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**COMMUNITY**

**NEWS FLASH**

**TEMPLETON RESIDENT TO BE PROMOTED TO LT. COLONEL IN ARMY NATIONAL GUARD (AUG 11)** – Next Saturday (Aug 18), Templeton resident Dan Dow, who is currently serving as a Major in the Army National Guard, will be promoted to Lt. Colonel. Dow began his military service at the rank of private and has worked his way up through the ranks. The short morning ceremony will be held at American Legion Post 66 in San Luis Obispo. In addition to his continued service through the Army National Guard, Dow also serves as the District Attorney for San Luis Obispo County.

**ELECTION NEWS**

**WITH 4 CANDIDATES, WE HAVE AN ELECTION FOR SCHOOL BOARD! (AUG 10)** – As of close of business Friday, Templeton now has 4 candidates running for 2 seats on the Templeton Unified School District (TUSD) Board of Trustees. They include Katrina Merson, Jan Nimick, Matt Vierra, and Barbi Lichti Wunsch. There will be an election for school board.

**WITH ONLY 1 CANDIDATE, TCSD NOMINATION PERIOD IS EXTENDED TO AUG 15 (AUG 10)** – Wayne Petersen remains the lone candidate for a seat on Templeton's town council – the Templeton Community Services District (TCSD) Board of Directors. According to the County Clerk Recorder's office, the nomination period has been extended to Wednesday, August 15. If at least 2 more candidates don't step up to the plate, there will be no election.

*Editor's Note! For more information, see "Please consider running for local office" in the REMINDERS section in this Update.*

**FIRE NEWS**

*Editor's Note! (AUG 11) – In an email received yesterday, Retired Navy Commander and former Templeton Community Service District (TCSD) Director David Brooks noted a fifth (see AUG 9 Update) important reason for following out of the area fire news. Commander Brooks reminded Soaring Eagle Press of the importance of what is called "mutual assistance" between fire departments and the various emergency agencies. Quite often, Templeton Fire is asked to respond to fires well beyond their service boundaries – just as other departments have backed up Templeton Fire as needed. Wildfires, like the Ferguson Fire, are fought by many engines and crews from all over California, often out of state, and occasionally from other countries. When these engines*

*and crews are away from their home stations, others step in to back them up at home. These large fires are often fought by a “unified command” that includes a coordinating agency for the engines, crews, helicopters, dozers, etc. In the case of the Ferguson Fire, the unified command is made up of the U.S. Forest Service, National Park Service, and an Interagency Command Team. Whether here in Templeton, or fighting a huge wildfire, our fire and emergency services back each other up in order to save lives and property.*

#### **NEWS FLASH:**

**YOSEMITE VALLEY TO REOPEN TO VISITORS ON TUESDAY, AUGUST 14<sup>th</sup> @ 9:00 AM**

#### **FERGUSON FIRE NOW THE LARGEST FIRE IN THE HISTORY OF SIERRA NATIONAL FOREST (AUG 11 @ 7 am)**

– The Ferguson Fire has been burning for 30 days, has consumed a total of 95,544 acres, and as of this morning, containment is at 82 percent. The fire is now the largest in the Sierra National Forest’s history. The Ferguson Fire is currently being managed as a full suppression fire. Yesterday, firefighters began pressing toward full containment with the objective of keeping fire out of the Yosemite Valley. The final piece that must be secured remains between El Portal Road and Wawona Road. To secure this line, firefighters are implementing tactical burning operations along Wawona Road north toward Turtle Dome. This operation is expected to take two or three days to complete. Night and day are focused on this operation. Progression will be slow and deliberate, when safe, due to the extremely dry vegetation and potential for spotting into the Grouse Creek drainage. Aerial support from helicopters will assist firefighters on the ground to cool the fire and reduce the risk of fire spotting across the fire line. Advancement of these tactical burning operations progressed overnight when conditions were safe to do so. Crews were successful in holding areas where active fire burned during the day. Elsewhere, crews are patrolling the contained fire line. Suppression repair recourses are working to remove signs of suppression activity and prevent erosion. Yosemite Valley, Wawona Road, the Mariposa and Merced groves of giant sequoias, and Hetch Hetchy, among other areas in Yosemite National Park remain closed. As of this morning, 104 engines, 13 water tenders, 14 helicopters, 14 crews, 18 dozers, 5 masticators and a total of 1,408 personnel are dedicated to the Ferguson Fire. To date, there have been no civilian injuries or fatalities, but 15 firefighters have been injured and 2 lost their lives fighting this fire. No structures have been lost. The cause of the fire is still under investigation.

