

## **TEMPLE RECREATION COMMISSION**

The committee is a small group of volunteer citizens who strive to reach all members of our community with activities that promote small town pride, joy, and spirit. Part time auxiliary helpers are vital assets to the success of every organized effort put forth.

During the year the Commission hosts several annual celebrations and sponsors other various events with a purpose to bring enjoyment to all ages and abilities.

### **TEMPLE RECREATION COMMISSION ORGANIZED EVENTS**

#### **Easter Egg Hunt and Party**

An Easter party and egg hunt for families to attend is held just prior to Easter Sunday. A gathering with refreshments provided at the Town Hall begins the festive event followed by the hunt for treat filled Easter eggs. There is an appearance of the town Easter Bunny, treats and story time at the Library, and occasionally other fun activities included depending on weather.

#### **July 4 Patriotic Bike Parade and Games**

On Independence Day the Patriotic Bike Parade and games are held at the Memorial Ballfield in Temple. TVFD hosts a barbeque for refreshments and provides wonderful help and support in all of the activities held.

#### **Halloween Party and Trunk or Treat**

On Halloween there is a party held at the Town Hall with refreshments served and a costume parade with prizes. Trunk or Treat for trick or treat enjoyment is held in the parking areas in the center of town.

#### **Holiday Joy in Temple**

In December a holiday themed event is held for children and families to enjoy. Included is children's shopping and gift wrapping, seasonal craft making station, festive music and refreshments, and the arrival of Santa with photo opportunity.

#### **Temple Senior Citizen Thanksgiving Dinner**

The Temple Elementary School organizes the annual Thanksgiving dinner for seniors in town and it is held at the school the week before Thanksgiving Day. TES parents, teachers, and children work together to prepare the feast and the kids also present a program of songs to the attendees.

## TEMPLE RECREATION COMMISSION SPONSORED PROGRAMS

### **Tai Chi Qi Gong – Led by Temple resident David Rosen**

Each morning, Monday through Friday, **qi gong** (chi gong) practitioners meet on the Common or in the Town Hall and engage in low impact, gentle movements designed to take the body through a full range of motion. **Qi gong** or “energy/breath work” is a Chinese exercise practice with a history of more than 2000 years. Practitioners perform sitting, standing, and moving activities with intention, mindful breathing, and focus, to rebalance and strengthen our internal organs, spine, and circulatory-lymphatic systems. This allows us to move with grace, confidence, and balance. Our practice includes the Tai Chi 24 form as an ultimate qi gong and standing meditation. Our goal is to gain a sense of well-being, improved health, and cognitive function.

### **Open Mic**

Open Mic is held once a month in the Temple Town Hall when possible. Local residents wishing to perform their musical and/or various talents sign up during the evening to then take part in the lineup of acts through the evening. Open mic events are always family friendly and provide an open platform that welcomes all types of artists.

### **Temple Mountain Music Jam**

Temple Mountain Music spreads the magic of old-time acoustic bluegrass music throughout the area and holds a get together session at the Temple Town Hall on the second Sunday of each month. All players/pickers are welcome to join in on all the songs, and get tips and coaching from any of the players/vocalists there. It’s a great way to improve instrumental skills, learn new tunes, make new friends, and have fun making music together. Many townspeople drop in to enjoy listening to the music for a fun and relaxing afternoon of light music entertainment.

### **Celebrate Temple Fair**

The concept of shopping local is encouraged throughout the community at the Celebrate Temple Fairs held seasonally during the year. A variety of businesses, crafters, organizations, and community groups gather on a designated date and prominent place in Temple to display and sell their wares. Local vendors with merchandise of hand-painted wood signs, wool and felt crafts, natural beauty products, glass art and functional glass, various hand crafted jewelry items, home grown food products, and concession items supporting local organizations have been regular participants.