

WEEK IN REVIEW • SEPT. 23 – SEPT. 30, 2019



FIRST RESPONDERS BREAKFAST A TREASURED TRADITION

Many thanks to the GFWC Temple Terrace Woman's Club for once again hosting their Annual First Responders Appreciation Breakfast Wednesday morning. Now in its 6th year, this tradition is much appreciated by the personnel who serve the City's Temple Terrace Police Department and Temple Terrace Fire Department, as well as the University of South Florida Police Department.



PLAY BALL!

Congrats to Buddy Baseball on the start of their 10th season Saturday! Ray from the Tampa Bay Rays joined the crowd to cheer on this extraordinary group of players, buddies and coaches. At the final game of opening day, the Pirates and the Cyclones were the last ever Buddy Baseball teams to play on the field that, beginning today is being converted to a new all-accessible field. (Photo courtesy Buddy Baseball.)



ALOHA!

Our Lightfoot seniors enjoyed a Luau and pizza party on Friday while also learning some fun facts about the Hawaiian culture. A group of them may have been so enthralled that they tried to hitch a ride to the islands!



A WHALE OF A TALE

During After School Art on Wednesday, the children learned about the Japanese art of paper folding from the story *Yoko's Paper Crane* by Rosemary Wells, and then they learned many interesting facts from the book *Blue Whales* by Grace Hansen. They combined this knowledge into a craft of origami whales.

BUDGET BOOK IN THE BOOKS

The Finance Department is relieved, but also happy to let everyone in the great City of Temple Terrace know that we have completed the Fiscal Year 2020 Budget Book. Early mornings, late nights and long days – but they pulled it together. They would like to thank all of the departments for your help as well, they couldn't have done it without you. We are ready for another successful year here in the city.



(DON'T) CURB YOUR ENTHUSIASM

In today's technology-driven environment, drivers are more distracted due to their attachment to their smart devices like cell phones. Although cell phones assist greatly during emergencies, they can distract drivers making them unaware of pedestrians walking in close proximity to the roadway. The Temple Terrace Curb (yep, You heard it here first - The Temple Terrace Curb!) is the first step in creating a safer environment for pedestrians.

Many City streets have Miami curbs which do little protect a pedestrian from getting hit by drivers who swerve off the road. The City has proposed a solution to retrofit these curbs with a vertical curb which would cause the driver to bump into curbing before driving onto the sidewalk, and possibly striking a pedestrian.

The pilot and first installation of the Temple Terrace Curb can be found on E 113th Ave. between the Temple Terrace Soccer Fields and Greco Middle School. The curb retrofit provides a 6-inch vertical barrier between the car and pedestrian without the cost of ripping up the existing Miami Curb and putting in the standard curb and gutter.



AFTER SCHOOL CERAMICS CLASS A HIT



Fran Johns, our resident Ceramics Instructor (she also teaches Line Dancing, Zumba, Chair Yoga, and provides free face painting at our Rec Events), generously offered up her time, skills, and ceramics studio at Lightfoot to teach 20 kids from our After-School Program all about the art of Ceramics. The kids learned proper paint brush form, how to create layers and mix colors onto your piece, and how to have fun while doing it (with some music, dancing, and cookies!). All materials, instruction, and snacks were provided to the kids for free through a donation from the Temple Terrace Garden Club. Thank you to the Garden Club and to Fran Johns for their generous support of our programs and events.

HISTORY LESSON

Sharon Gaskin from the Tampa History Museum and Temple Terrace Garden Club gave the Lightfoot Seniors a wonderful presentation on the history of our amazing city. Seniors learned about our unique beginning as a 19,000 acre hunting preserve, the name sake Temple orange, and many more interesting facts about the movers and shakers, like Bertha Palmer, that had the vision to develop the north Hillsborough County wilderness in the 1910's and 20's. Examples of the china used at the original Temple Terrace Country Club and a hickory stick golf club where some of the historical artifacts passed around for the seniors. Coordinated by the Community of Writers group that meets at Lightfoot bi-monthly, over 30 seniors learned about the history of Temple Terrace and were invited to write short stories of their memories of the area or where they grew up.

KING HS HOMECOMING PARADE IN THE TERRACE

King High School hosted its 5th Annual Homecoming parade Thursday evening. The parade started at Temple Terrace Elementary and wound through the streets, passing by the Golf & Country Club. Residents were encouraged to come out and cheer on the school's Homecoming candidates, clubs and sports teams.

HURRICANE SEASON NOT OVER YET...

