



NEWS FROM CITY HALL

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COUNT US IN! Census 2010 will be underway shortly after the first of the year. In January, census workers will start canvassing Temple Terrace neighborhoods in preparation for the door-to-door count. April 1, 2010 is Census Day, when the initial count will be completed. 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 2000 directly impacted 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.

Water Restrictions One-day-a-week water restrictions remain in effect and the City, in conjunction with the Southwest Florida Water Management District, works to protect the precious water resources. Residents with house numbers ending in “0” or “1” may water on Mondays, in “2” or “3” on Tuesdays, in “4” or “5” on Wednesdays, in “6” or “7” on Thursdays, and in “8” or “9” on Fridays. Residents may water on their appointed “day” before 8 a.m. or after 6 p.m. Fertilizers/pesticides should be applied on the watering day. Vehicle washing is allowed once per week – even-numbered addresses may wash on Tuesday or Saturday; odd-numbered addresses may wash on Wednesday or Sunday. Details are posted on the City’s website www.templeterrace.com

Community CPR & First Aid YOU, too, can save lives when you sign up for CPR and First Aid courses offered at Fire Station #1, 124 Bullard Parkway. 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. Heartsaver First Aid (\$40) at 9 a.m., Sat., Jan. 16. CPR for Family & Friends (no charge) at 9 a.m., Sat., Feb. 20. Heartsaver CPR (\$30) at 1 p.m., Sat., Feb. 20. BLS for Healthcare Providers (8-hour class/\$40) at 9 a.m., Sat., March 20. For further information, call 506-6700.

Automated External Defibrillators (AEDs) – can diagnose potentially fatal cardiac arrhythmias and then “treat” them. They’re used in hospitals and ambulances and are now being used outside of medical environments. AEDs are standard equipment in many airports, convention centers, and health clubs. And, with a little training, non-medical people can use them successfully. Purchasing an AED may require a physician’s prescription – for protocols, requirements for using an AED, and training, contact the Fire Department at 506-6706.

Go Paperless Get the convenience and security of paperless electronic billing notification. The City can now email monthly utility bills. For questions or details, call Customer Service at 506-6428 or email jcrutcher@templeterrace.com.

“Up to Code” in 2010 Code Compliance officers work to ensure unoccupied homes remain secure and maintained. To verify a vacant neighborhood house is in the City’s database and is being routinely monitored, call Code Compliance at 506-6680. The staff continues to periodically check various neighborhood residences for compliance with the City code. In the next few months, residents in Widman Acres, Frances Arbor Villas, and University Square Townhomes 2 will receive letters and compliance checklists to compare their properties with minimum City standards and requirements for parking, boat & trailer storage, fence maintenance, and other neighborhood codes. For code information or to report a violation, visit the webpage at www.templeterrace.com or call 506-6680.

At Your Leisure – Fun for Everyone

- **Arbor Day Celebration** – 11 a.m., Sat., Jan. 16, at Riverhills Park. FREE native tree seedlings available.
- **Daddy Daughter Valentine Dance** – Sun., Feb. 7, 1 p.m.- 3 p.m. at the Lightfoot Center. A special afternoon of music, dancing, & refreshments. A professional photographer will be available. Reservations are necessary – cost is \$3 per person. Call 506-6600.
- **Spring Break Camp** – registration begins at 8 a.m., Mon., March 1. Camp is open to children kindergarten through 8th grade during the April 12-16 Spring Break. The supervised day camp is activity-filled with games, movies, arts & crafts, and sports. Campers will need to bring two snacks per day and lunch. Cost is \$90 per participant; late registration (March 15 until filled) is \$115 per person.
- **Senior EXPO** – The City’s 21st Annual Senior EXPO takes place Fri., March 12, 8 a.m. - 1 p.m., with opening ceremonies at 9 a.m. This free event offers information to seniors about the many services local agencies and businesses provide. Representatives will be on hand with information and to answer questions. The day also includes door prizes, bingo, & hot lunch. Call 506-6630 for details.
- **After School Program** ... Winter/Spring Session begins Mon., Jan. 4, for school days from 2:15 p.m. until 6 p.m. The supervised “playground” for children’s participation in recreation sports and athletics, group games, themed events, and arts & crafts has a counselor/participant ratio of 1 to 25. Resident/non-resident - \$320 per participant; pro-rated for registration after the session has begun. Participants must have a valid membership. Limited **Van Transportation** to the Family Complex is available for students enrolled in the Program; fee-\$100 per child. Enrolled children are picked up when school is dismissed from Riverhills, Temple Terrace, and Folsom Schools.

Contact the Family Recreation Complex at 506-6600 to find out about the many programs – ACTT swim team, spring gymnastics, tennis, baseball, softball, volleyball, soccer, and adult co-ed softball.

Recycling to Save Our Environment Recycling prevents useful resources from being wasted, reduces energy consumption, and helps control the City's sanitation disposal costs. Recycling items – aluminum drink cans; steel/tin food cans; green, brown, clear glass bottles/jars; any kind of paper - junk mail, envelopes, newspapers, phone books, magazines, computer paper, cereal boxes (without food wrapper); corrugated cardboard boxes flattened & cut into 3-foot by 3-foot or less sections; household plastic bottles or containers -- should be placed each week in City-issued bins and at curbside by 7 a.m. on the assigned collection day. Bins are free and available by calling 506-6570.

