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Notes

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NEIGHBORHOOD RESOURCES

New One-Stop Volunteer Center

On the news front...city officials, nonprofits, schools and universities throughout the San Gabriel Valley & East Los Angeles County are cordially invited to use a new centralized volunteer management system available to citizens and nonprofits - free of charge - brought to them through the Volunteer Center of the San Gabriel Valley.

This database and website--www.vcsgv.org - are designed to provide a one-stop information center for consumers. An automated volunteer/mentor recruiting and management system for participating nonprofits lists opportunities, fills in the application forms, then sends and tracks them.

For more information about this innovative and exciting tool for recruiting volunteers and mentors, please contact Maria Nuñez at 626-792-6119 at the main office of the Volunteer Center of the San Gabriel Valley located at 1005 E. Colorado Blvd., #207.

Volunteer Center of the SGV

NEIGHBORHOOD NEWS

Public School Choice Forum

The Pasadena Educational Foundation and Pasadena: City of Learning will be presenting a free community forum on Wednesday, March 10th at the Wright Auditorium (Central Library),

which will feature Richard D. Kahlenberg, noted author of All Together Now: Creating Middle-Class Schools through Public School Choice.

Kahlenberg, a Senior Fellow at the Century Foundation, writes about education, equal opportunity and civil rights. His latest book, All Together Now: Creating Middle Class Through Public School Choice has been labeled "a clarion call for the socioeconomic desegregation of U.S. public schools" by Harvard Educational Review, and was said by the Washington Post to make "a substantial contribution to a national conversation" on education. Dr. Kahlenberg will be discussing his book and offering perspectives for improving education for all children through public school choice.

Dr. Kahlenberger's articles on education and affirmative action have been published in the New York Times, the Washington Post, the Wall Street Journal, the New Republic, and elsewhere.

This is the second in a series of educational forums presented by the Pasadena Educational Foundation as part of the foundation's community outreach programs. The speaker series is provided by funding from Washington Mutual Foundation.

For more information about the Community Forum or the Pasadena Educational Foundation, please contact 626-795-6981 ext. 383. For more information about Pasadena: City of Learning, please email info@cityoflearning.org

Pasadena Education Foundation

Waterways "55 KPAS"

Waterways, a 14-minute video on the fascinating origins and upkeep of Pasadena's water delivery system, airs on 55 KPAS throughout the winter months.

The video features rare, behind-the-scenes interviews with Pasadena Water and Power officials including a water chemist, engineers, and General Manager Phyllis Currie talking about where the water comes from and how it gets to customers' homes safely and reliably.

Most of the city's reservoirs were built before 1930 and are being refurbished as part of the 18-year Water Master Plan that also calls for replacing nearly half of the city's 500 miles of water lines, rehabilitating booster pumps and installing a perchlorate treatment plant.

"The plan will ensure the durability of Pasadena's water system and the steady delivery of high-quality water for years to come," said Currie.

"Waterways airs on 55 KPAS Mondays at 10:30 a.m. and 4:00 p.m., Tuesdays at 8:30 p.m., Wednesdays at 3:30 p.m. and 8:30 p.m., Thursdays at 4:30 p.m., Saturdays at 9:00 p.m. and Sundays at 8:30 a.m.

The program can also be viewed via streaming video on the internet by visiting www.cityofpasadena.net and clicking on City News. Broadband users will get best results.

Videotapes of the program are available for checkout at Pasadena Central Library and at Neighborhood Connections.

For more information about the "Waterways" program, call 626-795-5556; for more information about the Water Master Plan, call 626-744-6970.

Public Affairs Office **Recycling Survey FAQ's** **Results**

In December the Public Works Department included a Pasadena Recycles Survey with its 2004 Annual Trash Collection Schedule. The following Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ's) are representative of the responses received and will be posted at:

www.cityofpasadena.net/publicworks. If you don't have Internet access just give the department a call at 626-744-4721 and a copy will be sent to you.

Q. What actually happens to the recycling after it is picked up?

A. The materials are taken to the Allan Company in Baldwin Park where they are sorted by type. The sorting is done both by hand and mechanically. The sorted materials are sold to brokers who then sell it to others for remanufacture of new products.

Q. If the holiday pickup schedule indicates "one day late" is it for the rest of the week?

A. All days following the one day late pickup in that week will also be one day late, so that by the end of the week, pickups for Friday will take place on Saturday

Q. What can be done about scavengers?

A. This is a difficult problem that we are working to resolve. If you can wait to put your recycling bin out in the morning of your pickup, rather than the night before, it will eliminate the nighttime and early morning scavenging. Also, if you put your beverage containers with CRV value on the bottom and newspapers, cardboard, etc. on top it may also slow them down. If you spot scavengers in your neighborhood contact the Pasadena Police Department at 626-744-

4241 and provide them with a description of the persons.

Q. Why doesn't the City have a permanent location for household hazardous waste?

A. HHW locations require special permitting and are usually located in industrial zones. There are many environmental concerns and regulations related to the collection and processing of household hazardous waste. The City contracts with the County to provide this service through roundups. There are four permanent sites that any person in the County can use; the closest permanent location is Sun Valley. The locations and hours are available at www.lacsd.org or by calling 1-888CleanLA.

Q. Why aren't there more Household Hazardous Waste Roundups in Pasadena?

A. The city does not schedule the roundups. Los Angeles County Sanitation Districts does the scheduling and since there are 88 cities in Los Angeles County, the roundups are scheduled to serve each region in an equitable manner.

Q. Why are palm fronds, bamboo, fruits, and vegetables prohibited from the yard waste container?

A. The Los Angeles County Sanitation District determines what is acceptable and what is not acceptable for inclusion in the yard waste container. The equipment that grinds the yard waste jams when the prohibited materials are included. Additionally, yard waste that is contaminated is rejected and the load is buried as trash at more than double the cost of clean yard waste.

Q. What can a senior and/or a disabled person do when the container is too heavy to move the curb?

A. The City provides roll out service at no charge to persons who have DMV proof of disability. Contact the customer service call center at 626-744-4087 for an application.

Staff has contacted persons who had specified personal questions or concerns and gave contact information. If you have voiced a concern that should receive a reply, and you haven't heard from anyone, it is because no contact information was included on the survey card. Please contact Public Works at 626-744-6087 for any unresolved concerns or questions that you may have.

Public Works

Calendar of Upcoming Events

March 2nd – Election Day-VOTE!

March 6th – Community Job Center Party-10:00 a.m.

March 27th – Parent Conference-8:30 a.m.–4:00 p.m

Upcoming Council Meetings

March 1st:

Council Chambers, City Hall
Closed Session-5:00 p.m.

Public Meeting-6:30 p.m.

Second Unit Ordinance

March 8th:

Council Chambers, City Hall
Closed Session-5:00 p.m.

Public Meeting-6:30 p.m.

Pilgrim Towers North

March 15th:

Council Chambers, City Hall
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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Estimados Vecinos

Si alguien necesita que esta información esté presentada en español, por favor llame a la oficina de Neighborhood Connections al 626-744-7290 para pedir una interpretación.