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# CONTINUITY & Evolution

People come and go, and our Temple City streets undergo cosmetic upgrade every now and then, but in the midst of the constant flux, the community's core identity has stood the test of time. Just as they had in the early days, people still come to Temple City for its high quality of life. In this issue, we celebrate how the city has evolved and progressed, while still holding onto those traits that have endured throughout the years.

Part of what makes any community unique is its local establishments. On page 9, get acquainted with eight businesses, ranging from institutions like Wonder Cleaners & Draperies which has been in town longer than City Hall; to recent arrivals like Phoenix Kitchen which just opened last December, but brings its own 50-year legacy to the community.

While the establishments featured may run on different business models—Wonder Cleaners has operated out of the same location for 60 years, and the Phoenix

brand is looking to expand, having just opened its fourteenth outlet—the owners we spoke with all acknowledged a respect for history and tradition, while also emphasizing the importance of flexibility and responding to changing customer needs. Our philosophy at City Hall is likewise the same.

Over the years, we have responded to various changes—for example, boosting senior services for our growing baby boomer population, adding e-government capabilities to engage our increasingly tech-savvy residents,

building pedestrian and bicycle facilities to accommodate residents' changing mobility patterns, and enhancing outreach efforts to serve the needs our entire community.

As City Hall adapts, we continue to ground our actions on a mission of service and ensuring a high quality of life. That has in turn continued to attract people to Temple City's family-friendly environment, good schools, quality public services and safety—and essentially, the community carries on these values.

Along the way, City Hall also works with various partners to strengthen the community's fabric and well-being. On page 33, meet Temple Station's new captain, Coronne Jacob. As someone who's had 10 years of experience working in Temple City, she has a good understanding of local principles, and how the area and its needs have evolved.

As Temple City's story continues, I invite you to participate and take part in writing the next chapter. With the General Plan update process ongoing over the next two years, share your vision for an evolving Temple City—a community that holds timeless values, but provides for the present and opens opportunities for the future.



Bryan Cook  
City Manager

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# CITY BRIEFS

**Catch up on City Council actions from Dec. 2 to Feb. 17. Meetings are regularly held the first and third Tuesday of every month, 7:30 p.m. in the Council Chambers, 5938 Kauffman Ave.**



## WRECKING BALL

A \$45,000 contract was awarded to demolish the former mortuary property at Workman and Temple City Boulevard. With the site now cleared, analysis will begin on determining its future reuse.

## UNDER BUDGET

The Rosemead Boulevard Safety Enhancement and Beautification Project was officially declared complete. Final cost came in at \$20.8 million, under budget by nearly \$237,000. Some minor project elements remain uncompleted, to be considered as part of the FY 2015-16 budget process.

## PARTNER UP

The City Council met with L.A. County Supervisor Michael Antonovich to discuss joint project opportunities. Moving forward, both parties will explore planning and funding mechanisms involving walking trails along County flood control channels, and a possible library expansion as part of any future Civic Center redevelopment proposal.

## HOLD THE PHONE

A one-year moratorium was approved on wireless telecommunication facilities like cell towers and utility poles. This allows the City time to develop a set of regulations for such uses, taking into account potential negative impacts associated with land use, aesthetics, and public health and safety.

## TASK-ORIENTED

The Strategic Plan's implementation matrix was approved, featuring a list of key tasks slated for completion over the next five years. Among them include public information and economic development initiatives, as well as emergency preparedness, land use planning studies and infrastructure improvements. Implementation is scheduled to begin in July 2015 pending adoption of the FY 2015-16 City Budget.

## ACHIEVING BALANCE

A temporary moratorium on new massage establishments was enacted as the City considers stricter regulations for the use and operation of such businesses. This action follows AB 1147, a new State law that returns zoning control of massage establishments to local government.

## BINGO!

A new ordinance now allows remote caller bingo. Numbers may be called from a central location, and broadcasted to additional bingo game sites. This allows for increased jackpots and provides local nonprofit organizations greater fundraising capacity.

## STOP AHEAD

A new four-way stop was authorized at Longden and Encinita avenues. This improvement will increase vehicular and pedestrian safety in an area that has curving roads and limited sight visibility.

## STATE OF THE ART

A proposed percent-for-art ordinance is being deliberated that would require certain development projects to contribute funding to the City's public arts program. Further discussion is anticipated for later this spring.

## RETHINKING DESIGN

Various alternatives are being considered for a Las Tunas Drive redesign, including options that involve reduced travel lanes, new bikeways, different parking configurations and pedestrian amenities. Public input collected to date is being incorporated into a new design, to be presented sometime this summer.

**LEARN MORE** For complete staff reports, visit the City's website at [www.templecity.us](http://www.templecity.us).

## COMMISSION ROUNDUP

### PLANNING

Authorized parcel splits and development plans for 12 new condominiums and two single-family homes citywide.

Approved a conditional use permit for JJ Bakery, a new eatery at Temple City Marketplace, and allowed for beer and wine sales at URSpace restaurant.

### PARKS AND RECREATION

Provided Temple City AYSO with limited and reserved use of the Live Oak Park athletic fields until May 31.

Received community input on the City's transportation programs—including Dial-A-Ride and subsidized bus passes—for recommended program changes or enhancements.

### PUBLIC ARTS

Finalized artistic composition for a new mural at Temple City Library, which will feature community themes from the 1920s to present day.

Began discussions on the development of administrative guidelines and ad hoc committees for specific public art initiatives.

### TRANSPORTATION AND PUBLIC SAFETY

Conducted appeal hearings for nearly 30 citations, mostly from street sweeping parking violations and the improper placement of vehicle registration tags.

Recommended to the City Council removal of one-way signs in four downtown alleyways to allow two-way travel and reduced vehicular travel speeds through speed bump and speed limit sign installations.

## COMMISSIONER RECRUITMENT

### APPLICATIONS DUE MAY 1

There are 13 openings on four City commissions—Parks and Recreation, Planning, Public Arts, and Transportation and Public Safety. Apply now for the opportunity to make a positive contribution to your community. Commissioners serve in an advisory capacity to the City Council, making recommendations and discussing issues pertaining to their assigned bodies. For more information, visit [www.templecity.us](http://www.templecity.us).

# SNAPSHOTS

THE EXCITEMENT NEVER ENDED IN WINTER. LIGHTS ON TEMPLE CITY, THE LUNAR NEW YEAR STREET FAIR AND 71ST ANNUAL CAMELLIA FESTIVAL GAVE REASON FOR COMMUNITY MEMBERS TO CELEBRATE HOLIDAYS AND TRADITIONS.

## 1 LIGHTS ON TEMPLE CITY

On Dec. 5, families joined old St. Nick at Temple City Park for the annual tree lighting ceremony. Event goers enjoyed a festive parade along Las Tunas Drive, sled rides down an icy slope, wintry holiday crafts and much more.

## 2 LUNAR NEW YEAR STREET FESTIVAL

San Gabriel Valley's Lunar New Year celebrations kicked off in Temple City with a lively street festival on Las Tunas Drive from Jan. 24-25. The event welcomed the Year of the Ram with food, games, exhibitors and exciting live performances.

## 3 71ST ANNUAL CAMELLIA FESTIVAL

The annual Camellia Festival again drew crowds to Temple City Park to celebrate youth involvement in the community. This year's event also commemorated the 70th Anniversary of D-Day with World War II veterans, and featured special guest appearances by two hometown Rose Court princesses.









# Spring 2015

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## COMMUNITY EMERGENCY RESPONSE TEAM TRAINING

Applications due by 6 p.m.

Are you prepared for "The Big One?" Sign up for CERT training to learn what you can do to help in the event of a disaster. Sessions take place over three Saturdays (March 14, 21 and 28). Applications are available online and at City Hall.

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## ARBOR DAY

Live Oak Park, 1-6 p.m.

Join us for food and fun activities to learn about the benefits of trees in our community. Help plant a tree and hop into a cherry-picker for a bird's-eye view of Temple City's lush canopy. Plus, don't miss the great prizes of our "Tree-mendous Trees" scavenger hunt.



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## WINTER BASKETBALL CITY CHAMPIONSHIP GAMES

3:30-8:30 p.m., Temple City High Gym

Cheer on your local cagers and cagerettes on Championship Saturday! The winter basketball season culminates with final games at the Temple City High gym. Trophies will be awarded to players with special recognition to be given to members of this year's All-Stars teams.



EVERY SUNDAY

*Farm Fresh Food*

## FARMER'S MARKET

Every Sunday, 8:30 a.m.-1 p.m., City Hall

Get stocked for the week with fresh, seasonal and regionally sourced produce.

## ARTISTS SOUGHT FOR MURAL PROJECT

The Public Arts Commission invites artists of all ages and skill sets to help paint a new mural at Temple City Library. Activities will begin later this spring. For more information and to be added to our notification list, email [publicarts@templecity.us](mailto:publicarts@templecity.us).



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## COUNCIL REORGANIZATION

7 p.m., Council Chambers

Welcome Temple City's new leader at the annual Reorganization Ceremony. Mayor Carl Blum will pass the gavel as a new mayor is named for 2015.

