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Explore the Universe at Central Library

TAKE A WILD RIDE TO SPACE THIS SUMMER with "NASA @ Your Library."

Pasadena is one of just three cities in California chosen to host this one-of-a-kind family exhibit sponsored by the National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA), Apple Computer Inc. and the American Library Association.

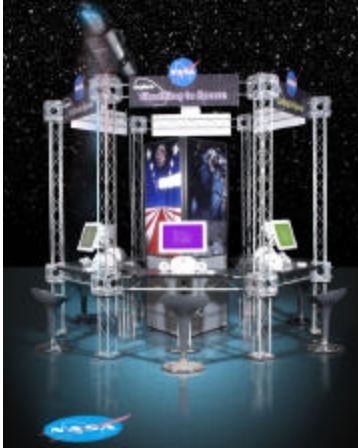


Photo courtesy of NASA

The interactive exhibit will be in Central Library's lobby.

For five weeks from Aug. 13 through Sept. 19, you can visit Pasadena Central Library for a fun, free and fully interactive exhibit that will show you exactly what's going on beyond the Earth's atmosphere. Kids and adults can touch down

at a huge hands-on workstation with six "Way Cool Flat Screen" computers, where you can test your skill at space exploration and other games and view more than 70 three-minute videos about the space shuttle program, living in space, the science of the universe, the International Space Station, missions to Mars and more. In a nearby audio/video dome, view continuous videos on how NASA has improved health (week one), home and transportation (week two), agriculture and environment (week three) and commerce

(week 4). Parents can pick up a brochure with recommended books, resource guides, videos and websites covering everything from careers in science to the history of rockets.

The touring exhibit is part of NASA's efforts to get kids and their parents excited about science and to recruit a new generation of researchers, astronauts and scientists. The exhibit also shows how NASA's ongoing research benefits our everyday lives, impacting everything from agriculture to medicine.

Visit www.cityofpasadena.net/library, call 744-4045 or stop by Pasadena Central Library at 285 E. Walnut St.

Find it Fast with "Horizon"

Pasadena Public Library patrons are now spending less time searching and more time reading and learning thanks to "Horizon," a new automated library catalog system at Central Library and all nine branches.

"Horizon" is a big change but it's very simple. This new Internet-based search engine makes it easy to browse for library materials from your home or office. Search for

books and you'll learn where they're located and – here's one of best parts – Horizon offers tables of contents, summaries and excerpts, author notes and bios, reviews, cover art for books, videos and DVDs. You can also set up a personal account, allowing you to request materials, renew your books, save your searches, create a favorites list and more. Horizon's Kids Catalog provides quick and easy research tools for little ones and the Community Information Portal gives you instant info on community events, schools, clubs and more.

Check it out at <http://catalog.PasadenaPublicLibrary.net>

Pasadena Summers: Not for the Faint-Hearted

YOU'RE DIZZY you're tired, your head hurts, it's hot – and you may be suffering from heat stroke. The Pasadena Fire Department reminds you to take care this summer to avoid hot-weather ailments.

- When the mercury rises, wear light, loose-fitting clothing.
- Drink water often; don't wait until you're thirsty.
- During the hottest hours, stay in an air-conditioned room. If you don't have air conditioning at home, go to a library, community center, mall or movie theater to stay cool.
- Don't overexert yourself if you're outside or in a hot building.
- Try to stay out of the sun; if you must go outside, wear a hat with a wide brim.
- Never leave children, seniors or pets unattended in cars or other vehicles, even if the windows are down.
- Check in regularly on seniors, shut-ins and people with immune or respiratory problems and offer your assistance.
- Watch for symptoms including dizziness, fatigue, faintness, headaches, pale and clammy skin, rapid and weak pulse, fast and shallow breathing, muscle cramps and intense thirst. If someone experiences one or more of these symptoms, move the patient right away to a cooler, shaded place and give lots of fluids, such as sport drinks.

For more information, call the Fire Department's disaster preparedness coordinator at 744-7276.



Shooting Range Goes Indoors

PASADENA POLICE OFFICERS and other law enforcement personnel will bring their target practice indoors with the opening of a new firing range now under construction at 2783 Eaton Canyon Dr.

