

# Week in Review Newsletter

In the City of Temple Terrace

Good things going on in the City

Jan. 25 – Feb. 1, 2021



## WELCOME TO THE FAMILY

On Friday, the City and Temple Terrace Police Department welcomed two new patrol officers – Officer Daniel Furner and Officer Jay Meyers. Officer Furner served in the U.S. Marine Corps for 15 years and began his law enforcement career in 2015 with the Sarasota Police Department. He is an alumnus of Norwich University. Officer Meyers recently graduated from the Hillsborough Community College Police Academy, where he was a sponsored by our agency. He spent the last 7 years as a dispatcher for the Hillsborough County Sheriff's Office. Please join us in wishing them a safe and successful career in our City!

## VACCINE UPDATE



Last week the state of Florida announced the launch of a statewide preregistration system to schedule COVID-19 vaccine appointments for those 65 and older, as well as for frontline health care workers. Individuals can pre-register for appointments and be notified when openings are available in their area by visiting [myvaccine.fl.gov](https://myvaccine.fl.gov). In Hillsborough County, persons without access to the Internet can call 866.280.3896 (TTY 844.251.5532) to pre-register.

The nearest drive-thru vaccination site for seniors and frontline health care workers is at University Mall, 2200 E. Fowler Ave. in Tampa. Appointments are mandatory. No walk-ups will be accepted.

## INSTAGRAM IS BACK

The City of Temple Terrace Marketing & Communications Office is pleased to announce that the City is back on Instagram. We will be highlighting the City's scenic vistas and parks, redevelopment progress, renovations to City facilities and Temple Terrace history, along with some other fun features. Check us out at [@cityoftempleterrace](https://www.instagram.com/cityoftempleterrace) for [#mixitupmondays](https://www.instagram.com/hashtag/mixitupmondays), [#totheparktuesdays](https://www.instagram.com/hashtag/totheparktuesdays), [#whattodowednesdays](https://www.instagram.com/hashtag/whattodowednesdays), [#throwbackthursdays](https://www.instagram.com/hashtag/throwbackthursdays) and [#fielddayfriday](https://www.instagram.com/hashtag/fielddayfriday).



## **CITY HALL EMPLOYEE OF THE MONTH**

The Code Compliance Department has nominated Compliance Officer Douglas Allen for Employee of the Month for February 2021. A 32-year resident of Temple Terrace, Doug joined the Code department three years ago. When he is not giving his all to Code, Doug dreams of a vacation in Rome.

## **FEELING THE LOVE**

*The following letter was sent to the City from Lynn Wade, principal of Florida College Academy:*

“Florida College Academy struggled with a water leak on our outdoor, concrete basketball court. The leak began in October of 2019. Once the location of the leaky pipe was identified we broke through the concrete slab and dug down to the large, pressurized PVC pipe. We contacted Florida College, plumbers, and various departments of the City of Temple Terrace. Every department of the City was eager to help but it was determined that it was not a water line belonging to the City. They had also checked for every possible source for the water supply. There was no definitive answer to correct the problem. We met many wonderful City employees as we traveled this journey seeking an answer and a repair.



Then, one day, one of your departments returned to the school. They were determined to be the solution to the problem. A problem that was not theirs. Nickolas Martinez, the Water Distribution Foreman, along with Zack Morgan and Brian McCoy, Utility Maintenance employees, and Emmanuel Godinez, with Utility Maintenance accepted the challenge. Mr. Martinez knew of one possibility of hope and he ordered the necessary parts. When they arrived, the team went to work. This was a situation to where the pipe literally could have broken open if the repair was not skillfully handled. They not only were successful when no one else would dare tackle the problem but they even filled the hole with dirt. This weekend, we had someone do the concrete finishing work. This court was not safe for the students and your employees accomplished what everyone else we called was afraid to attempt to address.

On behalf of the students, parents, and employees, we are deeply appreciative that you permitted your team to accomplish this for FCA. Our Board of Trustees, Dr. Colly Caldwell, Mr. Chase Clark, Mr. Joseph Hammontree, Dr. Wally Hayes and Mr. Tim Slone wanted me to be certain to express to you they are extremely grateful for your help and the quality of employees you have working for the City of Temple Terrace.”

## **EVEN MORE LOVE**

*This was sent via email from resident Dee Scaglione:* “Just wanted to thank the city for the beautiful new garbage cans. I love the uniformity of all the bins as I drive down the street during collection days. Kudos to the city.”

