



Published by the City of Pasadena Public Affairs Office
 aeriman@cityofpasadena.net (626) 744-4755
 City web site: www.cityofpasadena.net
 Mayor: Bill Bogaard. Councilmembers: Jacque Robinson, Margaret McAustin,
 Chris Holden, Steve Haderlein, Victor Gordo, Steve Madison, Sid Tyler

PRSR STD
 U.S. POSTAGE
PAID
 PASADENA, CA
 PERMIT #484

City Hall Is Nearly Complete – It's Time to Celebrate!

AFTER NEARLY THREE YEARS, PASADENA CITY HALL IS GRADUALLY GETTING BACK TO BUSINESS. City offices are moving back into the building over a two-month period that will continue through the end of June.

The City Manager's Office, Mayor and City Council, Field Representatives, Public Affairs Office, Finance Department and most of the Public Works Department administrative offices have already moved back into City Hall.

The remaining move-back schedule: City Clerk's Office, Human Services and Recreation, Planning and Development's Economic Development and Redevelopment sections, Fire and Police Retirement System and Human Resources will be back on May 14; Public Works Engineering/ Construction, City Attorney's Office and City Prosecutor's Office will be back May 21; Municipal Services (utility payments, parking tickets, business/ animal licenses) will be back June 4; and several offices that provide internal services to employees will be back by June 25.

And then we'll be ready to celebrate! Please join us **Sunday, July 15**, from 5:30 to 9 p.m. for a special celebration that will welcome the community back to City Hall. From 5:30 to 7 p.m. there will be street performers, special exhibits, strolling musicians, storytellers, children's activities and much more to entertain you while you get some dinner from food vendors (or bring a picnic dinner). At 7:30 p.m., a concert by the Pasadena Pops will begin. With the theme "Music Under the Stars," it promises to be a delightful evening!

The following **Sunday, July 22**, from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m., come back to City Hall for tours conducted by Pasadena Heritage, live music, refreshments, special exhibits about the retrofit and restoration of the building, historical exhibits, children's activities, video presentations and more. Formal tours of the building are very rare, so don't miss this great opportunity!

For more information visit www.cityofpasadena.net/cityhall or call 744-4000.



This year, Pasadena residents will join thousands around the country as part of a nationwide celebration of National Historic Preservation Month in May. As part of that celebration, the Historic Preservation Commission will sponsor the Pasadena

Historic Preservation Recognition Awards, honoring those who have done outstanding preservation and restoration work on their residential and commercial properties. Call 744-7310 for more information.

Our public works – construction and engineering projects carried out on behalf of the community – are renowned as well, including the retrofit and restoration of Pasadena City Hall and the new Viña Vieja Park.

May 20 to 26 is National Public Works Week, a great opportunity for local residents to learn more about major public works projects that are in Pasadena.

For a copy of the Public Works Department's most recent annual report, call 744-4593 or visit www.cityofpasadena.net/publicworks.

Etcetera ... Etcetera

✦ **Cut smog and traffic, save money and feel great** – with a bike! Learn more during Bike Week Pasadena from May 14 to 19. Community rides, workshops, commuter expo and more. www.BikeNow.org or (323) 478-0060.

✦ **Help adults learn to read and write.** Free training May 15, 17, 22 and 24, 6:30 to 9:30 p.m. at La Pintoresca Branch Library, 1355 N. Raymond Ave. 744-4034

✦ **Pasadena Heritage will offer walking tours of Ambassador campus** Saturday, May 19, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. to celebrate Historic Preservation Month. 441-6333 or www.pasadenaheritage.org to reserve \$20/\$25 tickets.

✦ **Tour the historic Castle Green**, 99 S. Raymond Ave., from parlor to penthouse Sunday, June 3, 1 to 5 p.m. \$20 tickets help restore the 109-year-old landmark. Children 12 and under are free. 577-6765.

✦ **Police and Citizens Awards Luncheon** honors local heroes Thursday, June 7, 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. at the Ritz-Carlton Huntington Hotel, 1401 S. Oak Knoll Ave. Tickets are \$40. 744-4551.

✦ **Summer Reading Club for kids and teens** starts June 16 at all Pasadena public libraries. "Get a Clue" sign up! Prizes,

special shows, activities and more. www.cityofpasadena.net/library (click on Kids/Teens) or 744-4066.

