



NEWS FROM CITY HALL

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Downtown Redevelopment The downtown redevelopment project is making great strides as the developer, The Vlass Group, and the City work to revitalize the 56th Street/Busch Boulevard southeast quadrant. With the Mayor and City Council's adoption of the Facility Master Plan, the site will incorporate retail, residential, office, restaurant sites, a Center for the Arts, and, hopefully, a new two-story Library. The Center for the Arts – a 12,000 square-foot multi-purpose facility that will be used as a theater, conference site, or banquet facility – will also house 3 studio classrooms and lobby display area. Once the new two-story Library is completed, the present Library will be home to the City's Police Department and Fire administration if all proceeds as planned. One of the area's focal points, the SweetBay store, will be renovated to reflect the area's Mediterranean Revival theme. Detailed information may be viewed on the City's website – www.templeterrace.com

CPR & First Aid ... YOU, too, can save lives by taking CPR and First Aid courses offered at Fire Station #1. CPR for Family & Friends is the most basic course designed for those who want to protect family, friends, and coworkers. Heartsaver CPR is designed for those who serve as "rescuers" as part of their job responsibilities, but are not required to use an AED. Heartsaver First Aid is designed for lay professionals who serve as rescuers on the job. BLS for Healthcare Providers is for healthcare professionals or those preparing to become a BLS instructor. Take advantage of these life-saving opportunities – you could make a difference between life and death. Heartsaver First Aid (\$40) at 9 a.m., Sat., April 17. CPR for Family & Friends (no charge) at 9 a.m., Sat., May 15. Heartsaver CPR (\$30) at 1 p.m., Sat., May 15. BLS for Healthcare Providers (8-hour class/\$40) at 9 a.m., Sat., June 19. For further information, call 506-6706. Registration is not required.

Safety Tips Carbon monoxide (CO) "dos and don'ts" -- Because it can't be seen or smelled, high levels can kill a person in minutes. CO is usually produced when fuel such as gas, oil, kerosene, wood, or charcoal is burned. Hundreds of people die accidentally every year from CO poisoning caused by malfunctioning or improperly used fuel-burning appliances and idling cars. Symptoms are similar to the flu, food poisoning, or other illnesses. Play it safe – if experiencing symptoms that could be from CO poisoning, get fresh air immediately, open doors and windows, turn off combustion appliances, and leave the area. If CO poisoning is suspected, call 9-1-1. Read and follow fuel-burning device instructions and **NEVER**:

- Idle a car in a garage even if the garage door to the outside is open. Fumes can build up quickly in the garage and living area.
- Use a gas oven to heat the home even for a short time.
- Use a charcoal grill indoors even in a fireplace.
- Sleep in any room with an unvented gas or kerosene space heater.
- Use any gas-powered engines – mowers, weed trimmers, chain saws, small engines, or generators – in an enclosed space.
- Ignore symptoms, particularly if more than one person is feeling them. Doing nothing could result in death.

City Election – What You Need To Know If You Run For Office

On November 2, voters will choose three City Councilmembers. To qualify to run for a four-year term as Councilmember, a candidate must be a registered voter who has resided in the City since November 2, 2008. Qualifying takes place from noon, August 23, through noon, August 27. Candidate qualifying packages will be available mid-April in the City Clerk's Office. Candidacy may be announced at any time, but monetary or in-kind contributions cannot be accepted until a campaign treasurer is appointed and a depository is designated. For further information, contact the City Clerk's Office at 506-6442.

COUNT US IN! April 1, 2010, is Census Day, when the initial door-to-door census count should be completed. And, by April 1, the census forms that were mailed in mid-March should be returned to the Census Bureau. The census data affects legislative redistricting, education resources and services, and job-training programs. The data is also used to forecast the number of people eligible for Social Security and Medicare benefits. The "undercounting" of Florida residents in the year 2000 resulted in the loss of more than \$500 billion in federal funding to states, counties, and cities. Cities lost more than \$2,200 in federal and state aid for each person undercounted. Retailers, financial institutions, and private-sector investors rely on census data to make informed investment and financial decisions. These decisions can help move the City forward and identify the Temple Terrace citizens' needs that will help chart the City's future. For questions or further details, call 506-6406.