While fingers are crossed that the remaining two months of Hurricane Season will pass quietly, the City (and by that I mean the Marketing and Communications Officer 😊) has launched a hurricane information page on the City's website. The page contains links to sites providing weather forecasts, preparation tips and county resources and, in the event of a storm, will be updated with information concerning sandbag distribution, evacuations and road conditions. You can find the page by going to the City website, clicking on "Fire Department" and then "Hurricane & Disaster Info."

The City also will be distributing decals to persons living in Temple Terrace in the coming weeks to put on their cars to identify themselves as residents when arriving at City sandbag distribution stations. More information on this will be forthcoming.

LIBRARY SEEKING VETERANS DAY MEMORABILIA

The library would like to honor Temple Terrace Veterans with a display for Veterans Day. They are hoping to include TT employees as well as residents. If you or a family member served in the U.S. Military, feel free to drop off any memorabilia before October 20. All items will be displayed in a locking display case. Display items can include citations, medals, photos, and other small tokens. Include the veteran's name, branch of service, any wars they may have participated in or dates of service. In addition, provide your contact information so items can be returned. If you have any questions, contact Teresa at 813-506-6777 or tfraser@templeterrace.com.

CITY KEEPS CITIZENS SAFE AND INFORMED WITH *ALERT TEMPLE TERRACE*

A reminder to sign up for *Alert Temple Terrace*. The link to the opt-in website for both RapidNotify and new subscribers is www.templeterrace.com/alerttempleterrace.

The Emergency Notification System (ENS) will provide a variety of alerts, ranging from missing children, critical police and fire threats and severe weather warnings. Messages will be sent to subscribers on their preferred contact paths — email, cell/home phone, SMS (text), Push Notification, TTY/TDD and more — to ensure real-time access to potentially lifesaving information. Residents and businesses listed in the City of Temple Terrace 911 database will be automatically subscribed to alerts by landline phone. Everbridge also allows citizens and businesses to self-register, provide additional contact information, or to opt-out.

RELAY FOR LIFE

Registration for the 2020 Relay For Life of Temple Terrace has begun! Make plans to support this great cause while fostering a sense of community in the City. Relay For Life is a grass roots, community-based team event. It will be held at Greco Middle School, 6925 E. Fowler Ave., on May 1 from 6pm to 6am. The City's goal is \$5000.



NATIONAL NIGHT OUT – Tuesday from 6-8pm at Mission Hill Church, 10002 N. 56th St., Temple Terrace

Fun activities for families and kids of all ages. Demonstrations by the Temple Terrace SWAT and Police K-9 "Stitch," as well as the FL Highway Patrol's Vehicle Rollover simulator.

Temple Terrace first responders will be on hand to meet residents, take photos and answer questions. Food, arts & crafts, face painting and more... All FREE! See you there!

CITY HALL EMPLOYEE OF THE MONTH – HUMAN RESOURCES



Carla Bibby has been with the City of Temple Terrace since May of this year. She exceeds the expectations of her position as Human Resources Technician III. She arrives on time, stays late if necessary, to complete assigned tasks correctly and on time. Simply doing her job isn't enough for Carla. She attempts to find a better or more efficient way to complete a task and volunteers to complete a project that no one else wants to do. She anticipates problems before they occur and takes steps to avoid them. We are pleased to have Carla as part of the Human Resources team. Carla and her husband, David, live in Lakeland. – *HR Director Janet Bledsoe*

EMPLOYEE SPOTLIGHT: Aya Bricha, Fitness Center



- I grew up in Temple Terrace.
- I have no children.
- My dream vacation is India – because I love spicy food.
- I have worked for the City of Temple Terrace since August 2017.
- Before I came to work here, I worked as a ride operator Busch Gardens. I got to work at the Stanley Falls Flume ride and Falcons Furry.
- If I could switch my job with anyone else in the City, I would be anyone who deals with the city's budget and decides where the money gets spent.
- One surprising fact about me that few people know is I started my fitness journey in March 2018 and I lost 48 lbs in 8 months through healthy eating and exercise. Losing weight has taught me how to live a balanced lifestyle and most importantly to never give up on my goals.

EVENTS AND ACTIVITIES

City Council meeting	10/1, 6pm at City Hall
National Night Out	10/1, 6-8pm at Mission Hill Church
Municipal Code Board Enforcement meeting	10/9, 6:30-8pm at City Hall
Fire Dept. Open House	10/12, 9am – 1:30pm at Fire Station #1

Attachments:

01 Employment Opportunities