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Notes

To Neighborhood Leaders

NEIGHBORHOOD CONNECTIONS

QUOTE OF THE MONTH:

While the spirit of neighborliness was important on the frontier because neighbors were so few, it is even more important now because our neighbors are so many.

~LADY BIRD JOHNSON~

NEIGHBORHOOD NEWS

RELAY FOR LIFE

What is Relay For Life?

It's 24 Hours You'll Never Forget! The American Cancer Society Relay For Life is a high-spirited event where everyone in the community can join in the fight against cancer. It is a day filled with fun, fellowship, and festivities. It is a time when people you know and people you don't know team up to raise public awareness about cancer in the community and to raise funds to find the cure.

We Celebrate our Survivors Remember those we have lost to cancer and Fight Back against this disease! Please join us for Relay For Life of

Pasadena, May 31st- June 1st 2008 at Pasadena City College

We are currently looking for Teams, Cancer Survivors and anyone who is interested in taking part in Relay For Life at any level.

To get involved, please contact Sarah Eagle, Community Development Manager via email or telephone at sarah.eagle@cancer.org, 626-372-9456, or call 1800-ACS-2345.

American Cancer Society

JMHS REINVENTION TEAM

John Muir High School's Reinvention Team is excited to announce the themes of the five new academies that will open at the school in September 2008.

The Freshman Success Academy will be established for all incoming 9th graders, while 10th through 12th graders will be able to select one of the following academies: Arts, Media & Entertainment; Business & Entrepreneurship; Engineering & Environmental Science; or Law & Public Service.

The Freshman Success Academy is designed to teach all students important skills to prepare them for academic success in high school and beyond, but also to provide intervention for students that need additional help transitioning to high school.

The career academies will expose students to a variety of professions and connect their classroom lessons to real world experiences. All of the students will receive rigorous academic instruction in the core subjects such as Math, Language Arts, Science, and Social Studies and will be expected to meet all of the A-G college requirements.

The themes were selected based on student interest surveys and teacher focus groups, as well as the ability of PUSD to work with local businesses, colleges and community organizations to establish partnerships that will make the academies more meaningful to students.

To find out how you can help, call Tim Sippel at (626) 798-7881x407 or tsippe199@pusd.us.

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NEIGHBORHOOD RESOURCES

WIRELESS TELEPHONE LAWS FAQS

Two new laws dealing with the use of wireless telephones while driving go into effect July 1, 2008. Below is a partial list of Frequently Asked Questions concerning these new laws.

Q: When do the new wireless telephone laws take effect?

A: The new laws take effect July 1, 2008

Q: What is the difference between the two laws?

A: The first prohibits all drivers from using a handheld wireless telephone while operating a motor vehicle. (Vehicle Code (VC) §23123). Motorists 18 and over may use a hands-free device. Drivers under the age of 18 may NOT use a wireless telephone or hands-free device while operating a motor vehicle(VC §23124).

Q: What if I need to use my telephone during an emergency, and I do not have a hands-free device?

A: The law allows a driver to use a wireless telephone to make emergency calls to a law enforcement agency, a medical provider, the fire department, or other emergency services agency.

Q: What are the fines if I'm convicted?

A: The base fine for the FIRST offense is \$20 and \$50 for subsequent convictions. According to the Uniform Bail and Penalty Schedule, with the addition of penalty assessments, a first offense is \$76 and a second offense is \$190.

Q: Will I receive a point on my drivers license if I'm convicted for a violation of the wireless telephone law?

A: NO. The violation is a reportable offense: however, DMV will not assign a violation point.

Q: Will the conviction appear on my driving record?

A: Yes, but the violation point will not be added.

Q: Will there be a grace period when motorists will only get a warning?

A: NO. The law becomes in effect on July 1, 2008. Whether a citation is issued is always at the discretion of the officer based upon his or her determination of the most appropriate remedy for the situation.

Q: Are passengers affected by this law?

A: No. This law only applies to the person driving a motor vehicle.

Q: Do these laws apply to out-of-state drivers whose home states do not have such laws?

A: Yes

Q: Can I be pulled over by a law enforcement officer for using my handheld wireless telephone?

A: YES. A law enforcement officer can pull you over just for this infraction.

Q: What if my phone has a push-to-talk feature, can I use that?

A: No. The law does provide an exception for those operating a commercial motor truck or truck tractor (excluding pickups), implements of husbandry, farm vehicle or tow truck, to use a two-way radio operated by a "push-to-talk" feature.

Q: What other exceptions are there?

A: Operators of an authorized emergency vehicle during the course of employment are exempt as are those motorists operating a vehicle on private property

For more information, please contact Fran Clader AT (916) 657-7202

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Calendar of Upcoming Events

May 1st–Diabetes Community Lecture @ JRC, 6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.

May 7th–Walk with the Mayor @ Rose Bowl Gate A, 7:45 a.m.

May 10th–Spring Wellness Day, Boys and Girls Club, 9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

May 17th–Festival Two Thousand Eight @ William Carey International University, 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.

May 17th-7th Annual Foster Youth Community Career Fair & Expo @ Robinson Park, 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

May 17th–The Roots of Music @

Autry National Center , 2:00 p.m.
May 24th –Family Fun Day @ La

Pintoresca Park, 10:00 a.m. –

3:00 p.m.
May 24th –MEMORIAL DAY

May 31ST –Spring Benefit Concert @ The Church of Ascension

Upcoming Council Meetings

May 5th:

Council Chambers, City Hall
Closed Session – 5:30 p.m.

Public Meeting – 6:30 p.m.

May 12th:

Council Chambers, City Hall
Closed Session – 5:30 p.m.

Public Meeting – 6:30 p.m.

May 19th:

Council Chambers, City Hall
Closed Session – 5:30 p.m.

Public Meeting – 6:30 p.m.

May 26th:

MEMORIAL DAY

TO BE 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.cityofpasadena.net> and on the Community Bulletin Board broadcast on KPAS Channel 55.*

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Estimados Vecinos

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