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COMMUNITY NEWS

Griff's Bistro & Pizzeria scheduled to open again in 4 to 5 months



Above L: An SCI, Inc. truck is parked in front of Griff's Bistro & Pizzeria as clean up and restoration work begins on the fire damaged restaurant. Above R: A thank you banner posted in front of Griff's.

Clean up and restoration now in process

It's taken almost a month, but the clean up and restoration of Griff's Bistro & Pizzeria has finally begun, and Templeton based Simons Construction, Inc. (SCI, Inc.) is taking the lead.

"They are the best restoration contractors in the county and I'm very glad we were able to get them," said Jim Griffin, owner of Griff's Bistro & Pizzeria. "Benny Simons and his manager of restorations construction, Ed Myers, were here the very first thing the morning after the fire was put out helping us shore up the building, getting the electricity back on, and reassuring me that it was going to be OK – that this could be fixed."

"If everything goes well, we should be ready to open again in about 4 – 5 months," continued Griffin. "The timing will mostly depend on the county permitting process."

In the meantime, Griffin is helping with the clean up, and in his spare time is making plans for the restaurant when it reopens.

"I've been working on the menus, new equipment, the interior, and making sure that we can keep as much of our staff as possible," said Griffin. "I want to make sure that the food is every bit as good as it was before, if not better."

On December 9th around 3 am, a fire broke out in the restaurant. Prompt action by the Templeton Fire Department, backed up by units from Atascadero, Paso Robles, and Cal Fire saved the building.

According to Templeton Fire Chief Jim Langborg, the fire and smoke destroyed just about everything inside, but did not damage the building structurally.

Led by the Templeton Chamber of Commerce, the community immediately went into action to help the restaurant and its employees. Donations, a bake sale, a 50/50 raffle, and other community efforts sprang up to help those out of work.

In the meantime, a beneficiary account has been set up at the Templeton branch of Heritage Oaks Bank. Those wishing to help out are encouraged to stop by the bank on Las Tablas Road for more information.

“Templeton has just been so very generous,” said Griffin. “This is the greatest community to live and work in!”

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LOCAL GOVERNMENT

TCSD weathers late December and New Year storms in good shape Proactive maintenance to water & sewer systems is the key

Despite heavy late December and New Year rain storms, the Templeton Community Services District water and sewer systems continued to operate smoothly without the challenges faced by other communities in San Luis Obispo County.

“We didn’t have any significant problems in the last 2 storms,” said TCSD General Manager Jeff Hodge. “Everything has run very smoothly due to the proactive maintenance that our utilities department schedules on an ongoing basis.”

TCSD utilities Supervisor Jay Short regularly schedules maintenance checks throughout the dry months – including flushing water lines, maintenance to pumps, electrical, and back-up systems, as well as using the sewer camera to find and clean potential trouble spots – to keep systems in top notch working order.

“All of the maintenance we do helps to lesson the likelihood of any major outages or difficulties during major storm events,” continued Hodge. “We’d like to offer a big thank you to our residents who have been so understanding of any inconvenience our ongoing maintenance operations may cause.”

Holidays relatively quiet for Templeton Fire

According to Templeton Fire Chief Jim Langborg, there were no significant calls to the Fire Department over the Christmas and New Year holidays.

“Kudos to our residents,” said Langborg. “So far, we haven’t had a single chimney, heater, or furnace fire – and that means these systems are being maintained.”

From December 20th through January 2nd, Templeton Fire Department responded to 21 calls – 11 for medical aid, 1 for a downed power line, 1 smoke check, and 8 assists or cancelled in route.

Since Thanksgiving, 2 of the more significant calls involved downtown restaurants.

The first involved a sprinkler head in the back room at McPhee’s Grill on November 30th that had broken for some unknown reason and flooded the area. Fire crews responded and helped with salvage and clean up.

The second was the December 9th fire at Griff’s Pizzeria & Bistro. According to Langborg, just about everything inside the restaurant was destroyed and there was significant heat and smoke damage, but structurally, the building held up well.

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YOUTH ACHIEVEMENT

Meet the Oct / Nov Templeton Middle School Fitness Students

“Work hard, participate, practice, and do your best!”

- See attachments:
01.04.11.NEWS_TMS October Fitness Students
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TUESDAY SPORTS CALENDAR

THS Boys Soccer vs. Santa Maria (JV and Varsity at 3:30 pm)

THS Girls Soccer @ Santa Maria (JV and Varsity at 3:30 pm)

CALENDAR NOTES FOR TUESDAY

[Board of Supervisors](#)

The San Luis Obispo County Board of Supervisors will meet this morning at 9 am in the County Government Center located at 1050 Monterey St in SLO. Today’s agenda includes:

- [A-1] the introduction of a Graffiti Ordinance to set penalties for graffiti vandals including restitution, community service, and parental responsibilities.
- [A-25] submittal of a notice of completion for the construction of the expansion of the Park and Ride facility at Las Tablas and Bennett Way in Templeton
- [D-2] in response to the Governor’s suspension of AB 3632 mandate on counties to provide mental health services to special education students (1) request to approve a contract for the county to continue to provide specialty services to eligible children
- [C-1] a hearing to consider (1) Annual Road Improvement Fees Reports for fee areas that include Templeton, (2) resolutions continuing the fees for the County Road

Improvement Fee program, and (3) a resolution to discontinue the San Luis Obispo Fringe area fee.

Templeton Community Services District

The Templeton CSD Board of Directors will meet at 7 pm in the TCSD boardroom located at Fifth and Crocker next to the Templeton Fire Department. The agenda includes:

- [10a] the board will review and if appropriate, approve Resolution No. 1-2011, approving an addendum to the District's River and Groundwater Wells Project Mitigated Negative Declaration.
- [10b] the board will review and if appropriate, approve Resolution No. 2-2011, adopting amended Board Bylaws
- [10c] the board will review and if appropriate, approve the Notice of Exemption for two water rights permit extension petitions
- [10d] the new President will consider appointments to the District's Standing Committees for the Calendar Year 2011.

Editor's Note! Both the agenda and the full board packet (back up) is available online at www.templetoncsd.org (click on agendas, scroll down to Jan 4 and click on either "agenda" or "board packet").

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