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Teens in grades 7 to 12 can get overdue book fines erased and have lost library cards replaced free during Teen Read Month in October. Visit your neighborhood library for details. 744-4066 or www.cityofpasadena.net/library.

The annual Breakfast with the Chief of Police on Thursday, Oct. 16, 7:30 a.m. at University Club of Pasadena, 175 N. Oakland Ave., benefits Pasadena Police Foundation youth programs. Tickets are \$45. 744-3987.

Admit it, you've been practicing all summer. Jump into the limelight for a fun Guitar Hero showdown for teens Thursday, Oct. 16, 3 p.m. at Allendale Branch Library, 1130 S. Marengo Ave. 744-7260.

Rules for group homes will be discussed at a community meeting sponsored by the Code Enforcement Commission on Thursday, Oct. 16, 6 p.m. at Victory Park Center, 2575 Paloma St. 744-4633.

Tour historic homes, shop for antiques, view rare treasures and mingle at gracious receptions during Craftsman Weekend Oct. 17 to 19, the west's largest salute to the Arts & Crafts Movement. www.pasadenaheritage.org or 441-6333.

Through Dec. 31, 2008, earn rebates for solar photovoltaic installations at \$3.50 per watt for systems up to 100 kW in size, and we're waiving permitting fees! Visit www.cityofpasadena.net/solar to learn more and register for a free Going Solar workshop Saturday, Oct. 18, 9:30 a.m. to noon at Salvation Army Tabernacle, 960 E. Walnut St. 744-6970.

A special exhibit celebrating remarkable artists with disabilities is on display through Oct. 31 at Pasadena Central Library, 285 E. Walnut St. 744-4066.

Duck, cover and roll over Thursday, Nov. 13, during the Great Southern California ShakeOut! www.shakeout.org or 744-7276.

Start on those holiday scarves with free knitting lessons Thursdays from 2 to 4 p.m. at San Rafael Branch Library, 1240 Nithsdale Road. 744-7270.

Pasadena Central Library's new Internet Commons features 65 computers! Use one for an hour free with your library card or try a pay-for-use computer if you need more time. Ask a librarian for help or a reservation. 744-4066.

New LED light fixtures at Central Library use up to 90 percent less energy, stay cool and cut light pollution, thanks to a pilot program courtesy of Pasadena Public Works Department and Pasadena Water and Power. 744-4066.

Do you have a pleasant speaking voice? Help record audio bulletin board announcements for residents with visual disabilities on KPAS, the city's cable channel. 794-8585.

Community representatives of all backgrounds, ages, educations, incomes, languages, neighborhoods and spheres of influences are sharing ideas on how to include all Pasadenans in the 2010 U.S. Census count. The data is used to distribute billions in federal funds to U.S. cities annually and is crucial for targeting local resources for housing, education, health and transportation services. Call 744-4059 for more information or to volunteer.

Does your child enjoy challenges that inspire imagination and develop teamwork? Learn about Odyssey of the Mind at 201-7473. School teams are welcome.

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.

Restaurant Inspections Keep Patrons Safe

YOU'RE SITTING AT YOUR FAVORITE PASADENA RESTAURANT READY TO DIG into a delicious meal. It smells good and tastes great – but do you know if it's really safe?

One of the best ways to know if a local restaurant is safe is by looking at its inspection report from the Environmental Health Division of the Pasadena Public Health Department.

City health inspectors visit each of more than 1,000 Pasadena eateries regularly to check for more than 80 possible violations.

Restaurants are graded on a scale of 1 to 100 on everything from food handling and food temperatures to the correct use of cleaners.

Using a laptop computer, an inspector gives a copy of the report to the restaurant manager or owner, listing any violations that need attention. If a major violation is noted, it is usually corrected immediately and the Public Health Department provides additional training to the restaurant's employees.

The city of Pasadena expects more of restaurants than county and state requirements. For example, state law requires a minimum of one person in a restaurant kitchen to receive training in health and safety practices; Pasadena Public Health Department requires it of 75 percent of workers in a restaurant kitchen.

