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Good Evening!

The contents of this Friday Update include:

- Current rainfall totals and weather outlook
- Damaged Post Office mailbox to be replaced in new location
- Post Office looking for recipients of mailed items found around Christmas time
- TCSD Board to review goals at workshop – public encouraged to attend and participate
- Four candidates vie for three voting positions on TAAG in March 2nd election
- Templeton Firefighters help fight cancer with flowers for Valentine's Day
- CHP – Don't let a DUI sack your Super Bowl celebration
- Hwy 101 San Miguel rehab project begins next week – includes long-term lane 2 closures
- Caltrans "News Flash" video debuts new system to increase safety

Missing in this update are three important news items that will require a little more work before publishing the information. These include:

- The school district is facing a significant budgetary shortfall that will need to be dealt with as the Board of Trustees and staff begin work on the 2017/18 budget
- Led by Kelly Reed Daulton, efforts are underway to save the oak tree on the NE corner of 7th and Crocker. There are concerns that the very old tree may be a safety hazard.
- With recent, significant flooding around Salinas and Eddy Streets, questions about the management of Toad Creek – or lack thereof – have surfaced again. Those questions include why the County simply shelved an important, well-researched two-year [study addressing Toad Creek](#) issues that was prepared by a TAAG sub-committee a few years ago. Why wasn't

anything done to address some of the problems that cause flooding during the intervening drought years?

THE RAIN GUAGE

Season total now at 23.66 inches

Rainfall for the 24-hour period from Wednesday (Feb 1) morning to Thursday (Feb 2) morning totaled .35 inches as measured at Templeton's Meadowbrook Wastewater Treatment Plant. The rainfall from Thursday thru Friday (Feb 3) morning measured .45 inches bringing the season total to 23.66 inches as of Friday morning.

The current weather forecast for the Templeton area shows light rain at best through Friday evening, with overcast days on Saturday and Sunday, and then rain again on Monday.

IT'S IN THE MAIL

Damaged Post Office mailbox to be replaced in new location

With the top lopped off, the drive thru drop off mail box at Templeton Post Office is out of order and all trussed up. Those wishing to take the few seconds to drop of mail currently need to park and go inside the Post Office to do so.

According to Templeton Postmaster Charlene Antista, postal patrons can expect a new box to be installed within the next two or three weeks, but in a different location. The new mail box will be located on the left a little before the exit from the Post Office parking lot.

Antista said that location would make it easier to drop off mail while at the same time protecting the box from the kind of damage sustained by the original one. For security purposes, the Post Office is also considering a mail box that can be locked overnight.

LOST & FOUND

A note from the Templeton Postmaster

The Templeton Post Office would like to talk to the parents of three children named Megan, Austin, and Hunter regarding some items from "Grandpa" that were found loose in the mail around Christmas time.

LOCAL GOVERNMENT

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

Templeton CSD Board of Directors to hold Goals Workshop on Feb 11

The status of current goals and a discussion of future priorities will be the topic of conversation at the Saturday, February 11th Templeton Community Services District (TCSD) Board of Directors Workshop. The meeting will be held at the Templeton Sheriff's Station conference room and begins at 8:30 am.

The public is encouraged to attend and participate. There will be an opportunity to comment during the review process. Current goals include:

- WATER – Enhance reliability and availability of water resources
- WASTEWATER – Improve wastewater operational safety, reliability, efficiency, and financial sustainability

- FINANCIAL SUSTAINABILITY – Develop a long-term approach to TCSD’s financial needs with effective policies to fund TCSD service delivery
- STRATEGIC RELATIONSHIPS – pursue collaboration opportunities with other entities to enhance service to the community
- FIRE – Enhance sustainability of emergency service delivery
- PARKS & RECREATION – Maintain current level of support for parks and recreation.

If you are unable to attend, TCSD has provided a [comment sheet](#) that can be accessed online, filled out and returned to the office at 5th and Crocker.

MARCH 2nd TAAG ELECTION

Four candidates vie for three voting positions on TAAG

Online Forum for TAAG Candidates scheduled to go live mid-February

On March 2nd, registered voters from throughout the greater Templeton area will have the opportunity to choose who will represent their interests and concerns to the County of San Luis Obispo in the area of planning, development, and roads, in addition to several other related issues.

The greater Templeton area includes the almost 100 square miles within the Templeton Unified School District (TUSD) boundaries including the town of Templeton and portions of the El Pomar, Santa Rita, York Mountain, Adelaida, Roblar, and Willow Creek areas.

Voters registered and living within this area are eligible to vote in the March 2nd Templeton Area Advisory Group (TAAG) election.

The word from TAAG after their January 19th meeting was that six candidates had stepped up to the plate to run for three seats on the Board (voting delegates/two year term) and two alternate positions (non-voting/one year term).

Since then, Frank Scotti and Elaine Mattson have dropped out – leaving [Bob Bejarano](#), [Chris Cobey](#), [Matthew Parker](#), and [Joel Woodruff](#) on the ballot. Voters will vote for three (3) candidates and the top three will be seated as voting delegates, with the fourth as an alternate. Under the current bylaws, TAAG will have the option to appoint someone to the remaining alternate position or leave it empty.

To start learning more about these candidates, please click on the links above for the paper work they filled out for TAAG.

All of the candidates have also been invited to participate in an Online Forum for TAAG Candidates sponsored by Soaring Eagle Press. Of the four who are still running, only one has responded in the affirmative so far. The Online Forum will go live on the Soaring Eagle Press website two weeks prior to the March 2nd election.