Up to Code Code Compliance officers routinely monitor yard maintenance and swimming pool safety/cleanliness during spring and summer. In the next few months, residents in three neighborhoods – University Square Townhomes, Temple Terrace Estates around Biltmore Park, and Victoria Terrace -- will receive letters and compliance checklists to compare their properties with minimum City standards and neighborhood codes. Now available for homeowners installing new or replacement trees and vegetation is the Temple Terrace Tree Guide and a listing of area nurseries. Call 506-6680 or visit the webpage at www.templeterrace.com for a brochure, obtain code information, or to report a violation.

River Watch Task Force The Task Force goal is to preserve and enhance the Hillsborough River watershed as it impacts the River's water quality and quantity. The five-member board meets monthly. To review the minutes, obtain future meeting information, or learn more, visit www.templeterrace.com/river/riverwatch .

City Holiday Closing City offices, including the Library, will be closed for Spring Holiday **Friday, April 2**, and Memorial Day **Monday, May 31**. There will be no residential garbage collection on those days; however, commercial routes/services will not be interrupted. **Family Recreation Complex** hours - 8 a.m. – 5 p.m.

Youth Spring Break Program A supervised week of fun for children kindergarten – 8th grade – **April 12 – 16**, 7:30 a.m. to 6 p.m. Activities include games, movies, arts& crafts, sports. Campers need to bring two snacks per day and lunch. Registration is \$115 per participant.

Summer Youth Program The action-packed camp – **June 14–August 20** -- is open to children who've completed kindergarten and have not yet entered 8th grade. Session runs Monday-Friday from 7:30 a.m. to 6 p.m. Resident registration (\$440) begins April 5; general registration - (\$440) April 19; late registration - (\$465) May 3. (Prices do not include field trips or t-shirt fees.) Activities include sports, games, swimming, arts & crafts, field trips, and themed events. Children need to bring lunch and two snacks each day. Call 506-6600 for more information.

At Your Leisure – Family Fun in the Sun

- River & Trails Clean-Up – **Saturday, April 17**, 9 a.m.–noon. Volunteers are needed to work together to clean up the City's pristine natural environments and remove litter, debris, and invasive plants along the Hillsborough River, at Riverhills Park, Scout Park, and West River Preserve. Call Parks & Recreation at 506-6600 for details and to register.
- Community Wellness Fair – **Saturday, April 24**, 10 a.m.–2 p.m. FREE family event open to the public and sponsored by area businesses and organizations to promote wellness.
- Mother-Daughter Tea – **Saturday, May 8**, 2 p.m.–4 p.m. – Mothers, daughters, grandmothers, and great-grandmothers - spend a day like princesses and enjoy a wonderful afternoon party of tea and cookies at the Lightfoot Center. This special event will be topped off with a special arts & crafts project to take home. Reservations suggested – call 506-6600 (\$3 per person).
- Hawaiian Luau – **Saturday, May 22** – 6 p.m.-9 p.m. Put on your leis and bathing suits and get ready to party at the City's annual Luau at the Family Complex. Music, barbecue, limbo contests, and dancing. Reservation deadline is May 19 - \$6 per person. Call 506-6600. Tickets purchased after May 19 will NOT include dinner.
- Summer Junior Tennis Camp – Beginners to intermediate players, ages 7-14. Ten 4-day sessions from 9 a.m. until 3 p.m. beginning June 14. Cost per session-\$130 for members, \$170 non-members. Each session includes instruction, drills, matches, games, and tournaments.
- Contact the Family Recreation Complex – 506-6600 – to find out about open swim, swim lessons, lifeguard training, pool parties, gymnastics camp, baseball, softball, soccer, and basketball leagues.

Neighborhood Crime Watch Distressed economic conditions can result in increases in crime. Participating in the City's Neighborhood Crime Watch program is one of the most effective ways to help reduce crime. Neighborhood Watch forges bonds among area residents, helps reduce burglaries and robberies, and improves relations between the Temple Terrace Police and the residents. The Watch groups work together as the “extra eyes and ears” for reporting crime and helping neighbors. Members learn how to make their homes more secure, watch out for one another and the neighborhood, and report to the Police activities that raise suspicion. To become involved or to find out about the active crime watches throughout the City, contact Crime Prevention at 506-6529.

Library Happenings

for children

- **Bedtime Storytime** – children of all ages with their caregivers – **7 p.m., TUESDAYS**, April 6 and May 4.
- **Babytime** – children from 12-23 months with their caregivers – **10 a.m. FRIDAYS**, April 9 & 23, May 7 & 21, June 4 & 18. 20-minute program.
- **Toddler Time** - children 2 & 3 years with their caregivers – **10:15 a.m. WEDNESDAYS**, April 7-28; May 5-26; & June 2-30. 20 minutes of stories, songs, finger plays.
- **Preschool Time** - children 3-5 years in a group without caregivers – **3:30 p.m. WEDNESDAYS**, April 7-28; May 5-26; & June 2-30. 30 minutes of stories, songs, poems.
- **Family Fun Time** – all ages **7 p.m. TUESDAYS**, June 1-29.
- **Make a Splash @ Your Library** – children 6-10 years – **2:30 p.m. THURSDAYS**, June 3-24.
- **Curious George Party** - noon **SATURDAY**, April 17.
- **Summer Reading Kickoff** – **11 a.m. SATURDAY**, May 22 - Summer reading incentives, books, and activities.

for Young Adults.....

- **Teen Advisory Board Meetings** – **6:30 p.m., THURSDAYS**, April 29, May 27, June 17.
- **Teen Anime Night** – **6 p.m. THURSDAYS**, April 22, May 20, June 10.
- **Teen Crafts Night** – **6:30 p.m. THURSDAYS**, April 8, May 6, June 3.
- **Teen Movie Night** – **5:30 p.m., THURSDAY**, May 13.
- **Eclipse Extravaganza – Twilight Scene-It Game**– **6 p.m., THURSDAY**, June 24.

for Adults **Book Roundtables** – **1 p.m. SATURDAYS**, April 24 – *Self-Reliance & Other Stories*; May 29 – *Tess of the Durbervilles*; June 26 – *The Beautiful & the Damned*. **Master Gardener Plant Clinics** – **6:30 p.m. TUESDAYS**, April 20 & May 18. Various **Computer Workshops** offered **2 p.m., WEDNESDAYS**, April 14 & 28; May 12 & 26; June 9 & 23. Call the Library at 506-6770 for topics/dates/times.

Artist Corner & Collectibles- April features Patricia Newland, paintings & folk art; May – Shyama, Indian art; June – MaryEllen O'Brian, silk art.

National Police Week On average, one law enforcement officer is killed in the line of duty somewhere in the US every 53 hours. Since the first known line-of-duty death in 1792, nearly 19,000 US law enforcement officers have made the ultimate sacrifice. In 2009, 125 officers across the country made the ultimate sacrifice; nine were in Florida and one was a Tampa Police corporal. May 9-15 is National Police Week when the nation pauses to recognize the service and sacrifice of US law enforcement and pay special tribute to those officers who have lost their lives in the line of duty for the safety and protection of others.

FREQUENTLY CALLED NUMBERS.....

Chamber of Commerce – 989-7004
 BrightHouse Cable – 684-6200
 Verizon – 971-7706
 US Post Office – 988-0152
 County Animal Control – 744-5660

FREQUENTLY CALLED CITY NUMBERS.....

City Manager's Office – 506-6400
 City Clerk's Office – 506-6440
 Library – 506-6770
 Recreation Complex – 506-6600
 Customer Service (water billing)–506-6420
 Public Works – 506-6570