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# Notes

## to Neighborhood Leaders NEIGHBORHOOD CONNECTIONS

### -Quote-

When things go wrong as they sometimes will;  
When the road you're trudging seems all uphill;  
When the funds are low, and the debts are high  
and you want to smile, but have to sigh;  
When care is pressing you down a bit - Rest if you must,  
but do not quit. Success is failure turned inside out;  
The silver tint of the clouds of doubt;  
And you can never tell how close you are  
It may be near when it seems so far;  
So stick to the fight when you're hardest hit -  
It's when things go wrong that you must not quit.

### - Unknown-

#### NEIGHBORHOOD RESOURCES



### NUSA 2004

This year's NUSA Conference will be held in Hollywood, Florida

from May 26 – 29. Attending the conference is a great learning experience as participants get the chance to meet people from other neighborhoods across the country and to learn new strategies for bettering their neighborhoods. Participants are always inspired by the conference and motivated to work to improve their neighborhoods upon their return to Pasadena.

Neighborhood Connections is providing an opportunity to attend the conference by offering two scholarships to Pasadena residents which will cover the costs of this educational event. The submission of an application is required to be eligible for consideration for one of these scholarships. An application can be obtained from our office. Applications will be accepted until February 27<sup>th</sup>.

Please mail your completed application to Neighborhood Connections, 1384 E. Walnut St., Pasadena, CA 91106 or fax them to 626-577-2060. For further information or to obtain an application, contact us at 626-744-7290.

#### Neighborhood Connections

### Ten Vision Statements for a Healthy Neighborhood Association

#### A Healthy Neighborhood Association:

- 1) Builds community relationships.
- 2) Reaches out, welcomes and involves new participants consistently.

- 3) Holds effective and meaningful meetings, structure and processes.
- 4) Works for safe, healthy, livable neighborhoods.
- 5) Uses a process for choosing, working towards and evaluating goals.
- 6) Shares information and communicates with the community.
- 7) Helps neighbors address concerns and issues.
- 8) Reflects diversity and is representative.
- 9) Supports a variety of events and activities.
- 10) Promotes local power, governance and democracy.

### Conservation Tips

**Natural gas water heaters are less expensive to operate and produce hot water faster than electric water heaters. Here are a few Energy Conservation and Safety Tips that can save you a few pennies:**

- Lower the setting on your water heater thermostat and save -- on average -- 10 to 15% on water heating costs.
- Extremely hot water uses more energy and cause severe burns.
- Showers can account for over 50% of the hot water consumed in a home. Take shorter, cooler showers to significantly reduce costs.
- Install low-flow, water-saving showerheads to cut water use and save 5 to 10% on water heating costs.

- Save up to 10% of hot water costs by washing full laundry loads in cold water.
- Wash full loads in the dishwasher too.
- Wrap your water heater tank in an insulating water heater blanket if the water heater's energy factor is less than .58. Follow the water heater manufacturer's guidelines and blanket's installation instructions. (If the manufacturer has instructed not to insulate the water heater - do not insulate it or you may create a safety hazard.)
- Insulate exterior, uncovered hot water pipes.
- Fix leaky faucets. In just one month, a leaking hot water faucet can waste hundreds of gallons of hot water.
- Keep the area around your water heater clean and well-ventilated.

**Appliance Selection Tips:**

- When buying a new water heater, choose [an energy-efficient gas model](#).
- The energy efficiency of a storage water heater is indicated by its "Energy Factor" (EF). The higher the EF, the more efficient the water heater. A .6 EF model can save up to 10% on water heating costs.
- Don't buy a water heater bigger than you need. Before you shop, estimate your household's peak hour demand and look for a water heater with the capacity to meet that demand.
- Check the [Energy Guide](#) label to help choose an energy thrifty heater.
- Read about our tips on selecting a qualified plumbing and heating contractor.
- For more information visit the Gas Co. website at [www.socalgas.com](http://www.socalgas.com).

**NEIGHBORHOOD NEWS**

**Special Thanks !!!**

The Neighborhood Connections Staff would like to thank the following businesses for donating door prizes for our yearly Holiday Open House:

- Acapulco Mexican Restaurants & Cantina
- Department of Water & Power
- Jamba Juice
- Kaplan
- 99 Cents Stores
- Pasadena Ice Skating Center
- Pasadena Schools Federal Credit Union
- Santa Anita Park
- Starbucks Coffee
- The Ice House

And to our wonderful volunteers: Alejandrina Flores, Erin Jimenez, Clara Johnson, Romelia Kirkaldy, Arcelia Martinez and Inez Yslas.

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**Free Landscape & Irrigation Design Courses**

Pasadena Water & Power in conjunction with the Metropolitan Water District of Southern California (MWD), and its affiliated family of Southern California Water Agencies, are offering a variety of FREE educational classes to residential and commercial customers. These classes are designed to help customers better understand water conservation, landscape design, irrigation, and other relevant topics.

California Friendly Workshops are free and open to all PWP water customers. Saturday classes are held from 9 a.m. until 1 p.m. at [Eaton Canyon Nature Center](#), 1750

N. Altadena Drive, Pasadena. Wednesday classes are held from 6 p.m. until 10 p.m. at La Casita del Arroyo, 177 S. Arroyo Blvd., Pasadena.

To learn more, you can contact PWP by email or call the PWP Answerline at 626-744-6970

**Pasadena Water & Power**

**Calendar of Upcoming Events**

- February 3<sup>rd</sup>** – Southern California Neighborhood Partners Meeting @ Rose Bowl- 11:00 a.m.
- February 12<sup>th</sup>** – Lincoln's B-Day-Neighborhood Connections Closed
- February 16<sup>th</sup>** – Washington's B-Day-Neighborhood Connections Closed

**Upcoming Council Meetings**

- February 2<sup>nd</sup>:** Council Chambers, City Hall Closed Session-5:00 p.m. Public Meeting-6:30 p.m.
- February 9<sup>th</sup>:** Council Chambers, City Hall Closed Session-5:00 p.m. Public Meeting-6:30 p.m.
- February 16<sup>th</sup>:** Council meeting-Cancelled

*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.