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Notes

To Neighborhood Leaders

NEIGHBORHOOD CONNECTIONS

QUOTE

A human being is a part of the whole, called by us, "Universe," a part limited in time and space. He experiences himself, his thoughts and feelings as something separated from the rest -- a kind of optical delusion of his consciousness. This delusion is a kind of prison for us, restricting us to our personal desires and to affection for a few persons nearest to us. Our task must be to free ourselves from this prison by widening our circle of compassion to embrace all living creatures and the whole of nature in its beauty. Nobody is able to achieve this completely, but the striving for such achievement is in itself a part of the liberation and a foundation for inner security

Albert Einstein

NEIGHBORHOOD NEWS

DO YOU HAVE THE POWER OF 10

Look in your mailbox this month and next for an energy-saving starter kit from Pasadena Water & Power that includes two

free compact fluorescent light bulbs (CFLs). This brilliant invention uses 75 percent less energy than incandescent bulbs and can last up to 10 years. While replacing just two standard bulbs may not seem significant, imagine the energy saved and carbon emissions reduced when all 53,000 households in Pasadena make the switch.

And what if everyone in Pasadena replaced TEN bulbs? Our city would save about 18 million kWh and cut 10,000 tons of carbon emissions every year. That's why Pasadena Water & Power is asking everyone in the city to take the "POWER OF 10 CHALLENGE." Go to PWPweb.com/CFL and pledge to switch to at least 10 energy-saving CFLs by December 31, 2008 then ask ten of your friends to do the same! To help you get started, look in your starter-kit for a \$75 voucher for CFLs in a variety of styles and sizes.

While you can recycle regular light bulbs in the blue recycling bin, remember to dispose of CFLs at convenient electronic and household hazardous waste recycling centers throughout Pasadena and Los Angeles County. Find locations at PWPweb.com/CFL

Pasadena Water & Power

AUGUST IS YOUTH MONTH

In our mailing packet you will find the calendar for youth activities throughout the month of August. Youth Month started in 1994 by the efforts of Day One and the City of Pasadena. Its purpose was to provide drug-free activities due to concerns that August is a time when summer school, jobs, and vacations are coming to an end; this leaves many youths with little or nothing positive to do. Youth month seeks to prevent alcohol, tobacco, and other drug related problems such as violence among youth by increasing the number of safe, healthy and accessible activities for our young people.

For more information, please contact Day One at 626-229-9750.

Day One

NEIGHBORHOOD RESOURCES

N.C. ELECTRONIC MESSAGING SYSTEM

In an effort to better manage our budget and be more environmentally friendly, Neighborhood Connections is pleased to offer the recipients of our monthly mailing packets the opportunity to sign up for our



weekly e-mail message system. Many of the flyers that are included in our monthly packet are distributed via our e-mail notices.

We are currently recommending to City Departments and community based organizations that they provide N.C. with electronic versions of their promotional items so that we can share them with the public in a more timely fashion. Rather than waiting until the end of the month for the distribution of information we are now able to inform residents on a regular and continual basis of community meetings, events, activities, and programs.

In addition, our newsletter "Notes to Neighborhood Leaders" and monthly calendars are on the City's web site at <http://cityofpasadena.net/humanservices/publications.asp> for easy viewing and downloading. They are posted each month on the Monday following the mailing of the informational packet.

If you prefer to use our e-mail message system rather than receive the monthly mailing packet, or if you would like to receive our weekly e-mails and continue with the mailing packet, please call our office at 744-7290 or e-mail us at aflores@cityofpasadena.net. We thank you for your support.

Neighborhood Connections

WATER CONSERVATION TIPS

Here are ten ways that will save the most water throughout the year:

1. Water your lawn only when it needs it. Step on your grass. If it springs back, when you lift your foot, it doesn't need water. So set your sprinklers for more days in between watering. Saves 750-1,500 gallons per month. Better

- yet, especially in times of drought, water with a hose. And best of all, convert your lawn to native plants.
- 2. Fix leaky faucets and plumbing joints. Saves 20 gallons per day for every leak stopped.
- 3. Don't run the hose while washing your car. Use a bucket of water and a quick hose rinse at the end. Saves 150 gallons each time. For a two-car family that's up to 1,200 gallons a month.
- 4. Install water-saving shower heads or flow restrictors. Saves 500 to 800 gallons per month.
- 5. Run only full loads in the washing machine and dishwasher. Saves 300 to 800 gallons per month.
- 6. Shorten your showers. Even a one or two minute reduction can save up to 700 gallons per month.
- 7. Use a broom instead of a hose to clean driveways and sidewalks. Saves 150 gallons or more each time. At once a week, that's more than 600 gallons a month.
- 8. Don't use your toilet as an ashtray or wastebasket. Saves 400 to 600 gallons per month.
- 9. Capture tap water. While you wait for hot water to come down the pipes, catch the flow in a watering can to use later on house plants or your garden. Saves 200 to 300 gallons per month.
- 10. Don't water the sidewalks, driveway or gutter. Adjust your sprinklers so that water lands on your lawn or garden where it belongs--and only there. Saves 500 gallons per month.

For more water conservation tips please visit bewaterwise.com

Metropolitan Water District

Calendar of Upcoming Events

AUGUST IS YOUTH MONTH

August 5th –National Night Out, Citywide

August 16th–Household Hazardous and E-Waste Round-

Up, Santa Anita Race track, Gate 6, 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

August 20th –Efficient Irrigation Workshop, Eaton Canyon Nature Center, 6:30 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.

August 23rd –Efficient Irrigation Workshop, Eaton Canyon Nature Center, 8:30 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.

Upcoming Council Meetings

August 4th:
Council Chambers, City Hall
Closed Session – 5:30 p.m.
Public Meeting – 6:30 p.m.

August 11th:
Council Chambers, City Hall
Closed Session – 5:30 p.m.
Public Meeting – 6:30 p.m.

August 18th:
Council Chambers, City Hall
CANCELLED

August 25th:
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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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