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NEIGHBORHOOD NEWS

PNLI APPLICATION DEADLINE EXTENDED

The Pasadena Neighborhood leadership Institute is looking for participants for this year's program. This **FREE** 8 week session provides participants with the opportunity to acquire the tools and skills needed to become a more effective leader in your community.

APPLICATION DEADLINE HAS BEEN EXTENDED UNTIL AUGUST 26TH. For more information, please contact our office at 626-744-7290.

Neighborhood Connections

OPPORTUNITIES FOR PUBLIC COMMENT ON DESIGN GUIDELINES

The City of Pasadena, with assistance from a local consultant, Moule & Polyzoides, Architects and Urbanists, is developing design guidelines for neighborhood commercial and multi-family residential zoning districts. The first opportunities for the public to participate in the development of these guidelines are at the two Design Commission meetings in September: **Monday September 8th** and **Monday September 22nd** at 6:00 pm at the Pasadena Senior Center, 85 E.

Notes

To Neighborhood Leaders

NEIGHBORHOOD CONNECTIONS

Holly Street. One meeting will focus on neighborhood commercial districts (outside the Central District) and the other multi-family residential projects ("City of Gardens") of three or more units.

At these public meetings, the Commission will receive comments from the public, and City staff and the consultants will present information about existing guidelines, recently built projects, and the results of recent interviews with property owners, architects, and community residents. Additional public workshops in October and November 2008 will focus on drafts of the new guidelines. Final drafts will be presented to the City Council in December.

Information on this project—with a map of affected areas, documents for public review, and spaces to submit comments—is on the City's website: www.cityofpasadena.net/guidelines. The City wants to hear from you! Please send us any comments about design guidelines for new neighborhood commercial or multi-family projects by using the website, attending the community workshops, or contacting the project manager, Kevin Johnson, directly at (626) 744-7806, fax: (626) 396-7259, email: kevinjohnson@cityofpasadena.net or by mail at 175 N. Garfield Avenue, Pasadena, CA 91101-1704.

Planning and Development

NEIGHBORHOOD RESOURCES

NUSA PRESENTS NEIGHBORHOOD OF THE YEAR AWARD TO NORTH LONG BEACH

Competing against 16 national finalists in the 2008 Neighborhood of the Year (NOTY) competition, North Long Beach's captured the Grand Prize award for Neighborhood of the Year at NUSA's 2008 annual conference in Hampton, VA. The group also won first place in the Social Revitalization category.

The History Project was created initially to preserve the history of North Long Beach. Since its annexation several years ago into the city of Long Beach, residents felt that as a result, they were losing their history and identity. In August of 2005, members of the North Long Beach Community Action Group began to research and collect all the information they could find about North Long Beach. The ongoing focus became one of continuing to document the history, people and important elements of North Long Beach with the purpose of creating and sustaining a more fulfilling sense of information that would preserve the history and culture elements of their city.

Says Linda Ivers, "In the process of discovering who we were and where we came from, we have inspired and been inspired by other groups in our area. Our material is

now archived at the Historical Society of Long Beach and we are doing outreach to let people know the archive exists. We are also making the information available on the new website www.nlbccentral.com. One of the first stories there will be our trip to Hampton to receive the NUSA award. More information about the is available by directing questions to info@nlbccentral.com.”

NUSA

MUSTANGS MENTORING PROGRAM

The Mustangs Mentoring Program was created to provide mentoring services to the most at-risk youth attending John Muir High School in order to increase their academic achievement and ability to succeed in school and life. The program starts in September with the goal of matching 150 ninth grade students with 150 adult mentors during the first year and adding 100 new mentors each year thereafter. The program is a collaboration of the Pasadena Unified School District, Flintridge Operating Foundation, Catholic Big Brothers Big Sisters, El Centro de Acción Social, Lake Avenue Community Foundation, All Saints Church, College Access Plan, Commit II Achieve, Mentoring and Partnership for Youth Development, and other community-based organizations.

Flintridge is coordinating the effort, which grew out of the planning sessions for John Muir’s reinvention process. Studies show that a one-on-one relationship with a caring adult can be life transforming for teens with academic and behavioral problems or who lack parental support. Mentors could increase the success of the incoming freshmen

attending Muir’s new learning academies. Mentors would serve as positive role models and offer the needed encouragement and guidance to keep at-risk students on track to graduate high school and go on to productive futures.

The Mustangs Mentoring Program is recruiting volunteers for fall 2008. Mentors must commit to meeting with a mentee for a minimum of five hours per month for at least 12 months. Mentoring sessions may be spent going over homework, playing educational games, engaging in meaningful conversation, and other positive activities that will help teens see themselves in a more self-affirming light, improve their attitude about the importance of education, as well as their performance and behavior in school. All prospective candidates will undergo a screening process that includes an application, program orientation, personal interview and reference checks. Candidates who are accepted as mentors will receive training and ongoing support by the mentoring agencies in the collaboration.

If you are interested in making a significant contribution to the life of a young person or have questions about the Mustangs Mentoring Program, please contact: Jaylene L. Moseley, Flintridge Operating Foundation 626/449-0839, ext. 111

Jaylene@Flintridge.org

Flintridge Foundation

Calendar of Upcoming Events

September 10th–PWP Water Wise Workshop @ Eaton Canyon Nature Center, 8:30 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.

September 13th –Fiestas Patrias, Villa Parke Community Center

September 16th–Pasadena Neighborhood Leadership Institute, Various Locations, 6:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.

September 20th–W.D. Edson Block Party, Brenner Park, 2:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.

September 23rd–Pasadena Neighborhood Leadership Institute, Various Locations, 6:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.

September 27th–PWP Water Wise Workshop @ Eaton Canyon Nature Center, 8:30 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.

September 30th–Pasadena Neighborhood Leadership Institute, Various Locations, 6:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.

Upcoming Council Meetings

September 1st: CANCELLED

September 8TH:
Council Chambers, City Hall
Closed Session – 5:30 p.m.
Public Meeting – 6:30 p.m.

September 15TH:
Council Chambers, City Hall
Closed Session – 5:30 p.m.
Public Meeting – 6:30 p.m.

September 22ND:
Council Chambers, City Hall
Closed Session – 5:30 p.m.
Public Meeting – 6:30 p.m.

September 29TH: 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 <http://www.cityofpasadena.net> 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.