



City Manager's Weekly Report

For the Week Ending Thursday, November 24, 2011

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TO: The Honorable City Council

DATE: November 24, 2011

FROM: Jose E. Pulido, City Manager

SUBJECT: CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

MANAGEMENT SERVICES

Thanksgiving Greetings from City Manager Jose Pulido

As Thanksgiving approaches, I would like to wish the community a happy and safe holiday.

Temple Citians have much to be thankful this holiday weekend. Temple City has great schools, low crime and solid neighborhoods. It also has an active citizenry that is charting the course for an even brighter future. This is evident as we, together, are working to position our quality of life for the next 50 years through new shopping opportunities (ex: the Gateway Project), pedestrian friendly amenities (ex: the Rosemead Blvd. enhancement project), and studies that address the community's critical needs (ex: parks and open space master plan).

As we gather with our family and friends to celebrate Thanksgiving, I ask that you remember our brave troops in harm's way. Thanksgiving is based on the plight of people persecuted for their beliefs – and our troops defend that right.

This holiday is an opportunity to reflect on those things in life that we often take for granted. I am particularly grateful for the many people who work every day to make Temple City a great community. Happy Thanksgiving from the city family to yours.

Thanksgiving Holiday Amends City Services

Temple City government offices will be closed Thursday, Nov. 24 and Friday, Nov. 25 in observance of the Thanksgiving holiday.

Following is the city schedule for other services.

Animal Control Service requests from Nov. 24-27 can be directed to Temple Station, (626) 285-7171.

Parking All parking regulations are in effect Nov. 24-27. Violations can be reported to Temple Station, (626) 285-7171.

Public Safety Police, fire and emergency response services remain unchanged. Dial 9-1-1 for emergencies, (626) 285-7171 for non-emergencies.

Sweeping Scheduled Thursday service will occur one day late on Nov. 25.

Recreation Park offices, restrooms and tennis courts are closed Nov. 24. Live Oak Park Community Center will open Nov. 25 from 10 a.m. to 10 p.m., and 8 a.m. to 10 p.m. on Nov. 26-27. Regularly scheduled programming is cancelled Nov. 24-27.

Transit Dial-A-Ride services run Nov. 24 and 25 from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Reservations are recommended 24 hours in advance by calling (626) 286-2456.

Trash Collection Regularly scheduled Thursday service is cancelled Nov. 24; collection resumes Nov. 28 (the next scheduled trash pick-up day).

Monthly Economic Indicators, Oct. 2011

Home Resale Activity Single Family Residential (SFR): \$510,000
Source: Los Angeles Times Units Sold: 12
Note: Provided are median sales prices. Condominiums: N/A
Units Sold: 0

COMPARISON

SFR - Countywide: \$309,000
Condominiums - Countywide: \$265,000

Issued Building Permits Commercial Permits: 9
Source: City of Temple City Permit Valuation: \$119,700
Residential Permits: 54
Permit Valuation: \$1,908,118

Business License Applications Received: 18
Source: City of Temple City Issued Licenses: 33

Tax Receipts Sales Tax Revenue: Reported quarterly
Source: HdL, City of Temple City Property Tax Revenue: Reported semi-annually

Corridor Vacancy Las Tunas Dr.: 13
Source: City of Temple City Rosemead Blvd.: 13
Note: Based on staff survey; figures are unit vacancies.

Labor Force

Source: State of California
Note: Figures are preliminary.

Labor Force: 18,000
Unemployment Rate: 7.7%

COMPARISON

Unemployment Rate - Countywide: 11.9%

Sales Tax Figures Slightly Up in Q2-2011

Receipts from Temple City's April through June 2011 sales were 3.3% lower than the same quarter one year ago. Actual sales activity increased 0.1% after accounting aberrations were factored out.

Despite higher prices at the fuel pump, overall service station results were down from the renovation and temporary closure of a service station, and payment anomalies that affected both quarters. Lower sales and a prior business closure dampened receipts from the building/construction group, while late payments offset new eatery openings for a net decrease in the restaurant category.