As a consumer, you're allowed by law to request a copy of the most recent inspection report from any restaurant in California. (Restaurants that don't comply are in violation of the State Health and Safety Code.) You can also find the score and a detailed health inspection report of your favorite Pasadena restaurant at www.cityofpasadena.net. You'll find "Restaurant Inspection Database" in Quick Links and E-Government.

For more information call 744-6004.



Fight the Flu!

Spare yourself some agony this winter by getting a flu shot.

The vaccine is recommended for pregnant women, children from 6 months to 19 years old, adults 50 and older, and anyone who has a chronic medical condition, lives in a nursing home or long-term care facility, or lives with or cares for someone at high risk for flu complications.

The Pasadena Public Health Department offers low-cost vaccines October through March. Call 744-6012 for more information or stop by one of the following clinics:

Wednesday, Nov. 5
 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.
 Pasadena Senior Center
 85 E. Holly St.
 685-6724.

Wednesday, Nov. 12
 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.
 Villa-Parke Community Center
 363 E. Villa St.
 744-6530.

Wednesday, Nov. 19
 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.
 Jackie Robinson Center
 1020 N. Fair Oaks Ave.
 744-7300.

Noticias En Breve

Las Inspecciones de los Restaurantes Son Importantes para la Salud de la Comunidad

Una de las mejores maneras de saber si la comida en los restaurantes de Pasadena son seguros para el consumo, es mirando el informe de inspecciones de la Oficina de la Salud Ambiental del Departamento de Salud al Público de Pasadena.

Los inspectores de Salud de la ciudad visitan cada uno de los más de 1,000 restaurantes públicos con regularidad inspeccionando más de 80 posibles violaciones. Los restaurantes son evaluados en una escala del 1-100 en todo, desde como se sirve la comida, temperatura de la comida y hasta el uso correcto de los limpiadores.

Consulte el resultado y un detalle del informe de la inspección de su restaurante favorito de Pasadena en www.cityofpasadena.net. Usted encontrará "una base de datos de la Inspección del Restaurante" en enlaces rápidos y E-Government.

Para más información llame al 744-6004.

¡Combate la Gripe!

¡Las vacunas para la gripe son recomendadas para mujeres embarazadas, niños desde 6 meses hasta 19 años de edad, adultos y personas de 50 años y mayores, y cualquier persona que tenga

Se continua adentro ...

Give Your Input on Proposed Zoning Code Changes

THE PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT WILL HOST PUBLIC MEETINGS this fall to consider new Zoning Code rules for maximum house size, lot coverage, setbacks and height to protect your neighborhood from overgrown homes – otherwise known as "mansionsization."

Give your input at public meetings this fall:

Thursday, Oct. 23, 6 to 8 p.m.
 Victory Park Center, 2575 Paloma St.

Wednesday, Oct. 29, 7 to 9 p.m.
 Jackie Robinson Center, 1020 N. Fair Oaks Ave.

Thursday, Nov. 6, 7 to 9 p.m.
 Allendale Branch Library, 1130 S. Marengo Ave.

You may also leave your comments at www.cityofpasadena.net/planningcomments.

Final drafts will be presented to the Planning Commission and City Council in 2009. For more information call 744-6766 or email dsinclair@cityofpasadena.net.



A Roof Over Every Head

PASADENA IS NEARING COMPLETION OF PLANS TO CHAMPION DECENT, safe and affordable housing for residents citywide. Give your opinion of the Draft Housing Element of the General Plan during the Pasadena City Council meeting Monday, Oct. 20.

Designed with community input over the past six years, the comprehensive document includes almost 60 new and continuing programs, policies and goals; analyzes the housing needs of Pasadena's current residents and a share of future growth in Southern California; describes how the marketplace, environment and local regulations may hinder housing development; and details resources for ensuring adequate housing in the future.

With the City Council's consent, documents will go to Sacramento this fall for comments from the California Department of Housing and Community Development.

