



Templeton City News

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Joe Behrens
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Council Meetings: 1st Monday of
each month



Census 2010

Household Participation Rates by Mail

72% - National Participation Rate
78% - Iowa Participation Rate
82% - Carroll County, Iowa Participation Rate
88% - Templeton City Participation Rate

The rates displayed above were as of April 27, 2010, prior to the cut-off for door-to-door non response follow-up operations. The Census Bureau will post the final rates in the fall and will include late mail returns.

Now census takers will begin the task of going door-to-door to obtain census response in person from households who did not mail back their census questionnaire form.

The Census Bureau provides the census taker with a binder containing all the addresses that didn't send back a filled out census form. The census taker then visits all of those addresses and records the answers to the questions on the form. If no one answers at a particular residence, a census taker will visit a home up to three times and attempt to reach the household by phone three times. The census worker will leave a double sided (English and Spanish) NOTICE of VISIT in the doorway that includes a phone number for the resident to schedule an appointment. The census taker will ONLY ask the questions that appear on the census form.

For more information about the 2010 Census, go to www.2010census.gov.

Automatic Payment Plan

Sign up for automatic bill payment plan—have your city utility payments automatically deducted from your bank account on a monthly basis. Call or stop by City Hall to sign up if interested.

Grass Clippings

When mowing, the City would appreciate residents not blowing your grass clippings into the streets. Grass clippings and other debris get washed into the storm sewers and cause problems with drainage plus our town will look cleaner and more appealing to visitors.



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HIGHWAY 141 GARAGE SALE

Sale Dates Friday & Saturday



The towns, residents, and businesses along Highway 141 in Iowa, welcome you to join them as they hold their annual Garage Sale and Flea Market event on Friday, August 6, 2010 and Saturday, August 7, 2010. The towns participating in the 2010 141 Garage Sale are Manilla, Manning, Templeton, Coon Rapids, Bayard, Bagley, Jamaica, Dawson, Perry, Bouton, Woodward, Granger, and Grimes. The contact person for Templeton is Alison Sturm at 712-669-3698.

Burn Site

In March of 2010, the city of Templeton received a letter from the Department of Natural Resources (DNR) concerning our burn site located north of Second Avenue. The DNR requested the city of Templeton meet DNR Air Quality criteria in order to keep this site open. Listed below are the DNR's Air Quality criteria:



- Burn site is operated by a local government entity.
- Burning is conducted on a regularly scheduled basis and supervised.
- Burning is conducted when weather conditions are favorable.
- Burn site is fenced and access is controlled.
- Written waiver in the form of an affidavit is signed by property owners of an inhabited building within at least one-quarter mile of the site and recorded in the office of the recorder of deeds of the county in which the inhabited building is located.
- Designate location for leaves, grass clippings and yard waste.

With all this being said, the city of Templeton is willing to work with the DNR to comply with the aforementioned regulations in order to retain our burn site for its residents but the city of Templeton also needs the cooperation from its residents. The city of Templeton would like to remind residents what they need to do to help keep our burn site open.

- Dispose of grass clippings, leaves, and yard waste on designated piles identified with a sign.
- Sticks and plastic garbage bags should not be mixed in with grass clippings and leaf pile. Sticks should be placed on tree branch pile and plastic garbage bags should be disposed of through weekly curbside garbage pick up.
- Dispose of trees and tree branches on designated pile.
- No plastic garbage bags or containers.
- No appliances, furniture, cans, lumber, shingles, tin, tires, nails, rocks, or concrete.
- No rubbish.

If we all work together, we'll be able to keep our burn site.

St. Peter's Castle

Come visit Templeton's first jailhouse - "St. Peter's Castle" located at the corner of Second Street and Third Avenue.

St. Peter's Castle is open from 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. on Sundays during the months of May through October, weather permitting.

St. Peter's Castle was constructed in 1885. The Templeton City Council accepted D. Joyce Lumber Company's bid in the amount of \$37 for the building materials and Joseph Nutt was awarded the carpenter contract for \$15. The jailhouse is a 8' x 12' wooded

structure with 2" x 6" boards laid flat and stacked one on another. The jailhouse has two cells, two small windows, and a walkway in the middle where a stove is located. St. Peter's Castle was originally built near the location of the current city maintenance building east of the fire station. In 1924, St. Peter's Castle was sold to Frank Kathmann for \$10 to make way for a new municipal building that included a council chambers, clerk's office, fire station and a jail. The family of Wayne "Bud" Kathmann donated St. Peter's Castle back to the city of Templeton in January of year 2000. Volunteers moved the jailhouse from the Kathmann's residence at 103 S. 4th Avenue onto a trailer where it remained for several years.