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## EASTER EGG HUNT & PANCAKE BREAKFAST

8:30 a.m.-Noon, Live Oak Park

Enjoy the fresh spring air at this annual family-favorite Easter celebration, featuring a pancake breakfast, and crafts and egg hunts for the little tykes! For the latest info, check [www.templecity.us](http://www.templecity.us).



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## COMPOST GIVEAWAY

Live Oak Park, 9 a.m.-Noon

Do your plants a favor and feed them with the very best food money can't buy—dark, moist, organic, and nutrient-rich compost provided by Athens Services. Event is held at the south parking lot facing Daines Drive. Bring your own containers.

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## TCUSD COMMUNITY HEALTH FAIR & RUN/WALK

Live Oak Park, 9 a.m.-Noon

Celebrate health at Temple City Unified School District's (TCUSD) free health fair and 5K/10K run/walk. The event includes screenings, information booths, and live student performances by Temple City High Jazzband and Longden Elementary Drill Team. Register for the run/walk by April 20. For more information, call (626) 548-5069.

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## PUBLIC MEETING: GENERAL PLAN ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Community Room, 7 p.m.

Help create the vision for Temple City 2050 by getting involved in the General Plan update process. For more information or to sign up for the latest General Plan news, visit [www.templecity.us](http://www.templecity.us).

## CITY CALENDAR

FOR DETAILS, CALL (626) 285-2171.

### MARCH

- 6 Last day to register for CERT
- 11 Arbor Day Celebration
- 14 Winter Basketball City Championship Games
- 17 Council Reorganization
- 18 Neighborhood Watch Meeting: Area 3
- 27 Spring Fling (page 30)
- 30 Spring Camp begins (page 30)

### APRIL

- 4 Easter Egg Hunt & Pancake Breakfast (page 36)
- 9 City Commission, Youth Committee recruitment begins (pages 5 & 30)
- 11 Volunteer Appreciation Luncheon
- 16 Neighborhood Watch Meeting: Area 4
- 25 Youth Sports Festival (page 29)
- 28 Compost Giveaway

### MAY

- 1 Last day to apply for City Commissions
- 2 TCUSD Community Health Fair & Run/Walk
- 4 Public meeting: General Plan Advisory Committee
- Senior Luncheon: Mother's Day (page 31)
- 9 Pitch, Hit & Run
- 15 Registration begins for summer youth sports
- 16 Pentathlon Championships (page 29)
- 21 Neighborhood Watch Meeting: Area 5
- 25 Memorial Day (City offices closed)
- 31 Last day to apply for Youth Committee (page 30)

### JUNE

- 15 Summer STARS, Teen Zone, Sports Camp, Basketball begin (page 30)
- 17 Concerts in the Park begin

### STAY CONNECTED

Get updates on City events

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Check out the City's revamped website and customize your own calendar of events at [templecity.us](http://templecity.us).





# OPEN for BUSINESS

BY WENDY CHUNG & STEVE NATHAN

SINCE  
1960

**THE CITY'S** 50th incorporation anniversary in 2010 was a moment of celebration, as well as a cause for reflection. The city recognized the handful of legacy institutions that had survived the half-century mark, and over the years provided a comforting, constant presence that's helped define the community. At the same time, residents were also excited anticipating how Temple City might reinvent itself over the next 50 years.

The following eight profiles feature businesses that range in services and founding date. Some have been around longer than City Hall, while others are just settling in after only recently opening. Together, they demonstrate the value of fostering a diverse and lively business community, and emphasize the importance of striking that fine balance between tradition and evolution as we continue to write our Temple City narrative.

天普市在 2010 年慶祝城市建立五十周年，在大事慶祝之餘，也讓我們靜心反思城市的過去與未來。我們非常珍惜本市仍有幾座年邁五十的原居商戶，它們多年來一直為社區提供穩定可靠的服務，與此同時，市民對城市如何計劃在未來五十年再次創造另一高峰亦都充滿期待。

本期雜誌介紹八個商戶，商品服務各有不同，開業時間亦有先有後，有些商戶比市政府還要歷史悠久，另一些則最近才開門營業。無論何先何後，他們共同反映出多元化行業對一個滿有生機的商業區別具價值，怎樣在傳統和進化兩端中取得微妙的平衡尤為重要。就讓我們繼續譜寫天普市的故事！







**GRACIELA SOTO**

**ALTA DENA  
DRIVE-THRU DAIRY**



## ALTA DENA DRIVE-THRU DAIRY

To anybody who grew up in Southern California, the sight of an Alta Dena Drive-Thru Dairy evokes a strong sense of nostalgia, along the lines of Clifton's Cafeteria, Bullocks Wilshire or the Helms Bakery trucks. Embedded in the SoCal social fabric, these Alta Dena establishments were a bridge between the days of home milk delivery and the advent of the 7-Eleven convenience store. The first Alta Dena drive-thru appeared in 1951 and according to the *Los Angeles Times*, more than 80 of these outlets—now mostly weatherworn remnants of a bygone era—still existed in 2006.

In Temple City, the Alta Dena drive-thru at Las Tunas Drive and Encinita Avenue is run by Graciela Soto who took over the business six years ago after the former owner retired. While Soto's landlord recently sold the property, she says she has another four years remaining on her lease and hopes to be onsite for longer. Though the 43-year-old did not grow up in Southern California—she is a native of Mexico and proudly gained her U.S. citizenship two years ago—she understands the historic value of the drive-thru from talking to longtime customers. "We have a lot of older people come through that have been shopping here for many years," she says. "Some are in wheelchairs and I pack the groceries into the car for them."

Alta Dena's clientele is multicultural and multigenerational. "We get all kinds of people—residents, businessmen and students all day long," says Soto, who lives in Monrovia and previously worked as a bookkeeper at King Ranch Market. In addition to essentials like milk, bread, toilet paper, chips and beer, she offers a few products that specifically appeal to Latino customers, like canned *jalapeños en escabeche* and Hola brand sweet-and-sour salted plum candies from Mexico. During the holiday season, Alta Dena eggnog is a popular sell that crosses ethnic lines.

Soto's two drive-thru lanes have her on her feet much of the day, but the customers keep it enjoyable. "People in Temple City are very friendly and most of them know me by name,"

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GRACIELA SOTO, ALTA DENA DRIVE-THRU DAIRY

she says. Luis Quiros lives in Long Beach but drives through Temple City frequently, often stopping by to chat with Soto. "She's very nice and very attentive to customers," said Quiros, who says he likes the openness of the store as opposed to the more typical, fully enclosed convenience market. "We might not stay open as late as 7-Eleven, but we're friendly and are a little less expensive," said Soto. Plus, many people think the store is a lucky place. Last May, a customer won more than \$56,000 on a ticket.

There is something almost poetic about an entrepreneurial immigrant operating a business housed in an iconic structure that reflects the quintessential suburban American experience. While everybody looks forward to new development on Las Tunas Drive, this endearing taste of an innocent era is one parcel that most Temple City residents would be happy to leave just the way it is. —S.N.

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## WONDER CLEANERS & DRAPERIES

Jerry Jambazian is a fixture in Temple City. His consistent presence at City Council meetings has earned him the sometimes-title as "Sixth Councilmember." While many people assume he's a Temple City resident, he has for nearly 45 years lived in an unincorporated area a couple blocks outside the city's border. His family's Wonder Cleaners & Draperies, however, has been located in the heart of Temple City for 60 years.

The business was founded by Jambazian's father in 1947. The original location was in San Gabriel, but moved to its current address on Las Tunas Drive in 1955. Jambazian started helping in the business at 11 years old. "When I got out of school in the afternoon, I'd ride my bike over to the shop and work until late at night," he recalls. "When we were







**JERRY JAMBAZIAN**  
**WONDER CLEANERS**  
**& DRAPERIES**

done, I'd throw my bike into the truck and we'd ride home." He began working full-time immediately after high school. "But when fathers and sons work together, sometimes there are arguments." Jambazian would occasionally leave the family business to work for another dry cleaning operation, but admits "I'd always return and realize Dad was right."

His father passed in 1970, but Wonder Cleaners remains a family business. Jambazian runs the operation with Pat, his wife of 51 years who also grew up in the cleaning industry. Over the years, the couple has reduced business hours to pursue other interests. Still, without much aggressive advertising, the business generates new customers by word-of-mouth and the store's prominent vintage sign. In fact, even though Jambazian is technologically savvy, he has never had the need to establish a website for the business. "I don't need the money, and I'm more interested in doing volunteer work and serving as the unofficial photographer for the community," he says. Jambazian shoots an incredible 40,000 to 60,000 photos per year—many of which are posted on a website designed to keep families and friends connected.

Unlike some businesspeople who bemoan the "good old days" when Temple City was a more homogeneous community, Jambazian views cultural diversity as a benefit and notes that business hasn't suffered. "Our clientele

reflects the city's population pretty well," he says, reporting that Asian customers value his craftsmanship and that everybody—regardless of ethnicity—appreciates the business' longevity.