Firearms training has been done outdoors in Eaton Canyon since 1927, but as neighborhoods were built closer to the site, residents became concerned with noise, stray bullets lying in their yards and a July 2000 brush fire caused by a bullet that hit dry grass.

The indoor range will feature mufflers, acoustic panels and state-of-the-art communication, bullet trap and target practice systems.

Officers will continue to shoot outdoors for a two-week period every October so they can qualify with their duty ammunition. In the highly unlikely event the indoor shooting range ever has to close temporarily for operational reasons, outdoor shooting would occur until the facility would reopen.

The indoor shooting range will open this fall. For more information call 744-6784.



City Hall Retrofit Update

CITY HALL OFFICES ARE MOVING to other locations through the end of July to make way for the \$93.3 million renovation of Pasadena's historic city hall.

Until the building reopens in 2007, here's where you can take care of your city business. Phone numbers have not changed.



Chamber Building
117 E. Colorado Blvd.
(near Arroyo Parkway)

City Clerk
City Manager
Finance
Human Resources
Human Services
Information Technology
Mayor
Planning and Development
Public Affairs
Public Works
Purchasing



Modular Complex
280 Ramona St.
(next to Permit Center)

Beginning Monday,
August 2
Cashier/Municipal Services
City Hall Seismic Project
Licenses
Public Works Engineering
Services/Permits
Traffic Management
Treasury
Utility turn on/off



965 N. Fair Oaks Ave.
(south of Robinson
Park)

Mail Services - Beginning
Monday, August 2
Printing - Beginning
Monday,
August 9
Records Management



Walnut Plaza
215 N. Marengo Ave.
(at Walnut)

City Attorney

Photos: Foster Hildreth



**Fair Oaks
Renaissance Plaza**
665 N. Fair Oaks Ave.,
Second Floor
(at Orange Grove)

Move Date to be Determined

Housing



Park Center
221 E. Walnut St.
(at Marengo)

Transportation

Beginning July 19, City Council meetings will be held at the Pasadena Senior Center, 85 E. Holly St., Mondays at 6:30 p.m. If you ride the Metro Gold Line to get to the meetings, show your ticket to the front desk attendant at the Pasadena Senior Center and receive a free token for your ride home; if you drive, there will be limited free parking in the structure at the southeast corner of Holly Street and Arroyo Parkway.

During the retrofit and restoration project, half of Garfield Avenue will be closed between Union Street and Ramona Street/Thurgood Marshall Way; other streets around City Hall may be closed periodically for the installation of new utility connections.

For updates, visit www.cityofpasadena.net and click on City Hall Project or call 744-7073.

Building A Great City

WE'RE ON OUR WAY TO BUILDING A TRULY GREAT CITY. As one of the last steps in updating vital parts of the General Plan, you're invited to a two-part community workshop this month.

"Building Blocks of a Great City" will focus on the Central District Specific Plan, Pasadena Zoning Code and the Mobility Element and Land Use Element of the General Plan.

On Friday, July 9, from 7 to 8:30 p.m. in Central Library's Donald R. Wright Auditorium, nationally known speakers will discuss what makes a great city. Panelists will include experts in transportation, urban economics and urban design and density.

Then on Saturday, July 10, from 8:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. in the multipurpose room at the Community Education Center, 3035 E. Foothill Blvd., you can participate in a full day of discussion that will include an overview of the new documents, small group and panel discussions and a question-and-answer session, plus free lunch and parking. Reserve free child care for ages 2 to 10 by calling 398-0011. Both events will be translated in Spanish.

The new and updated plans will go to the City Council in August. The documents are available at Pasadena Central Library and all branches, the Permit Center and www.cityofpasadena.net (click on General Plan Update). For dates of other related events, including public hearings, email ldahl@cityofpasadena.net or call 744-4009.



Overhead to Underground

OVER THE COURSE OF SEVERAL YEARS, about 39 miles of overhead utility lines have been removed and placed underground. At this rate, it could take up to 150 years to underground the remaining 181 miles of lines!