Editor’s Note! The Online Forum is an opportunity for the four candidates to reach out to the registered voters throughout the area they are asking to be elected to serve – and for the voters to put a face with a name as well as learn considerably more about each candidate and their stance on the issues. As a County Advisory Council, one of TAAG’s primary responsibilities is to gather as much public input as possible. The Online Forum is a great first step in that direction by those candidates who participate. It is my hope that all four TAAG candidates will avail themselves of this opportunity on behalf of the people they will be serving.

POLICE & FIRE LOGS

Firefighters help fight cancer with flowers for Valentine's Day

Fundraiser part of team goal for the 26th Annual Scott Firefighter Stairclimb cancer research fundraiser

As part of their fundraising efforts to fight cancer, Templeton Firefighters are selling beautiful flower bouquets for Valentine's Day.

Fresh cut flowers including bouquets of either a dozen or half dozen roses (red or white) along with mixed flower bouquets will be available for purchase and immediate pickup on February 11th thru 13th at the Templeton Fire Station (5th Street across from Templeton Park) during business hours.

And on Valentine's Day (Feb 14), the "Firefighters & Flowers" will be in the parking lot at Templeton American Legion Hall (8th and S. Main) from 10 am to 8 pm for purchase and pick up.

Members of the public are encouraged to swing by either location to pick up a bouquet for their special Valentine. The bouquets are reasonably priced from \$20 to \$40, and 100 percent of the proceeds will go to help find a cure for cancer.

The Firefighters participating in this fundraiser are the members of the Templeton team that will travel to the Columbia Center in Seattle, Washington on March 12th to participate in the 26th Annual Scott Firefighter Stairclimb – a fundraiser for cancer research sponsored by the Leukemia & Lymphoma Society.

They will join firefighters from across the country and around the world to make the 69-flights, 1,311 steps, 788 vertical feet elevation climb in full firefighter gear in honor and in memory of loved ones battling cancer. All proceeds from their fundraising efforts will go toward the team's fundraising goals for the 26th Annual Scott Firefighter Stairclimb.

For more information on how you can help with this important cause, please contact Captain Brandon Wall at 434-4913 (station), 540-4524 (cell) or email him at bwall@templetoncsd.org.

To make a contribution to the Templeton Fire Stairclimb Team, please [visit the team page](#) on the [Scott Firefighter Stairclimb website](#).

ROADS & TRAFFIC

CHP: Don't let a DUI sack your Super Bowl celebration

From California Highway Patrol

On Sunday, football fans across the country will gather with friends and family to celebrate America's most-watched national sporting event, the Super Bowl. Before the big game, the California Highway Patrol (CHP) is reminding all motorists to designate a sober driver in advance.

The game plan for the CHP and law enforcement throughout the state is to encourage the public to make arrangements beforehand and prevent drivers from getting behind the wheel after drinking.

"Drunk driving continues to be a serious and deadly problem," CHP Commissioner Joe Farrow said. "While many will be watching the football game, our officers will be out patrolling the highways to ensure motorists arrive safely at their destinations."

“There are no excuses when it comes to driving under the influence. Alternative transportation is easily accessible in California, so celebrate responsibly and plan ahead.”

The public can help by calling 9-1-1 if they suspect a drunk driver. Callers should be prepared to give the vehicle’s description, location, license plate number, and direction of travel.

Hwy 101 San Miguel rehab project begins next week

Work includes long-term closure of right lanes

From Caltrans

A project to improve eight miles of U.S. Hwy 101 in both directions from north of Monterey Road to the San Marcos Creek Bridge in San Luis Obispo County to south of the East Garrison Overcrossing near Camp Roberts in Monterey County will begin on Monday, February 6 with the installation of construction signs within the project area.

The first phase of Stage One construction will include a long-term closure of the No. 2 (right) lane of U.S. 101 at the South Mission Street overcrossing. The U.S. 101 northbound/southbound on-ramps at 10th Street will be closed for a four-week period. Specific dates will be announced when finalized.

There will be closures of the U.S. 101 southbound on-ramp in south San Miguel, at Cemetery Road, the 10th Street undercrossing, and the northbound U.S. 101 off-ramp at 10th Street Monday thru Friday from 8 am until 4 pm and during the overnight hours from 8 pm until 6 am.

This project will include the widening of the U.S. 101 bridges within the project area, the construction of new bridges at San Marcos Creek and South Mission Street, a realignment of U.S. 101 to accommodate a new southbound on-ramp at South Mission Street, paving U.S. 101 and nearby ramps, and lowering U.S. 101 at Camp Roberts to achieve a minimum bridge clearance height.

In addition, drainage systems, guardrails, and lighting at on/off-ramps within the corridor will be improved.

This is a \$53 million project and the contractor is Security Paving of Sylmar, CA. It is scheduled to be completed in 2019.

Caltrans “News Flash” video debuts new system to improve safety

From Caltrans

Caltrans is testing an innovative safety system that may help deter wrong-way drivers and alert authorities when incidents occur.

In an online News Flash video, Caltrans shows some of the safety components of a two-year pilot project that is underway in Sacramento and San Diego. Caltrans is evaluating these new counter measures in hopes of reducing the number of wrong-way collisions.

The video can be viewed at www.dot.ca.gov/paffairs/newsflash.



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