



NEWS FROM CITY HALL

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Redevelopment GROUNDBREAKINGAfter years of hopes, plans, and dreams, the City and the Vlass Group will host the Downtown Redevelopment's **GROUNDBREAKING at 2 p.m., Friday, July 2.** Residents are invited to attend the long-awaited, historic event that will kick off the initial effort to redevelop the City's core commercial district – a 29-acre commercial center southeast of Bullard Parkway and 56th Street. Plans include the construction of a New Urbanism-style development incorporating retail, residential, office, restaurant, and civic/cultural components, including a multi-use Arts & Education Center and a new US Post Office. Once built-out, the \$150 million project should generate \$1.58 million annually in tax revenue for the City. It is the largest municipal improvement project in Temple Terrace history.

Independence Day Celebration on JULY 3 Because July 4 falls on a Sunday, the City will celebrate **Independence Day on SATURDAY, JULY 3.** The parade starts at 10 a.m. at the corner of Whiteway and Gillette. The marchers, bands, and floats will head south on Gillette, west on Druid Hills, south on Ridgedale, ending at the Ridgedale ballfields. Fireworks will light up the sky that evening at 9:15 and can be viewed from the golf course first fairway. Plan to arrive before 8:30 p.m. to find parking to view the fireworks. Ridgedale will close to traffic at 7 p.m.; roads leading to the golf course area will close at 8:30 p.m. To help sponsor the event, contact the Temple Terrace Chamber of Commerce at 989-7004.

Fireworks A great celebration can turn quickly into tragedy. Each year, nearly 13,000 fireworks victims keep hospitals busy; more than half of the victims are children. Fireworks not only injure users, but 40% of the mishaps injure bystanders – especially bottle rockets, firecrackers, and sparklers. Bottle rockets and firecrackers can fly in any direction before exploding and sparklers burn at temperatures hot enough to melt gold. People often don't realize until they are injured that the risk of blindness or injury outweighs the excitement of taking risks with fireworks. In Temple Terrace, if they bang, explode, or project into the air, they are **ILLEGAL**. To report illegal activity, call 989-7111.

After School Program begins Tuesday, August 24, and is a supervised "playground" for children kindergarten through 8th grade to participate in recreation sports and athletics, group games, themed events, and arts & crafts. Counselor/participant ratio is 1 to 25. The program runs weekdays from 2 p.m. – 6 p.m. Residents may register for the fall session beginning Tuesday, July 6. Non-resident registration begins Monday, July 19. Registration is \$320 per participant until late registration begins on Monday, August 2, when the cost increases to \$345 per participant. Registration ends when the program fills up – participants must have a valid Recreation Membership. **Van Transportation** for students enrolled in the After School Program is available on a limited basis. The fee is \$120 per child per semester. Enrolled children are picked up when school is dismissed from Riverhills Elementary, Temple Terrace Elementary, and Folsom Elementary.

National Night Out The 27th Annual National Night Out (NNO) Crime and Drug Prevention Event takes place on Tuesday, August 3, at the City's Family Recreation Complex. NNO promotes police-community partnerships, drug and crime prevention, safety, and neighborhood unity. Neighborhood block parties will be held throughout the community before National Night Out begins. NNO begins at 6:30 p.m., concluding with the Flashlight Walk around the neighborhood, emphasizing the City's commitment to fighting crime. For further details, contact Officer Karen Walter at 506-6551.

Summer Fun in the Sun

- **Family Fun Day at the Family Complex** – Saturday, July 17, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Find out about the Family Recreation Complex membership advantages and enjoy the facility's great amenities. Admission is free for residents to enjoy games & prizes, activities, music & fun – from fitness to gymnastics, tennis to swimming at the 5 pools. Hot dog lunch available for \$3.
- **Junior Tennis Camp/Gymnastics Camp – All skill levels ages 6-14.** Sessions are ongoing. \$130-member/\$170 non-member per session. To register for one or more sessions, call 506-6600.
- **In the Swim** – Swim programs and life-saving classes are available for all ages, from parent & tot classes to water aerobics and adult lap-swimming. Lessons are ongoing through August. Call 506-6600 for fees or more information. The swim team -- Aquatic Club of Temple Terrace (ACTT) -- will practice throughout the summer. Swimmers looking for a competitive program or an introduction to competitive swimming should call the Swim Coach at 506-6623. Call 506-6600 for aquatics programs fees and times.
- **Rent the Pool** – Rent the Family Complex pool for "after hours" parties or celebrations on Friday evenings, Saturdays, or Sundays. Call 506-6600 for details.
- Contact the Family Recreation Complex at 506-6600 or go to templeterrace.com/parks to find out about the many programs and special interest classes – fall gymnastics, Pony baseball, Leaguerettes softball, volleyball, soccer, adult co-ed softball and volleyball, youth flag football, ballet, tap & jazz, line dancing, aerobics, Seniorcise, Yoga, Karate, ceramics, arts & crafts.

Hurricane Safety Hurricane Season officially starts June 1 and runs through November 30. Be aware of evacuation routes and listen to radio/television for up-to-date information and instructions. Hurricane Guides, also available in Spanish, may be picked up from the Fire Station, City Hall, Library, Public Works, Family Recreation Complex, and the Lightfoot Center.

