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Notes

to Neighborhood Leaders NEIGHBORHOOD CONNECTIONS

The most important
political office is that
of the private citizen.

~Louis Brandeis~

NEIGHBORHOOD NEWS

NUSA 2006

The 2006 NUSA planning committee in Kansas City, Missouri is accepting proposals for presentations at the 31st Annual Conference on Neighborhood Concerns on any of the following conference tracks: Neighborhood Community and Safety; Faith-Based Initiatives; Funding and Resources; Collaborations; Arts and Culture; Technology; Youth and Education; Neighborhood Revitalization; Organizing and Operating Neighborhood Associations; Multi-cultural Workshops.

For more detailed information on the track topics, visit our website, www.kcmo.org/org/neigh.nsf/web/nusa. Workshops are scheduled to take place Thursday and Friday, May 25 and May 26. Each workshop should be tailored for a 1.5-hour time slot with the last 15 minutes designated for a question and answer period. All proposals must be received by Friday, October 7, 2005.

City of Kansas, MO / NUSA

Parade of Banners

Partners In Education is coordinating its annual Business Partnership event on October 7th at the Paseo Colorado at 11:00 a.m. The festivities will spotlight PUSD Partnerships and the Adopt A School program. This event will be sponsored by the Rotary Clubs of Altadena, Pasadena, and Pasadena Sunrise along with the Pasadena Educational Foundation and the Partners in Education Office.

Each school in PUSD will have two students carrying a school banner which displays the school's partners. Music will be provided by PUSD musicians.

Partners In Education

October 2-8 is Public Power Week

As PWP celebrates 100 years of service to the residents and businesses of Pasadena, we also want to take time to celebrate all the municipally-owned utilities across the country for what they do for their communities. October 2nd – 8th has been designated as Public Power Week, and PWP will mark the occasion with an event for local schoolchildren and families.

Public Power Week is an opportunity to recognize the value municipally-owned utilities provide to their communities. Public power means local control, efficient service and competitive rates. Municipal utilities also keep

a greater share of their revenues in the community than investor-owned utilities.

For more information about PWP's Public Power Week activities, go to www.PWPweb.com and click on "Your Power" or call the PWP Answerline at 744-6970.

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Arlington Garden Unveiled

With funding from PWP and the city's Public Works Department, and a grant from the Metropolitan Water District, a once-vacant lot is now being transformed into a lush Mediterranean garden.

Dignitaries and local residents celebrated the grand-opening of the new Arlington Garden, located at Arlington Drive and Pasadena Avenue, on July 16. Vacant for over 20 years, the lot was purchased by Caltrans for use as a construction staging area. By popular demand from neighbors, the city leased the 2 ½ -acre space with plans for a water-saving demonstration garden.

"Local youth groups have already helped us plant several trees," said Councilman Steve Madison's Field Representative Takako Suzuki. "Eventually the garden will include orange groves, olive trees and a lavender garden." An organizing committee is now soliciting donations throughout the community to fill in the rest of the space.

the demonstration garden, PWP sponsors residential and commercial landscaping classes promoting the use of drought-tolerant plants and efficient irrigation. And joining other Southern California water agencies, PWP also supports www.bewaterwise.com, an invaluable web site promoting water wise gardening.

“Usually, lawns and gardens account for a huge part of our customers’ water bills,” said Scott Ushijima, PWP Customer Relations Manager. “We want to show the community that water wise gardens can save money and look beautiful.”

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NEIGHBORHOOD RESOURCES

Tips for Saving Money at the Pump

The California Energy Commission offers these tips to reduce your fuel costs: 1.) Use the right grade of gasoline: Most cars run fine on regular. Check your owner’s manual to find out what’s right for your car. Premium grade gasoline can cost 10% more than regular; 2.) Use carpooling/public transportation/non-motorized options: Carpooling effectively doubles the fuel efficiency for you and your carpool partners. Visit www.ridematch.info to find a ridesharer. The Metro Bus Lines and Rail Lines run all over LA County. Visit www.mta.net to find an option near you. For those of you who live in or near Pasadena, try biking to work. You save gas and stay in shape; 3.) Drive the speed limit: All vehicles lose fuel efficiency above 65 mph. driving 65 mph instead of 75 mph cuts fuel costs by as much as 13%; 4.) Maintain vehicle efficiency: Under-inflated tires and a dirty air

filter can increase your fuel cost by as much as 13%. For more cost cutting tips, please visit www.energy.ca.gov.

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Got Homework? Got Questions?

Help for the homework blues is here! Students between the 4th and 12th grade and entry level college students can take advantage of this great program. Students with questions on math (algebra, geometry, trigonometry, and calculus), science, social studies and English can access this assistance from any computer with internet access seven days a week from 1:00 p.m. – 10:00 p.m. in English and Sunday through Thursday from 2:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m. in Spanish.

You can connect yourself with a real live credentialed tutor by going to www.pasadenapubliclibrary.net, clicking on the Live Homework Help icon, inputting your library card barcode and pin number and entering grade level and subject area. In just a few seconds you will get connected to the right tutor who can help you with your questions.

Over 500,000 students used Live Homework Help last year nationally and 93% of them said they would definitely recommend it to a friend.

Pasadena Public Library

Calendar of Upcoming Events

- October 7th** – Art Night Pasadena, 6:00 p.m. – 10:00 p.m.
- October 15th** – Latino History Parade & Jamaica @ Washington Park, 12:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.
- October 18th – 20th**– Lights On After School, Open Houses – Citywide

- October 23rd** – Pasadena Follies @ Senior Center, 6:00 p.m.
- October 27th** – Mayor’s Breakfast on Disabilities @ Brookside C.C., 7:30 a.m.

Upcoming Council Meetings

- October 3rd:**
Pasadena Senior Center
Closed Session – 5:30 p.m.
Public Meeting – 6:30 p.m.
Adjustments of the Residential Impact Fee
- October 10th:**
Pasadena Senior Center
Closed Session – 5:30 p.m.
Public Meeting – 6:30 p.m.
- October 17th:**
Pasadena Senior Center
Closed Session – 5:30 p.m.
Public Meeting – 6:30 p.m.
Call for Review of Board of Zoning Appeals Decision
- October 24th:**
Pasadena Senior Center
Closed Session – 5:30 p.m.
Public Meeting – 6:30 p.m.
- October 31st:**
Pasadena Senior Center
Closed Session – 5:30 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.