You'll find the Draft Housing Element at www.cityofpasadena.net/generalplan. For more information email btrimble@cityofpasadena.net or call 744-6774. To comment, visit www.cityofpasadena.net/planningcomments.

One Huge Cultural Weekend

INVITE YOUR FRIENDS AND RELATIVES INTO TOWN FOR PASADENA ARTWEEKEND Oct. 10 to 12 when three full days and five events are sure to please every taste.

The fun begins with an electrifying Friday night including free admission to 11 cultural institutions, followed that weekend by a cultural parade, live music and two distinct outdoor fairs.

- ArtNight Pasadena, with free admission to the Norton Simon Museum, Pacific Asia Museum and 10 other arts and culture venues Friday, Oct. 10, from 6 to 10 p.m.
- ArtWalk in the Playhouse District Saturday, Oct. 11, from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m., including art show and sale, live entertainment and free museum day.
- ArtHeritage, Latino Heritage Parade and Jamaica (pronounced ha-mai-ka) Saturday, Oct. 11, from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. The parade begins at Los Robles Avenue north of Washington Boulevard and ends at La Pintoresca Park for all of the other festivities.
- ArtMarket in One Colorado's courtyard on Sunday from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. featuring works by students, faculty and alumni from Art Center College of Design and Pasadena City College.
- ArtPerformance, with live music outdoors in Old Pasadena on Sunday from noon to 5 p.m. showcasing emerging and nationally recognized talent.

Everything's close by, so try bicycling, carpooling, walking or hopping on a Pasadena ARTS bus! The city of Pasadena collaborates with cultural institutions, business districts, the Pasadena Convention and Visitors Bureau and Latino Heritage Association in hosting this popular weekend so thousands of residents and visitors can immerse themselves in our rich cultural scene. For more information visit www.pasadenaartweekend.com or call (800) 307-7977.

Be a Part of History: Register to Vote

DURING THE MARCH 10, 2009, CONSOLIDATED CITY OF PASADENA and Pasadena Unified School District election, voters will choose representatives for City Council Districts 3, 5 and 7, and Board of Education Seats 1, 3, 5 and 7. If necessary, a runoff election will be scheduled on April 21.

You may participate if you're registered to vote. You must be at least 18 years old by the date of the election and a United States citizen. You should re-register if you have moved, changed your name or want to change your political party.

Register in minutes at www.sos.ca.gov/elections or pick up a registration form at the City Clerk's Office at Pasadena City Hall, 100 N. Garfield Ave., Room S228.

If you would like to run for city council and school board this spring, submit nominating papers to the City Clerk's Office from Nov. 17 through Dec. 12.

Find complete election details at www.cityofpasadena.net/cityclerk/election or call 744-4124.

Quick Tip for a Greener, More Sustainable Pasadena

What you can do:

Replace plastic bags with reusable bags made of long-lasting materials. Americans go through 100 billion plastic shopping bags annually.

How we can help:

The city of Pasadena is exploring the feasibility of developing a plastic bag reduction program. Visit www.cityofpasadena.net/greencity and click on Green Events for future meetings.

una condición médica crónica, que viva en una casa de recuperación o en una casa de cuidado a largo plazo, o que viva o cuida de alguien que tiene alto riesgo de complicaciones por la gripa.

Llamar al 744-6012 para mayor información o visite una de las siguientes clínicas:

- Miércoles, 5 de nov., 10 a.m. a 2 p.m. – Pasadena Senior Center, 85 E. Holly St. 685-6724.
- Miércoles, 12 de nov., 10 a.m. a 2 p.m. – Centro Comunitario Villa-Parke, 363 E. Villa St. 744-6530.
- Miércoles, 19 de nov., 10 a.m. a 2 p.m. – Centro Jackie Robinson, 1020 N. Fair Oaks Ave. 744-7300.

