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Notes

To Neighborhood Leaders

NEIGHBORHOOD CONNECTIONS

NEIGHBORHOOD NEWS

NATIONAL DIVING CHAMPIONSHIP

The Rose Bowl Aquatics Center has announced that speakers are available for custom presentations to neighborhood associations and community groups about the upcoming 2008 Kaiser Permanente National Diving Championships. This is the final competition before our American divers depart to Beijing to compete in the Games of the XXIX Olympiad. The Championships will take place from Tuesday, July 22 to Sunday, July 27 and will culminate in an "Olympic Send-Off Gala 2008" with a diving exhibition by members of the U.S. Olympic Dive Team, poolside dining under the start and a "Go for the Gold" fireworks displays.

Program chairs and group leaders should call 626-626-564-0330 Ext. 406 to arrange for presentations and/or to provide brochures listing the schedule of events, ways to purchase tickets, daily festivities and plans for the Gala. "The Rose Bowl Aquatics Center is proud to be working with local community organizations to celebrate this event", stated Kurt Knop, executive director. "Our speakers are pleased to attend meetings and share information about the six-day event that will provide a chance to see our athletes up close and personal! On

July 22, the center will welcome over 120 of America's most talented athletes for six days of inspiring performances."

"The athletes represent thousands of grueling hours of training, conditioning, practice and exacting competition – all in preparation for a shining Olympic moment and the chance to do their best for the United States of America. This is what the Rose Bowl Aquatics Center stands for. All of our programs strive to help people of all ages and abilities achieve their best.

The Center is a non-profit organization dedicated to providing state-of-the-art aquatic opportunities to all members of our community, regardless of their ability to pay."

Reservations to attend the competition may be made by contacting www.ticketmaster.com or calling 213-480-3232. For further information, to reserve blocks of tickets, make reservations for the Gala or arrange for a speaker, call the Center at 626-564-0330 Ext. 406

Rose Bowl Athletic Foundation

NEIGHBORHOOD RESOURCES

SAFETY FOR FORTH OF JULY ACTIVITES

Pasadena Fire Department and Pasadena Police Department remind residents and visitors that the best way to

celebrate the Fourth of July holiday with family and friends is by attending a professional fireworks show. The sale and possession of fireworks is illegal in Pasadena and most of Los Angeles County. Violators are subject to confiscation and impound of vehicles, up to one year in jail and fines up to \$50,000.

Due to high fire hazards associated with record-low rainfall the past few years, Pasadena police and fire personnel will staff checkpoints to seize all illegal fireworks and arrest offenders. Parking enforcement officers will ensure that vehicles illegally parked in hillside areas on July 4 are impounded.

Pasadena's police and fire chiefs stress that the aim is to prevent accidents and injuries. "Additional teams of firefighters and police officers will be on patrol to ensure the safety of the community during the Fourth of July holiday," said Acting Police Chief Christopher Vicino. "Even sparklers, which most people consider safe, can reach temperatures of 1,000 degrees Fahrenheit, burn people seriously and cause fires," said Pasadena Fire Chief Dennis J. Downs. "A sparkler is a hand-held firework typically used by children. Adults wouldn't ordinarily allow children to get

near anything that's hot but for some reason they think it's acceptable on the Fourth of July."

On July 4, 2007, investigators responded to more than 200 fireworks-related calls over a 14-hour period in Pasadena and confiscated more than 1,000 pounds of illegal fireworks and explosives.

According to the most recent statistics from the U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission, an estimated 9,500 injuries caused by legal and illegal fireworks were reported to emergency rooms throughout the nation. About half of those injuries were among children under age 15.

Prior to this year's holiday, Pasadena Fire Department will apply Phos-Chek to brush areas surrounding the Rose Bowl Stadium. The main ingredients of this wild land fire retardant are phosphates and fertilizers that help revegetate trees and grassland.

"This is a preventive measure for Fourth of July activities and the summer season," said Downs.

For more information about fireworks safety and enforcement, contact Pasadena Fire Department at (626) 744-7276 or Pasadena Police Department at (626) 744-4501.

For information about the Americafest Fourth of July celebration, visit www.rosebowlstadium.com or call (626) 577-3101.

Fire Department

**YOU CAN HELP SAVE
67,000 TREES**

Pasadena's trees will thank you next time you step up to the copy

machine. Starting this spring, to encourage more environmentally friendly operations, the City is buying only 100 percent post-consumer recycled copy paper.

Pasadena recently joined eight other cities, including Berkeley, Los Angeles, San Diego, San Francisco, San Jose, Sacramento, Santa Barbara and Santa Monica, plus the county of Marin, to form a group called Green Cities California (GCC). Aimed at promoting sustainability, one of the group's first steps was to commit to using recycled paper.

"Together we send the message that we're committed to reducing our consumption of natural resources and energy by reusing that which has already been harvested," said Pasadena Mayor Bill Bogaard.

In most offices across the county, less than 10 percent of the copy paper is made from recycled content. GCC members alone buy half a billion sheets each year, spending more than \$5 million. By switching to recycled paper, the cities will help save 8.6 million pounds of carbon dioxide emissions, 19.6 million gallons of water, 11.5 million kilowatts hours of electricity, and 67,000 trees that would have been used to manufacture new, non-recycled paper.

To help the cause, you can copy documents on both sides, and store and send documents electronically rather than printing them. For more details, on Pasadena's green initiatives, visit www.cityofpasadena.net/greencity
Pasadena Water & Power

**Calendar of Upcoming
Events**

July 1st–Free Family Night at Kidspace, 4:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.

July 4th–INDEPENDENCE DAY!

July 12th–Pasadena Summer Festival @ Centennial Square, 10:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m.

July 19th–Celebration on Colorado Street Bridge, 6:00 p.m. – 10:00 p.m.

July 22nd – 27th–Kaiser National Diving Championships @ Rose Bowl Aquatic Center.

Upcoming Council Meetings

July 7th:

CANCELLED

July 14th:

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

July 21ST:

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

July 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 [Page <http://www.cityofpasadena.net> and on the Community Bulletin Board broadcast on KPAS Channel 55.](http://www.cityofpasadena.net)

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