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**COMMUNITY REMINDERS**

**EVENTS IN AND AROUND TEMPLETON THIS WEEKEND** – Note! For more information, please click on the links provided for each event. Now that school has started, Templeton Pool is only open on the weekend and will close to the public after Labor Day.

**SATURDAY**

- ECHO's 7<sup>th</sup> Annual "[Long Walk Home](#)"
- 2018 Morning [Summer Social at Sherwood Dog Park](#)
- Farmers Market at Templeton Park – 9 am to 12 pm
- **SWIM – TEMPLETON POOL RECREATIONAL SWIM 1-5 PM**
- Templeton High School "[Football Dinner & Auction](#)"
- "[Whale Rock "Warm Up"](#)" at Castoro Cellars
- Templeton Performing Arts Center Foundation Inaugural Concert featuring "[The John Jorgenson Quartet](#)"

**SUNDAY**

- **SWIM – TEMPLETON POOL RECREATIONAL SWIM 1-5 PM**

**WEATHER & AIR QUALITY**

**FORECAST CALLS FOR CONTINUED COOLER TEMPERATURES (AUG 24)** – Fall is just around the corner and temperatures are cooler, but can still go to triple digits into the month of September.

[SAT 82, SUN 81, MON 79, TUES 78, WED 79, THURS 83, FRI 87, SAT 87, SUN 87]

**NORTH COUNTY AIR QUALITY REPORT (AUG 24)** – The Air Quality Index (AQI) as of this morning (Fri) is listed as unhealthy for sensitive groups. People with heart or lung disease, older adults, and children should reduce prolonged or heavy exertion. The forecast for Saturday shows the AQI improving to high-moderate with a continued health advisory. For more information, please [CLICK HERE](#).

## **POLICE & FIRE LOGS**

### **FIRE STATION #30 TO BE HOUSED IN TEMPLETON FOR ABOUT 18 MONTHS (AUG 21)**

– County Fire has been given notice from the state to proceed with the demolition and reconstruction of Station 30 on Ramada Drive, located between the City of Paso Robles and the town of Templeton. Station 30 is a State facility that houses both State and County Fire personnel and equipment. During the construction, County resources will be relocated to the property in Templeton where the Sheriff's Substation is located, and State funded resources will be relocated to Station 98 at Los Robles Camp – both for about 18 months. According to the County staff report, engine 30 is being moved to Templeton in order to retain their current response times. "Failure to keep engine 30 in its response area will negatively impact our response times, which could result in loss of life," said the report. The move will cost the County an estimated \$372,000 - \$163,216 for site improvements, utility connections, project management and contingency costs, and the remaining \$208,784 for a modular home to house engine 30 and crew. "The site on the Sheriff's Substation property where the temporary station will be housed was planned to accommodate a future building and already has water and sewer connections," said the staff report. "Upon completion of the Fire Station #30 reconstruction, the manufactured building can be reused or declared surplus by the County." This item was approved by the Board of Supervisors at their August 21<sup>st</sup> meeting.

### **FEWER OFFENDERS RETURNING TO LIFE OF CRIME (AUG 17) from Supervisor John**

**Peschong** – The San Luis Obispo (SLO) County Probation Department is pleased to announce that the recidivism rate among post release community supervision (PRCS) offenders was 25 percent at the end of fiscal year 2017/18 – a record low since Public Safety Realignment took effect in 2011. This means that 75 percent of the individuals released from state prison who were under the supervision of the County Probation Department were not convicted of a new crime while under supervision. To compare, the statewide recidivism rate was 56.2 percent for the PRCS offenders two years after Public Safety Realignment took effect, according to a study by the Public Policy Institute of California in 2017 (meaning 43.8 percent did not return to a life of crime). SLO County's low recidivism rate can be attributed to the quick turn-around of offenders placed in treatment and wrap-around services after screening/assessment. The County also maintains a PRCS probation officer caseload ratio of 40:1 to allow for close monitoring in the community. This contributes to the County's efforts to create a safe community.

## **HEALTH & FITNESS**

### **ADDRESSING MENTAL HEALTH CRISES IN ERs (AUG 17) From Supervisor John Peschong** – A

new partnership between San Luis Obispo County (SLOC) Behavioral Health and Tenant Healthcare will provide funding for mental health clinicians in the emergency departments of Twin Cities Community Hospital and Sierra Vista Hospital. Sierra Wellness Group is contracted to provide the services; this is the same agency that provides mental health services for the [County's Crisis Stabilization Unit](#) and mobile crisis response services throughout SLO County. The on-site mental health clinician will work closely with emergency department staff to assess, support, and arrange for discharge or transfer of individuals in mental health crisis within the emergency departments. This is the first project of its kind in SLO County.