✦ **More than 600 artists will produce colorful murals** during Pasadena Chalk Festival on Saturday and Sunday, June 16 and 17, 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. at Paseo Colorado. Proceeds benefit community arts programs. www.pasadenachalkfestival.com or 795-9100.

✦ **Los Angeles Opera's free Young Artists in Concert** is Wednesday, June 27, 7 p.m. at Pasadena Central Library, 285 E. Walnut St. 744-4066.

✦ **Americafest 2007 at the Rose Bowl Stadium** is Wednesday, July 4. BBQ court opens at noon; California Philharmonic concert is at 7 p.m., followed by a fireworks spectacular. \$12 admission; children 7 and under are free. Tickets go on sale May 30. www.ticketmaster.com or (213) 480-3232. Parking \$20.

✦ **Need help with cooking?** Pasadena Meals on Wheels offers two meals a day for \$5.50 delivered Monday through Friday by friendly volunteers. There is no age or income limit. 449-6815.

✦ **Interested in sharing cultures?** Open your home to an exchange student from Germany, Finland or

Japan for a week this July or August. Call the Pasadena Sister Cities Committee at 797-1909.

For more information about Pasadena's sister cities, visit www.pasadenasistercities.org.

✦ **The Americans with Disabilities Act requires** the city to make reasonable accommodations so that everyone has access to city services and city jobs. Suggestions or concerns? Call our access coordinator at 744-4782.

✦ **All you need is a big smile and a caring spirit** and you'll fit right in at the information kiosk at Pasadena City Hall. Each volunteer works one five-hour shift a week. 744-4748.

✦ **Residents with hearing impairments** who have a TTY can call the city at 744-4371 for quick and friendly answers during regular business hours.

✦ **Correction:** A March/April article about e-bikes should have included Pasadena Transportation Department as a sponsor. We regret the error. For details visit www.mygo-pasadena.com.

✦ **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.

Join the Shopping Cart Patrol!

SHOPPING CARTS ARE A GREAT HELP AT THE SUPERMARKET, but they do not belong on sidewalks and parkways. Abandoned shopping carts are a hazard to traffic and pedestrians and can quickly become eyesores in any neighborhood.

Shopping carts are the property of supermarkets and should not be taken from the premises under any circumstances. Anyone who consistently takes shopping carts off private store property should consider using a foldable, personal grocery cart instead. They are low-cost, easy to use, have sturdy wheels especially designed for concrete sidewalks and don't clutter Pasadena's neighborhoods.

If you see a lone cart during your daily travels, call the shopping cart hotline at 744-8CART to have it picked up within 24 hours.

For more information go to www.cityofpasadena.net and click on Lookin' Good Pasadena.



Get Up and Moving!

WHAT BETTER WAY TO ENJOY PASADENA'S TREES THAN TO WALK around the community? Strap on your shoes, grab your family and friends, and do something great for your health!

Up & Moving Pasadena encourages fitness and good health throughout the community. Sponsored by the city of Pasadena, Pasadena Unified School District, local businesses and non-profit organizations, the program provides support and incentives for groups (friends, coworkers, retirees, moms with babies in strollers – you name it!) who create walking programs. Groups determine their own routes, schedules and goals.

A celebratory Up & Moving Pasadena 5K walk around the Rose Bowl Stadium and Brookside Golf Course is scheduled Saturday, May 12, for groups and individuals. There is no cost to walkers, and everyone who signs up will receive free goodies (including T-shirts!). Registration will begin at 7 a.m. and the walk will start at 9 a.m.

For more information or to sign up for the free Up & Moving 5K walk, visit www.upandmoving.org or call 432-1508.

While you're at it, don't miss www.EatWellLiveBetter.org. This popular website, also available in Spanish and Chinese, can help you stay healthy and active. Look for tips on nutrition and physical activity, healthy recipes, food pyramid and food labeling information, fitness guidelines and online tools including a body mass index (BMI) calculator. You can also search for the nearest park, playground, nutrition or sports program, personalized to where you live, work and play.

No excuses – get up and moving, Pasadena!

Noticias En Breve

iNos estamos moviendo de nuevo a la Municipalidad de Pasadena!

La Municipalidad de Pasadena vuelve gradualmente al negocio. Las oficinas de la ciudad se están moviendo nuevamente al edificio sobre un período que continuará hasta finales de Junio.