On Thursday, July 15, the Utility Advisory Commission will conduct a community meeting to educate residents about procedures for establishing benefit assessment districts at the request of property owners in specific boundary areas who agree to pay assessments in exchange for particular benefits. If approved, benefit assessment districts for undergrounding would accelerate the remaining projects at a more rapid pace through the cost-sharing contributions of property owners in neighborhoods where utility lines remain overhead.

The meeting will begin at 6:30 p.m. in the Donald R. Wright Auditorium at Pasadena Central Library, 285 E. Walnut St. City staff from the Public Works Department, Pasadena Water and Power and other public utilities will be on hand to answer questions and address concerns. If you would like to attend this meeting, call 744-4717 no later than Monday, July 12.

For more information, call 744-7401.



Protect Yourself before Your Big Trip

OVERSEAS VACATIONS make for great summer adventures, but in some developing countries you may find poor sanitation and hygiene, contaminated water and inadequate medical care that could pose a serious risk to your health. Your age, gender, health status, destination and length of stay could increase the risk.

Vaccinations are an easy way to avoid a number of dangerous infections. Stop by the Pasadena Public Health Department's Travel Immunization Clinic at 1845 N. Fair Oaks Ave. four to six weeks before your trip for helpful advice, malaria prevention medication and a full array of immunizations.

You can also ward off infection and disease during your trip with the following tips:

- Wash your hands frequently with soap and water or a waterless, alcohol-based hand sanitizer.
- Drink only bottled or boiled water or carbonated drinks in cans or bottles. Stay away from tap water, fountain drinks and ice cubes, even when brushing your teeth.
- Eat only thoroughly cooked food or fruits and vegetables that you have peeled yourself. Remember: "Boil it, cook it, peel it or forget it."
- Cooked food that has been sitting out for several hours is probably covered with bacteria. Reheat it thoroughly before serving!
- If you're visiting an area where there is a risk for malaria, take preventive medication before, during and after your trip, as directed. Malaria is transmitted through mosquito bites, usually between dusk and dawn. Stay safe by staying indoors in a screened or air-conditioned area during the peak biting period. If you go outside, wear long-sleeved shirts, long pants and a hat.
- Rub insect repellent containing up to 50% DEET on any skin not covered by clothing.

For more information or an appointment, call 744-6128.

Free Summer Concerts

ENJOY FREE CONCERTS all summer long at Memorial Park's Levitt Pavilion for the Performing Arts. Pack a picnic, bring a blanket and enjoy concerts six evenings every week through Sept. 12. The Metro Gold Line stops just steps away!

Tuesdays at 6 p.m.

- July 13:** INCA, The Peruvian Ensemble
July 20: Pasadena City College Community Concert Band
July 27: Pasadena Summer Youth Chamber Orchestra
August 3: Fort Worth West (country western)
August 10: Alan Chapman and Karen Benjamin in Concert
August 17: All American Dixieland Jazz Band
August 24: "That's Vegas" with Jim Ballesterio
August 31: The Gregat American Swing Band

Wednesdays at 7 p.m.

Children's Night

- July 14:** Mussukeba Sane
(West African music and dancing)
July 21: Joanie Bartels (musical magic)
July 28: Diane Ferlatte and David Prather
(storytellers)
August 4: Ashley Maher
(Africa meets the Caribbean)
August 11: Parachute Express
August 25: Cuauhtemoc (Aztec dancers)
Sept. 1: The Karavan Dance Group
Sept. 8: Bob Baker Marionettes

Thursdays at 7 p.m.

Eclectic Blends

- July 15:** Opera Noir (multicultural celebration of classical music)
July 22: New Town
(music with video imagery)
July 29: One World
(Latin, Brazilian, Caribbean)
August 5: Hot August Night!
(Tribute to Neil Diamond)
August 12: Rococco String Quartet
(classical music with a twist)

Fridays at 8 p.m.

World Beat

- July 16:** Bonnie Musique Zydeco
July 23: Francis Awe & the Nigerian Talking Drum Ensemble
July 30: Blay Ambolley (Afrikan jazz)
August 6: Acida (Latin pop)
August 13: Lisa Haley and the Zydecats
August 20: Upstream (rock influenced by reggae)
Sept. 3: Irie (Caribbean)

Saturdays at 8 p.m.