TECO Tree Trimming Beginning in August, Tampa Electric contractors will trim trees in the City's northeast section to minimize power disruption and prevent service interruptions. TECO will notify affected residents prior to beginning in a particular area. Code Compliance will monitor and may be called at 506-6680.

Community CPR & First Aid Take advantage of life-saving opportunities. You could make a difference between life and death by enrolling in 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 for those who serve as “rescuers” as part of their job responsibilities, but are not required to use an AED. Heartsaver First Aid is for lay professionals or anyone preparing to become a BLS instructor. Heartsaver First Aid (\$40) at 9 a.m., Saturday, July 17; CPR for Family & Friends (no charge) at 9 a.m., Saturday, August 21; Heartsaver CPR (\$30) at 1 p.m., Saturday, August 21; BLS for Healthcare Providers (\$40) at 9 a.m., Saturday, September 18. Questions? Call 506-6700.

River Watch Task Force With the goal of preserving and enhancing the Hillsborough River, the five-member board meets monthly to discuss River-related issues. For detailed information, visit www.templeterrace.com/river/riverwatch.

City Election – What You Need To Know If You Run For Office On November 2, voters will elect three City Councilmembers to serve four-year terms. To qualify to run in the non-partisan election, 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 Information Notebooks are available in the City Clerk’s Office or website www.templeterrace.com. For further information, contact the City Clerk’s Office at 506-6442.

Keeping the City “Up to Code” Code Compliance officers monitor yard maintenance and swimming pool safety and cleanliness in the summer months. Keeping gutters clear of weeds/grass/leaves allows storm water to flow freely to street drains and catch basins. Because trees are one of the City’s biggest assets -- call 506-6680 for a free copy of the Garden Club’s *Tree Guide*. The staff periodically verifies that various neighborhood residences comply with the City code. In the next few months, residents in three neighborhoods – Cypress Point, Primrose Gardens, and Terrace Oaks Townhomes -- will receive 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.

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.

City on TV City legislation in action! City Council meetings are broadcast live the first & third Tuesdays of the month at 6 p.m. on Brighthouse-950 or Verizon-39 and replayed Mondays & Thursdays at 7 p.m. and Wednesdays & Fridays at 2 p.m.

Library Happenings

for Children

- **Bedtime Storytime** – children of all ages with their caregivers – 7 p.m., **TUESDAY**, Sept. 7.
- **Babytime** – children from 12-23 months with their caregivers – 10 a.m. **FRIDAYS**, July 2 & 16, Sept. 3 & 17. 20-minute program.
- **Toddler Time** – children 2 & 3 years with their caregivers – **10:15 a.m. WEDNESDAYS** in July and Sept. 20 minutes of stories, songs, finger plays.
- **Preschool Time** – children 3-5 years in a group without caregivers – **3:30 p.m. WEDNESDAYS**, July 7 – 28, Sept. 1 - 29. 30 minutes of stories, songs, and poems.
- **Be Creative** – children 6–10 years – **2:30 p.m. THURSDAYS** in July.
- **Family Fun Time** – Puppets, entertainers, stories, activities - **7 p.m. TUESDAYS** in July.
- **Make a Splash** – children 6-10 years – **2:30 p.m. THURSDAYS** in July.
- **Dora Day** – **11 a.m., SATURDAY**, Sept. 11. Explore with Dora the Explorer – stories, games, and crafts.

There are no children’s programs in August.

for Young Adults

- **Teen Advisory Board** – **6:30 p.m. THURSDAY**, Sept. 30 – Plan programs, suggest books, earn scholarship hours.
- **Teen Anime Night** – **6:30 p.m. THURSDAYS**, July 29, Aug. 26, Sept. 23.
- **Crafty Teens** – **6 p.m., THURSDAYS**, Aug. 5 & Sept. 9 unleashed creativity through crafts, materials provided.
- **Teen Gaming: Role-Playing** – **6 p.m., THURSDAY**, July 8 – Adventures in a medieval fantasy world.
- **Graphic Design Workshop** – **6 p.m., THURSDAY**, Sept. 16 – Editing photos and sketches in “Graphic Image Manipulation Program (GIMP).

for Adults

- **Book Roundtable** – **1 p.m. SATURDAYS**, July 31 – *Zen & the Art of Motorcycle Maintenance*, Sept. 25 – *The Way of All Flesh*.
- **Computer Workshops** – **2 p.m. WEDNESDAYS**, July 14, 28; Aug. 25, Sept. 8 & 22; **AND 10 a.m. SATURDAYS**, July 3 & Sept. 4. Call the Library at 506-6770 for topics and times.
- **Master Gardening** – **6:30 p.m., TUESDAY**, Sept. 21
- **“Artist’s Corner & Collectibles”** features Lynda McLaughlin in July; Marie Schadt in August; Nancy Kirkpatrick in Sept.

City Holiday ClosingCity offices, including the Library, will be closed Monday, July 5, to observe Independence Day. And, offices will be closed Monday, Sept. 6, to observe Labor Day. There will be no residential garbage collection on those days; however, commercial routes/services will not be interrupted.

FREQUENTLY CALLED GENERAL NUMBERS.....

Chamber of Commerce – 989-7004	BrightHouse Cable – 684-6200
Verizon 1-800-483-6413	Verizon Cable – 1-800-483-7988
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	Public Works – 506-6570
Family Recreation Complex – 506-6600	
Customer Service (utility bills)–506-6420	

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