**FREE COUNTY FLU SHOT CLINIC SCHEDULED FOR OCTOBER** – The San Luis Obispo County Public Health Department, City of Atascadero, and Five Cities Fire Authority are partnering to

present a FREE Flu Shot Clinic on Sunday, October 21, 2018. Everyone age three and older is welcome to come get a FREE flu shot. There are no requirements based on income or residency. No appointment or RSVP is needed. Supplies are limited, so please arrive early.

- **DATE – Sunday, October 21<sup>st</sup>**
- **TIME – 9 am to 12 pm**
- **TWO LOCATIONS**
- **[1] Colony Park Community Center (5590 Traffic Way in Atascadero)**
- **[2] Five Cities Fire Authority, Station One (140 Traffic Way in Arroyo Grande)**

**PLEASE NOTE** – (a) The nasal spray flu vaccine is not available at this time, (2) preservative free vaccine is available, and (3) each person who receives a flu shot will be asked to complete a screening form (if you'd like to complete it ahead of time, please [CLICK HERE](#) to download).

According to the press release, “the clinic will help protect our community from the flu while serving as a mass vaccination drill that keeps [first responder] teams sharp and ready to respond to the threat of pandemic illness. In the case of a pandemic, local first responders would need to quickly vaccinate large numbers of people. Drills like this help ensure teams are ready to respond in an effective and coordinated manner.” For more information, please call the County Public Health Department at (805) 781-5500. For the full press release, please [CLICK HERE](#).

## **WILDFIRE**

***FIRE SEASON is here and runs at least thru the end of October • Is your property fire safe? If not, please get out those weed whackers, mowers and loppers! Be prepared ALL fire season***



### **OPINION:**

**“Environmentalists have stood in the way of fire prevention efforts. That has to end”**

*Tribune – August 23, 2018*

*By Andrea Seatrand*

California is burning. For the second straight year, the state is suffering some of the worst wildfires in its history, and it looks like there is no end in sight for the increasing frequency of mega-fires.

The combination of hot temperatures and the buildup of unmanaged vegetation has created the perfect conditions for uncontrolled blazes.

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

**FERGUSON FIRE FINAL UPDATE (AUG 19)** – The Ferguson Fire is now 100 percent contained, but while a significant milestone has been reached, there is still more work to be done. Firefighters will continue to patrol, mop up, and repair firelines. During the heat of the day, some interior islands of unburned vegetation will continue to ignite, but they aren't a threat to containment lines. Resources continue to assess and remove hazard trees along roads, especially on Wawona Road between Chinquapin and Tunnel View. Wawona Road is expected to be open on Friday, August 24 at 8 am. This will be the final update unless significant activity occurs.

**BURNED AREA RECOVERY** – There are three phases of recovery following wildfires. Fire Suppression Repair, Burned Area Emergency Response (BAER), and Long Term Recovery and Reforestation. The fire suppression repair is currently ongoing with the repair of hand and dozer fire lines, roads, trails and safety zones used during fire suppression efforts. The BAER team is on site doing an assessment of burned areas in order to identify imminent post wildfire threats to human life and

safety, property, and critical natural or cultural resources on public lands. Based on the assessment, corrective actions are proposed to protect fire damaged areas. The final phase of recovery is Long Term Recovery and Reforestation which uses non-emergency actions to improve fire damaged lands which are unlikely to recover naturally.

**RESOURCES STILL ON SCENE AND FIRE FACTS** – As of August 19<sup>th</sup>, 881 personnel were still assigned to the Ferguson Fire area along with 41 engines, 18 water tenders, 1 helicopter, 7 crews, 10 dozers, and 3 masticators. The fire began on July 13<sup>th</sup> and full containment was reached a little over a month later. Almost 97,000 acres were burned. Two lives were lost fighting this fire. The cause of the fire is still under investigation.

## TALKING TRASH



**HELP KEEP TRASH RATES DOWN** • Please recycle only approved materials ([click here](#))  
Unapproved materials greatly increase sorting time and can clog or even break down machinery

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## “Mountains of U.S. recycling pile up as China restricts imports”

*PRI's The World – January 1, 2018*

After you collect your cans, bottles, and paper, then put them out by the curb, do you ever think about where everything goes after the truck picks things up? Largely, it goes to China.

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## WATER NEWS

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

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## “Jolting California officials, Trump administration looks to rewrite rules for Delta water”

*Sacramento Bee – August 23, 2018*

*By Dale Kasler*

In an unprecedented move, the U.S. Bureau of Reclamation served notice to California officials on August 17, stating it wants to renegotiate a landmark 1986 agreement governing the big federal and state water projects and how they pump water through the Sacramento San-Joaquin Delta to their member agencies in the southern half of the state.

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

## “6 steps to make a rain garden”

*Better Homes & Gardens*

*By Kelly Roberson*

Rain gardens filter runoff and protect groundwater, especially after big rains. They also add unexpected beauty to low spots that tend to collect water and draw wildlife. Here's how to make a rain garden in your own landscape.

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

### **"Rain Garden Water Harvesting" – VIDEO**

*From the San Luis Rey Watershed Council*



Please click on the photo to watch the video.

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