

# Create Vibrant Center For Temple Terrace

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This is an exciting time for Temple Terrace. We have so much we want to accomplish, and topping the list is the redevelopment of our downtown.

We have partnered with a major development group and we're studying a proposed site plan. We're confident we are closer than ever to creating a vibrant new downtown that will showcase the unique character and beauty of Hillsborough County's third-largest city.

The project will have a ripple effect that will benefit residents and businesses alike, and we're hoping it will make Temple Terrace a destination point for people throughout the Tampa Bay area.

But redevelopment isn't the only thing on our plate.

Every year our city council members set a series of goals they hope to accomplish for the year. For 2007, the council has identified public safety and security as a priority, and as everyone knows, the services provided by our police, fire and sanitation departments are second to none.

The education of our children is very important to us too, and we have begun meeting with school principals in our area to create a strong partnership for improving education in Temple Terrace. Our objective is simple: to provide the best education possible for our children.

There are many other things we hope to accomplish in 2007, but making Temple Terrace the best it can be is always our No.1 priority.

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