Lock Your Car Protect yourself and your belongings! Criminals take advantage of easy opportunities to commit crimes. Many residents leave their vehicles unlocked and many leave their vehicles unlocked with valuables in plain sight. Reports of vehicle burglaries with thieves stealing laptops, purses, wallets, and GPS systems continue to rise. Please – LOCK YOUR VEHICLE. Do NOT leave valuables inside – especially in plain sight. Reduce crime by reducing the opportunity for criminal activity.

Neighborhood Crime Watch The Temple Terrace Police Department is working to strengthen the local neighborhood crime watches. Participating in a crime watch 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 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.

Housing Rehab The City participates with Hillsborough County's Affordable Housing Department to secure state and federal funds for housing rehabilitation projects within the Temple Terrace city limits. To qualify, the resident/applicant must own and occupy the home and meet certain income criteria. For guidelines, details, and further information, please call 506-6692.

Fire Safety Tips Be sure your home is as prepared as possible in the event of fire by following these home fire safety tips:

- Install Smoke Detectors – the single best weapon against fire fatalities. Smoke detectors should be on every floor and in the immediate vicinity of any bedroom.
- Develop an Escape Plan – the second most important weapon. Design the plan, talk about it in detail, and practice it at least twice a year. Plan at least two escape routes from every bedroom; purchase fire ladders for upstairs bedrooms.
- Install Fire Extinguishers – make sure small fires don't turn into big ones. Most fires start in the kitchen, garage, or workshop. Keep an extinguisher in each area and check them routinely to make sure they're operable.
- Use Common Sense & Common Fire Prevention Tips – don't smoke in bed, place space heaters at least 3 feet from a flammable surface, don't overload electrical sockets.
- Educate Children – over 100,000 fires annually are set by children under 5 years old. Talk to kids about the dangers of playing with fire.

The Temple Terrace Fire Department offers fire station tours, fire prevention talks, and truck demonstrations for groups. Call 506-6700 for scheduling details.

At the Library for children

- **Bedtime Storytime** – children of all ages with their caregivers – **7 p.m., TUESDAYS**, Jan. 5, Feb. 2, March 2.
- **Babytime** – children from 12-23 months with their caregivers – **10 a.m. FRIDAYS**, Jan. 8, 22; Feb. 5, 19; March 5, 19. 20-minute program.
- **Toddler Time** – children 2 & 3 years with their caregivers – **10:15 a.m. WEDNESDAYS**, Jan. 6, 13, 20, 27; Feb. 3, 10, 17, 24; March 3, 10, 17, 24. 20 minutes of stories, songs, finger plays.
- **Preschool Time** – children 3-5 years in a group without caregivers – **11 a.m. WEDNESDAYS**, Jan. 6, 13, 20, 27; Feb. 3, 10, 17, 24; March 3, 10, 17, 24. 30 minutes of stories, songs, poems.
- **Pirate Party** – children 3–12 years. **SATURDAY, Feb. 6.**, 1 p.m. Come aboard for stories and fun.
- **Celebrate Dr. Suess' Birthday** – **TUESDAY, March 2**, 4 p.m.-7:30 p.m. Stories, face-painting, birthday party fun – hosted by the Temple Terrace Juniors.
- **“Peter Rabbit”** puppet show – **3 p.m., THURSDAY, March 18**. 100 free tickets available beginning March 8.

for Young Adults.....

- **Teen Advisory Board Meetings** – **6:30 p.m., THURSDAYS**, Jan. 21, Feb. 25, March 25.
- **Teen Anime Night** – **6 p.m., THURSDAYS**, Jan. 21, Feb. 18, March 18.
- **Teen Programs** – **6 p.m., THURSDAYS**. Jan. 7 – Life-Size Monopoly; Feb. 4 – Wii Games & More; March 11 – Teen Theater presents “Phantom of the Library”.
- **Crafty Teens** – **6:30 p.m., THURSDAYS**, Jan. 14, Feb. 11, March 4 – unleashed creativity through crafts, materials provided.

for Adults

- **Book Roundtable** – **1 p.m. SATURDAYS**, Jan. 30 – *Divine Comedy: Inferno*; Feb. 27 – *Cry, The Beloved Country*; March 27 – *Frankenstein*.
- **Master Gardener Plant Clinics** – **6:30 p.m. TUESDAYS**, Jan. 19, Feb. 16, March 16.
- **Computer Workshops** – **2 p.m. WEDNESDAYS**, Jan. 6 & 20; Feb. 3, & 17; March 3 & 17. Call the Library at 506-6770 for topics.
- **Artist Corner & Collectibles**- January features Marie Schadt; February features Anita Long & Lewis Ellsworth.

City Holiday Closing City offices will be closed **Friday, January 1** for New Year's Day; and **Monday, January 18**, to observe Dr. Martin Luther King's Birthday. There will be no residential garbage collection; however, commercial routes/services will not be interrupted.

**BEST WISHES FOR A HAPPY, HEALTHY, AND
PROSPEROUS NEW YEAR !!!**

FREQUENTLY CALLED CITY NUMBERS

City Manager's Office – 506-6400 City Clerk – 506-6440
Family Recreation Complex – 506-6600 Library – 506-6770
Public Works – 506-6570 Customer Service (water bills)-506-6420
Temple Terrace Chamber of Commerce – 989-7004

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