Música Latina

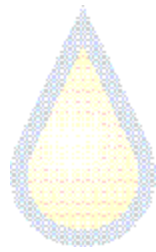
- July 17:** Caravana (R&B/rock)
July 31: L.A. Mambo Combo
August 7: Louie Cruz Beltran
(contemporary with traditional roots)
August 14: Los Alacranes (Mexicano-Chicano)
August 21: Alessa & MC (Salsa, waltzes, jazz)
August 28: Rolando Morales (jazz/Afro-Cuban)
Sept. 4: Tango Night
Sept. 11: Special Guest (to be announced)

Sundays at 7 p.m.

Jazz, Blues & Fusion

- July 18:** Barbara Morrison is Back!
(jazz vocals)
July 25: Juke Logan and Doug MacLeod
(blues harmonica and guitar)
August 1: Donovan and the Muradian Quintet
(classic, original jazz)
August 8: Gary Primich (wailing blues)
August 22: Doc Powell (guitarist/composer)
August 29: Pat Kelley (jazz and blues guitar)
Sept. 5: Chris Korblein (jazz guitar)
Sept. 12: Steve Copland & Raging Sea
(Chicago blues and west coast swing)

For more information, visit www.levittpavilionpasadena.org or call 683-3230.



P A S A D E N A
Water & Power



Another National Tree Award

CAREFUL PRUNING by highly trained hands has earned Pasadena Water and Power a Tree Line USA Award for the second year in a row. Presented by the National Arbor Day Foundation, the honor recognizes utilities across the nation that demonstrate practices that protect and enhance America's urban forests.



Photo: Tavo Olmos

Expert care helps keep Pasadena's trees healthy.

Of course, PWP doesn't just do all this for the award. As the National Arbor Day Foundation points out, expert care helps keep Pasadena's trees healthy, cuts the costs of reviving trees after a bad pruning job and reduces tree deaths from sloppy trenching and tunneling. Proper tree care also protects the power grid and helps reduce Pasadena's overall air conditioning costs thanks to an abundance of shade trees. Trees also help absorb carbon dioxide produced by the machines we use every day.

Earning the designation isn't easy. To bring home the award, PWP had to prove that crews follow the very best techniques when grooming thousands of Pasadena trees in parks and along streets, clearing branches near high-voltage power lines and trenching or tunneling near fragile roots; that annual training is provided to crews and an active tree-planting and public education program is in place.

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You can do your part by planting shade trees at home. PWP offers \$40 rebates (up to \$200 total per customer) for homeowners who plant any one of 37 varieties. Visit www.PWPweb.com and click on Your Home and then Programs and Rebates or call 744-6970 for more information about the Cool Trees Program.



Cutting the Water Bills

VISTA NOVA HOME OF THE BLIND is enjoying spring-fresh clothes and lower utility bills thanks to Pasadena Water and Power. PWP recently helped Vista Nova secure a new, high-efficiency (HE) Maytag Neptune® washer/dryer set through a giveaway sponsored by California Water Awareness Campaign and Flex Your Power.

HE clothes washers typically use horizontal-axis technology, tumbling clothes through a much smaller pool of water and removing more moisture from clothes with a high-speed spin cycle. Studies show that HE washers can cut energy use by 40% and water use by 50%, saving an average residential energy user up to 7,000 gallons a year.

The new energy and water-saving appliances will be a great help because Vista Nova receives no government funding and relies heavily on donors and foundation support. Established in 1965 by the vision-impaired community and the Pasadena Host Lions Club, Vista Nova provides housing and support to 17 residents who are legally blind or experiencing significant vision loss.

Want to try the technology for yourself? Buy and install an HE clothes washer and you'll qualify for a \$200 rebate from PWP! For more information and an application, visit www.pwpweb.com and click on Your Home and then Programs and Rebates or call 744-6970.



Photo: Mike Marshall

PWP's public benefits manager explains the energy efficiency rating of the new washer/dryer to two Nova Vista residents.



Clearing the Air with Hybrid Vehicles

SHOWING OFF GREAT NEW CLEAN-AIR TECHNOLOGY at work, Pasadena Water and Power's meter readers are zipping around Pasadena in hybrid-electric vehicles (HEVs).