#### **HEALTH REPORT**

#### **UC COOPERATIVE EXTENSION LAUNCHES NEW GUIDANCE FOR WORKPLACE**

**BREASTFEEDING (AUG 10) From Supervisor John Peschong** – This guidance is in coordination with International Breastfeeding Week (Aug 1-7). In compliance with UC policy, the UC Cooperative Extension Department recognizes the importance of workplace support for staff who choose to breastfeed, as well as the nutrition and wellness benefits of breastfeeding. This guidance provides breastfeeding/pumping stations and guidance for supervisors to support breastfeeding employees. In addition, since many department employees and staff work remotely at off-site locations, we have developed guidance and will make available, mobile lactation room supplies for breastfeeding employees to utilize as needed. Please [CLICK HERE](#) to learn more about the guidance parameters.

#### **TWIN CITIES RECEIVES BREASTFEEDING AWARD (AUG 9)**

– The Central Coast Breastfeeding Coalition presented the “Breastfeeding Barrier Breaker” Award to Twin Cities Community Hospital on August 7<sup>th</sup> at the San Luis Obispo County Board of Supervisors meeting. Twin Cities Birth & Baby Center is proud to be internationally recognized as a “Baby-Friendly” birth facility by Baby-Friendly USA. This achievement means that Twin Cities is using some of the most effective methods known to help

mothers succeed at breastfeeding. Breast milk is the optimal nutrition for newborns, and has many health benefits for both babies and mothers – including creating a strong bond between mother and child. For more information, please contact the Twin Cities Breastfeeding Support Line at (805) 434-4644. To learn more about breastfeeding classes and support groups offered at Twin Cities, please [CLICK HERE](#).

## **WEATHER & AIR QUALITY**

### **COOLER TEMPERATURES IN TEMPLETON FORECASTED THRU NEXT WEEK (AUG 11) –**

If the forecast holds, Templeton should see cooler temperatures, dropping to 93 or below into the high to mid-80's beginning Saturday (Aug 11) and running through the following week. The current forecast for the first day of school in Templeton is 88 degrees.

[TODAY 92, SUN 86, MON 83, TUES 82, WED 85, THURS 89, FRI 92, SAT 93, SUN 90, MON 88]

### **SMOKE FROM WILDFIRES CONTINUES TO IMPACT NORTH COUNTY AIR QUALITY**

(AUG 11) – The Air Quality Index (AQI) for this weekend is listed as high moderate. Unusually sensitive people should consider reducing prolonged or heavy exertion outdoors. For more information, please [CLICK HERE](#).

## **TALKING TRASH**

### **“Much of San Diego’s recycling goes to China and now China doesn’t want it”**

*Voice of San Diego – June 1, 2018*

*By Ry Rivard*

Unbeknownst to most people, about half of San Diego’s recycled material is sent across the ocean to China. Now that’s a problem. China no longer wants all of it. Unless City officials can quickly figure out another way to recycle material, some recyclables could end up in landfills.

In recent months, China imposed new restrictions on recycled material coming from abroad. ***For the past few weeks, it’s effectively blocked all recycled material sent by the United States.***

Please [CLICK HERE](#) to read more.

## **WATER NEWS**

### **PRECIOUS RAIN – SLOW IT DOWN & SOAK IT UP**

Help replenish water resources - design landscaping to limit runoff and soak up the rain

### **“Caltech animation based on satellite data shows Southern CA “breathing water””**

*Pasadena NOW – August 9, 2018*

*By Robert Perkins*

Ground rises and falls as water is pumped in and out of reservoirs – as measured in a study that could impact how municipalities manage this critical resource.

Please [CLICK HERE](#) to read more.

## **ROADS & TRAFFIC**

### **PLAN FOR DETOURS AND DELAYS**

**WORK ON MAIN STREET SCHEDULED TO START SEPTEMBER 4<sup>th</sup>** – Work on the long-awaited Main Street project in Templeton is scheduled to begin right after Labor Day on Tuesday, September 4<sup>th</sup>. According to San Luis Obispo County Transportation Programs Manager Don Spagnolo, the work will ramp up slowly as the contractor begins with side of the road fixes prior to the more intensive preparations necessary to repave the street. With school starting on August 20<sup>th</sup>, the September start date will give school traffic an opportunity to settle down into a predictable pattern before the heavier construction begins. More information will be available in the not too distant future.

### **NEW EVENT LISTING**

**TPAC FOUNDATION TO HOLD INAUGURAL CONCERT (AUG 10)** – The newly formed Templeton Performing Arts Center (TPAC) Foundation announced Friday that it will hold an Inaugural Concert featuring the John Jorgenson Quartet on Saturday, August 25<sup>th</sup> at 7 pm in the TPAC. Tickets are \$30 for adults and \$15 for students. They are on sale now and can be purchased online (please [CLICK HERE](#)) or at the door.