From a geographic perspective, businesses within the city's redevelopment project area contributed 49% of quarterly sales tax revenues, followed by those on the Las Tunas corridor at 28% and the remaining 23% in other commercial districts.

Weekly Update: Rosemead Blvd. Enhancement Project

This week, the project team walked the corridor to ensure that the project's preliminary designs reflect actual field conditions. The project team will meet next week with County Fire to present the designs for public safety input.

Another meeting with Athens Disposal is planned for coming week. The project team will discuss trash collection and street cleaning protocols in light of the new corridor design.

City Calendar: Week of November 27

More info: (626) 285-2171.

- Monday, November 28: Intermittent Closure of the Live Oak Park Athletic Fields
Most athletic fields will close the week of November 28 for the San Gabriel Valley Flag Football Tournament. Hours of closure: 6 to 9 p.m. Monday through Friday, and 9 a.m. to noon on Saturday.
- Tuesday, November 29: Business Watch Meeting, 6 p.m., Council Chambers
Topics include crime prevention techniques and improved lines of communication with the Sheriff's Department.
- Wednesday, November 30: Commissioner Applications Due
Applications are due for a seat on the Parks and Recreation Commission. Applicants must be a registered voter and resident of Temple City.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

COMMUNITY PRESERVATION

Selected Case Activity

In order to show the increased amount of work done by the Community Preservation Division, this section highlights cases that, through the efforts of staff, were brought into compliance. Highlighted cases are those that exhibit negative impacts to neighborhoods and business corridors through their appearance and/or dilapidated conditions. For example:

Residential Case Log: 10669 Key West St.

July 8: A code compliance notice was issued for inadequate landscaping, overgrown vegetation and illegal storage of a trailer in public view.

November 21: A follow-up inspection showed trimmed vegetation and new sod. The property owner also installed a permitted circular driveway to allow trailer storage in the side yard. Other improvements made to the home include new roofing and exterior painting.



Before



After

DEPARTMENT OF PARKS AND RECREATION

Lights on Temple City

Plans are being finalized for Lights on Temple City, which is set for December 10.

Staff this week installed thousands of lights in the 100' redwood tree at Temple City Park, and in the ficus trees that line Las Tunas Dr. (between Cloverly and Kauffman). Colorful landscaping will appear in the park starting next week.

As for the celebration itself, details can be found [here](#).

Parks & Recreation Commission Ad Hoc Committees

At its November 16 meeting, the commission established two ad hoc committees:

Pocket Park Funding Comprised of Commissioners Arrighi and Fish; both were tasked to work with staff to pursue pocket park funding through the Trust for Public Land.

Dial-A-Ride Services Comprised of Commissioners Miller and Vigil; responsibilities included meeting with the city's Dial-A-Ride vendor and participants to review programmatic issues and concerns.

Both commission ad hocs will present updates at their regularly scheduled January 18 meeting.

WEEKLY ATTACHMENTS

1. Agenda Planning Calendar
2. Crime Blotter
3. Issued Yard Sale Permits

AGENDA PLANNING CALENDAR

Source: City Clerk's Office, November 23, 2011

December 6, 2011 City Council/CRA Meeting

- 2nd Reading & Adoption of Ordinance – Shopping Cart Regulations
- 2nd Reading & Adoption of Ordinance – Public Nuisance Regulations
- 2nd Reading & Adoption of Ordinance - Abandoned Property Registration
- Measure R Reallocation of Funds
- Award of Contract – City Newsletter Services
- Neighborhood Watch Update by Sheriff's Station

December 20, 2011 City Council/CRA Meeting

- Resolution Adopting the City's Emergency Operations Plan
- 1st Reading & Introduction of Ordinance – Budget Reserve Policy
- 1st Reading of Ordinance – Administrative Citations & Bail Schedule
- City Work Plan Quarterly Progress Report
- Chamber of Commerce Monthly Report



CRIME BLOTTER: 11/13/11– 11/19/11



*Provided by the Temple City Public Safety Division
Prepared by the Los Angeles Sheriff's Department, Temple Station*

11-13-11

- **Grand Theft:** A Grand Theft occurred at 3:30AM in the 10200 block of Lower Azusa Road. The informant arrived to work and noticed the ATM machine outside of his business was damaged and the contents were missing. Upon reviewing the surveillance video, a suspect is seen breaking into the machine and removing the contents. This is an ongoing investigation.