## **BUT WAIT, THERE'S MORE...**

*From Denise Sherrod, executive director of Potter's House Community Development:*

While the goal was the same as it has been for years, the strategy to provide a toy giveaway during the COVID-19 pandemic brought some challenges. This even has been a mainstay within the community for Potter's House Community Development for more than 5 years.

Due to your overwhelming generosity to collect toys on behalf of the Potter's House Community Development toy drive, and because of the pandemic, the need was even greater this year. We are especially grateful to Mr. Charles Stephenson and the entire City of Temple Terrace employees who join with us in making sure needy families had a chance to bring joy to children this holiday season!

Love, continued....

We at Potter's House Community Development want to extend a heart-felt thank you for your vision of the owner, Dr. Patricia Hauser, to provide toys for needy children in the community in a pleasant, comfortable and cheerful environment.

As we continue to grow this event every year, please know that partnerships with our sponsors are vital to the success of this yearly event. You are deeply appreciated. Thanks again."



### GOT GAME?

You might have heard that there is a big game in town this Sunday... Our own Tampa Bay Buccaneers are making history by being the first team in NFL history to play in the Super Bowl on their homefield. Even if you don't follow football much, it's kinda exciting (especially in a time when opportunities to get excited about something positive are a bit scarce).

In a bit of friendly competition of our own, City employees are invited to participate in a Spirit Challenge this Friday. Wear your Bucs gear – hats, jerseys, masks, whatever you've got. Take a group photo and submit it to Jeannie Barlow at [jbarlow@templeterrace.com](mailto:jbarlow@templeterrace.com). The Department showing the most team spirit will win a pizza party! Go Bucs!

### TEEN BOOK CLUBS HELP YOUNG ADULTS NAVIGATE DIFFICULT TIMES

These are stressful times for everyone - including teens and 'tweens who already are navigating so many changes in their lives. The Temple Terrace Public Library is looking to help ease some of the stressors young adults face with books that are good for the mind and the soul. If you have a teen in your life who might benefit, encourage them to check out the new graphic novel book club. There will be a Zoom meeting this Wednesday at 4pm. Go to [hcplc.org](http://hcplc.org) for details and to register. Kids might just lose themselves in a good book – and find something unexpected within themselves...



### MORE IMPROVEMENTS ON TAP AT REC COMPLEX

This time it's a renovation of our Sand Volleyball Courts.

### CITY EMPLOYEES – COMMIT TO FIT IN 2021

Put 2020 in the rearview mirror and commit yourself to a better 2021! From January 1 – March 31, City staff and elected officials can earn fitness points by exercising in the Fitness Center at the Family Recreation Complex, taking 10K steps in a day, or attending one of our many group classes to earn points for prizes like T-Shirts, Gym Bags, Water Bottles, Gift Cards, a Fitbit Versa and more!

Point System:

1 group class = 10 points; 1-hour workout in the Fitness Center = 10 points; 30-minute workout in the Fitness Center = 5 points; 10K Steps in one day (provide proof to Rec Staff) = 5 points

Feel free to call or email Phil Jeter, ext. 6614, [pjeter@templeterrace.com](mailto:pjeter@templeterrace.com) or Dedric Ross, ext. 6625, [dross@templeterrace.com](mailto:dross@templeterrace.com) with any questions.

### ATTACHMENTS:

- Employment Opportunities



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## EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

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### COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

- 3.112 BUILDING INSPECTOR II
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### LEISURE SERVICES • LIBRARY

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

- 5.221 LIFEGUARD • PART TIME
- 5.245 HEAD LIFEGUARD • PART TIME

### SEASONAL OPPORTUNITIES

- 5.221 LIFEGUARD
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### POLICE DEPARTMENT

- 4.240 POLICE COMMUNICATIONS OFFICER
  - 6.167 ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT II - **INTERNAL POSTING ONLY**
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### PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT • OPERATIONS

- 7.120 MECHANIC II
  - 7.125 MECHANIC I
  - 7.178 MAINTENANCE ATTENDANT I • GROUNDS • THREE POSITIONS
  - 7.230 SANITATION DRIVER/COLLECTOR I • TWO POSITIONS
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### PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT • UTILITIES

- 1.140 CITY ENGINEER

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.

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EQUAL OPPORTUNITY EMPLOYER  
VETERAN'S PREFERENCE EMPLOYER

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Job Opportunities are located @ [www.TempleTerrace.com/Jobs](http://www.TempleTerrace.com/Jobs)