JAZZ

Shekinah Glory School of Dance

Instruction in traditional jazz including proper technique, stretching and muscle conditioning. Jazz shoes are required.

DATES	AGE	DAY	TIME	FEE
9/28-11/16	6-8	Th	3:30-4:15 p.m.	\$60
9/28-11/16	9-16	Th	4:15-5:00 p.m.	\$60

LINE DANCE

Bill Chang

An old Western dance form—with a twist! Focuses on basic line dancing set to country and non-country music. Level I for beginners, levels II and III for experienced dancers.

DATES	LEVEL	AGE	DAY	TIME	FEE
9/25-12/4	I	15+	M	10:30 a.m.-12:00 p.m.	\$60
9/25-12/4	III	15+	M	2:30-4:00 p.m.	\$60
9/26-12/5	I	15+	T	6:00-7:30 p.m.	\$60
9/26-12/5	II	15+	T	7:40-9:10 p.m.	\$60
9/27-11/29	I	15+	W	10:30 a.m.-12:00 p.m.	\$60
9/28-12/7	III	15+	Th	2:00-3:30 p.m.	\$60
9/29-12/8	II	15+	F	10:30 a.m.-12:00 p.m.	\$60
9/29-12/8	III	15+	F	7:30-9:00 p.m.	\$60

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DATES	AGE	DAY	TIME	FEE
9/26-11/14	6-12	T	3:30-4:30 p.m.	\$110

FITNESS

CARDIO DANCE & STRENGTH TRAINING

Amy's Health & Fitness

Build strength through a fusion of low-impact, high-energy dance and exercise. Bring two light hand weights (2-3 lbs. each).

DATES	AGE	DAY	TIME	FEE
9/25-11/27	50+	M	8:15-9:45 a.m.	\$43
9/25-11/29	50+	M/W	8:15-9:45 a.m.	\$73
9/27-11/29	50+	W	8:15-9:45 a.m.	\$43

GENTLE YOGA

Amy's Health & Fitness

Reduce stress, improve joint strength and boost flexibility with a series of gentle, but classic, yoga poses. Yoga mat required. Yoga block and strap are optional.

DATES	LEVEL	AGE	DAY	TIME	FEE
9/28-12/7	Beg.	16+	Th	7:00-8:45 p.m.	\$50

GYMNASTICS

Rojen Recreation

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

DATES	AGE	DAY	TIME	FEE
9/30-12/9	4-7	Sa	10:30-11:30 a.m.	\$71
9/30-12/9	7-15	Sa	11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.	\$71
9/30-12/9	13+	Sa	11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.	\$71

HATHA YOGA

Michael Appleby

Yoga does a body and mind good. Twist, flex, balance, exert, stand, sit, bend forward and backward, and invert. Great for all levels—beginner, intermediate, advanced.

DATES	AGE	DAY	TIME	FEE
9/25-11/27	16+	M	7:00-8:30 p.m.	\$45

KINDERGYM

Rojen Recreation

Together, parents and kids learn forward rolls, back rolls, handstands and more! Walk the balance beam, swing on bars and jump with your child. One parent per child must attend each class.

DATES	AGE	DAY	TIME	FEE
9/30-12/9	9 mo.-2	Sa	9:00-9:45 a.m.	\$71
9/30-12/9	3-4	Sa	9:45-10:30 a.m.	\$71

SWEATING TO THE OLDIES

Amy's Health & Fitness

Burn calories and strengthen your heart while listening to your favorite hits of the '50s and '60s. So much fun, you'll forget you're exercising! Space is limited.

DATES	AGE	DAY	TIME	FEE
9/29-12/1	65+	F	8:30-9:45 a.m.	\$15

TAI CHI

Good Faith Management

Discover the benefits of Tai Chi. Techniques taught are from the Chen and Yang styles.

DATES	AGE	DAY	TIME	FEE
9/5-9/28	18+	T/Th	8:30-9:30 a.m.	\$90
10/3-10/27	18+	T/Th	8:30-9:30 a.m.	\$90
11/2-11/30	18+	T/Th	8:30-9:30 a.m.	\$80

TENNIS ACADEMY

TJP Tennis Professionals

Get ready for match play with physically demanding court workouts and drills. Tennis shoes are required. Bring a racquet and new can of three tennis balls to the first class. Competitive match play is offered to advanced level students.