La Oficina del Alcalde, la Oficina del Administrador Municipal, la Oficina de Actividades Públicas, Oficinas de los Representantes, el Departamento de Finanzas y la mayor parte de las oficinas administrativas ya se han movido nuevamente al edificio de la municipalidad.

La Oficina de la Secretaria Municipal, el Departamento de Servicios Humanos y Recreación, el Departamento de Recursos Humanos, el Departamento de Desarrollo Económico y Reurbanización, el Departamento de Jubilación de Policías/Bomberos regresarán el 14 de Mayo; el Departamento de Obras Públicas y Ingeniería/ Construcción, Oficina de Abogados y Oficina del Procurador General de la Ciudad regresarán el 21 de Mayo, Servicios Municipales (pagos de utilidades, multas de estacionamiento, licencias de negocios/animales)

Se continua adentro ...

Good Looks and Better Flow on Arroyo Parkway

ARROYO PARKWAY IS IN FOR A MAJOR FACELIFT THIS SUMMER, creating a scenic gateway into Pasadena. Learn more at a community meeting Thursday, June 28, at 6 p.m. in the cafeteria at Blair High School, 1201 S. Marengo Ave.



Supervised by the Public Works Department, the Arroyo Parkway Enhancement Project will include new medians with palm trees and lush landscaping, distinctive crosswalks, smooth rubberized asphalt, and sidewalk, curb and gutter replacements. Watch for construction to start this summer between Colorado and California boulevards, with completion set for this fall. Work will continue along Arroyo Parkway between California Boulevard and Glenarm Street in January 2008, with completion scheduled later that fall.

The enhancement project is part of a major effort to cut traffic congestion caused by the gap in the 710 Freeway. A set of eight public works projects are intended to move traffic away from neighborhoods and onto major streets by improving mobility.

For more information and updates, visit www.cityofpasadena.net/publicworks and click on Engineering, or call 744-6736.

Follow the Rules for Portable Storage

PORTABLE STORAGE CONTAINERS (PODS, FOR EXAMPLE) are a convenient way to store your stuff temporarily during home improvement projects. But remember that before you set one up on private property, you'll need a temporary conditional use permit from the city's Permit Center at 175 N. Garfield Ave. Permits are \$89.50 and are valid for 45 days (they can be renewed).

If the storage unit will be in the public right-of-way – at the curb, for instance – you'll need an encroachment permit instead and a pre-inspection from the Public Works Department's Engineering Services counter at City Hall. Call 744-4195 for more information.

Whether it's on private or public property, your container must not block access to your garage or carport. These rules help ensure that the units are placed safely and that they don't become permanent fixtures in our neighborhoods.

For more information call the Code Compliance Division of the Planning and Development Department at 744-4633.



Hundreds of Ideas for Summer Fun

GET ACTIVE, GET FIT AND HAVE SOME FUN this summer – we'll show you how!

Pick up a copy of the 2007 spring/summer recreation brochure at any Pasadena community center or public library. Published by the Human Services and Recreation Department, it's brimming with summer activities for all ages and abilities. Try aerobics, aquatics, arts and crafts, basketball, computers, dance, day camps, dog obedience, drill team, flag football, fly casting, gymnastics, horsemanship, in-line skating, martial arts, nutrition, sewing, sleepover camps, soccer, softball, tennis, track – and more! There's even an adaptive recreation component for disabled children, teens and adults. You can also get a catalog by visiting www.cityofpasadena.net and clicking on Spring/Summer Recreation Guide or calling 744-6940.

regresarán Junio 4; y varias oficinas que proporcionan servicios internos a los empleados estarán de regreso antes de Junio 25.

Por favor acompañenos el Domingo, Julio 15, de 5:30 a 9pm para una celebración especial que le da la bienvenida a la comunidad de nuevo a la municipalidad. A partir de las 5:30 a 7pm habrán músicos paseantes, narradores de historias, actividades para niños, vendedores de alimento y mucho más. A las 7:30pm empezará el concierto gratuito de la Orquesta Pasadena POPS.

El Domingo, Julio 22, de 3 a 6pm, regrese para una visita guiada del edificio de la Municipalidad conducidas por Pasadena Heritage cada 15 minutos (la última visita empezará a las 5 p.m.). ¡Las visitas formales del edificio son muy raras, así que no pierda esta gran oportunidad!

Para más información llame al 744-7073 o visite www.cityofpasadena.net/cityhall.

¡Unase a la Patrulla de Carritos de Compras!