Un Gran Fin de Semana Cultural

- ArtNight Pasadena (Noche de Arte de Pasadena), con entrada gratis a Norton Simon Museum, Museo Pacífico Asiático y a 10 otros lugares de arte y cultura, el viernes 10 de octubre de 6 a 10 p.m.
 - ArtWalk (Caminata de Arte) en el Playhouse District sábado 11 de octubre, desde las 11 a.m. a 5 p.m., incluyen show de arte y ventas, entretenimiento al vivo y un día gratis en el museo.
 - ArtHeritage (Herencia de Arte), desfile de la Herencia Latina y de Jamaica (se pronuncia ha-mai-ka) sábado 12 de octubre, desde las 11 a.m. a 5 p.m. El desfile empieza en la avenida Los Robles al norte de la Washington Boulevard y termina en el parque La Pintoresca para todas las otras celebraciones.
 - ArtMarket (Mercado de Arte) en el patio de One Colorado el domingo desde las 10 a.m. a 5 p.m. ofreciendo trabajos de estudiantes, profesores y graduados del Colegio de Diseño y Centro de Arte de Pasadena City Collage.
 - ArtPerformance (Las actuaciones de Arte), con música al vivo al aire libre en Old Pasadena el domingo desde el medio día hasta las 5 p.m. presentando a nuevos talentos y talentos reconocidos nacionalmente.
- Para mayor información llame (800) 307-7977 o visite www.pasadenaartweekend.com.

¡La Línea de Escasez de Agua es un Éxito!

Mientras el abastecimiento de agua de Pasadena está en un nuevo bajo, miles de galones han sido salvados gracias a los ciudadanos preocupados que han llamado a la Línea de escasez de agua de PWP. Nuestras gracias sinceras van al casi 500 personas que llamaron al 744-8888 para reportar regaderas rotas, la irrigación súper entusiasmada, los vecinos que riegan las aceras y más. PWP responde inmediatamente a cada llamada y, en la mayoría de los casos, el ofensor está contento que nosotros los hemos puesto sobre aviso al problema. El Ayuntamiento de Pasadena declaró una escasez de agua proyectada en diciembre, llamando a todos nosotros para parar el desecho antes que las restricciones sean obligatorias. Para reportar desechos de agua, deje un recado al 744-8888, detallando el tipo de desecho, la dirección y el tiempo de la ocurrencia.



Commissions Follow City Issues

PASADENA IS FORTUNATE TO HAVE 20 ACTIVE COMMISSIONS, committees and advisory boards that focus their attention on our community's biggest challenges. Agendas are posted at www.cityofpasadena.net/commissions and all meetings are open to the public.

Here's a look at three of our commissions.

Northwest Commission

Since 1985 the Northwest Commission has been working to improve the quality of life for Pasadena's Northwest community. This fall, the commission is creating five new committees focused on specific goals. A Healthy Communities group will work on creating safe, clean and healthy neighborhoods; the Economic Development team will work on business retention and expansion plus employment opportunities; the Housing team will advocate for affordable and workforce housing plus improvements to existing homes; a Land Use and Zoning group will plan out a harmonious blend of residential, commercial and industrial areas; and the Parks and Open Space committee will champion safe parks and open space, including full use of the Hahamongna Watershed Park.

To participate in the conversation, attend a commission meeting the second and fourth Thursday of every month at 6:30 p.m. at Jackie Robinson Center, 1020 N. Fair Oaks Ave. Call 744-4791 for more information.

Human Relations Commission

With the goal of eliminating prejudice, intolerance and discrimination throughout Pasadena, the Human Relations Commission meets the first Tuesday of every month at 6:30 p.m. at Jackie Robinson Center.

The commission's annual essay contest is a great way to engage the next generation: All students and teachers from public and private high school in Pasadena are invited to write about "How Can I Improve Human Relations in Pasadena?" Cash prizes are awarded to the top three entries and 10 honorable mention winners. Call 744-4234 for an information packet.

You can also lend your voice to an important dialogue on immigration. The commission is planning a series of films, forums, discussions and creative events aimed at humanizing immigration and helping us get to know each other. Call 744-4234.

