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Notes

To Neighborhood Leaders

NEIGHBORHOOD CONNECTIONS

The significant problems we face cannot be solved at the same level of thinking we were at when we created them.

~Albert Einstein~

NEIGHBORHOOD NEWS

DEAR NEIGHBORHOOD LEADERS

It is with mixed emotions that I write to you today with a very important announcement. As of June 1, 2007 I will no longer be the Program Coordinator for the City of Pasadena's Neighborhood Connections Office. It is my good fortune to have been selected by the Flintridge Foundation to serve as the Program Director for the Northwest ECHO Program (for more information on this program please visit: www.flintridgefoundation.org).

During the past 11 years our office has worked to improve the quality of life in the city's neighborhoods. We have accomplished this by supporting the establishment and development of neighborhood associations through our programs. In particular, the enhancement of the Safe Streets Now! program, the Pasadena Neighborhood Leadership Institute (PNLI), and our weekly email messages have substantially benefited our neighborhoods.

As a result of these programs and the numerous projects, activities, events, meetings,

workshops, conferences, etc. that our office has been a part of I have had the good fortune to have met and worked with many of you. I am truly grateful for your assistance and support which have been instrumental in our office's achievements. Thank you so much for your commitment for helping to maintain Pasadena as a World Class City for all of its residents!

Brian Biery

AMERICAFEST 2007 ROSE BOWL

Every year Americans celebrate the day our fledging country declared its independence with fireworks, family gatherings, plenty of food and good fun. It's no exception at the Rose Bowl in Pasadena where they have been doing it consistently since 1926. This year's event features a dynamic musical salute by the California Philharmonic Orchestra and world-class fireworks show by Pyro Spectaculars by Souza that will thrill and delight families from throughout Southern California. The Rose Bowl is accessible, safe and affordable with tickets priced at \$12.00 each and children 7 and younger admitted free. Parking is \$20.00 per car that includes a \$5.00 off coupon redeemable for food and drinks inside the stadium. The Americafest Family Fun Zone with plenty of barbeque and other culinary treats, beverages, crafts, product exhibits, inflatable rides for the kids and more opens at noon and continues throughout the day and evening. Information is

available at www.rosebowlstadium.com or by calling 626-577-3101.

As our greater community comes together to celebrate the American Spirit of Freedom the Rose Bowl will honor all the men and women who have served and are actively serving in the Armed Forces, at home and around the world. Local members of the active military and their families will be admitted free by showing their current military identification at the Rose Bowl box office the day of the event.

Darryl Dunn, General Manager of the Rose Bowl Stadium said, "Fireworks in the Rose Bowl have been a treasured Pasadena tradition for 80 consecutive years. We consider our 4th of July celebration as one of our core events."

Rose Bowl

NEIGHBORHOOD RESOURCES

PASADENA IS GETTING A BIG BELLY

The Big Belly, a 540-lb. solar powered trash compactor, is coming to Pasadena for a pilot project originated by Leadership Pasadena's environmental team made up of six members of the class of 2007.

As part of its required community service project, the team approached Pasadena Public Works Director Martin Pastucha with the idea for the pilot project using the environmentally friendly compactor. After discussion with additional staff in the department,

Pastucha gave a green light to the project.

The Street Maintenance and Integrated Waste Division of the Pasadena Public Works Department will rent four Big Belly units for six months and place them in areas in the public right of way with high pedestrian traffic. One or more of the units may be used during special events to display the interesting use of environmental technology and increase awareness of waste issues and solar power.

Each Big Belly stands more than four feet high, has a battery reserve that lasts two to three weeks without sunlight, a waste capacity of more than 45 gallons and a sensor that sends a signal whenever compaction needs to take place. This reduces the need for multiple trash collection each week in public areas with many users, and reduces the amount of diesel fuel used in trash trucks.

The Leadership Pasadena class of 2007, which graduated May 3rd after a nine-month course, consisted of 22 professionals. Class sessions, in the context of the Pasadena community, included history, civic identity and the arts, local government, education, quality of life, business and economics, and personal development. Community service is an important component of the course.

For more information email shannonjewling@charter.net or call 626-833-1414.

Leadership Pasadena

NEIGHBORHOODS USA UPDATE

For the first time ever, NUSA will be presenting Best Neighborhood Program awards at the 2007 conference in Baton Rouge. These awards will recognize outstanding neighborhood programs implemented by government

entities (i.e. city or county) and by businesses or corporations.

Robert Gibbons, Chair of NUSA Awards Committee, says. "These awards will recognize efforts of government municipalities and local businesses who have implemented programs that make our neighborhoods better places to live, work and play." Finalists will make their in-person presentation to a special panel of judges on Friday, May 25 and final winners will be announced at the Saturday Awards Luncheon.

NUSA Board members enjoyed an update of 2007 conference plans from coordinator Karen Fernandez of Baton Rouge and took care NUSA business afterwards during their March board meeting in Raleigh, NC.

Additional wording was proposed to be added to the NUSA bylaws which describes the duties of a new parliamentarian, and a vote of the general membership is required at the conference business meeting to confirm those duties. Sam Bowler, former NUSA President, was appointed to this new position. An additional change to the board was made with Ed Schwartz resigning as Membership Committee Chair and being replaced by Margaret Madden.

The new NUSA flag was presented to Baton Rouge Councilwoman Martha Jane Tassin, who promises that it will fly over the city during conference days.

NUSA

Calendar of Upcoming Events

June 3rd- Castle Green Spring Tour, 1:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.

June 9th- Garfield Heights Block Party, 12:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.

June 16th & 17th- Pasadena Chalk Festival @ Paseo, 10:00 a.m. – 7:00 p.m.

June 20th- Barking Dogs and Neighborhood Noises @ Humane Society, 6:00 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.

June 28th – Good Looks and Bad Flows on Arroyo Pkwy. @ Blair H.S., 6:00 p.m.

Upcoming Council Meetings

June 4th:

Council Chambers, City Hall
Closed Session – 5:30 p.m.
Public Meeting – 6:30 p.m.
*Historic Monument Designation:
1430 Wicks Road*

June 11th:

Council Chambers, City Hall
Closed Session – 5:30 p.m.
Public Meeting – 6:30 p.m.
FY '08 Operating Budget

June 18th:

Council Chambers, City Hall
Closed Session – 5:30 p.m.
Public Meeting – 6:30 p.m.
FY '08 Operating Budget

June 25th:

Council Chambers, City Hall
Closed Session – 5:30 p.m.
Public Meeting – 6:30 p.m.
*North Lake Specific Plan
Amendment*

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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