In April of 2004 the trailer that held St. Peter's Castle was backed into the old fire station and volunteers began removing the old shingles and wood cedar siding. New wood shingles were applied and the jailhouse was moved to its current location at the Water Tower Park where it was place on a 12' x 12' concrete pad. Renovations in 2004 included new wood shingles and cedar siding, a front door, a fresh coat of white paint to the exterior, and a wood floor. In 2005, renovations resumed bringing electricity to the building, jail bunks, bar cells, a brick chimney, and landscaping. An engraved personalized brick walkway leading up to the jail was laid reflective of present and past businesses and families in the Templeton community.

St. Peter's Castle is filled with photographs, newspaper articles and other items of historic value. It's a place to remember the past and preserve it for future generations.



Rock & Rye

SATURDAY, JULY 31ST, 2010

The Templeton Community Betterment Association and Templeton Rye Distillery's "Rock and Rye" Music Festival will be held on Saturday, July 31, 2010 on the grounds of the Templeton Rye Distillery in Templeton. Tickets are \$10 in advance and \$15 day of show. The event starts at 4:00 p.m. and features distillery tours. The beer garden also opens at 4:00 p.m. and is operated by the Templeton Community Betterment Association which will receive all food and beverage proceeds.

4:00 - 6:00 p.m. Templeton Rye Distillery Tours for Ticket Holders

4:00 p.m. Templeton Community Betterment's Beer Garden Opens

7:30 p.m. Aged Spirits

9:00 p.m. The Nadas

More details to follow from the Templeton Community Betterment Association.



For Sale

The city of Templeton will be accepting bids after July 1, 2010 for a 24' x 24' two car garage with a walk in side door and a 10' x 24' garage located at 116 S. 3rd Avenue. Buyer(s) will be responsible for the costs associated with moving the building(s). The highest bidder will be required to provide a copy of their insurance to relocate the building(s) from the city's property. Sealed bids are due into Templeton City Hall by Monday, August 2, 2010 by noon.

Mulch

Free tree mulch available at burn site. Help yourself.



Dog Etiquette

Pets can serve many purposes and bring endless joy to their owners. However, there are times when they can be a nuisance or a danger to the city's residents. Finding the balance of being respectful to pet owners and ensuring the safety of citizens is often a challenge for cities.

Dog Manners Tip #1: Your dog is barking continuously, find out why and take care of the problem. Quite often, pets are left outside during daytime hours when pet owners are at work. Dogs tend to bark when lonely. This is extremely annoying to your neighbors. They enjoy having their windows open or sitting on their decks without having to listen to your dog barking.

Dog Manners Tip #2: Always keep your [dog](#) on a leash when out in public. You never know what you might run into - another dog that just rubs old Rex wrong, or his favorite animal darting across the street. It is not legal nor is it permissible to allow your pet to run loose through your neighborhood.

Dog Manners Tip #3: When you and your dog meets a stranger, it is best to keep your dog close to you with no slack in the leash.

Dog Manners Tip #4: Always keep doggy bags or [poop bags](#) on you at all times. You never know when you dog will want to go potty and you want to keep your neighborhood clean. No ones likes to step in poop.

Dog Manners Tip #5: Keep your dog off of other people's lawns and out of their flower beds. We all know dogs love to smell everything, but many people go to great lengths to keep their yard looking pretty, and don't appreciate your dog trampling through their flowers and pooping on their lawn.

Dog Manners Tip #6: Ask, and be specific, before letting your dog approach people or other dogs.

IF YOU REALLY want something to happen in your community, volunteer to serve on a board. In a democracy, we have the opportunity to step forward and play a direct role in the quality of life and sustainability of our community. Serving on a board or a committee is a great way to do that. Helping better your community can be personally rewarding. Serving on a board or committee lets you learn and practice leadership skills, which can carry over into other aspects of your life. And if you have children and they see you involved in the community, they're more likely to volunteer as they grow up.



Golf Carts



Everybody loves to drive them, adults and children alike **BUT** you need to have a valid driver's license to operate them on city streets. This means your child or grandchild, the visiting niece or nephew, are **NOT ALLOWED** to drive a golf cart on the city streets without a valid driver's license even if you are sitting right next to them.

Please comply for the safety of your children and others.