"People can't believe we've been on the same corner for 60 years," says Jambazian, who's seen generations of families pass through the door. "We know their names, they know our names; we know their families, and they know our family." Customers also appreciate honesty. If you leave money in a coat pocket, you can be sure that Wonder Cleaners will return it. Jambazian is even guilty of talking himself out of business. "If I see it's something they can do at home, I'll tell them," he says.

Donna Briskie, who has been taking her family's clothes to Wonder Cleaners for more than 25 years, reports, "Jerry's a wonderful guy and runs an amazing business," noting his honesty and work ethic impressed her immediately. "When I picked up my first order, he remembered exactly who I was, and now I trust him so much I don't even ask for a ticket," says Briskie, who also appreciates Jambazian's passion for the community. "He just makes you feel really good whenever you go in there."

Over the years, business has stepped in pace with the times. While the growing trend of wash-and-wear fabrics has cut

into business, Jambazian also notes the impact has been largely offset by the rise of the two-income family. With two people in the workforce, there's not only more clothes to clean, but nobody has the time to deal with it at home. Since about 35 years ago, Wonder Cleaners also began specializing in drapery cleaning—something Jambazian introduced himself. He subsequently parlayed his expertise into drapery manufacturing and installation. These days, the company outsources the manufacturing role, but still stocks 50,000 yards of various fabrics onsite for customers to choose.

Because of strict environmental and fire regulations, Wonder Cleaners is among a declining number of dry cleaners that actually clean clothes onsite—many now outsource from a small storefront. New statutes may eventually force Jambazian to upgrade all of his equipment, and when that happens, he might consider retirement. "I would probably be pretty emotional about closing down the family business," says the septuagenarian entrepreneur. "But I'm going to keep going as long as I can. I have too much fun doing what I'm doing."—S.N.

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## SUPREME HARDWARE

Like soda fountains and drive-in theaters, neighborhood hardware stores have practically disappeared from the American landscape, with their customers now lost in the aisles of Home Depot or Lowe's. But 24-year-old entrepreneur Ivan Ruiz—armed with a love for people, youthful energy and a loan from his immigrant father—resurrected that institution in Temple City when he opened Supreme Hardware last year.

A self-professed mediocre student, Ruiz found himself working on construction crews after high school. "I didn't like the work, but learned all about the different materials and how they were used," says Ruiz, whose store caters to small contractors and has benefited tremendously from the increased pace of construction in the San Gabriel Valley.

The shop itself, housed in an inviting bungalow-like structure with Spanish-style red roof tiles, has the feel of a small town hardware store. And although Supreme Hardware's focus is a commercial clientele, Ruiz loves helping local residents who come into the store for advice. "We try to be like the old-fashioned neighborhood hardware store," he says, noting, "My mom thinks I was born in the wrong century."

Supreme Hardware is generally not the place to pick up a handful of screws or nails, but local residents will find hand tools,

trash bags and hoses. "If we don't carry an item, I'll let the customer know exactly where he can find it, or I'll place a special order for them—I can order anything." To further accommodate residents, Ruiz plans to increase his inventory of household plumbing and electrical supplies. "I want to have more things for the locals—they teach me so much," he says. "Not long after we opened, the Mayor came in and was surprised to see there was a hardware store on Las Tunas," recounts Ruiz. "His wife was even happier."

Currently, a large segment of the store's customers are Hispanic contractors, but Ruiz reports local homeowners often drop by, and he does his best to communicate with Chinese residents despite an occasional language barrier. Coming from an immigrant family himself, Ruiz fully appreciates the challenges of residents who recently arrived. He says he enjoys sharing do-it-yourself tips with customers, and is equally patient with anybody looking for advice on starting a business. "I'll go out to dinner with them and tell them everything I know," says Ruiz, noting how discouraging it was when suppliers were skeptical of him as a young, inexperienced merchant.

Ruiz lives with his wife in Arcadia, and although he's not yet fully immersed in Temple City affairs, he's always happy

to post announcements about local school events and is anxious to get his name out into the community. The businessman is aware of the significance of his Las Tunas Drive address, and hopes that future downtown revitalization will generate more pedestrian traffic. "I want to build a better future for my family through this business," says Ruiz, "taking care of my parents when they get older and creating something for my kids."

Supreme Hardware does not yet have a website, but Ruiz insists that's coming, with online ordering to follow. The merchant realizes that his timing—opening the store just as construction activity was ramping up—was fortuitous and wants to be prepared for continued economic expansion. He also wants to begin marketing more aggressively. "The first couple of months, a single contractor building a mixed-use project in Alhambra bought everything we had, and I'm motivated to attract more clients like that."

"My wife tells me I talk too much," says Ruiz, who loves chatting with customers. "At the end of the day, they have the power to get my name out there," he says. Prescribing to the old adage that "the customer is always right," Ruiz takes that philosophy one step further: "I own the store, but my customers run it."—S.N.

**Supreme Hardware**  
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*"I WANT TO HAVE MORE THINGS FOR THE LOCALS—THEY TEACH ME SO MUCH. NOT LONG AFTER WE OPENED, THE MAYOR CAME IN AND WAS SURPRISED TO SEE THERE WAS A HARDWARE STORE ON LAS TUNAS. HIS WIFE WAS EVEN HAPPIER."*

IVAN RUIZ,  
SUPREME HARDWARE











*MR. WONG'S PERSONAL TOUCHES, LIKE THE LUCKY RED COLOR SCHEME, LANTERNS AND ORIGINAL WATERCOLOR LANDSCAPES, STILL CREATE A WHIMSICAL FAR EAST ATMOSPHERE. SINCE THEY TOOK OVER, SHI AND HER HUSBAND HAVE ALSO TRIED TO KEEP AS CLOSE TO THE ORIGINAL OLD-SCHOOL CHINESE STYLE MENU AS POSSIBLE, SERVING UP DISHES LIKE EGG FOO YOUNG AND CHOP SUEY.*

## YE LOY

In 2003, Lai Shi and her husband Yu Xiao Wang were looking for a restaurant space when they came across Ye Loy. The couple—originally from China—arrived recently from West Africa, where they had briefly run a Chinese eatery serving clientele near the French embassy. After immigrating to the U.S. and working several years at a popular, American Chinese takeout restaurant, the two were ready to open a spot of their own.

“When we visited Ye Loy, my husband really liked the big kitchen for all his prepping and cooking,” said Shi, who handles day-to-day operations and works front of the house. When the deal was made to purchase Ye Loy, they had no idea they were also buying into a Temple City institution.

According to Jeanie Wong, the restaurant has been part of the community since 1953 when her father, a World War II vet, opened shop. Wong’s father was a second-generation Chinese-American born and raised in L.A. His family owned the former China Café, so when he returned from his tour of duty, food service was something he knew. Plus, his 11 brothers and sisters were familiar enough to pitch in when needed.

During Ye Loy’s early days, it was the only Chinese restaurant in the vicinity. The 1960 Census shows that at the time, people of Chinese descent made up less than two percent of Temple City’s total population. Ye Loy was a way for many to experience an unfamiliar culture. As Wong recalls, at Ye Loy’s height between the ’50s and early ’70s, people lined up at the door for dinner. “Customers loved coming because it felt like they were being transported to China,”

she laughs. “For a period, our servers were even wearing traditional Chinese blouses to complete the experience.”

Today, the dining room has been left more or less intact. Mr. Wong’s personal touches, like the lucky red color scheme, lanterns and original watercolor landscapes, still create a whimsical Far East atmosphere. Since they took over, Shi and her husband have also tried to keep as close to the original old-school Chinese style menu as possible, serving up dishes like egg foo young and chop suey. But the Temple City around Ye Loy has changed. Around the mid-1970s, Santa Anita Mall diverted many downtown shoppers to Arcadia. The influx of Chinese immigrants to the area also meant more restaurants and changing consumer tastes.

Temple City’s population now hovers around 40 percent Chinese, and Shi says preserving the Ye Loy tradition is becoming more challenging. Her primary customer base is comprised of longtime diners who have been regulars since the ’50s and ’60s, but overall the appetite for old-school Chinese is waning—especially in the competitive and saturated San Gabriel Valley restaurant market. Adding local deliver in recent years has boosted sales, but Shi can’t help but think of the competition. “It’s tough. People have a lot of choices now,” she said.

Nonetheless, thinking of her customers and the Ye Loy legacy, Shi has no plans to change a thing. —W.C.

**Ye Loy**  
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[www.yeloy.com](http://www.yeloy.com)





## CAL'S JEWELERS

Much of what stands on Temple City Boulevard just south of Las Tunas Drive, hasn't changed much since the 1950s. Many small, modestly appointed establishments are still catering to a local clientele as they have been for decades. Among these is Cal's Jewelers, the antithesis of the slick, formula-driven shopping mall jewelry store.

At just a little more than 15 feet wide, the small shop is easy to spot because of the old-fashioned street clock out front on the sidewalk. Inside, more than a hundred clocks of all shapes and sizes are mounted on walls, and a variety of chimes are staggered throughout the hour. Cal's was founded more than 50 years ago in San Gabriel by Calvin Magro, whose son Cal, Jr., moved the store to downtown Temple City in the mid-'70s.

