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## LOCAL GOVERNMENT

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### FROM THE EDITOR'S NOTEBOOK

As fire season gears up and the potential for the power to be cut off for as much as days at a time looms on the horizon, families, businesses, and local government entities should be taking stock of their ability to function in an emergency.

One of the critical components for health and safety in our urban areas during a power shut off is the ability of the local government to continue to provide clean, potable water and remove wastewater

(sewage). Both require electricity to run the pumps and mechanisms necessary to keep the systems running.

Is the town of Templeton prepared? The following is from an interview with Templeton Community Services District (TCSD) General Manager Jeff Briltz. As most of you know, TCSD provides the town of Templeton with the following services: water, wastewater, solid waste, Parks & Recreation, and Fire & Emergency Services with a very small amount of lighting and drainage management.



## **TOWN OF TEMPLETON PREPARED FOR POTENTIAL PUBLIC SAFETY POWER SHUT OFF**

*From an interview with Jeff Briltz, TCSD  
General Manager*

TCSD's (Templeton Community Services District) facilities are actually in pretty good shape, and are generally able to deal with prolonged power outages. That is not to say that all will run perfectly, or that we won't be challenged, but, consider the following:

When the power is out, water and sewage use are expected to drop significantly. Most residents do not have back up power at their homes, so uses like laundry and dishwashing should be much lower and many irrigation time clocks won't operate – significantly cutting down demand for services.

We have backup power for our water system at several well sites – enough to meet expected reduced demand. We also have a backup well that operates on natural gas and about 2 days of water storage as well.

The sewer system has backup generators at most lift (pumping) station sites, and we can pump with the vacuum trailer at other sites – so we can get sewage to the wastewater treatment plant.

However, the treatment plant itself, does not have backup power for aeration. If a prolonged outage occurs, it is likely that the plant will be less effective, but still work. The treatment plant operates under gravity – enabling wastewater to be moved through the plant – and we have plenty of storage for even a prolonged event.

We will have challenges in keeping the generators fueled if the event runs into

several days and is widespread. If necessary, we will send staff to obtain fuel from an area that's not affected by power outages.

Both the District Office and the Fire station have backup power, and can operate nearly normally. Other facilities may have to be closed, such as the Community Center and Recreation Department under prolonged outages. We will likely face challenges if internet and phone systems fail – depending on the locations of the outages.

All in all, I believe TCSD is pretty well prepared.



## COUNTY WORKING ON PLANS FOR PG&E PUBLIC SAFETY POWER SHUT OFFS

*Provided by 1st District Supervisor John Peschong*

The County Office of Emergency Services is coordinating a plan to respond to PG&E's Public Safety Power Shutoff (PSPS), which under certain fire-danger conditions could result in widespread power shut downs. In a worst-case scenario, the PSPS policy has the potential to cause widespread power outages, multiple days at a time.

We have met with County department personnel to address ways we can minimize impacts to public services. In addition to taking protective preparedness measures, OES will encourage San Luis Obispo County residents and organizations to plan for potential loss of electrical service. The OES website contains helpful messages regarding this topic. Please [CLICK HERE](#) to access more information on PSPS and for more information on preparing for power outages, please [CLICK HERE](#).

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## PURE WATER

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**“As the oceans acidify, these oyster farmers are fighting back”**

*The Christian Science Monitor – July 25, 2019  
By Amanda Paulson*



When visitors to [Hog Island Oyster Co.](#) shuck Pacific oysters at picnic tables overlooking Tomales Bay, it's the final stage in a story that founding partner Terry Sawyer likes to tell about the shellfish, the bay, and all steps that went into bringing the briny delicacies to the plate just a few hundred meters from where they were harvested.

It's a story that now touches on the carbon cycle, climate change, and the ways in which the very chemistry of the ocean is shifting and how small businesses like Hog Island – along with the entire ocean ecosystem – are struggling to adapt.

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## HEALTH AND FITNESS

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### Twin Cities receives award for quality care of stroke patients

Twin Cities Community Hospital has received an award from the American Heart Association in conjunction with the American Stroke Association recognizing the hospital's commitment to ensuring stroke patients receive the most appropriate treatment according to nationally recognized, research-based guidelines provided by the latest scientific evidence.

“We are dedicated to improving the quality of care for our stroke patients by implementing the American Heart Association’s “Get With The Guidelines-Stroke Initiative””, said Mark Lisa, CEO of Twin Cities Community Hospital. “The tools and resources provided help us track and measure our success in meeting evidenced-based clinical guidelines developed to improve patient outcomes.”

In addition, Twin Cities received the association’s Target: Stroke Honor Roll by meeting quality measures developed to reduce the time between the patient’s arrival at the hospital and treatment with clot-buster tissue plasminogen activator (tPA) – the only drug approved by the U.S. Food and drug Administration to treat ischemic stroke.

“We are pleased to recognize Twin Cities Community Hospital for their commitment

to stroke care”, said Lee H. Schwamm, M.D., national chairperson of the Quality Oversight Committee and Executive Vice-Chair of Neurology, Director of Acute Stroke Services at Massachusetts General Hospital in Boston, Massachusetts. “Research has shown that hospitals adhering to clinical measures through the “Get With the Guidelines” quality improvement initiative can often see fewer readmissions and lower mortality rates.”

Stroke is the fifth leading cause of death and a leading cause of disability in the United States. On average, someone in the U.S. suffers a stroke every 40 seconds and nearly 795,000 people suffer a new or recurrent stroke each year.

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## **IN CASE YOU MISSED IT**

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### **“6 local All-Star softball teams qualify for Cal State Games”**

*Paso Robles Press – June 26, 2019*  
*By Connor Allen*

Over the past weekend, a collection of local all-star softball teams, all different age groups, made their way to the Central California USA Softball Association Championship (CCUSA) tournament in an attempt to punch their ticket for the Cal State Games tournament later this summer in July. The Cal State Game is one of the premier tournaments for all different levels of softball teams for the age groups of 8U to 12U, the Templeton and Paso Robles teams’ currently occupy level C which is designated for smaller area teams, and brings together the best teams from California, Nevada and Arizona to crown a champion.

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

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### **“Templeton cannabis grower accused of violating agreement”**

*Cal Coast Times – June 23, 2019*  
*By Karen Velie*

Shortly after negotiating an agreement not to grow cannabis outdoors for 20 years, the owners of an indoor marijuana grow off York Mountain Road in Templeton

applied for and received a permit to grow 15 acres of industrial hemp, a cannabis strain.

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## “Eagle Scout paints Templeton red”

*Atascadero News – June 21, 2019*

*By Staff Report*

Wyatt Hunt is currently a sophomore at Templeton High School and a member of Boy Scout Troop 60 in Paso Robles.

Several months ago, Wyatt was searching for a project that would benefit the community in such a way that he could provide a service to the Templeton Fire Department. After meeting with many people in the community, the Boy Scout organization, and the Templeton Fire Captain, Wyatt decided he would paint the fire curbs with fresh red paint in five neighborhoods to better identify hydrants.

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## TEMPLETON WEATHER STATION

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Thu 6/27	Fri 6/28	Sat 6/29
83°   48° F	85°   49° F	85°   51° F
		
Sunny	Mostly Sunny	Sunny
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### LOTS OF SUN HEADING INTO THE WEEKEND

Templeton will have sunny days in the low to mid-80's with breezy afternoons Thursday thru Saturday according to the current weather forecast.

This weather forecast is courtesy of the Weather Underground. Please [CLICK HERE](#) to visit their regularly updated 10-day weather forecast for Templeton.

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