DATES	LEVEL	AGE	DAY	TIME	FEE
9/25-11/13	Beg./Int.	8-12	M	6:00-7:00 p.m.	\$110
9/27-11/15	Int./Adv.	14+	W	7:00-8:00 p.m.	\$110
9/27-11/15	Adv./Team	14+	W	8:00-9:00 p.m.	\$110
9/27-11/15	Adv./Team	14+	W	9:00-9:50 p.m.	\$140
9/29-11/17	Beg./Int.	8-12	F	6:00-7:00 p.m.	\$110

TOTAL YOGA BEAT: STRESS & TONE

Amy's Health & Fitness

Feel invigorated from the inside out through a flowing series of dynamic poses. Fitness mat required.

DATES	LEVEL	AGE	DAY	TIME	FEE
9/27-11/29	Beg./Int.	16+	W	7:00-8:30 p.m.	\$50

ZUMBA®

Christina Rodriguez

Start your day off right with Zumba®! The infusion of Latin and world rhythms, and easy-to-follow moves make it the right work out for you! All experience levels are welcome for this fun and exciting workout. Please bring comfortable tennis shoes, workout clothes and water.

DATES	AGE	DAY	TIME	FEE
9/30-12/9	16+	Sa	8:30-9:30 a.m.	\$60





PIANO

MUSIC

CLARINET

Arcadia Music

Master the fundamentals of clarinet—note reading, rhythm, tone and proper breathing techniques. Students must have their own clarinet, which can be purchased or rented from Arcadia Music. \$25 material fee due at first class. Classes meet at 32 E. Duarte Rd., Arcadia.

DATES	LEVEL	AGE	DAY	TIME	FEE
9/28-10/26	Beg.	8+	Th	7:00-7:50 p.m.	\$85
11/2-12/7	Beg.	8+	Th	7:00-7:50 p.m.	\$85

FLUTE

Arcadia Music

Provides tomorrow's flutists an opportunity to learn music reading and new fingerings. Students must have their own flute, which can be purchased or rented from Arcadia Music. \$25 material fee due at first class. Classes meet at 32 E. Duarte Rd., Arcadia.

DATES	LEVEL	AGE	DAY	TIME	FEE
9/30-10/28	Beg.	8+	Sa	3:00-3:50 p.m.	\$85
11/4-12/9	Beg.	8+	Sa	3:00-3:50 p.m.	\$85

GUITAR

Arcadia Music

Covers proper playing position, tuning, basic strumming and chords. Students must have their own guitar, which can be purchased from Arcadia Music. \$25 material fee due at first class. Classes meet at 32 E. Duarte Rd., Arcadia.

DATES	LEVEL	AGE	DAY	TIME	FEE
9/30-10/28	Beg.	8+	Sa	2:00-2:50 p.m.	\$85
11/4-12/9	Beg.	8+	Sa	2:00-2:50 p.m.	\$85

PIANO

Arcadia Music

Ease into the beautiful world of music with piano. Learn to “tickle the ivories” in an encouraging group setting. Keyboards are included for class use. \$25 material fee due at first class. Classes meet at 32 E. Duarte Rd., Arcadia.

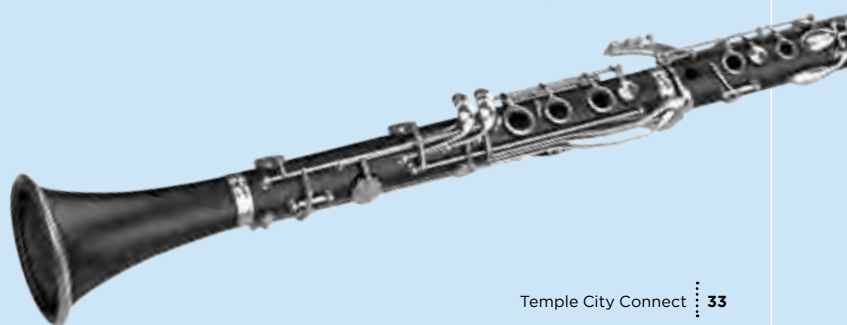
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9/30-10/28	Beg.	4-7	Sa	9:00-9:50 a.m.	\$85
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9/30-10/28	Int.	8+	Sa	11:00-11:50 a.m.	\$85
9/30-10/28	Adv.	8+	Sa	12:00-12:50 p.m.	\$85
11/4-12/9	Beg.	4-7	Sa	9:00-9:50 a.m.	\$85
11/4-12/9	Beg.	4-7	Sa	10:00-10:50 a.m.	\$85
11/4-12/9	Int.	8+	Sa	11:00-11:50 a.m.	\$85
11/4-12/9	Adv.	8+	Sa	12:00-12:50 p.m.	\$85