Eleven years ago, former employee and now-owner Eddie Cebrowski took over the business. For Cebrowski—a native of Argentina with Ukrainian heritage—the mom-and-pop atmosphere was a departure from the dressier mall stores he was used to, but he fell in love with the place, and eventually bought it when Magro retired.

*"I GET UP IN THE MORNING  
AND CAN'T WAIT TO COME  
BACK TO WORK. I'M VERY  
LUCKY. MY PLAN IS TO STAY  
HERE FOREVER."*

EDDIE CEBROWSKI, CAL'S JEWELRY

"I thought about putting my own name on the store, but the Cal's name means a lot to local residents and they were always good to me," says Cebrowski of his enduring tribute to the Magro family.

"When I first began working here in 1992, Temple City was like Mayberry. People were very friendly and family-oriented," recounts Cebrowski. "When I bought the store, everybody was extremely welcoming." Many of those families are still regular customers, with second and third generations continuing the tradition. Although Cal's has a large senior clientele, many thirty-something customers come in for jewelry and watch repair, taking

advantage of Cebrowski's training at a Swiss watchmaking school in Buenos Aires. In fact, more than 60 percent of the store's business is repairs, as skilled craftsmen are increasingly difficult to find.

Cebrowski, who lives in Arcadia, belongs to the Temple City Chamber of Commerce and supports the Camellia Festival but is not as active in community affairs as he would like, due to a lack of time. But the jeweler very much appreciates Temple City's family orientation and misses Argentine culture, where families tend to enjoy even more time together. "We're all workaholics here... We have time to send a text message but not to sit down for a cup of coffee or dinner," he laments. Nonetheless, his 85-year-old mother lives in an apartment above the jewelry store and still cooks for him—both Ukrainian and Argentine specialties.

Cebrowski's wife maintains a website for the store. While recognizing online presence as an essential component of doing business these days, not many of his customers spend their time tweeting or Yelping. Although many consumers now purchase jewelry and watches from large chains online, Cebrowski notes, "People still like to come in to touch and feel the products." Reflecting a rare passion for one's job, the 53-year-old merchant states, "I get up in the morning and can't wait to come to work. I'm very lucky. My plan is to stay here forever."

Cebrowski is constantly considering redecorating the store, but appreciates the fact that that much of its appeal is the vintage look. Hardly chic or trendy, the store's longevity is reflected in the presence of a National cash register and Cary safe, both bona fide antiques. Cal's appears frozen in time, but its owner's hospitality is timeless. —S.N.

**Cal's Jewelers**  
5824 Temple City Blvd.  
(626) 286-7474  
www.calsjewelers.com



## GOLDEN DELI BAKERY

Golden Deli is famous across San Gabriel Valley for its eggrolls—“whose crunch,” renowned food writer Jonathan Gold has described, “you can hear as far away as Downey.” But since 2012, the eatery has been making waves with a completely different kind of handheld treat—cupcakes.

While not something you’d expect to find at a Vietnamese restaurant, Golden Deli’s cupcakes are baked in-house and come straight from the same central kitchen that simmers its *pho* broth. Each is an original creation of Thy Do (pronounced Tea Dough), the 26-year-old daughter of the restaurant’s founding family.

Do is a French-trained pastry chef who graduated from Le Cordon Bleu in Pasadena. Her original base cake recipe is known among devotees for its moistness, and she strives to make as many of the components using only the freshest ingredients. Her lemon merengue cupcake, for example, is filled with a homemade lemon curd and topped off with a handmade merengue

cookie that’s placed on order. In addition to classic flavors like red velvet and chocolate, Do also likes experimenting with new flavors like Thai tea and durian. “The durian cupcakes needed to be stored in their own container,” said Do of the notoriously pungent tropical fruit that is legally banned from Singapore’s public transportation system. “It’s one of those foods people either love or hate.”

Over the years, Do has gained a large following online. In-store cupcake sales have steadily increased. Every Thursday, she delivers four to eight dozen to the two Golden Deli locations on Las Tunas Drive—one in Temple City that opened in 2011, and the original in San Gabriel that’s been in operation since 1981. She also takes custom cake orders, for which she’s known for her meticulous artistry in decoration.

Despite the success, Do doesn’t know how much longer she’ll be baking. She attended culinary school anticipating a major role in the family business after

her parents retire. The transition has already begun with her brother overseeing expansion plans that began with the Temple City location. Meanwhile Do is learning the ropes working in the kitchen alongside her mother at the San Gabriel location. But any time outside the restaurant is dedicated to baking. After closing shop around 9 p.m., she heads to the central kitchen. Whereas learning the family business is about preserving menu consistency, Do says cakes is “how I get to be creative.”

Do has no long-term plans for her cakes. When her parents retire, she expects that all her time would be handling kitchen operations. “Though baking is definitely my passion, family is most important to me,” she said. But for the time being, this talented cupcake artist keeps fans on the edge of their seats with new flavors and awe-inspiring cake designs. —W.C.

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THY DO

GOLDEN DELI BAKERY



## JAMBHALA ANTIQUE & JEWELRY

Jambhala Antique and Jewelry opened on Las Tunas Drive in 2013, specializing in ancient Chinese artifacts and jade. But its story begins more than 50 years ago in Taiwan, where owner Ronald Wang ran his first store.

To Wang, this is retirement. Buying, selling and trading antiques have always been his passion. After a career in textiles running quality control for Polo Ralph Lauren, he is now enjoying being a full-time hobbyist. Since his days in Taiwan, Wang has used storefronts to showcase his collection. Believe it or not, his current two-story, 8,000-square-foot space is only a glimpse of his holdings that he estimates is about four times as large.

Wang's fascination with antiques began at an early age. His mother, a Briton of Chinese descent, was an avid collector of English artifacts. As Wang took up

collecting himself, he was particularly drawn to ancient Chinese history. He began studying and examining relics under a renowned curator at the acclaimed Taiwan National Palace Museum, which houses one of the largest permanent collections on ancient Chinese imperial objects and artworks.

Buying jewelry at Jambhala can't be compared to buying at a typical jewelry store as the jade bangles here can date back five to six thousand years. Likewise, the artworks here are also of the rarer variety. Last year, Wang hosted a gallery of Tibetan Buddhist thangka paintings created by accomplished lamas using gold and crushed precious stones. The most detailed can take more than a thousand hours to complete, and the most valuable are coveted for artistry and message.

When asked why he appreciates antiques, Wang says it's about the original creator. "It's about appreciating the history and craftsmanship behind the piece," said Wang. "How they interpreted and handled the raw material to create a masterpiece." For example, Wang shows one of his stone carvings, in which a natural discoloration was imaginatively integrated as part of the art.

Plus, Wang says many people view collecting as an investment. The value of jade has gone up over the years. A bangle acquired for a dollar 20 years ago might today be worth 200, and it starts making sense to learn that the store's namesake Jambhala is "God of Wealth" in Tibetan Buddhism.

In addition to walk-ins, a large chunk of Wang's business transactions are conducted through auctions and online sales. While a considerable portion of customers are Asian, Wang says the appreciation for ancient Chinese antiques transcends any ethnic or national boundaries. He has shipped to customers from places as far as Nigeria, Madagascar and Germany. Shipping is tricky business when dealing with delicate antiques, but the key is a lot of postal insurance and packaging material.

Wang is also trained in appraisals and offers free consultation. "In this business, you touch the artifacts, feel them, sleep with them. Eventually you develop discerning judgment." Now entering his late '70s, the collector is finally able to fully devote his time to his beloved relics. —W.C.

**Jambhala Antique & Jewelry**  
9611 Las Tunas Dr.  
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*"IN THIS BUSINESS, YOU TOUCH THE ARTIFACTS, FEEL THEM, SLEEP WITH THEM. EVENTUALLY, YOU DEVELOP DISCERNING JUDGEMENT."*

RONALD WANG, JAMBHALA ANTIQUE & JEWELRY











*THE ROOTS OF THE PHOENIX BRAND TRACES BACK TO 1965, WHEN CHANG'S PARENTS—BOTH FROM HONG KONG—OPENED UP THEIR FIRST RESTAURANT IN CHINATOWN AT THE CORNER OF ORD AND NEW HIGH STREETS.*

## PHOENIX KITCHEN

When Phoenix celebrated the grand opening of its Temple City outpost late last year, it marked the chain's fourteenth store and first open-kitchen concept. The space stands out among its counterparts as most modern, boasting an industrial chic design that harkens back to the site's former life as an auto body shop. Phoenix observers have noted how the chain has constantly updated its brand, offering different styles of dining, diversifying menu options and even switching up its packaging from time to time. But despite being constantly in motion, President Tom Chang maintains that the constitution of Phoenix is still the same with its essence standing on a backbone of traditional Cantonese cuisine.

The roots of the Phoenix brand traces back to 1965, when Chang's parents—both from Hong Kong—opened up their first restaurant in Chinatown at the corner of Ord and New High streets. His father cooked and his mother ran front of the house.

"Growing up, my parents were always at the restaurant. It's a tough and very labor-intensive line of work," said Chang. "There are practically no days off, and your busiest days are the holidays." So it's no surprise that his parents wanted a different life for their son and daughter.

