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Notes

to Neighborhood Leaders

NEIGHBORHOOD CONNECTIONS

NEIGHBORHOOD RESOURCES

Current News

Pasadena Water & Power has secured another earth-friendly source of power by signing on to the Ameresco Landfill Gas to Energy Project in Valencia. The innovative project, set to open in 2006, will convert landfill gas to electricity. Through a 20-year agreement, PWP has obtained a 2.2 megawatt share of the 13.4 megawatt project.

PWP set a goal last year of building a diverse portfolio of green power to meet at least 10 percent of Pasadena's needs by the year 2010. PWP now buys wind energy from the High Winds plant in Solano County, plus hydroelectric energy from Azusa Hydro and Hoover Dam. With the addition of the landfill gas project, PWP's green power portfolio will account for 7.5 to 10 percent of the city's total load.

The Southern California Public Power Authority has contracted for the entire output of the plant, which will be built and operated by Ameresco at the Chiquita Canyon Landfill, where methane, carbon dioxide and other gasses are naturally generated when organic matter decomposes. Popular nationwide, landfill gas-to-energy plants are an efficient way to reduce harmful emissions while tapping into a long-term source of power. The Ameresco plant will provide PWP with a reliable source of fixed-price renewable energy. The cities of Anaheim,

Burbank and Glendale will also participate.

If you are interested in becoming a PWP ally in protecting the environment by purchasing green power for an additional energy charge of just 25 dollars per 1,000 kilowatt hours, then call the AnswerLine at (626) 744-6970, or visit www.PWPweb.com.

Pasadena Water & Power Squashing Mosquitoes

News about the West Nile Virus has certainly hit the papers this summer, with cases reported in the Southland. The disease is spread to humans through bites from mosquitoes that have fed on infected birds. While most of us wouldn't show any symptoms, the virus can cause headaches and fever in some people, and much more severe symptoms in the elderly and young children.

The trick is to avoid mosquitoes! To help squash any problems in Pasadena, our watch crew thought ahead early this spring and drained PWP's settling ponds above JPL in the upper Arroyo Seco. While the spreading ponds are used during the rainy season to recharge our groundwater, they could become a attraction to mosquitoes in the summer, said Water Systems Crew Supervisor Jim Jenkins.

Meanwhile you can do your part at home by dumping out buckets, planters, old tires, rain gutters and other puddles. Also be sure to maintain your decorative ponds, swimming pools and spas. If you're in the field and see standing water along the curb, or spot a dead crow, jay, magpie, or

raven that might have been infected, call Pasadena's Public Health Department at 626-744-6004 to report the problem.

Health Department staffers also recommend that you stay inside at dusk and in the evening, when mosquitoes are active. If you do go outside, wear long pants and sleeves, and rub on some insect repellent that contains DEET. You should also make sure your window and door screens are in good shape, and be careful when vacationing in "mosquito country" in forests near rivers, lakes, and marshes.

Pasadena Water & Power About Adopt-a-School Pasadena

In November 2003, the Lake Avenue Community Foundation launched the Blair High School Adopt-a-School Project. The goal was to help provide supplies and volunteers to the adopted school so as to create an obstacle-free path from being a neighborhood student in Pasadena attending Pasadena Unified Schools to being a college-educated community leader. The project provides volunteers, classroom resources and leadership assistance for clubs, as well as providing facilities for school meetings, special events and assemblies at Blair.

In an effort to make the adoption project more functional, the Lake Avenue Community Foundation and the Pasadena Unified School District are working with Partners In Education. P.I.E. is a community outreach service that coordinates business-school partnerships and

volunteer activities throughout the district and serves as an information and referral center matching school and parent needs with community resources.

This collaboration has resulted in the launching of www.adoptachoolpasadena.org in February 2004 which directly connects volunteers and donors with the needs of teachers, staff and administrators. Ultimately, the hope is that the Adopt-a-School Program will be implemented at all PSD schools. To learn more, please call (626) 844-4708 or e-mail lafinfo@lakeave.org or visit www.lakeavefoundation.org

Lake Avenue Foundation Searching for Outstanding Recyclers

Do you, as an individual or a company, do a great job of recycling, reusing materials creatively or practice preserving our natural resources and habitat? If so, the City of Pasadena would like to recognize your efforts publicly during November's Environmental Awareness Month. The award program was instituted in November 2002 with five categories chosen for recognition:

1. Voluntary development of a source reduction, reuse, or recycling program for a commercial operation or nonprofit organization.
2. Creative reuse of common objects by an individual, group, or organization.
3. Educational outreach to the general public and/or youth to inspire environmental stewardship by an individual or group.
4. Sustainable development practices, including design, to incorporate recycled/salvaged materials, energy efficient building materials and systems, and reuse or recycling of construction and demolition materials.
5. Advocacy of the preservation of natural resources as demonstrated by the implementation and maintenance of a backyard, school, or

community garden that incorporates composting, water saving techniques, integrated or organic pest management, and/or a landscape that provides habitat for beneficial insects and wildlife.

The Department of Public Works, Street Maintenance and Integrated Waste Management Division has application forms available throughout the year. You may nominate yourself or be nominated by another party. All nominations must be received by September 1 and the Outstanding Recycler Awards will be presented at the first Council meeting in the month of November. For more information or an application, please contact the recycling coordinator at 626-744-4721.

Public Works Department

NEIGHBORHOOD NEWS

The Tender Land: Festival of Art

This October, The Tender Land: Pasadena Festival of Art, History, Music and Science will showcase this city's unique mix of world-class art and science institutions through an impressive array of activities that promise to amuse, enchant, inspire and provoke.

Taken from the opera by Aaron Copland, the Tender Land title suggests the fragility of nature and our relationship to it. The festival will kick-off with a citywide celebration and "family day" on Oct. 9, 2004 and will continue through Jan. 31, 2005 with more than 30 cultural organizations, the public school district, the city and several businesses collaborating to offer performances, concerts, exhibitions, films, lessons, tours and discussions that explore how approaches to nature have changed through time and across cultures.

For festival programs and exhibitions at specific venues, go to www.tenderland.org or call 744-7062.

Cultural Affairs

Calendar of Upcoming Events

September 14th – SCNP meeting, Escondido, 11:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.

September 14th, 21st, 28th – Pasadena Neighborhood Leadership Institute, 6:00 p.m.

September 18th – Madison Health Fair, 8:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

Upcoming Council Meetings

September 6th :

Council Meeting Cancelled-Labor Day Holiday

September 13th :

Pasadena Senior Center

Closed Session – 5:00 p.m.

Public meeting – 6:30 p.m.

Normandie Heights Landmark District

September 20th :

Pasadena Senior Center

Closed Session – 5:00 p.m.

Public meeting – 6:30 p.m.

Residential Impact Fees

September 22nd :

Pasadena Senior Center

Special Joint Meeting with

L.A. County Supervisor Mike Antonovich

Public Meeting – 7:30 a.m.

September 27th :

Pasadena Senior Center

Closed Session – 5:00 p.m.

Public meeting – 6:30 p.m.

Complete agendas of all City meetings as well as other important documents are available at the Pasadena Central and Branch Libraries. In addition, City Council Agendas can be found on the City's World Wide Web Page <http://www.ci.pasadena.ca.us> and on the Community Bulletin Board broadcast on KPAS Channel 55.

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