SINGING

Vivo Voice Music Studios

Taught by a soprano and music instructor with three decades of experience, this class will help you learn singing techniques, sight singing and music expression. Join us, and we promise that you'll soon be singing a different tune!

DATES	AGE	DAY	TIME	FEE
9/30-12/9	4-17	Sa	3:30-4:30 p.m.	\$120
9/30-12/9	18+	Sa	4:30-6:00 p.m.	\$160



VIOLIN 🎻**Arcadia Music**

Teaches correct and basic techniques, including how to play fun and simple songs. Students must have their own violin, which can be purchased or rented from Arcadia Music. \$25 material fee due at first class. Classes meet at 32 E. Duarte Rd., Arcadia.

DATES	LEVEL	AGE	DAY	TIME	FEE
9/30-10/28	Beg.	5+	Sa	1:00-1:50 p.m.	\$85
11/4-12/9	Beg.	5+	Sa	1:00-1:50 p.m.	\$85

SELF-DEFENSE & MARTIAL ARTS**HAPKIDO** ❤️**Son of Chong Martial Arts**

Further self-defense techniques including joint locks and kicks. Breathing and meditation lessons are also provided. Students must have their own uniform, which may be purchased from the instructor.

DATES	LEVEL	AGE	DAY	TIME	FEE
9/26-12/7	Beg.	5+	T/Th	4:30-5:20 p.m.	\$130
9/26-12/7	Beg.	5+	T/Th	5:30-6:20 p.m.	\$130

JU-JITSU & JAPANESE SWORD ❤️**Rojen Recreation**

Learn the fundamentals of traditional martial arts—Judo, Aikido, Kendo—and the weapons of self-defense. The second hour of instruction covers the basics of Iaido, the art of Japanese swordsmanship.

DATES	AGE	DAY	TIME	FEE
9/29-12/8	15+	F	7:00-8:30 p.m.	\$61

JU-JITSU & KARATE ❤️**Rojen Recreation**

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

DATES	AGE	DAY	TIME	FEE
9/26-12/7	8-12	T/Th	6:30-8:30 p.m.	\$61

LITTLE KICKERS JU-JITSU ❤️**Rojen Recreation**

Teaches self-esteem and discipline through age-appropriate martial arts lessons.

DATES	LEVEL	AGE	DAY	TIME	FEE
9/29-12/8	New	5-7	F	4:30-5:15 p.m.	\$49
9/29-12/8	Yl. Belt+	5-7	F	5:15-6:00 p.m.	\$49
9/29-12/8	All	8+	F	6:00-7:00 p.m.	\$56

MINI KICKERS JU-JITSU ❤️**Rojen Recreation**

A great class even for the youngest martial artist! Parents participate alongside their children. Teaches the basics of Ju-Jitsu, focusing on balance and safety.

DATES	AGE	DAY	TIME	FEE
9/29-12/8	2-4	F	3:45-4:30 p.m.	\$49

NIPPON KEMPO KARATE ❤️**Do Mar**

A self-defense system—based on punching, kicking, blocking, joint lock and ground combat—aimed to foster respect, discipline and confidence.

DATES	LEVEL	AGE	DAY	TIME	FEE
9/25-11/27	Yl. Belt+	5-10	M	5:40-6:25 p.m.	\$35
9/25-11/29	All	7+	M/W	6:30-8:00 p.m.	\$56
9/27-11/29	New	5-9	W	5:40-6:25 p.m.	\$35

**JU-JITSU & KARATE**



6 - 9 p.m.

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SPORTS

Open to boys and girls, our youth sports program gives children the opportunity to learn good sportsmanship and to progressively develop skills learned in a team setting.

Register online through ActiveNet at templecity.us, or in person at Live Oak Park Community Center or Annex. Unless otherwise noted, cost includes an award, t-shirt and \$10 non-refundable administrative charge. For more information, call (626) 656-7321.