Chang went on to become an accountant, but around the '90s, as his parents were getting older, he started becoming more involved in the restaurant

and took an interest in expanding the business. In 1997, after more than 30 years of operating out of a sole Chinatown location, the family opened a second, larger space on Valley Boulevard in Alhambra. In 2002, Chang added a dessert shop next door. Two fast-casual food boutiques followed the next year, and within the next decade, the chain added 10 more outlets across the San Gabriel Valley.

Compared to his parents who were directly in the kitchen and dining room interfacing with customers, Chang's role now is much different. He works out of the corporate headquarters in Rosemead, a modern zen-inspired office space that echoes Phoenix's east-meets-west brand. He is in charge of business strategy and his wife is on research and development. "You always have to keep moving and trying new things," he said. And occasionally, that's brought disagreement.

"My parents wonder why there are no round dining tables at some of the food boutiques—because that's a very traditional way of eating in Chinese culture. They're also not too crazy about the industrial look at the Temple City location," said Chang. "But when they see other customers respond well to it, they start to understand."

As Phoenix celebrates its 50th anniversary this year, Chang reiterates the importance of keeping Phoenix's Cantonese essence intact. In fact, the Chinese calligraphy his father wrote for the original business sign is enshrined in the boardroom and graces all packaging, serving as a ubiquitous reminder that Phoenix's success is built not on relinquishing, but reinventing tradition in ways that engage new customers, new trends and the changing times. —W.C.

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## SHARP SHOOTERS

**.643** Of the approximately 560 shots attempted in the Hoop Shoot Free Throw Contest, 360 are made, giving Temple Citians a better free throw shooting percentage than Shaquille O'Neal.

## BINGO

**90 BINGO CARDS** are played by seniors in a typical quarter. The City hosts bingo games on the first Thursday of the month at the Community Center, with winners taking home special prizes.

## HIGH HOOPS

**650 TROPHIES** are given out for basketball, the City's most popular sport featuring 535 players and 62 teams.

## EGGS-CELLENT

**15,000 EGGS**—including 5,000 of the plastic and 10,000 of the chocolate varieties—keep things interesting at the Annual Easter Egg Hunt and Pancake Breakfast.

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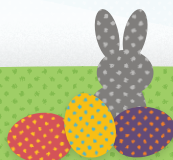
**15 CLASSES** makes Friday the busiest day at the Community Center where most recreation classes take place.

## HOT LUNCH

**80 MEALS** are served daily, five days a week as part of the Senior Luncheon. Those 60 years and up can make reservations for a hot-lunch date, featuring Chinese and American menus.

## NEED A LIFT?

**4,300 DIAL-A-RIDE TRIPS** are taken by senior Dial-A-Ride users between the months of March and May, going to destinations mostly within Temple City limits.



## FIELD OF DREAMS

**2,000 lbs.** of grass seeds are used to replant grass after soccer and football seasons. The fields are closed in December and January to allow seeds to germinate and grow a lush covering just in time for baseball and softball seasons.

## SPACE INVADERS

**10 acres** of green fields are monitored for weeds. When the situation gets out of hand, the City calls in extra help from a special abatement team to spray weed killers.



# SUN

BY WENDY CHUNG

The sun is shining...the birds are chirping. Spring has sprung and Live Oak Park is buzzing with activity. See how the City preps this popular community hotspot for baseball, egg hunts, recreation classes and more.

## TREE HUGGER

**130 TREES** at Live Oak Park require tender loving care. Crews check trees regularly to ensure proper watering and trimming.

## HELPING HAND

**8,090 HOURS** of volunteer service were logged in 2014. The City hosts a volunteer luncheon every spring to recognize those who dedicated at least 10 hours of service in the past year.

## WORLD OF COLOR

**1,280 POTS** of flowers are planted throughout the park to add a splash of eye-catching color for visitors to enjoy.

## DID YOU KNOW?

The recent drought has crews keeping a closer eye than usual on the fields and trees, checking for dry patches in the grass and wilting among the leaves. Warmer temperatures have also meant that flowers have been blooming a little earlier this year.

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Classes begin the week of April 6 at Live Oak Park unless otherwise noted. No classes will be held on May 25, in observance of Memorial Day. Class schedules and prices are subject to change.

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# Classes

## CHILD DEVELOPMENT

### LITTLE STARS

#### Recreation Leaders

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

DATES	AGE	DAY	TIME	FEE
4/7-6/11	2 yrs.	T/Th	9:30-10:45 a.m.	\$100
4/7-6/11	1 yr.	T/Th	11-11:45 a.m.	\$65

### 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.

DATES	AGE	DAY	TIME	FEE
4/13-6/19	3-5 yrs.	M/W/F	9:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.	\$330
4/14-6/18	3-5 yrs.	T/Th	9:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.	\$240

## DANCE

### BALLET & TAP

#### Shekinah Glory School of Dance

Students will be instructed in classical and modern dance technique from beginning to advanced levels, which includes barre work for advanced students. Tap and ballet shoes required.

DATES	LEVEL	AGE	DAY	TIME	FEE
4/10-5/29	Tots	2 yrs.	F	2:15-2:45 p.m.	\$58
4/10-5/29	Tots	3 yrs.	F	2:45-3:15 p.m.	\$58
4/10-5/29	Petite	4-5 yrs.	F	3:15-4 p.m.	\$68
4/10-5/29	Beg.	6-8 yrs.	F	4-4:45 p.m.	\$68
4/10-5/29	Jr.-Adv.	8+ yrs.	F	4:45-5:45 p.m.	\$68

### 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.

DATES	LEVEL	AGE	DAY	TIME	FEE
4/17-6/13	Beg./Int.	16+ yrs.	Sa	11 a.m.-12:30 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.

DATES	LEVEL	AGE	DAY	TIME	FEE
4/13-6/15	Level I	15+ yrs.	M	10:30 a.m.-12 p.m.	\$60
4/13-6/15	Level III	15+ yrs.	M	2:30-4 p.m.	\$60
4/14-6/9	Level I	15+ yrs.	T	6-7:30 p.m.	\$60
4/14-6/9	Level II	15+ yrs.	T	7:40-9:10 p.m.	\$60
4/15-6/10	Level I	15+ yrs.	W	10:30 a.m.-12 p.m.	\$60
4/16-6/11	Level III	15+ yrs.	Th	9-10:30 a.m.	\$60
4/17-6/12	Level II	15+ yrs.	F	10:30 a.m.-12 p.m.	\$60
4/17-6/12	Level II	15+ yrs.	F	6:20-7:50 p.m.	\$60
4/17-6/12	Level III	15+ yrs.	F	8-9:30 p.m.	\$60

## EDUCATIONAL

### BRICK ENGINEERING

#### Bricks 4 Kidz

Children develop problem-solving and critical thinking skills while exploring engineering, architecture and concepts of physics and mathematics with plastic Lego® pieces.

DATES	AGE	DAY	TIME	FEE
4/8-5/26	6-12 yrs.	T	3:30-4:30 p.m.	\$110

### CHALLENGE YOUR COMPUTER SKILLS

#### AGI Academy

Sharpen your computer skills for creating reports and presentations using Microsoft Office. \$10 supply fee due at first class.

DATES	AGE	DAY	TIME	FEE
4/10-5/15	All Ages	F	7-8 p.m.	\$99
5/22-6/26	All Ages	F	7-8 p.m.	\$99

### COMPUTERS FOR SENIORS

#### AGI Academy

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

DATES	AGE	DAY	TIME	FEE
4/10-5/15	All Ages	F	12:30-1:15 p.m.	\$79
5/22-6/26	All Ages	F	12:30-1:15 p.m.	\$79

### CRITICAL READING AND WRITTEN EXPRESSION

#### AGI Academy

Strengthen critical reading and writing proficiency toward developing essential analytical skills. Students will learn how to properly analyze a given text. \$10 supply fee due at first class.

DATES	AGE	DAY	TIME	FEE
4/8-5/13	9-13 yrs.	W	8-9 p.m.	\$99
5/20-6/24	9-13 yrs.	W	8-9 p.m.	\$99

### MATH WORKSHOP

#### AGI Academy

Get hands-on practice and assistance to review math materials, advance in new topics or prepare for tests. Students learn new approaches to math problems, as well as time-management techniques. \$10 supply fee due at first class.

DATES	AGE	DAY	TIME	FEE
4/8-5/13	9-13 yrs.	W	7-8 p.m.	\$99
5/20-6/24	9-13 yrs.	W	7-8 p.m.	\$99



## FITNESS

### 50+ 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
4/6-6/15	50+ yrs.	M	8:15-9:45 a.m.	\$43
4/8-6/10	50+ yrs.	W	8:15-9:45 a.m.	\$43
4/6-6/15	50+ yrs.	M/W	8:15-9:45 a.m.	\$73

### 60+ STRONGER SENIOR CORE FITNESS

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Burn calories, reduce stress and build strength through gentle stretching relaxation techniques, as well as exercises that can be done in the comfort of your chair. Bring two light hand weights (2-3 lbs. each).

DATES	AGE	DAY	TIME	FEE
4/6-6/15	60+ yrs.	M/W	9-9:45 a.m.	\$35

### FIT, FUN & RUN: YOUTH RUNNING CAMP

Run4Life

Become a faster, stronger and more flexible runner with fun training, drills and games that help develop your discipline and enthusiasm for the sport. Athletic shoes and comfortable clothes required.

