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Notes

To Neighborhood Leaders

NEIGHBORHOOD CONNECTIONS

NEIGHBORHOOD NEWS

NEIGHBORHOOD CONNECTIONS BUSINESS AND VOLUNTEER RECOGNITION

Neighborhood Connections would like to thank the following businesses for their donation and support of our annual Holiday Open House: Baja Fresh Mexican Grill (899 E. Del Mar Blvd.), Cabrera's Mexican Cuisine (655 N. Lake Ave.), Family Practice Wellness Center (99 S. Chester Ave. # 102), Morales Chiropractic Orthopedic Care (935 E. Green St.), Starbucks Coffee (161 N. Hill St.), Susana Mendoza (Artist), and

To all the City Departments that contributed in this effort.

"Special Thanks" to all of our wonderful volunteers that have helped us throughout the year. Your support and help is appreciated!

Neighborhood Connections

NUSA NATIONAL NEIGHBORHOOD AWARD

The Board of Directors of Neighborhoods, USA (NUSA) is pleased to announce the opening of the competition for the 2008 Neighborhood of the Year and Best Neighborhood Program

Awards. These awards are a way for NUSA to recognize outstanding neighborhood organizations, government entities and businesses from all across the United States for their work in improving the quality of life in their communities.

Neighborhoods, USA, the largest non-profit grassroots organization in the nation, is committed to building and strengthening neighborhood organizations. Founded in 1975 to share information and experiences to build stronger communities, NUSA encourages networking as a way to facilitate the development of partnerships between neighborhood organizations, government and the private sector.

The 2008 Neighborhood of the Year Awards program will recognize exceptional accomplishments by neighborhood organizations during 2007. Awards will be given in three categories: (1) Physical Revitalization/Beautification in a Single Neighborhood; (2) Social Revitalization/Neighborhoodness in a Single Neighborhood; and (3) Multi-Neighborhood.

Partnerships. Judging will be based on the extent of innovation, grassroots participation and capacity building exhibited by the nominated organization.

2008 marks the year the Best Neighborhood Program Awards will be presented to recognize outstanding programs implemented to improve neighborhoods by a governmental entity or business or corporation. Best Neighborhood

Program Awards will be given in two categories: (1) Social Revitalization and (2) Physical Revitalization.

A distinguished panel of judges will select four finalists in each of the awards categories. Finalists will be invited to make presentations at the annual NUSA conference, to be held May 21-24 in Hampton, Virginia. First, second and third place winners will be selected in each category and honored at the conference.

In order to be considered for the 2008 Neighborhood of the Year Award or the Best Neighborhood Program Award, applicants must have completed a noteworthy neighborhood improvement project in 2007 and must submit a completed application with the appropriate fee postmarked by March 1, 2008. Eligibility requirements and application guidelines can be downloaded from the NUSA website, www.nusa.org.

NUSA

NEIGHBORHOOD RESOURCES

CITY COUNCIL DECLARES PROJECTED WATER SHORTAGE AND IMPLEMENTS CONVERSATION PLAN

About 40 percent of Pasadena's water supply comes from natural underground aquifers, which are currently about 60 feet

below historical norms; about 60 percent of the water supply is imported from the Metropolitan Water District.

A federal court ruling that restricts pumping activities in the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta has caused MWD to draw from its reserves and consider restricting the amount of water each of its member agencies, including Pasadena, will receive in the future. The Pasadena City Council declared on Dec. 17 that a projected water shortage exists and implemented Water Shortage Plan I in accordance with the Pasadena Municipal Code. The plan directs all residents, businesses and organizations to adhere voluntarily to nine specific water conservation measures, all of which are critical for saving water and preventing an actual shortage and mandatory restrictions on water use.

The specific actions called for in Water Shortage Plan I are:

1. Refrain from hosing or washing sidewalks, walkways, driveways, parking areas and other paved surfaces;
2. Refrain from cleaning, filling or maintaining levels in decorative fountains, ponds, lakes and similar structures unless a water recycling system is in use;
3. Refrain from serving drinking water, unless at the express request of a customer, in all restaurants, hotels, cafés, cafeterias and other public places where food is sold, served or offered for sale;
4. Promptly repair all leaks from indoor and outdoor plumbing fixtures, including sprinkler systems;
5. Refrain from allowing water to run off landscape areas into adjoining streets, sidewalks, parking lots and alleys;
6. While washing vehicles, refrain from allowing water to run off into adjoining streets, sidewalks, parking lots and alleys;
7. Refrain from watering lawns and other landscaped areas more often than once every three days;

8. Refrain from watering lawns and other landscaped areas between 10 a.m. and 5 p.m.; and
9. Refrain from filling or refilling swimming pools.

According to Pasadena Water and Power officials, over-watering of lawns is the single biggest water waster. Most people water their lawns twice as much as needed, which for a typical Pasadena residence amounts to about 9,000 gallons of wasted water per year. Although the program is voluntary, anyone who does not adhere to these measures will receive notices from Pasadena Water and Power.

Additional water conservation tips include:

Take shorter showers – five minutes or less; turn off the faucet when brushing teeth or shaving; wash only full loads of laundry and dishes; Install water-efficient fixtures and appliances; add two to three inches of mulch around trees and plants.

In July 2007 Mayor Bill Bogaard called on Pasadenans to begin conservation practices to achieve a 10 percent reduction in water use; just over two percent has been reduced to date. “For the good of the community and the environment, I urge everyone in the strongest possible terms to adopt lifelong, efficient water use habits,” said Mayor Bill Bogaard.

Pasadena Water and Power officials will return to the city council in 90 to 120 days to give an update on the state of its water supply.

For more information visit www.cityofpasadena.net (click on Use Water Wisely Pasadena) or call the Water Shortage Hotline at (626) 744-8888.

Calendar of Upcoming Events

- January 1st**-Happy New Year!!!
- January 1st**-Rose Parade
- January 17th**-Mayor’s “State of the City” Event, 6:30 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.

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January 27th-Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Multicultural Choir Festival @ All Saints Church, 5:00 p.m.

Upcoming Council Meetings

January 7th:
Council Chambers, City Hall
Closed Session – 5:30 p.m.
Public Meeting – 6:30 p.m.

January 14th:
Council Chambers, City Hall
Closed Session – 5:30 p.m.
Public Meeting – 6:30 p.m.

January 21st:
TO BE CANCELLED
January 28th:
Council Chambers, City Hall
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 <http://www.ci.pasadena.ca.us> and on the Community Bulletin Board broadcast on KPAS Channel 55.

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