BASKETBALL

Our popular winter basketball league is back! Learn the basics of basketball through drills and game situations. Teams practice twice weekly after school. Games are weeknights or Saturdays, depending on division. Additional details—including practices, game schedules and locations—will be provided upon registration, which begins Oct. 1.

DATES	AGE/GRADE	FEE
11/13-3/17	3.5-5 yrs.	\$85
11/13-3/17	1st-2nd	\$85
11/13-3/17	3rd-4th	\$135
11/13-3/17	5th-6th	\$135
11/13-3/17	7th-8th	\$135

CROSS COUNTRY

Live Oak Park

Runners take your mark! Our program provides an introduction and appreciation of distance running through fundamental techniques and condition training. Participants will go for the gold in local competitions of ½ mile to 3.1 miles (5K). Some races take place on Saturday mornings.

DATES	AGE	DAY	TIME	FEE
10/3-12/7	8-13	T/Th	4:00-5:30 p.m.	\$25

FLAG FOOTBALL

Game on! Flag football is a fun, exciting and safe no-contact sport that advances the skills of catching, running, throwing and hand-eye coordination.

DATES	AGE/GRADE	SITE	DAY	TIME	FEE
9/6-11/8	4th-6th	Live Oak Park	M/W	4:30-5:45 p.m.	\$80
9/6-11/8	4th-6th	Emperor	M/W	3:30-4:45 p.m.	\$80
9/6-11/8	4th-6th	Cloverly	M/W	3:30-4:45 p.m.	\$80
9/6-11/8	4th-6th	Cleminson	M/W	3:30-4:45 p.m.	\$80
9/26-11/16	3.5-5 yrs.	Live Oak Park	T/Th	4:00-5:00 p.m.	\$75
9/26-11/16	6-8 yrs.	Live Oak Park	T/Th	5:00-6:00 p.m.	\$75

VOLLEYBALL

Oak Avenue Gym

Bump, set, spike! Our volleyball program teaches kids and teens the techniques of serving, passing, setting, hitting and digging.

DATES	GRADE	DAY	TIME	FEE
9/9-11/11	5th-8th	S	2:00-5:00 p.m.	\$60

SUPERSTARS DANCE TEAM

Immanuel Church

Got moves? Then be part of a traveling dance team that performs in competitions and community events. The squad learns modern jazz and hip-hop routines. More details will be announced at the parent meeting on Sept. 12, 6 p.m. at Live Oak Park Annex. Fee includes uniforms.

DATES	GRADE	DAY	TIME	FEE
9/12-5/24	1st-3rd	T/Th	4:30-6:00 p.m.	\$260
9/12-5/24	4th-8th	T/Th	6:00-7:30 p.m.	\$260

AFTERSCHOOL PROGRAMS

A one-time \$10 administrative fee applies.

STARS CLUB (GRADES 1-6)

Weekdays, Various Locations

Offers afterschool activities including homework help, sports and games, plus field trips and events based on monthly themes. Open from dismissal time to 6 p.m. at the following elementary school sites: Cleminson, Cloverly, Emperor and La Rosa.

DATES	SESSION	FEE
8/23-11/17	Fall	\$350
11/27-3/2	Winter	\$350
3/5-end of school year	Spring	\$350
8/23-end of school year	School Year	\$1,000

TEEN ZONE (GRADES 7-11)

Weekdays, Live Oak Park Annex

Get homework help, explore the game room and computer lab, and take part in various activities and field trips. Pending enrollment, transportation will be offered from the following school sites: Gidley and Rio Hondo elementary schools; Dana, First Avenue and Oak Avenue intermediate schools; and Arcadia, Rosemead and Temple City high schools. Open from dismissal time to 6 p.m. Cost per child, including administrative fee: \$85; \$235 with shuttle. Fee covers the entire school year.

KNOTT'S SCARY FARM

OCT. 6, 6 P.M.

Be very afraid. That is, if you dare to enter this infamous horror capital of the world. At 160 acres, Knott's Halloween Haunt is a ghoulish paradise—with more than a dozen haunted mazes, spine-tingling Scare Zones, and 1,000 monsters lurking in the fog and around every corner. Terrifying rides, shows and walk-through attractions, too. Guaranteed to be a real scream. Must register by Oct. 2. Cost: \$55.