Accessibility and Disability Commission

Sidewalk curb ramps, accessible park restrooms, assistive listening machines at Pasadena Central Library, accessible pedestrian signals throughout the community and room labels in Braille at City Hall: The Accessibility and Disability Commission has been working steadily for 18 years to help everyone fully enjoy Pasadena. The commission meets the first Tuesday of every month at 3 p.m. in the Grand Conference Room at City Hall (basement room S038) to identify access problems and recommend solutions to the City Council. Most recently, the commission pushed for more readable signs along Metro Gold Line platforms and training for cab drivers in serving people with guide dogs.

There may be a spot for you on one of the commission's active subcommittees. Call 744-4782 to volunteer.



Big Read Celebrates a Jack London Classic

FOLLOW "THE CALL OF THE WILD" TO YOUR NEIGHBORHOOD LIBRARY.

With a grant from the National Endowment for the Arts to The Huntington Library, Art Collections and Botanical Gardens, a Big Read celebration of Jack London's classic novel will feature discussions, films and special events throughout the community. Pasadena Public Library is pleased to partner with The Huntington in this effort.

Published in 1903 and considered London's masterpiece, The Call of the Wild is the story of a pampered suburban dog named Buck that is kidnapped and sold to pull sleds during the Klondike gold rush. Forced to survive in the frozen wilderness, his primitive instincts return.

Group discussions are scheduled through Oct. 25 at all Pasadena libraries; visit your nearest branch for details or order a book club kit with 12 copies and discussion guidelines for you and your friends, neighbors or coworkers.

Once you've finished the novel, stop by the Donald R. Wright Auditorium at Pasadena Central Library every Wednesday at 1 p.m. for the Jack London Film Series featuring Clark Gable in 1935's "The Call of the Wild" on Oct. 8, Ethan Hawke in 1991's "White Fang" on Oct. 22, Charlie Chaplin in 1925's "The Gold Rush" on Oct. 29 and more.

Storyteller Jim Cogan will reenact London's exciting tales Thursday, Oct. 9, at 9:30 a.m. at Pasadena Central Library, 11 a.m. at La Pintoresca Branch Library, 1 p.m. at Santa Catalina Branch Library and 3:30 p.m. at Hastings Branch Library.

During a special Jack London Myth & Maverick celebration Friday, Oct. 10, from 6 to 10 p.m. at Pasadena Central Library, enjoy a Jack London impersonator, games, crafts, music, exhibits and sled dogs from Adventure Quest Institute and an award ceremony for the Jack London short story contest that was held in September.

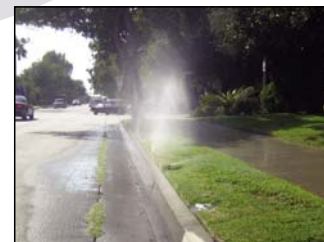
Alaska's Fiddling Poet Ken Waldman will wrap up the celebration Wednesday, Oct. 29, at 10:30 a.m. at San Rafael Branch Library, noon at Allendale Branch Library, 1:30 p.m. at Hill Avenue Branch Library and 3:30 p.m. at Lamanda Park Branch Library.

For more information visit www.cityofpasadena.net/library or call 744-4066.

PASADENA Water & Power

Does Your Lawn Have a Spotty Record?

BROWN SPOTS ON LAWNS CAN MAKE HOMEOWNERS SEE RED, but they don't give a green light to overwater. Typical sprinkler heads spray unevenly, thus the pesky patches of brown grass that drive too many Pasadenans to shift their irrigation schedule to the overkill mode. Rather than drowning your lawn, a better solution would be to replace the old sprinkler heads with new "precision rotating sprinkler nozzles." They have a unique multi-trajectory design that applies water much more uniformly. Also, their rotating streams are more wind resistant and irrigate slowly, which allows the water to soak into the ground rather than run off wastefully onto streets and sidewalks. In most cases, a landscape professional can replace your old sprinkler heads with these efficient nozzles without having to dig up any of the existing system. PWP currently offers a \$5 rebate for each rotating nozzle (retail value runs about \$7) and lists distributors on its website at www.cityofpasadena.net/savewater.