When the lease expired on their electric vehicles from Ford, the team looked into HEV technology. What they learned convinced the city to buy seven new Honda Civic EVs. With a gasoline-electric hybrid power train, the HEVs give top-notch fuel economy, covering 47 miles per gallon. What's more, HEVs produce about 90% fewer smog-forming emissions than typical new gasoline vehicles, helping them earn special certification from California's Air Resources Board.

The cars are a great addition to PWP's fleet, demonstrating an ongoing commitment to the environment and showing customers what hybrid vehicles can do. Watch for the white cars, featuring PWP's logo, on the road this summer.

Increases in Fees Fund Systems and Services

A FEW SMALL INCREASES in city utility fees will help pay for services and system improvements. The Capital Improvement Charge (CIC) was established in April 2003 to pay for system improvements recommended in PWP's Water System Master Plan, which calls for repair or replacement of Pasadena's aging wells, reservoirs and pipes, including the replacement of cast-iron pipes more than 100 years old with new pipes that will last another 100 years. Starting this month, the CIC will increase from 20¢ per billing unit to 42¢ per billing unit. (A billing unit is 100 cubic feet or 748 gallons of water.) The additional charge for a typical homeowner using 15 billing units per month will be about \$3.30.

General fees for service have been raised, including electricity and water turn-on and turn-off, reconnection and customer-requested meter readings. General fees for service haven't been raised in more than five years.

For more information call the PWP AnswerLine at 744-6970.



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- 🐾 **Dogs** get \$6 rabies shots Thursday, July 15, 7 to 8:30 p.m. at Victory Park or Pasadena Humane Society. Licenses will also be sold. 744-6004 for clinic, 744-4166 for licenses.
- 🐾 **Pasadena street name signs** are \$20 Friday and Saturday, July 16 and 17, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. in the parking lot at 965 N. Fair Oaks Ave. Signs have been replaced citywide. 744-6447.
- 🐾 **Colorado Street Bridge celebration** is Saturday, July 17, 6 to 11 p.m. Food, dancing, classic cars and kids' activities. \$7 to \$15, with proceeds to Pasadena Heritage. 441-6333 or www.pasadenaheritage.org
- 🐾 **Application deadline** is July 31 for the 2004/2005 Leadership Pasadena class. 577-2296 or www.leadershippasadena.org
- 🐾 **Hey, teens!** A summer reading program just for your age group is underway through Aug. 14! Enter to win great prizes by stopping by Pasadena Central Library or any branch. 744-4766 or www.cityofpasadena.net/libraryteens
- 🐾 **Free classic car show** Saturday, Aug. 14, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. in Parking Lot I at Brookside Park will feature 60 vintage beauties. Stop by the city booth for free refined oil, oil changing buckets, shop towels and more. 744-4721.
- 🐾 **Watch for Pasadena's third** "One City, One Story" program next spring. Have a great book to suggest for this citywide reading celebration? Call 744-4066 or go to www.onecityonestory.com
- 🐾 **Technology Learning Center** at Pasadena Central Library offers free classes on software know-how, surfing the web and more. 744-4066 or www.cityofpasadena.net/library/pubtraining.htm
- 🐾 **Andrew Escajeda Clinic's** new mobile clinic offers confidential screenings for HIV and other STDs and offers tips for prevention. 744-6140.
- 🐾 **Call Pasadena Public Health Department's** West Nile Virus Hotline at 744-6012 to ask a question, report a dead bird or call in a mosquito problem.
- 🐾 **Maintenance Assistance and Services to Homeowners (MASH)** is free to qualified seniors and persons with disabilities. MASH+ serves any Pasadena homeowner for a reasonable fee. From house painting and yard cleanups to window repairs and rodent-proofing, MASH and MASH+ can meet your need. 744-7627.
- 🐾 **Visit** www.888cleanla.com and click on Used Oil or call 744-4721 to learn where to recycle used motor oil. If you live in a single-family home, you can arrange to have up to two gallons of used oil picked up on your next trash day by calling 744-4087.
- 🐾 **Leigh Grapenthien** was the photographer of the Pasadena POPs shot in the May/June issue. We regret the error.
- 🐾 **Note:** All dates and times listed in *Pasadena In Focus* are as of the publication date. Call the numbers listed to confirm information. All phone numbers are in the (626) area code unless otherwise noted.