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**TEEN
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GRADES
7-10



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GRADES
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Senior Programs

For more information, call (626) 579-0461. Unless designated, all events are held at Live Oak Park Community Center.

AARP DRIVER SAFETY

SEPT. 11-12, 9 A.M.

The AARP Driver Safety Program is the largest and most respected refresher course in the U.S. Specifically designed for those 55 and older, it helps seniors tune up their driving skills, while taking into account normal age-related physical changes. \$15 for AARP members, \$20 for non-members. Fee is payable by check at the first day of class. Pre-registration is recommended.

SENIOR BINGO

LAST THURSDAY OF THE MONTH, 1 P.M.

Studies show that bingo can improve memory skills and concentration. So don't forget to play. It's free! It's fun! And every game offers prizes!



LINKAGES PROGRAM

THIRD MONDAY OF THE MONTH, 10:30 A.M.

Offers free case management services to frail seniors (ages 60 and over) and adults with disabilities (ages 18 and older). Gives them the ability and independence to remain safely at home and in the community. Services are also available by appointment. For more information, contact the YWCA San Gabriel Valley at (626) 214-9465.

MAHJONG

FIRST & THIRD WEDNESDAY OF THE MONTH, 11 A.M.

Playtime is the dessert of life. And who doesn't love dessert? So why not test your strategy skills with a friendly game of mahjong? Games are free of charge, but registration is required. Space is limited.

SOCCER FOR BETTER HEALTH

WEDNESDAY & FRIDAY, 9 A.M., LIVE OAK PARK

Kick-start your exercise routine! In partnership with Chinese Soccer Stars of America, our soccer program is open to those ages 50+ at all skill levels. Learn or refresh basic techniques, make new friends, stay fit and have a real ball doing it! Sessions include a half-hour of warm-up exercises and drills, followed by match play. The program is free, but space is limited.



SENIOR LUNCH

WEEKDAYS, 11 A.M.

Attention seniors ages 60 and older: Get a hot lunch, participate in activities, and socialize with friends and neighbors. Monthly menus are available at Live Oak Park Community Center and online at templecity.us. Hot tea and coffee are available for just 25 cents per cup—the best price in town! Reservations are required 24 hours in advance; call (626) 579-0461. A \$3 donation for lunch is requested.

Celebrate autumn holidays with themed activities at the Senior Lunch Program! Space is limited.



MOON FESTIVAL

OCT. 4

Celebrate gratitude and harvest with a bountiful luncheon, followed by a slice of moon cake.



HALLOWEEN

OCT. 31

Come in costume for a Halloween luncheon complete with door prizes, contests, a few tricks and tasty treats.



VETERANS APPRECIATION

NOV. 10

Honor local veterans over lunch and thank them for their service to our country.



THANKSGIVING

NOV. 22

Enjoy a traditional thanksgiving meal with all the trimmings, followed by a special edition of BINGO!

Tours & Excursions

The City offers one-day tours and excursions to local and nearby destinations. The trips highlight the incredible diversity of attractions in Southern California. They also include shows, dinners and shopping. Registration is accepted at Live Oak Park Community Center on a first-come, first-paid basis. For more information, call (626) 579-0461.

LOS ANGELES COUNTY FAIR

SEPT. 21, 11 A.M.–6 P.M., \$18

Enjoy an afternoon at the Los Angeles County Fair in Pomona. Take in all the exhibits, food vendors and more! While you're at it, celebrate Temple City Day at the Fair with a hometown parade and marching band competition.

CATALINA ISLAND

OCT. 6, 6:45 A.M.–8 P.M., \$30

Explore Catalina Island with shopping, dining, tours and scenic views of Avalon Harbor. Tickets sold in advance. (Additional charges for oversized baggage or equipment.)

DAY IN JULIAN

OCT. 19, 8 A.M.–7 P.M., \$45

Spend a day in Julian, a premier getaway in the beautiful Cuyamaca Mountains. First stop: Dudley's Bakery for some scrumptious fresh-baked goods. Next comes the Rongbranch Restaurant for a relaxing lunch (included). After that, a leisurely exploration of the town and its tempting shops before returning home.