Los carritos de compra son una gran ayuda en el supermercado, pero no pertenecen en las aceras y avenidas. Los carritos de compras abandonados son un peligro para el tráfico y los peatones y rápidamente pueden llegar a ser monstruosidades en cualquier vecindario.

Los carritos de compras son la propiedad de supermercados y no deben ser tomados del local bajo cualquier circunstancia. Cualquiera que toma coherentemente carritos de compra de las tiendas debería considerar utilizar su propio carrito plegable de compras. Son de bajo costo, fáciles de utilizar, tienen ruedas firmes especialmente diseñado para aceras de concreto y no llena los vecindarios de Pasadena.

Si usted ve un carrito de compras abandonado durante sus viajes diarios, llame a la línea directa de carritos de compras al 744-8CART y los recogen dentro de 24 horas.

Para más información visite www.cityofpasadena.net y oprima el icono de Lookin' Good Pasadena.

Etcétera, etcétera...

"Consigue una Pista" y unase al Club de Lectura del Verano para los niños y jóvenes que empieza Junio 16, en todas las bibliotecas de Pasadena. Gane un premio cada semana, y mire las demostraciones y actividades especiales, llame al 744-4066 o www.PasadenaPublicLibrary.net /librarykids.

Pasadena tiene cero tolerancia para el grafiti, y estamos cometidos a quitar el grafiti dentro de 24 horas una vez lo haya reportado. Llame a la Línea de Grafiti al 744-7622 a cualquier momento para darnos la dirección, una descripción y otros detalles.

Pasadena Captures Consecutive Tree City USA Awards



photo: Zack Stromberg

MORE THAN 85,000 TREES STRONG, Pasadena recently won its sixth straight Tree City USA Growth Award, its seventh Tree City USA designation and its fifth Tree Line USA Award from the National Arbor Day Foundation.

The prestigious honors recognize cities throughout the U.S. that are committed to running top-notch community forestry programs. The Growth Award is for programs that are expanding, and Tree Line USA honors Pasadena Water and Power for its superior program for keeping tree branches from interfering with overhead utility lines.

Why all the effort? Pasadena's lush urban forest gives our community its character and ambience. Well-maintained trees beautify our streets, help clean the air, shade our buildings, boost property values and reduce storm water runoff.

The Public Works Department's urban forestry program cares for more than 60,000 street trees and 25,000 park trees, trimming them on a regular cycle and replacing about 600 each year that have died from age or disease. The team maintains an intricate street-tree database, oversees the city's tree protection ordinance and runs an active public outreach program. In 2006 the team added six acres of oak woodland to our city's protected open space, devised a plan to relocate priceless trees from the Ambassador College campus and continued to train arborists with the latest techniques.

PWP, with its own certified arborist, works hard to clear branches and roots safely away from power lines to prevent outages while carefully nurturing each tree. PWP also educates customers on planting the right trees in the right places, sponsors free workshops and runs a popular shade trees rebate program.

For more information on Pasadena's Urban Forestry program, visit www.cityofpasadena.net/publicworks or call 744-4321; for more information about PWP programs, visit www.cityofpasadena.net/waterandpower or call 744-6970.



A Little Peace and Quiet

IS A BARKING DOG DRIVING YOU NUTS? Need a little peace and quiet? Learn how to get help with barking dogs and other excessive noise in your neighborhood during a free community meeting Wednesday, June 20, at 6 p.m. in the board room at Pasadena Humane Society, 361 S. Raymond Ave.

This is the first in a series of quarterly meetings sponsored by the Pasadena Code Enforcement Commission and is intended to explain city laws and how they can help improve your quality of life.

This session will offer solutions for barking dogs and provide an explanation of Pasadena Public Health Department's role in enforcing the city's noise ordinance. There will be plenty of time for questions and answers.

You don't need a reservation to attend. For more details, call 744-7545.



A Boost for Summer Travel

MAKE SURE THE FIRST STOP ON YOUR OVERSEAS VACATION is Pasadena Public Health Department's Travel Clinic.

One of the most comprehensive and low-cost facilities of its kind in Southern California, the clinic offers a full range of immunizations, medications and answers to your questions to help make your summer trip a healthy one. The clinic can also update some childhood immunizations you didn't think you needed anymore.