DATES	AGE	DAY	TIME	FEE
4/12-5/24	7-10 yrs.	Su	8-9 a.m.	\$55
4/12-5/24	11-14 yrs.	Su	9-10 a.m.	\$55

### 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 beginner, intermediate and advance students.

DATES	AGE	DAY	TIME	FEE
4/6-6/8	16+ yrs.	M	7-8:30 p.m.	\$45

### 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! Must register in person, space is limited. Class is free for those enrolled in the M/W "50+ Cardio Dance and Strength Training" class, and meet age criteria.

DATES	AGE	DAY	TIME	FEE
4/10-5/29	60+ yrs.	F	8:30-9:45 a.m.	\$10

### SLIM & TONE PILATES/RESISTANCE BAND TRAINING

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Trim your waistline with core exercises that help stabilize your entire body. Great for beginning and intermediate students. Yoga mat required.

DATES	AGE	DAY	TIME	FEE
4/9-6/11	16+ yrs.	Th	7-8:30 p.m.	\$50



## MEET THE COACH

Raymond Rivera, 23 / Youth Sports

**Tell us about yourself. How long have you been involved in youth sports?**

I've been involved coaching youth sports since 2005. The summer after my freshman year, I volunteered with the City for about a year, and then was offered a Recreation Aide position my junior year.

**How did you start teaching youth sports?**

I grew up playing sports in Baldwin Park, so I was familiar with city programs. When I started here, I had no idea they were going to have me coach teams right away. But I ended up really enjoying thinking of creative drills that would be fun for the kids.

**What do you enjoy most about what you do?**

It's the relationships that I've built with the kids. I never envisioned that I would be a role model. They run up to me with pictures of them playing basketball or soccer—which is their way of telling me, "Hey, Coach! This is us playing basketball. I want to be like you when I grow up!" That hits me every single time. Parents also come to me thanking me for doing a good job.

**Tell us something about yourself outside of youth sports.**

Most of my time now is split between work and school. I attend Cal State Fullerton and will graduate this semester with a Bachelor's in Public Administration. Family is huge. I've realized that the key to balancing everything is prioritizing the things and people I love.





## TOTAL YOGA BEAT STRESS AND TONE

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Feel invigorated from the inside-out through a flowing series of dynamic poses. Great for beginner and intermediate levels. Fitness mat required.

DATES	AGE	DAY	TIME	FEE
4/8-5/10	16+ yrs.	W	7-8:30 p.m.	\$50

## MUSIC AND PRODUCTION

### GROUP FLUTE LESSONS

Arcadia Music Staff

Provides beginning flutists an opportunity to learn music reading, learn new fingerings and participate in solos, duets and trios. Students provide their own flute, which can be purchased or rented at Arcadia Music. \$25 material fee due at first class. Classes take place at Arcadia Music (32 E. Duarte Rd., Arcadia).

DATES	LEVEL	AGE	DAY	TIME	FEE
4/11-5/9	Beg.	10+ yrs.	Sa	3-3:50 p.m.	\$85
5/16-6/13	Beg.	10+ yrs.	Sa	3-3:50 p.m.	\$85

### GROUP GUITAR LESSONS

Arcadia Music Staff

Designed for beginning guitarists, we'll cover introductory skills such as proper playing position, tuning, basic strumming, chords and how to care for your instrument. Students provide their own guitar, which can be purchased at Arcadia Music. \$25 material fee due at first class. Classes take place at Arcadia Music (32 E. Duarte Rd., Arcadia).

DATES	LEVEL	AGE	DAY	TIME	FEE
4/11-5/9	Beg.	8+ yrs.	Sa	2-2:50 p.m.	\$85
5/16-6/13	Beg.	8+ yrs.	Sa	2-2:50 p.m.	\$85

### GROUP PIANO LESSONS

Arcadia Music Staff

Ease into the beautiful world of music with piano. Students learn in a supportive and encouraging group setting. Keyboards are included for class use. \$25 material fee due at first class. Classes take place at Arcadia Music (32 E. Duarte Rd., Arcadia).

DATES	LEVEL	AGE	DAY	TIME	FEE
4/11-5/9	Beg.	4-7 yrs.	Sa	9-9:50 a.m.	\$85
4/11-5/9	Cont.	4-7 yrs.	Sa	10-10:50 a.m.	\$85
5/16-6/13	Beg.	8+ yrs.	Sa	11-11:50 a.m.	\$85
5/16-6/13	Cont.	8+ yrs.	Sa	12-12:50 p.m.	\$85

## GROUP VIOLIN LESSONS

Arcadia Music Staff

Our group violin lessons are meant for students who are motivated by, or just enjoy working as part of a team. Students provide their own violin, which can be purchased or rented onsite. \$25 material fee due at first class. Classes take place at Arcadia Music (32 E. Duarte Rd., Arcadia).

DATES	LEVEL	AGE	DAY	TIME	FEE
4/11-5/9	Beg.	5+ yrs.	Sa	1-1:50 p.m.	\$85
5/16-6/13	Beg.	5+ yrs.	Sa	1-1:50 p.m.	\$85

## SELF-DEFENSE AND MARTIAL ARTS

### HAPKIDO

Son of Chong Martial Arts

Learn self-defense techniques including joint locks and kicks. Lessons also include breathing and meditation. Students must provide their own uniform, which may be purchased from the instructor.

DATES	LEVEL	AGE	DAY	TIME	FEE
4/8-6/12	All levels	5+ yrs.	T/Th	4:30-5:45 p.m.	\$90

### 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.

DATES	AGE	DAY	TIME	FEE
4/9-6/12	15+ yrs.	F	7-8:30 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	LEVEL	AGE	DAY	TIME	FEE
4/6-6/12	New	8-12 yrs.	T/Th	6-7 p.m.	\$61
4/6-6/12	Grn. Belt+	8-12 yrs.	T/Th	7-8 p.m.	\$61
4/6-6/12	All levels	13+ yrs.	T/Th	8-9 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
4/9-6/12	New	5-7 yrs.	F	4:30-5:15 p.m.	\$49
4/9-6/12	Ylw. Belt+	5-7 yrs.	F	5:15-6 p.m.	\$49
4/9-6/12	All levels	8+ yrs.	F	6-7 p.m.	\$56

### MINI KICKERS JU-JITSU

Rojen Recreation

Introducing Mini Kickers—a class for even the youngest martial artist! Parents participate alongside their children in learning the basics of Ju-Jitsu, while focusing on balance and safety.

DATES	LEVEL	AGE	DAY	TIME	FEE
4/9-6/12	Beg.	2-4 yrs.	F	3:45-4:30 p.m.	\$49



**NIPPON KEMPO KARATE** ♥

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Develop respect, discipline and confidence through this self-defense system based on punching, kicking, blocking, joint locks and ground combat.

DATES	LEVEL	AGE	DAY	TIME	FEE
4/5-6/15	Ylw. Belt+	5-10 yrs.	M	5:40-6:25 p.m.	\$34
4/7-6/10	New	5-9 yrs.	W	5:40-6:25 p.m.	\$34
4/5-6/15	All levels	7+ yrs.	M/W	6:30-8 p.m.	\$55

**TAI CHI** ☆

Good Faith Management

Tai chi is a Chinese internal martial art that focuses on hand routines, breathing and response drills. Students learn techniques from the Yang and Chen styles of movement.

DATES	AGE	DAY	TIME	FEE
4/6-4/29	18+ yrs.	T/Th	8:30-9:30 a.m.	\$100
5/1-5/29	18+ yrs.	T/Th	8:30-9:30 a.m.	\$90
6/3-6/26	18+ yrs.	T/Th	8:30-9:30 a.m.	\$100

**YOUNG ADULT TAI CHI MARTIAL ARTS** ☆

Good Faith Management

Learn Tai Chi and various martial arts forms to develop mobility, balance and strength while practicing different stances, kicks, punches and jumps. Students also build confidence and enhance concentration.

DATES	AGE	DAY	TIME	FEE
4/7-4/30	16+ yrs.	M/W	3:30-5 p.m.	\$100
5/5-5/28	16+ yrs.	M/W	3:30-5 p.m.	\$90
6/2-6/30	16+ yrs.	M/W	3:30-5 p.m.	\$100

**SPORTS****GYMNASTICS & TRAMPOLINE** ♥

Rojen Recreation

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

DATES	AGE	DAY	TIME	FEE
4/11-6/13	4-7 yrs.	Sa	10:30-11:30 a.m.	\$71
4/11-6/13	7-15 yrs.	Sa	11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.	\$71
4/11-6/13	13+ yrs.	Sa	11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.	\$71

**KINDERGYM** ♥

Rojen Recreation

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! One parents per child must attend each class.

DATES	AGE	DAY	TIME	FEE
4/11-6/13	9 mos.-2 yrs.	Sa	9-9:45 a.m.	\$71
4/11-6/13	3-4 yrs.	Sa	9:45-10:30 a.m.	\$71

**TENNIS ACADEMY** ♥

TJP Tennis Professionals

Prepare for match play with physically demanding court workouts and drills. Tennis shoes required. Bring a racquet and new can of three tennis balls to the first class. (\*Competitive match play offered to Advanced students Wednesdays from 9-9:50 p.m.)

DATES	LEVEL	AGE	DAY	TIME	FEE
4/6-6/1	Beg./Int.	8-12 yrs.	M	6-7 p.m.	\$85
4/6-6/1	Int./Adv.	8-13 yrs.	M	7-8 p.m.	\$85
4/8-5/27	Beg./Int.	8-12 yrs.	W	3:30-4:30 p.m.	\$85
4/8-5/27	Beg.	14+ yrs.	W	6-7 p.m.	\$85
4/8-5/27	Int.	14+ yrs.	W	7-8 p.m.	\$85
4/8-5/27	Adv./Team*	14+ yrs.	W	8-9/9-9:50 p.m.	\$85/125
4/10-5/29	Beg./Int.	8-12 yrs.	F	6-7 p.m.	\$85
4/10-5/29	Int./Adv.	8-13 yrs.	F	7-8 p.m.	\$85





# Youth Sports

The City offers skills and league programs for youth ages 3.5 years and up. Register online through ActiveNet at [www.templecity.us](http://www.templecity.us), or in person at Live Oak Park Community Center. Unless otherwise noted, cost includes an award, t-shirt and \$10 administrative charge. For more information, call (626) 579-0461.

## MINI SOCCER

Get your game on! The most popular sport in the world will be offered this spring for all youngsters, ages 3.5 through 7 years. This seven-week session provides an opportunity to master fundamental skills and rules, learn sportsmanship, make new friends and just have fun!

DATES	AGE	LEVEL	DAY	TIME	FEE
4/7-5/21	3.5-5 yrs.	Beg./Int.	T/Th	4:30-5:45 p.m.	\$65
4/6-5/20	6-7 yrs.	Beg./Int.	T/Th	4:30-5:45 p.m.	\$65

## PENTATHLON

Take part in an ancient Greek tradition. This co-ed pentathlon program for youngsters in grades 2-6 combines five track and field events: 50-meter dash, 400-meter run, softball throw for distance, standing long jump, and standing triple jump. Practices take place twice a week at STARS Club afterschool sites and Live Oak Park beginning April 6, culminating in an All-City Pentathlon Meet at Live Oak Park on Saturday, May 16. Winners are determined by combined performances in all five events.

DATES	SITE	GRADE	DAY	TIME	FEE
4/6-5/16	STARS Club	2nd-6th	M/W	4-5 p.m.	\$10
4/6-5/16	Live Oak Park	2nd-6th	M/W	4-5 p.m.	\$10

## TRACK & FIELD

Race to the tape! Train to participate in the San Gabriel Valley Municipal Athletic Association (SGVMAA) Track & Field Meet on May 2. Events include high jump, softball throw, long jump, triple jump, long-distance runs and short sprints. Fee includes training, t-shirt, award and entrance to the SGVMAA Meet. Qualifying participants may advance to the regional Southern California Meet.

DATES	SITE	AGE	DAY	TIME	FEE
4/7-5/2	Live Oak Park	7-14 yrs.	T/Th	4-5 p.m.	\$10

## VOLLEYBALL

This year, join us for a spring, coed volleyball session! Boys and girls learn and play in a fun, safe, supervised environment, while practicing teamwork, discipline and healthy, active lifestyle habits. Unless otherwise noted, practices and games are held at Oak Avenue Intermediate School Gym on Saturdays, April 4 through May 30. (The April 23 practice is held at Live Oak Park, and no classes are held May 23)

DATES	SITE	GRADE	DAY	TIME	FEE
4/4-5/30	Oak Avenue Gym	5th-8th	S	2-4 p.m.	\$35



# Swing Batter!

## YOUTH SPORTS FESTIVAL

**APRIL 25, 11 A.M.-4 P.M., LIVE OAK PARK**

Mark your calendars! The Youth Sports Festival is back with rock climbing, bungee jumping, activity zones and food trucks! Kids ages 3-15 get active trying adventurous stunts and exciting demonstrations. The fair also features information and signups for various class and sports offerings. Don't just sit around—get up and move!

## PITCH, HIT & RUN

**MAY 9, 10 A.M.-3 P.M., LIVE OAK PARK**

Does your kid dream of reaching the All Stars? Boys and girls ages 7-14 who prove their skills in pitching, batting and sprinting for home may land a spot at the National Finals during the Major League Baseball All-Star Game. Registration is taken at the event. Proof of age and a parent/guardian signature are required for participation.



# Youth & Teens

FOR MORE INFORMATION, CALL (626) 285-2171.

## SPRING FLING

**MARCH 27, 6-9 P.M., LIVE OAK PARK  
\$10 PRESALE, \$15 AT DOOR**

Tweens and teens ages 10-14 are invited to attend the party of the year featuring a live DJ and dance floor, food, raffle prizes and laser tag. Go for a spin on the mechanical bull and get in on a session of inflatable twister! Tickets are sold at Live Oak Park and STARS Club sites. For more information, call (626) 579-0461.

## SPRING CAMPS

**MARCH 30-APRIL 3 OR APRIL 3-10  
LIVE OAK PARK, \$100-\$120/WEEK**

STARS Club (grades K-6) and Teen Zone (Grades 7-10) take over Live Oak Park Annex this spring break! Keep your mind sharp with daily activities and fun contests, and get your heart racing with an included excursion. Optional trips are also available for Teen Zone members to local destinations, including the movie theater, mall and others.

Camp hours are 7 a.m.-6 p.m. Fee is \$100 for Week 1 and \$120 for Week 2. Mini trips and incidental costs for excursions are separate. Spring Camp Week 2 may be canceled if minimum required spots are not filled.



## YOUTH COMMITTEE

### APPLICATIONS DUE MAY 31

Learn local government in action as a Youth Committee member! Applications are now accepted for four upcoming openings. The Youth Committee is an advisory body to the City Council that meets regularly during the school year to discuss community issues and plan civic engagement activities targeted at the local school-age population. Members must be Temple City residents or students and commit to serving a one- or two-year term. Applications are due online by May 31. Selection is determined through an interview process. Prospective applicants are strongly encouraged to attend an information session on Thursday, April 23. To learn more information, visit [www.templecity.us/youthcommittee](http://www.templecity.us/youthcommittee).



# SUMMER PROGRAMS

## REGISTRATION BEGINS IN MAY

Planning ahead for summer break? The summer youth activities listing will be available online in May. Look forward to exciting youth sports and programs including summer STARS Club, Teen Zone, basketball and mini-sports. Registration begins on May 4 for STARS Club and Teen Zone, and May 15 for sports programs. Activity sessions start in mid-June. For more information, call (626) 579-0461.



# Senior Programs

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

## AARP DRIVER SAFETY ☆

**MAY 11, 8:30 A.M.-12 P.M., \$15-20**

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 with new curriculum are offered at Live Oak Park Community Center. \$15 for AARP members, \$20 for non-members. Fee is payable by check at class. Pre-registration is recommended.

## LINKAGES PROGRAM

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

Offers free case management services to frail 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.

## 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!

## COPING WITH VISION LOSS

**FRIDAYS, 10-11:30 A.M.**

Are you experiencing low vision? The Braille Institute is offering a free seminar to help those with sight loss adjust their daily living tasks.

### Welcome to Braille Institute (April 3)

Understanding vision loss and its emotional impact, low vision devices and appointments

### Getting Around Town (April 10)

Orientation and mobility, using the VISTAS Store

### The Business of Living (April 17)

Money identification, marking and labeling, and organizational skills

### Staying Connected (April 23)

Latest uses of technology for people with low vision, library services and resources, and low vision consultations

## SOCCER FOR BETTER HEALTH

**WEDNESDAYS AND FRIDAYS, 9-11 A.M.,  
LIVE OAK PARK**

The City of Temple City is partnering with the Chinese Soccer Stars of America to pilot "Soccer for Better Health." The program is open to older men and women, ages 50 and up, in all skill levels. Learn or refresh basic skills, play soccer, make new friends and stay fit. Participants meet Wednesdays and Fridays at the Live Oak Park athletic field from 9 to 11 a.m. Sessions include a half hour of warm-up exercises and soccer drills, and match play. The program is free, but space is limited and registration is required. For more information, call (626) 579-0461. Registration for spring begins March 12, with sessions running April 15 thru June 19.



## 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](http://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.

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

### Easter Eggstravaganza (April 3)

Easter Bunny themed luncheon featuring decorations, trivia and games.

### Mother's Day (May 10)

Join us in celebrating the joy and memories of motherhood at this special luncheon dedicated to mom!

### Father's Day (June 19)

Let's all honor all the dads with a luncheon dedicated to his favorite pastime—baseball.



# Senior Excursions

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

## SANTA BARBARA ORCHID SHOW

**MARCH 13, 9 A.M.-7 P.M., \$29**

Spend the day at the Santa Barbara International Orchid Show at the Earl Warren Show Grounds, featuring vendors and art show demonstrations, and workshops on raising healthy orchids. Lunch is on your own. Registration deadline: 3/6/15.

## SAN DIEGO GASLAMP TOUR

**MARCH 31, 9:30 A.M.-4 P.M., \$69**

Take a step back in time to the Gold Rush era of the Wild West on this innovative tour of the famed Gaslamp District, named "Brothels, Bites and Booze." Learn the secrets of the past behind historic buildings as you sample food and drink during the tour. After, it's shopping on your own in Old Town San Diego. Registration deadline: 3/16/15.

## SPEND THE DAY ON CORONADO ISLAND

**APRIL 6, 8 A.M.-5:30 P.M., \$69**

Enjoy a fun and exciting guided tour of San Diego's most luxurious neighborhoods. Enjoy phenomenal views of the city skyline and the Coronado Bridge. Tour includes a food tasting featuring BBQ and Italian food, a gourmet cupcake and brewery sampling. End the day with free time exploring the Hotel Del Coronado. Registration deadline: 3/19/15.

## TANAKA FARMS TOUR

**APRIL 18, 8:30 A.M.-2:30 P.M., \$50**

Take a wagon-pulled tour to see how fruits and vegetables are grown at Tanaka Farms, and get a one-pound basket to take home. After, refuel with lunch at The Filling Station Cafe. Enjoy the rest of the day exploring Old Towne Orange shops. Registration deadline: 4/1/15.

## RAMONA PAGEANT & BBQ LUNCH

**MAY 2, 11 A.M.-8:30 P.M., \$65**

Over 400 singers, actors and dancers bring a beautiful love story to life in The Ramona Pageant. The show, which takes place in a natural theater setting, is a longstanding production that has run annually since 1923. Before the show, enjoy a BBQ meal at the bowl. Admission includes lunch, seat cushion and souvenir program. Registration deadline: 4/22/15.

## STANLEY RANCH MUSEUM & CASA ROMANTICA TOUR/LUNCH

**MAY 26, 11 A.M.-8:30 P.M., \$65**

The Stanley Ranch Museum Historical Village is a two-acre site where some of Garden Grove's oldest homes and business buildings were relocated for preservation. See structures dating from the late 1800s to early 1900s—including the museum housed in a home completed in 1892; as well as Garden Grove's first post office, the Electric Shoe Shop/Barber Shop and Walt Disney's Studio Garage. Lunch is included at King's Fish House. The final stop of the tour will be Casa Romantica for a guided tour. Registration deadline: 5/11/15.





## TEMPLE STATION CAPTAIN

# Coronne Jacob

In November, Coronne Jacob started on the job as captain of Temple Sheriff's Station. While in a new role, Jacob is no stranger to the community. The 45-year-old law enforcement veteran spent a good chunk of her 25-year career right here in Temple City. Between 2000-04, she patrolled the area as sergeant; then from 2007-12, as lieutenant. After leaving briefly to work as an executive aide to former Sheriff John Scott, she is ecstatic to be back and shares her plan for keeping Temple City and surrounding communities safe.

BY WENDY CHUNG & JOHN ITO

### Tell us a little about yourself.

I grew up in the Antelope Valley. I've been married for 23 years and have two kids—one daughter in college and another in junior high. I've been serving with the L.A. County Sheriff's for 25 years now. Much of that time has been at Temple Station, so I'm very familiar with the area and am so happy to be back.

### What does a captain do?

My job is managing resources. I'm not putting my hands on everything per se—we have staff in charge of different responsibilities—but I make sure people have what they need to do their work. A lot of what I do is managing relations, external and internal. I attend a lot of meetings in the department and out in the community. I also go to briefings to interact with deputies. Sometimes we're short-handed and I fill in. Just the other day, I was on watch duty. I also read a lot of paperwork. The station is big and busy and things happen. All of it crosses my desk.





### **What are your goals as captain and how are you achieving them?**

My main priority is reducing the crime rate for all the communities that Temple Station serves. I also want to create a work environment where staff is happy to be here. I've been in the process of meeting with each of our 240 staff members to learn about them and their goals. I truly believe that if you enjoy the work you are doing you will be better at it. And when officers do their jobs well, that ultimately helps reduce crime and address community quality of life issues.



### **How's it been settling in?**

The last few months have gone by really fast. I've been getting a lay of the land from a different perspective. But having a history and knowledge of the station and the community has made things much easier. I was able to come in with an understanding of the patrol environment, and what its demands are, so I didn't have to start from scratch.

### **Tell us about Temple Station. What are its challenges and strengths?**

Temple is one of the bigger stations. We contract with the cities of Bradbury, Duarte, Temple City, Rosemead and South El Monte; and cover unincorporated areas in Monrovia, Arcadia, Duarte, East Pasadena, North San Gabriel, South San Gabriel and El Monte. Our main challenge is servicing such a large area—a total of 66 square miles. It's a numbers game trying to make sure we have all our resources out to keep our community safe.

The good thing is that we're in a great area. Everybody loves Temple City. It's a bedroom community and it's super safe so you don't have to fear walking down the street. Our biggest issue—knock on wood—is property crimes. People leave iPods and GPS devices sitting in their cars in plain sight, sometimes with the doors unlocked. So we're constantly reminding people, even though we're in a very safe area, don't leave valuables in your car.

### **How are you reaching out in Temple City?**

We have a great special assignment team. They put on monthly area watch meetings, work with the school district, and are visible at major events like Concerts in the Park and the recent Lunar New Year Festival. One challenge is that we are in a very diverse region, so we need to find different ways to engage. For example, Temple City has a large Asian population for whom English is a second language, so we need deputies in the field who are bilingual and can speak different Asian dialects. I'm also slowly in the process of getting everyone onboard into the Technology Age. We're on Facebook, Twitter and Nixle, but one of the things I'm trying to enhance is the information we put out—be they tips, traffic situations or letting people know about a great arrest.

### **Has Temple City changed since you first started working here?**

It has progressed in so many ways—some cosmetic like the Rosemead Boulevard corridor. I've also noticed the City has advanced in terms of technology and community outreach—like putting Council meetings online. Not all communities do that and I think Temple City is ahead of the curve. I've also noticed lots of new businesses. All of those things are good for the community.

### **What's it like being a woman in a male dominated field?**

At times it can be challenging. I don't want people to treat me differently because I am a woman—but sometimes they do, whether culturally or because of the way they were brought up. I don't focus on the fact that I am a woman in this career. Women before me made so many advancements so I can be where I am. I am the only female patrol

captain right now, so that's an anomaly, but I am not the first one. We've had about a dozen or so women captain in the history of the department. At Temple Station, Roberta Abner came before me in the early 2000s. Women used to wear skirts and heels to be on patrol. Who's doing that now? Not me. I have too many things to worry about other than whether I should put on a skirt or dress pants.

### **What do you like to do outside of work?**

I love the outdoors and I've been riding dirt bikes for more than 20 years. My family likes to hike and camp in the high desert. Sometimes there's no cell service where we go, and work calls can't follow me. But I never mind. Being a captain in the sheriff's department was my career goal, and being the patrol captain was the epitome of that goal. I've really reached where I wanted to be, and I am so happy. When you like what you're doing, you don't care how hard it is or how much time it takes.

### **Any tips for keeping Temple City safe?**

Safety is about the community, the City and the Sheriff's Department working together. Residents have been pretty active in reporting suspicious activity. We'd like to build on that. No one knows your neighborhood better than you do, so when you see something, call it in. Recently in Temple City and elsewhere, scams, electronic fraud and distraction burglaries have been on the rise. Be suspicious when you are solicited over the phone. Don't give anybody your credit card information. Shred everything with your personal information, and don't let strangers into your home. It's also a lot of simple common sense things we know, but get lazy and forget—me included. I had a package stolen from my front porch right before Christmas. If you're expecting deliveries, try to have them sent to an address where somebody can sign for them. As always, if you think something's not right, feel free to give the Sheriff's Department a call.

**HAVE A CONCERN?** Contact Temple Station at 626 285-7171 for general concerns. If it's an emergency, call 911. Translation is available for callers who request specific languages.



# 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 neighborhood—report property maintenance issues, illegal construction and garage conversions.

## Dial-A-Ride (Southland Transit, Inc.)

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.

## Pothole Patrol

**285-2171, ext. 2333**

Report a pothole for repair within three working days.

## 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.

# QUICK CONTACTS

## SCHOOL DISTRICTS

**Arcadia Unified**

**821-8300**

**El Monte City**

**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

**AT&T**

**(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**

**Sunnyslope Water Company**

**287-5238**

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



# Easter Egg Hunt & Pancake Breakfast

**Saturday, April 4 • 8:30 a.m.—Noon**  
**Live Oak Park**

SPRINGTIME CRAFTS  
FACE PAINTING  
PETTING ZOO  
EGG HUNTS  
STREET MAGIC SHOW  
& MUCH MORE!



Breakfast is served from 8:30–11 a.m. and costs \$3 per adult/teen and \$2 per child under 12. Includes pancakes, sausage and juice. Egg hunts take place at 10 a.m. and are grouped by ages 1–3, 4–5, 6–7 and 8–9. Bring your own basket. In the event of rain, hunts will be canceled.



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