RILEY'S APPLE FARM

NOV. 3, 9:30 A.M.–4:30 P.M., \$48

Go back in time with a colonial tour of Riley's Apple Farm in Oak Glen, complete with apple picking and a lesson in taper candle making. Lunch is at Hawk's Tavern (included), where you will be treated to a freshly-baked chicken pot pie. Afterward, take a hayride around the farm, then wrap up the day with gift shopping before heading home.

THE LIVING DESERT

NOV. 16, 7 A.M.–3:30 P.M., \$55

Experience an oasis of fun at The Living Desert, a zoo and botanical garden outside of Palm Springs where the world's desert habitats come to life. Take in live reptile shows and observe more than 450 wild animals. Includes a narrated tour. Enjoy lunch at the Coyote Café (included), followed by a brief stop at the Cabazon Outlets.

INTERNATIONAL TAMALE FESTIVAL

DEC. 2, 8:30 A.M.–5:30 P.M., \$15

Descend on Old Town Indio for the ever-popular International Tamale Festival. Highlights include a festive parade, carnival, Mexican Folklorico performances and of course, a sampling of every type of tamale imaginable! The trip also features a quick stop at Hadley's Orchard in Cabazon for some shopping and browsing.

MISSION INN

DEC. 15, 1:45–8:30 P.M., \$34

Get in the holiday spirit at Mission Inn with their 25th annual Festival of Lights. Arrive in downtown Riverside for a guided tour of the historic inn and its elaborate holiday displays, followed by their renowned Festival of Lights—one of the nation's largest holiday light collections! Enjoy dinner and shopping on your own before returning home.



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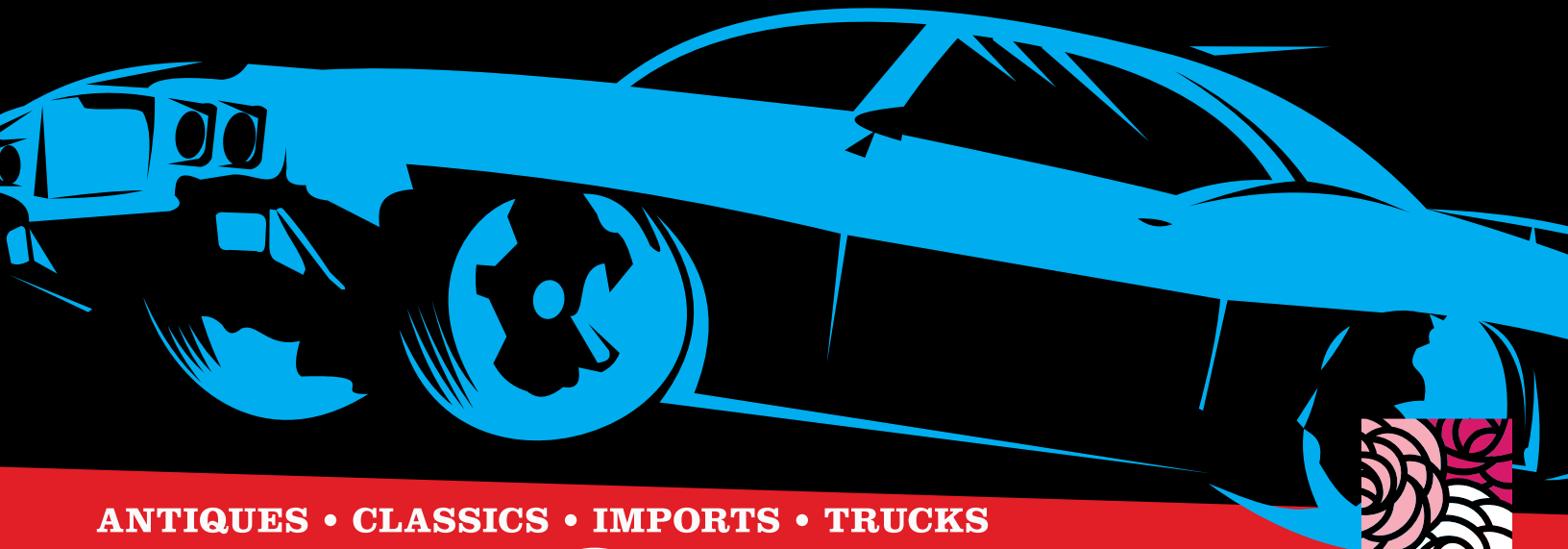
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