

Weeks in Review • March - April 2020 Coronavirus Edition

The City of Temple Terrace closed its facilities, including City Hall on March 24 to protect the health, safety and well-being of the employees and the community in the face of the Coronavirus pandemic. While our buildings have been closed, staff has remained busy, ensuring that essential services remain up and running and responding to and keeping the public informed about the changes necessitated by the crisis – as well as doing a myriad of tasks that no one ever expected to have the time to tackle. Highlighted below are just some of the positive stories of caring, compassion and commitment.



SIGNS OF GRATITUDE

Driving around the neighborhoods, it's hard to miss the yard signs thanking essential workers that pepper the yards of residents. The TTFD certainly took notice! A heartfelt thanks to Kim Straub and the Temple Terrace Arts Council for coordinating this effort, to Vice Mayor Andy Ross and City Council members for their support and especially to all who took the time to decorate a sign.

IT TURNED INTO A YARD WASTE BLITZ

In response to the Coronavirus crisis, the City's Sanitation Department temporarily suspended its complimentary recycling program as well as yard waste pickups to help ensure the health and safety of staff. Last Wednesday, the crews engaged in a Yard Waste Blitz, picking up more than 282 tons of yard debris - more than half of which was manually loaded onto trucks! The City will resume regular yard waste pickups next Wednesday, April 29. As always, tree limbs must be shorter than 3 feet in length and less than 5 inches in diameter and bundled. Grass clippings and leaves must be containerized. Items not meeting these guidelines will not be collected.

DAILY WORK OUTS

Getting antsy stuck at home? Need to get off the couch and get moving? The staff at the Fitness Center are here to help! Fitness Coordinator Detric Ross began on April 13 to provide two weeks worth of daily 30-minute workouts that require no equipment. The routines were posted on Facebook along with photos that illustrated each exercise.



REPPONDING TO AN URGENT BITHDAY CALL

The Temple Terrace Fire Department routinely responds to calls involving fires and other emergencies. Recognizing the disappointment that kids are suffering by missing out on the usual Birthday celebrations and parties, the TTFD began earlier this month to assist with another urgent situation – bringing a smile to the face of a birthday boy or girl by driving their fire truck by the Temple Terrace residences of children 12 and younger who have a birthday in April. The visit includes lights and sirens. Contact Fire Inspector Casey Hannah at channah@templeterrace.com for more info. (Note that fire personnel and apparatus are subject to call and may not be able to make it to every request.) The effort also garnered some positive press for the City, with one of the visits featured on WFLA News Channel 8, among other outlets.



TAKING IT TO THE STREETS

Staff from the Family Rec Complex took to the streets last week to visit (from a safe distance) some of the children and parents who are part of the center's youth programs. The Rec Complex is hoping to kick off their summer programs and camps in June. View the schedule here: templeterrace.com/489/Youth-Programs.

A PUZZLING SITUATION, STORYTIMES, POETRY AND BIAS AT THE LIBRARY

Temple Terrace Public Library
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Storytime with Miss Susan - Three Little Kittens
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=xfMyCWV_w74

YOUTUBE.COM
The Three Little Kittens

1,143 People Reached 143 Engagements Boost Post

👍❤️👍 17 6 Comments 6 Shares

According to an article published in the Washington Post in late March, toilet paper wasn't the only thing flying off the shelves as people prepped for an extended period at home because of the coronavirus. The piece noted that Americans were buying puzzles in record numbers to occupy themselves and their families, making them increasingly hard to come by. The Temple Terrace Public Library responded by making a variety of puzzles available for the taking outside of City Hall. This was just one a many ways the Libray has continued to serve the community.

The Library also has been taking calls from customers with questions, disinfecting books and materials, providing printed unemployment forms and mailing services for completed forms, sewing masks and 3-D printing devices to make bias tape for residents making their own masks. On the Library's Facebook page, staff has been posting daily poems as well as videos of story and craft times Miss Susan.

TTPD OFFICERS GO ABOVE AND BEYOND FOR SENIORS

At a time when many of our senior residents may be feeling isolated and scared, the Citizens in Touch program can be a valuable resource to let them know that the City is here for them and they are not alone. Many of our TTPD officers go above and beyond what is provided by this program and are committed to helping in any way we can.



A DIFERENT KIND OF SWEARING IN...

Amidst the social distancing mandates necessitated by the Coronavirus, the Terrace Police Department swore in 3 new officers. Please join us in welcoming Officer Hector Torres, Officer Riley Brown and Officer Alex Gonzalez to our agency and our amazing city! We wish them successful and safe careers with the Temple Terrace Police Department!

MAKE WAY FOR DUCKLINGS

Corporal Baldwin and Officer Guay assisted in the rescue of a few ducklings trapped in the sewer. The ducklings were reunited with their mother safe and sound.