To meet summer demand, the Travel Clinic recently expanded its hours and is now open Monday through Thursday from 1:15 to 4:30 p.m., and Tuesday through Thursday mornings from 8:15 to 10:45 a.m. Appointments are not necessary during these walk-in hours and there's no required consultation visit or separate exam fee. Immunizations can be paid by cash, check or credit card.

For complete details, including a list of popular destinations and recommended immunizations for those areas, call 744-7445 or visit www.cityofpasadena.net/publichealth.



Travel Planning Online

PLANNING A TRIP BUT DON'T WANT TO DEAL WITH A TRAVEL AGENT? Plan your trip via the Internet!

Whether you're going up the coast, cross-country or overseas, there are secure, online travel sites that may help you save a few bucks while you build your custom itinerary.

Learn more about it during a free workshop Saturday, May 19, at 10:30 a.m. at Allendale Branch Library, 1130 S. Marengo Ave. For more information, call 744-7260.

Get the Lead Out!

LEAD IS, UNFORTUNATELY, ALL AROUND US. The metal can make its way into your body through exposure to old paint, contaminated soil and dust, workplace equipment and hobbies, products from overseas and even tap water.

Pasadena's water almost never carries any detectable amount of lead. However, lead can dissolve into your tap water from your own plumbing. This can happen in any home – whether you have copper or galvanized steel pipes – and with old and new fixtures. While ingestion is dangerous for anyone, lead is particularly harmful to young children whose developing bodies and nervous systems can be severely affected.

You can protect yourself by allowing the faucet to run for about a minute before using it for drinking or cooking. (This is necessary first thing in the morning or any time water has been standing in pipes for several hours.) You can conserve the running water by catching it in a pitcher or bucket and using it to water plants or wash dishes.

You should also talk to your doctor about testing your children. The Centers for Disease Control and the American Academy of Pediatrics have called for children to have blood tests for lead poisoning at ages 1 and 2, or any time before age 6 if they have never been tested. Tests are covered by private insurance and Medi-Cal.

For more information about lead, call Pasadena Public Health Department's Childhood Lead Poisoning Program at 744-6171. If you have questions about your water supply, call PWP at 744-7011.



Save Water and Money

PWP IS CELEBRATING WATER AWARENESS MONTH in style by offering increased rebates for high efficiency (HE) washing machines.

During the month of May only, each residential water customer can receive a rebate of up to \$400 for the purchase of an HE washing machine with a water factor of 6.0 gallons per cycle or less. The washers use up to 50 percent less water and 40 percent less energy!

PWP also offers rebates of up to \$265 for high-efficiency, dual-flush toilets that can save as much as 2,250 gallons of water each year for the average household.

Simply purchase and install one or more of these water-saving appliances in May and submit a rebate application no later than June 15, 2007. For an application, list of qualifying appliances and more water-saving ideas, visit www.PWPweb.com or call 744-6970.



Couple Taps into the Sun for Energy Savings



Robert Nelson and Marguerite Renner stand outside their solar powered home

RELIABLE, POLLUTION-FREE AND MORE AFFORDABLE THAN EVER, a solar electric system may be just what you need to tame your monthly power bills.

Just ask Robert Nelson and Marguerite Renner, who celebrated the New Year by installing a 13-panel photovoltaic (PV) system at their 94-year-old home in Bungalow Heaven. The couple's roofer put them in touch with a solar contractor who tipped them off to PWP's solar incentive, which offers rebates of up to \$3.50 per watt installed, to a maximum of \$8,000, for residential customers.

"The bottom line is that PWP is helping you make an investment that will add value to your home while helping to reduce greenhouse gases," Nelson said. The couple is aiming for a zero-balance electric bill by the end of the year.

Participants in this program also qualify for "net metering," which causes their electric meters to run backwards when their solar systems generate more power than the customers need!

"My wife and I are at work during the day and there's no one home but the dog and three cats," said Nelson, a senior research scientist at JPL. "We're glad to know we're putting electricity back into the city grid at a time when PWP would have to pay a high price to import it."

Visit PWP's website or call the PWP AnswerLine (see bottom of column) for complete details, including federal tax credit information, a list of local installers and more.



Attention, Green Thumbs!

BACK BY POPULAR DEMAND, PWP is offering residential water customers a workshop covering landscape design, California Friendly and native plants, efficient irrigation systems, watering and fertilizing.

Don't miss this free workshop Saturday, June 23, from 8 a.m. to noon at Eaton Canyon Nature Center. All materials are provided. