



## **Memorial Day Service and Chicken BBQ cancelled**

Templeton American Legion Post 220 announced this week that it has cancelled their annual Memorial Day Service at Templeton Cemetery and the Chicken BBQ at Legion Hall following the ceremony. In remembrance, Post 220 will place an American flag on the gravesite of each veteran interred at Templeton Cemetery.

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## **County Aquatics Program on hold**

Every year, Templeton Pool opens on Memorial Day with the sounds of splashing, laughing children echoing throughout the area around Templeton Park. This year may be different.

According to the San Luis Obispo County 2020 Aquatics Program website, Opening Day is scheduled for Saturday, May 23, but the programs are currently on temporary hold.

According to Navid Fardanesh of the Templeton Lions Club, the County Aquatics Program has not asked the club for their usual donation that allows Templeton youngsters to swim for free during the summer in Templeton Pool.

More on this as it becomes available. Please [CLICK HERE](#) to visit the Aquatics Program page.

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## **Rotary postpones Independence Day Parade**

From David La Rue, President Rotary Club of Templeton

The Rotary Club of Templeton regrettably announces the postponement of our annual July 4th Parade celebration for 2020. After conferring with County and State officials, due to the Covid-19 pandemic restrictions on large gatherings, and the over-whelming support and attendance our annual event has exhibited, we cannot at this time, in good conscious, with practical health and safety precautions,

sponsor an event that promotes close social and friendly interaction.

We would like to thank all our past participants, attendees, and sponsors, and ask you to mark your calendars for September 12, 2020. This is our tentative postponement date to coincide with our Founder's Day Fall Festival, that we hope to co-host with the Templeton Chamber of Commerce. Should conditions allow, we will also host a "Victory" parade that morning at 10 am to initiate the day's festivities!

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## **Fireworks sales still on in Templeton**

**New Times SLO – May 7, 2020**

**By Karen Garcia**

The Templeton Community Services District (TCSD) will allow the sale of fireworks, as long as the booths comply with expected (COVID-19) safety standards. Concerns were raised about the use of Templeton Park to set off fireworks.

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

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## **SLO County COVID-19 Emergency Order expired today**

In an interview earlier this week with 5th District Supervisor John Peschong, he confirmed that San Luis Obispo County's Local Emergency Ordinance would expire on Friday, May 15 – leaving only Governor Newsom's State Emergency Ordinance in operation.

"Once the Local Emergency Order expires on Friday, we'll be operating under the Governor's Emergency Order," confirmed Peschong.

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**The San Luis County Board of Supervisors will meet next Tuesday, May 19 at 9:00 am.** Please [CLICK HERE](#) for a copy of the agenda and how to participate in the meeting.

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## **SLO County must follow state's framework for reopening economy**

**New Times SLO – May 14, 2020**

**By Peter Johnson**

San Luis Obispo County is bound to the state's framework for reopening its economy, despite its work over the past month to develop a localized START Guide.

Please [CLICK HERE](#) to read more

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## **Flush faucets and check for chlorine when reopening a business**

When not in use for extended periods of time, water sitting in the lines can stagnate. As businesses begin to reopen in Templeton, owners are encouraged to flush inside lines and test for chlorine.

The town of Templeton doesn't have large business parks that have been closed for any length of time and water mains have been circulating well. But Templeton Community Services District (TCSD) General Manager Jeff Britz does suggest the following for those opening up for business.

"Businesses should flush their faucets for several minutes," said Britz. "If you have access to chlorine test kits or strips, like a pool test kit, flush until the test registers a chlorine residual."

For more information, please contact TCSD at (805) 434-4900.

**Editor's Note! Check with Hewitt's Hardware for test strips.**

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## **It's budget development time for local government and the outlook is bleak**

By state law, local government agencies must adopt a budget for the upcoming year – or in the case of the school district, the upcoming three years – by the end of June. With the economy in very poor shape, state and local revenues are heavily impacted and budgets will take heavy hits.

Templeton Community Services District (TCSD) and Templeton Unified School District (TUSD) along with San Luis Obispo County are all working on their 2020-21 fiscal budgets under very challenging circumstances.

Tonight, we'll take a look at how the budget deficits may affect Templeton Schools, then look at TCSD and SLO County in upcoming editions. Please read the following article, the "Editor's Note", and the DRAFT minutes from the "Budget and Staffing Study Session" from the May 7th school board meeting following below.

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## **"Here's how a \$54 billion deficit will hurt Californians"**

**Cal Matters – May 7, 2020**

**By Judy Lin**

California faces an unprecedented \$54 billion deficit. Finance officials announce the unemployment rate could reach 18 percent, worse than the Great Recession. Schools, health care and safety-net programs face devastating cuts as state and local officials seek additional federal stimulus.

The deficit is three and a half times the state's \$16B rainy day fund, and nearly 37 percent of the state's general fund.

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

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### **Editor's Note! Note the section on K-12 schools in the above article.**

Currently, it is estimated that there will be an \$18 billion decrease in minimum funding guaranteed for K-12 schools and community colleges. This is in addition to the estimated \$400 per pupil average or \$2.4 billion that CA schools have spent responding the coronavirus pandemic – over and above what was in their budgets.

Keep in mind that, by law, CA schools must adopt a balanced budget for the next school year and two more years out by the end of June. In addition to being in the black, the three-year budget projections must include a minimum 3 percent reserve.

Adding to the potential difficulties is something the Governor said a few weeks ago regarding limiting class sizes in order to practice social distancing and increasing the regular sanitizing and cleaning of school facilities once they reopen. If required, this directive would necessitate an increase in facilities, teachers, and MOT staff, literally bankrupting most school districts.

Keep in mind that schools operating in the red can be taken over by the state – eliminating any voice in local control. With huge budget cuts on the horizon and very costly, potential directives from the state, in addition to the current budgetary challenges Templeton schools have been dealing with, our school district and Board of Trustees have a daunting task ahead of them.

If the quality of your children's education, how and where they are educated, and by whom, is important to you, now is the time to get up to speed and participate in this process.

Please review the DRAFT minutes below for more specific information on potential options for Templeton schools.

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## **DRAFT Minutes for the May 7th TUSD “Budget and Staffing Study Session”**

Please [CLICK HERE](#) to download the May 14 board packet. Open the document and scroll down to page 32 for the beginning of the discussion.

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