“John Jorgenson is one of the preeminent Gypsy Jazz musicians in the world. Bringing his unbridled musicality to the stage, he inspires and weaves musical magic. John has an incredibly deep music background that includes being a founding member of The Rhythm Brothers, The Desert Rose Band, The Hellecasters, and as guitarist for The Elton John Band. Join us for an amazing musical experience!”

“The TPAC Foundation is a registered non-profit with the dedicated purpose of maintaining and improving the Templeton Performing Arts Center and its use in the community. TPAC opened 15 years ago and has been a wonderful asset for the schools and community – look for a 15<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration later this year! There are maintenance items and improvements that could be done to enhance the facility that are beyond the scope of the school district’s ability to fund. The TPAC Foundation hopes to raise the funds necessary to support and improve the building, as well as enhance community use of this valuable facility.”

This concert will be the first of a series of concerts put on by the Foundation and proceeds will be dedicated to the goal of supporting the TPAC. A BIG thank you to the Adelaide Inn in Paso Robles for donating lodging for the musicians! For more information, please visit [www.tpacfoundation.org](http://www.tpacfoundation.org).

### **REMINDERS**

**EAGLES “ALL-ALUMNI DAY 2018” & BOOSTERS FALL SPORTS KICKOFF** – The Templeton High School Alumni Association in conjunction with the Templeton Eagles Athletic Boosters present, “**ALL ALUMNI DAY 2018**” on **Saturday, August 11<sup>th</sup>**. The day begins with the Annual All-Alumni BBQ from 11 am to 6 pm in Templeton Park. A barbecue lunch will be provided. Attendees are asked to bring their own drinks and provide a side dish to share. The day continues with the Annual Booster Kickoff that starts at 4 pm on Mike Erb Field in Volunteer Stadium. Meet the fall teams, participate in the Boosters Annual Membership Drive, and as members, choose your season reserved seats. Last, but certainly not least, enjoy the football scrimmage between the Templeton High School Eagles vs. McFarland (JV 4 pm / V 7 pm).

**REMEMBER TO USE CAUTION WHEN TRAVELING ON LAS TABLAS NEAR THE WASTEWATER PROJECT CONSTRUCTION SITES**

**PLEASE CONSIDER RUNNING FOR LOCAL OFFICE** – The nomination period to run for a seat on either the Templeton Community Services District Board of Directors or the Templeton Unified School District Board of Trustees **begins on Monday, July 16<sup>th</sup> and runs through August 10**. Two seats are up for election on each board and a minimum of three candidates for each board must step forward for an election to be held. If two or less file, they will automatically be seated without an election. Please consider running and serving either the school board or the services district (town council). For more information, please visit the County Clerk-Recorder’s web pages on the County website.

**THS FOOTBALL DINNER & AUCTION FUNDRAISER SCHEDULED FOR AUG 25** – Every year as school gears up and football season opens, local folks gather with friends and neighbors to enjoy a good meal and the company of fellow football enthusiasts, while prognosticating about the upcoming season, and raising funds to help support the Templeton High School Football Program. This year, the dinner with both a live and silent auction will be held on Saturday, August 25<sup>th</sup> in Templeton American Legion Hall (8<sup>th</sup> & S. Main). The event begins with a “social hour” at 5 pm, when attendees will have an opportunity to meet the Varsity Coaches and bid in the silent auction while enjoying hors d’oeuvres and adult beverages. A delicious steak dinner (that’s right, steak!) with all the trimmings will be served at 6 pm, and an exciting live auction will start around 7 pm. Tickets are \$45 per person or \$500 for a VIP table for eight (8) – cash or check only, please. To purchase tickets, please contact Wendy Rasmussen at (805) 423-0169. For more information, please [CLICK HERE](#) for a copy of the event flyer.

**PUBLIC WORKSHOP ON WATER & SEWER RATE CHANGES IS AUGUST 30** – The Templeton Community Services District (TCSD) provides drinking water service to approximately 2,800 accounts including homes and businesses. TCSD also provides sewer conveyance, treatment, and disposal to about 2,200 accounts. TCSD’s water and sewer utilities rely on rates paid by customers to fund the costs for operations and maintenance. These utilities do not receive any property tax revenues. After a great deal of careful study, the District has proposed an adjustment in both water and sewer rates to maintain a balanced budget. The public is invited to attend a workshop to learn more about the proposed rate adjustments on August 30 at 6:30 pm in the Templeton Community Center (Women’s Clubhouse at 601 S. Main). The DRAFT rate study can be viewed at the District’s website at [www.templetoncsd.org](http://www.templetoncsd.org) or in the District office (5<sup>th</sup> & Crocker).

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