

# Week in Review Newsletter In the City of Temple Terrace

Good things going on in the City

January 10 - 23, 2023



## SAFE CROSSINGS WITH A SMILE

Earlier this month, Chief Albano presented Anthony Brown, crossing guard at the intersection of Gillette and Whiteway, with a Certificate of Appreciation. Mr. Brown has been serving the City of Temple Terrace for seven years.

The certificate read, "In Recognition of exemplary service and dedication to the community as a crossing guard in the City of Temple Terrace, Chief Kenneth R. Albano and the Temple Terrace Police Department would like to present this Certificate of Appreciation to: Mr. Anthony Brown. For ensuring the safety of the children in our community on their walk to and from school every day. For greeting all residents, young and old, who cross your intersection with a friendly smile and a 'have a wonderful day.' For your contagious positivity. Temple Terrace is fortunate to have you serving in our community."

If you have driven down Whiteway on any school day, you've seen his smiling face and (hopefully) returned his friendly wave. Congrats to Mr. Brown, for keeping pedestrians safe - and bringing smiles to the faces of all he sees.

## WAY TO GO JO!

Jo Averill-Snell is the Temple Terrace Public Library's Employee of the Quarter and 2022 Employee of the Year! Jo is our Adult Programming Librarian and one of our go to people for technical support. During her off hours Jo can be found in Tampa area theaters working as a lighting designer. Congratulations, Jo!



## EXPANDED HIKING TRAILS, NEW BIKE TRAILS TO BE CELEBRATED, TAKE II

Weather conditions and other concerns forced the cancellation of the grand opening of the expanded hiking trails and new off-road bicycle trails at Riverfront Preserve scheduled for earlier this month. The event has been rescheduled as a small, invitation-only ribbon cutting for Feb. 11. But no need to wait for the ceremonial stuff – the trails are up and running and ready for riders! The enhancements were made possible through a partnership with SWAMP Mountain Bike Club Inc. Funding for the project was obtained by SWAMP through a grant with REI.



**FIRE POWER**

Congrats to rookie Firefighter Zhan'delle Jackson who hit his one-year anniversary mark in January and graduated to a Black Shield Firefighter!

**TTPD REPRESENTING AT PATEL HS**

Proud to have Officer Gonzalez of the Temple Terrace Police Department representing the agency at the Dr. Kiran C. Patel High School Safety Summit last week. Of the Summit, which was covered by WFLA News Channel 8, Dr. Patel, who founded the school four years ago, said, “This type of event is so vital so that the students understand the bonding between the officers, the officers’ roles, and responsibilities.”



**BIKE GIVE AWAY**

Earlier this month, the Temple Terrace Police Department's Community Liaison Unit (CLU) partnered with the Children's Board Family Resource Centers to distribute 14 bicycles to families in need. Ofc. Gonzalez coordinated the donations from the Ridge Community in Wesley Chapel and then was able to partner with University Bicycle Center who volunteered their time to make sure the bicycles were in good working condition. Along with the bicycles, CLU provided lights, helmets and safety information. All bikes were also registered as a part of the TTPD's Bicycle Registration Program.

The Family Resource Center also provided fun arts and craft activities, refreshments and various other family services while celebrating the Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. holiday.



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**OUTSTANDING CITIZENS**

We have wonderful citizens at the Family Recreation Complex! One student from each group of our After-School Program earned the title of Student of the Month for December. These students consistently displayed respect for one another, followed directions and rules, helped others, and acted with integrity. We are proud to recognize Dahlia, Jeriel, Callyn, Dana and Mila. A huge THANK YOU to local businesses, Abbott's Frozen Custard Temple Terrace and Jersey Mike's Subs for rewarding these outstanding citizens with special treats!



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