Help Plan Pasadena's Energy Future

PWP WILL HOST THE SECOND OF FOUR PUBLIC FORUMS on the Integrated Resources Plan (IRP) Wednesday, Oct. 15, at 6:30 p.m. Pasadena Senior Center, 85 E. Holly Street.

The IRP is our roadmap for meeting the community's energy needs over the next 20 years, so please let us know how we can meet your needs as well as Pasadena's sustainability goals while maintaining reliable, safe and affordable electric service to all customers.

For more information and meeting updates, visit www.cityofpasadena.net/irp.



Water Shortage Hotline a Success!

WHILE PASADENA'S WATER SUPPLY IS AT A NEW LOW, thousands of gallons have been saved thanks to the concerned citizens who have called PWP's Water Shortage Hotline. Our sincere thanks go to the nearly 500 callers who have dialed 744-8888 to report broken sprinkler heads, overzealous irrigation, neighbors hosing down sidewalks and more. PWP responds promptly to each call and, in most cases, the offender is glad we've alerted them to the problem. The Pasadena City Council declared a projected water shortage in December, calling on all of us to stop waste before mandatory restrictions are needed. To report waste, leave a message at 744-8888 detailing the type of waste and exact address and time of the occurrence.



The Power of 10



PWP KICKED OFF ITS "POWER OF 10 CHALLENGE" IN early August, mailing 53,000 energy-saving starter kits to every household in Pasadena. The campaign challenges all Pasadenans to help the city cut 10,000 tons of annual carbon emissions by replacing 10 regular bulbs with 10 energy-saving bulbs and telling 10 friends to do the same. Your family can pledge to make the switch at www.cityofpasadena.net/CFL.

The free starter kit, which includes two free compact fluorescent light bulbs (CFLs) and a \$75 voucher for more, will help you keep that pledge!

Pasadena's pledges will be tracked by Energy Star through their "Change the World, Start with Energy Star" national campaign.



Rebates, Rebates, Rebates!

PWP OFFERS DOZENS OF REBATES TO HELP RESIDENTIAL CUSTOMERS choose energy-efficient products. Most rebates have been available for years; some have recently been increased and others are completely new.

Energy Star Qualified Refrigerator	\$100 to \$150
Refrigerator Recycling Bonus	\$25
Freezer Recycling Bonus	\$35
Energy Star Qualified Ceiling Fan with CFLs	\$40 to \$50
Energy Star Qualified CFLs	\$75 per household
Energy Star Qualified Room Air Conditioner	\$50 to \$75
High Efficiency Central Air Conditioner	\$100 to \$150 per ton
Solar-Powered Attic/Roof Fan	\$90 to \$100
Energy Star Qualified Skylight & Light Tubes	\$175 to \$200
Energy Star Qualified Dual Pane Windows and Doors	\$2 to \$2.50 per square foot
Window Sun Shade Screens	60¢ to 75¢ per square foot
Efficient Pool Pump	up to \$250
Shade Tree	up to \$50 per tree
Solar PV System	up to \$3.50 per watt

If you're a PWP Green Power customer, you'll get an additional bonus rebate on most of the products listed above. Find full program details, rebate applications and a listing of PWP's water-efficiency rebates at www.cityofpasadena.net/rebates.



Don't Fall Back on Bad Habits

WITH COOLER FALL WEATHER ON THE WAY, now is the time to reprogram your sprinkler system and kick that lawn-soaking habit!

Learn how at a free Efficient Irrigation Workshop at Eaton Canyon Nature Center, 1750 N. Altadena Dr. A certified irrigation professional will explain the latest in water-wise technology and explain the best techniques for retaining beautiful grounds while greatly reducing water use.

Three more sessions are available: Saturday, Oct. 25, from 8:30 to 11 a.m.; Wednesday, Oct. 29, from 6:30 to 9 p.m.; and Wednesday, Nov. 12, from 6:30 to 9 p.m.

Online reservations are required at www.cityofpasadena.net/SaveWater. For advice on planting a drought-tolerant garden visit www.bewaterwise.com.