11-14-11

- **Robbery:** A Strong Arm Robbery occurred at approximately 1:00PM at Temple City Boulevard/Woodruff Avenue. The victim was sitting on a bus bench, when she was approached by two suspects. The female suspect asked to borrow the victim's cell phone, then snatched the phone away from the victim. The victim tried to get her phone back, when the male suspect grabbed the victim and slammed her to the ground. The suspects were last seen running west bound on Garibaldi Avenue and out of view. The victim received injuries to her hands and knees. There were no reported witnesses.
- **Vehicle Burglary:** A Vehicle Burglary occurred between 11/11 6:30PM-11/13 10:00PM, in the 6600 block of Oak Avenue. The victim said she parked her vehicle in her driveway. When the victim went to retrieve her briefcase and computer from the trunk, she noticed the items were missing. There were no signs of forced entry and the victim was unsure if she locked her vehicle. There were no reported witnesses or video surveillance of the incident.

11-15-11

- **Stolen Vehicle:** A Stolen Vehicle was reported at 4:00AM in the 5600 block of Santa Anita Avenue. There were no witnesses or video surveillance of the incident.
- **Robbery:** Deputies arrested a MH/23 at 4:00AM for Strong Arm Robbery, in the 5600 block of Rosemead Boulevard. Deputies received a robbery call, in which a male pushed a victim and grabbed her cell phone. The suspect ran towards Las Tunas Drive and out of view. A short time later, deputies detained a male matching the suspect's description in possession of two cell phones. The suspect was identified by the victim and her cell phone was recovered from the suspect. The suspect was on parole for burglary and is a resident of the city of Los Angeles.

11-16-11

- **Burglary:** A Residential Burglary occurred between 8:00AM-8:00PM in the 9000 block of Emperor Avenue. The victim locked and secured her residence, prior to leaving for work. When the victim returned, she discovered a rear window smashed and items stolen from her residence. There were no reported witnesses.
- **Shoplift:** Deputies arrested a FW/54 for Burglary Shoplifting at 8:26PM, in the 5600 block of Rosemead Boulevard. The suspect was observed by store security taking items and placing them in a bag. The suspect made no attempt to pay for the items and was detained by store security. The suspect was in possession of over \$400.00 worth of property. Store security witnessed the incident and there is video surveillance. The suspect is a Temple City resident.
- **Domestic Violence:** Deputies arrested a MH/18 at 5:00PM for Domestic Violence, in the 6300 block of Rosemead Boulevard. The victim and suspect had an argument, at which time the suspect left the area. The suspect returned a short time later and pushed the victim from behind, knocking her to the ground. The suspect struck the victim a second time. The victim sustained a chipped front tooth and received medical treatment at the scene. There were no reported witnesses, but there was possible video surveillance of the incident captured by store security cameras. The suspect is a resident of the City of San Gabriel.
- **Truancy:** Deputies cited two juveniles at 9:00AM for daytime loitering during school hours, in the 6100 block of Reno Avenue. One subject was transported to school and released to the school principal and the other subject was released to his mother.
- **Vandalism:** Vandalism occurred at 4:30PM, in the 9400 block of Las Tunas Drive. The victim parked his vehicle and entered a local business. When the victim returned, he saw the name "Tom B" was engraved on his driver's side window. There were no witnesses, but there is possible video surveillance of the incident.

This includes significant crimes and is not inclusive of all crimes in Temple City.

ISSUED YARD SALE PERMITS: NOVEMBER 25-27

Source: Community Preservation Division, November 23, 2011

Address	Date
9084 Acaso Dr	11/25 & 11/26
9509 Broadway	11/26 & 11/27
5648 Loma Ave	11/26 & 11/27
10644 Lynrose St	11/26 & 11/27
9147 Olive St	11/26 & 11/27
6356 Temple City	11/26 & 11/27
10919 Wildflower	11/26
9527 Workman Ave	11/26 & 11/27