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### Weeks in Review • May 10 - 31, 2020



"When I say it's you I like, I'm talking about that part of you that knows that life is far more than anything you can ever see or hear or touch. That deep part of you that allows you to stand for those things without which humankind cannot survive. Love that conquers hate, peace that rises triumphant over war, and justice that proves more powerful than greed." — Fred Rogers







weekend at the intersection of 56th and Riverhills, feature the flora and fauna of the City.

#### PUBLIC ART PROLIFERATES

The City's collaboration with the Temple Terrace Arts Council continues with the completion of three additional pieces of public art. Two separate works have been installed at the intersection of 56th and Bullard. Part of the "Moments in Time" project, one of these pieces by artist Tim Boatright, pays homage to the City's history as one of the first golf course communities in the country, while the other, by artist Carrie Jadus, recognizes some of the important figures in the City's history, including Bertha Palmer and Maud Fowler. The third, completed by artist Roseliza Nheik over the

#### **HOME RULE HEROES**

The Florida League of Cities, Inc. recently recognized City Council Member Cheri Donohue and former Mayor Mel Jurado with 2020 Home Rule Hero Awards. The women were among the more than 100 municipal officials statewide who earned the prestigious award for their tireless efforts to advance the League's legislative agenda and help protect the Home Rule powers of Florida's cities during the 2020 legislative session. Congrats and thank you!

#### **STORM PREP**

Hurricane season started yesterday. Stock up on essentials during the 2020 Florida Disaster Preparedness Sales Tax Holiday, now through June 4. Shop tax exempt for qualifying disaster preparedness supplies. For a list of qualifying items, visit floridarevenue.com/disasterprep.



#### MANY HAPPY RETURNS...

...of Bertha Palmer's Birthday on May 22. Did you know that Palmer (1849-1918) was an internationally known socialite and businesswoman, who, in the early 1900s, bought extensive acreage in Hillsborough County? Her influence led to the establishment of both the golf course community and citrus groves that would eventually become the City of Temple Terrace. Right on the heels of Bertha Palmer's birthday was another important milestone in our City's history. Our fair City was incorporated on May 28, 1925. (Pictured is the original City Hall.)

#### **HOORAY FOR OUR GRADUATES**

We are very proud of all the Leisure Services staff who are earning degrees this spring and applaud their hard work and dedication both to their education and the City. The graduates are:

- Paige Bebout, USF, Masters
- Lexi Diamond, USF
- Bailey Boyce, Seffner Christian Academy
- Adam Bircha, King HS
- James Greene, Steinbrenner High School
- Haley Terry, Brooks De Bartolo Collegiate
- John Runion, King HS
- Caleb Colton, Brooks De Bartolo Collegiate
- Caroline LaBrit, Strawberry Crest
- Dominique Miller, USF

#### RAMADAN RECOGNITION

The City was pleased to recognize the local Muslim community in their celebration of Ramadan and Eid al-Fitr at the May 19 City Council meeting. Like so many things, these observances were very different this year due to precautions surrounding COVID-19. Many thanks to Sister Tarah Saadaldin and Samer Tamimi from Muslims For Democracy and Fairness for attending the meeting to receive an official Certificate of Recognition from Council Member and Meeting Chair Cheri Donohue.



#### **2020 CENSUS**

More than 60% of the households in the US have responded as of the end of May. In Temple Terrace, our response rate is slightly higher than the national average at nearly 61.6%. There's still time to shape the future for our community. Complete the Census now online, by phone or by mail. For more info, go to 2020Census.gov.





#### MADAME VP

City Clerk Cheryl Mooney was sworn in as Vice President of the Florida Association of City Clerks last week by Acting Mayor Andy Ross, with other council members and staff in attendance. The ceremony was held with Riverhills Park as the backdrop. Some local wildlife even stopped by to offer congratulations!

#### **EMPLOYEE OF THE MONTH**



Irma Celleri is the City Hall Employee of the Month for June. During the COVID-19 schedule adjustments, Irma efficiently processed all the billing and auto drafts while only working half-time. Noted Customer Service Manager Michael Cox, who has been involved with utility billing since 1998, "I can tell you this is a remarkable feat during this stressful time. Then add in the fact that Utility Billing was down a full-time rep, Irma worked very hard to keep the ship afloat and the meter readers on schedule, answering Spanish-speaking calls, training our newest rep and assisting wherever she could. We should all be very impressed and proud to have Irma on staff."

#### PAPER QUILT COMMUNITY PROJECT

The City and the Temple Terrace Arts Council is teaming up to highlight what we love about our City. Think about your favorite things – the big, beautiful trees, the Mid-Century homes, historic Woodmont Park. Maybe it's kayaking on the Hillsborough River, the great sense of community or the intriguing history. Or something completely different...

Then pick up paper squares at one of the blue displays outside City Hall, the Family Recreation Complex or the Temple Terrace Public Library and be creative! You can draw or paint or color on your squares. You can paste paper or buttons or stickers or ribbons or fabric or feathers on them. You can write words, you can use photographs, but stay within the boundary of the square and make it no more than 1/4" thick. (Do not trim your artwork, the Arts Council will do that.) Limit 5 per person, please.

Put your finished squares in the envelope provided and drop them off at one of the displays listed above. Squares will be assembled on large boards in a creative design that mimics a quilt. The final product will be on display at times/places to be announced. Last day to submit or have squares picked up is June 24.



#### APPLAUSE PLEASE

Congratulations to the 5th graders at Riverhills Elementary! Our TTFD was honored to be a part of the school's "Clap Out." Thank you to Captain Brown and his crew for sharing in their big day!

#### **ATTACHMENTS:**

Employment Opportunities

## City of Temple Terrace

# EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES May 27, 2020

#### **FIRE**

4.127 FIREFIGHTER/PARAMEDIC

#### **HUMAN RESOURCES**

1.250 HUMAN RESOURCES TECHNICIAN

#### **LEISURE SERVICES • PARKS & RECREATION**

- 5.230 RECREATION LEADER I GYMNASTICS PART TIME
  - TWO POSITIONS
- 7.178 MAINTENANCE ATTENDANT I RECREATION
- 7.178 MAINTENANCE ATTENDANT I PARKS/ATHLETIC FACILITIES

#### SEASONAL OPPORTUNITIES

- 5.221 LIFEGUARD
  - FOUR POSITIONS
- 5.230 RECREATION LEADER I SUMMER YOUTH PROGRAM (SYP)
  - THREE POSITIONS

#### POLICE DEPARTMENT

- 4.226 POLICE OFFICER
- 4.245 POLICE COMMUNICATIONS SUPERVISOR

#### **PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT • OPERATIONS**

- 7.120 MECHANIC II
- 7.125 MECHANIC I

#### **PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT • UTILITIES**

- 1.140 CITY ENGINEER
- 7.167 MAINTENANCE ATTENDANT III STREETS

The City of Temple Terrace is a drug-free workplace.

A pre-employment drug screen, criminal history background investigation, and a driver's license verification may be conducted.

**EQUAL OPPORTUNITY EMPLOYER VETERAN'S PREFERENCE EMPLOYER**