Noticias En Breve

Explore el Universo

Entre el 13 de Agosto y el 19 de Septiembre, visite la Biblioteca Pública Central de Pasadena, donde habrá una exhibición co-participe muy entretenida e informativa acerca de lo que sucede más allá de la atmósfera terrestre. Tanto jóvenes como adultos podrán participar físicamente en las estaciones equipadas con seis pantallas de computación donde pueden comprobar su nivel de capacitación para explorar el universo, al igual que otros juegos.

Una bóveda audio visual inter-activa ofrecerá más de 70 videos de 3 minutos sobre el programa vehicular espacial, vivir en el espacio, la ciencia del universo, la Estación Espacial Internacional, misiones a Marte y otros temas. Los padres de familia pueden obtener un folleto muy atractivo con recomendaciones sobre libros, guías de investigación, videos y sitios web que incluyen desde carreras científicas hasta la historia de los cohetes.

Busque mayor información yendo a la biblioteca, en 285 E. Walnut St., o llamando a 744-7323.

Noticias Sobre el Refuerzo del Edificio de la Municipalidad

Varias oficinas municipales se han mudado a otros lugares para facilitar la renovación y refuerzo contra sismos de la histórica municipalidad de Pasadena y, otras oficinas se mudarán durante la primera semana de Agosto.

Hasta que el edificio vuelva a abrir sus puertas en Junio de 2007, a continuación damos una lista de dónde puede efectuar sus trámites municipales (no se han cambiado los teléfonos):

- Edificio Modular, 280 Ramona St. (al lado del Centro de Permisos): Servicios Municipales/Cajero, Proyecto Sísmico de la Municipalidad, Licencias, Ingeniería de Obras Públicas, Administración de Tráfico, Tesorería, Servicios Públicos.
- Edificio Cámara, 117 E. Colorado Blvd.: Oficina del Secretario Municipal, Oficina del Administrador Municipal, Finanzas, Recursos Humanos, Servicios de Personal, Tecnología Informativa, Planificación y Urbanización, Relaciones Públicas, Obras Públicas, Adquisiciones.
- Park Center, 221 E. Walnut St. (esquina de Marengo): Transporte
- Plaza Walnut, 215 N. Marengo (esquina de Walnut): Fiscal Municipal
- Plaza Renaissance Fair Oaks, 665 N. Fair Oaks Ave. 2° piso (esquina de Orange Grove): Vivienda
- Edificio Highland Plastics, 965 N. Fair Oaks Ave. (al sur de Parque Robinson): Servicios de Correo, de Imprenta y de Administración de Documentos Municipales.

Las reuniones del Concejo Municipal se efectuarán en el Pasadena Senior Center, 85 E. Holly St., los Lunes a las 6:30 p.m.

Si usted piensa ir en auto al Centro Cívico, espere encontrar cerrada la mitad de Garfield Avenue entre las calles Union y Ramona hasta que se complete el proyecto. Es posible que haya otras calles clausuradas temporalmente cerca de la Municipalidad, con el fin de instalar nuevas conexiones de servicios públicos.

Construyendo Una Gran Ciudad

Si tiene alguna opinión acerca del futuro de Pasadena, atienda una discusión de grupo compuesto por peritos reconocidos en todo el país, el Viernes 9 de Julio de 7 a 8:30 p.m. en la Biblioteca Central de Pasadena, 285 E. Walnut St. Luego habrá un seminario el Sábado 10 de Julio de 8:30 a.m. a 2:30 p.m. en Community Education Center, 3035 E. Foothill Blvd., que incluirá un resumen del Plan Específico del Distrito Central, del Código de Zonificación de Pasadena y, del Uso de Tierras y Elementos de Movilidad del Plan General. Se ofrecerá traducción al Español durante ambos eventos. 744-4009.

Clínica del la Rábía

Lleve a su perro a vacunarse contra la rábía el Jueves 15 de Julio de 7 a 8:30 p.m. en Victory Park, o a la Sociedad Protectora de Animales de Pasadena. También se venderán licencias. 744-6004.



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