MORE ART IN THE CITY

A bit of good news brightened the day - and our City in early April. Local artist Terry Klaaren has added his talent and creativity to our public art collection, designing and painting a beautiful mural on the wall at the intersection of 56th and Bullard. Thanks to Terry, Kim Straub and the TT Arts Council for their Amazing contribution, which is especially appreciated in these troubled times. Work also is underway on a wrap featuring our iconic golf course and other historic features on another wall just across Bullard.



CLEAN AND SHINY

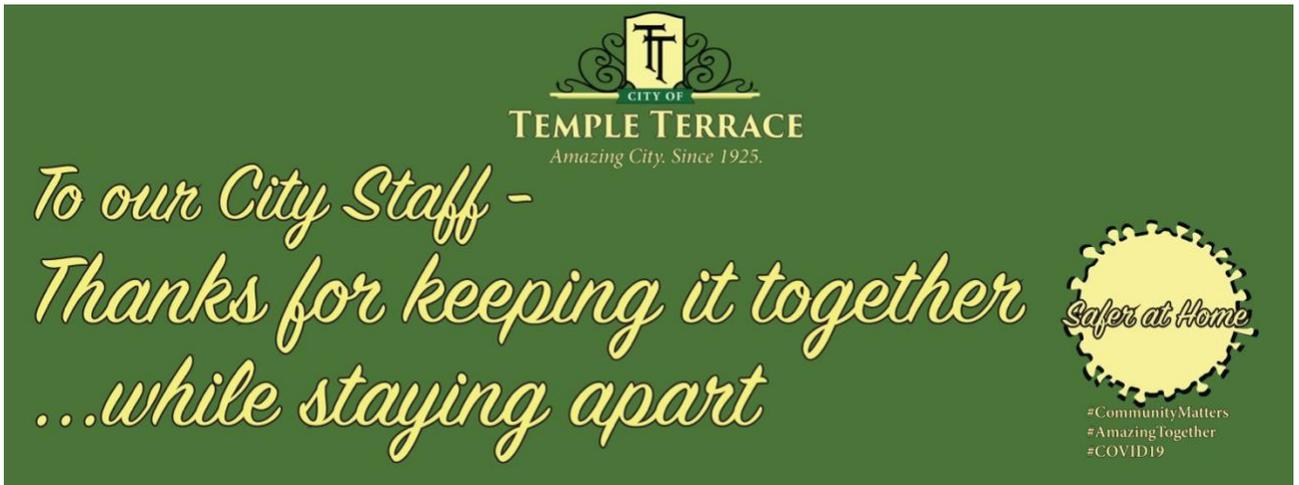
Like so many who are home tackling long neglected project lists, our Leisure Service staff has been hard at work sprucing up our facilities in anticipation of welcoming back the community. The insides of the Rec Complex and Lightfoot Center got a new coat of paint, the pool area and volleyball court received some TLC and all surfaces are being disinfected.

CAN YOU HEAR – AND SEE ME NOW?

Huge props to Business Relations Manager Greg Pauley and our Video Tech Brian Hill as well as team members from IT, Marketing & Communications, Legal, the Clerk’s office and others for working out all of the logistics to enable the City to hold its April 7 City Council meeting. Vice Mayor Ross sat at the dais in the Chambers while all other members participated by phone. Residents were able to provide comment via phone, video call, YouTube, email or in person at a podium set up remotely in the parking lot. It was a Herculean undertaking but the meeting went off with only a few minor issues.



And finally....



Stay well all.

ATTACHMENTS:

- Employment Opportunities

City of Temple Terrace

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

April 22, 2020

FIRE

- **4.127 FIREFIGHTER/PARAMEDIC**
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HUMAN RESOURCES

- **1.250 HUMAN RESOURCES TECHNICIAN**
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LEISURE SERVICES • LIBRARY

- **5.108 LIBRARY AIDE I • PART TIME**
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LEISURE SERVICES • PARKS & RECREATION

- **5.230 RECREATION LEADER I • ATHLETICS PROGRAM • PART TIME**
 - **5.230 RECREATION LEADER I • GYMNASTICS • PART TIME**
 - **TWO POSITIONS**
 - **7.178 MAINTENANCE ATTENDANT I • RECREATION**
 - **7.178 MAINTENANCE ATTENDANT I • PARKS/ATHLETIC FACILITIES**
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SEASONAL OPPORTUNITIES

- **5.221 LIFEGUARD • FOUR POSITIONS**
 - **5.230 RECREATION LEADER I • SUMMER YOUTH PROGRAM (SYP)**
 - **TEN POSITIONS**
 - **5.230 RECREATION LEADER I • TENNIS**
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POLICE DEPARTMENT

- **4.226 POLICE OFFICER**
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PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT • OPERATIONS

- **7.120 MECHANIC II**
 - **7.125 MECHANIC I**
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PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT • UTILITIES

- **1.140 CITY ENGINEER**
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The City of Temple Terrace is a drug-free workplace.
A pre-employment drug screen, criminal history background investigation,
and a driver's license verification may be conducted.

**EQUAL OPPORTUNITY EMPLOYER
VETERAN'S PREFERENCE EMPLOYER**

Job Opportunities are located @ www.TempleTerrace.com/Jobs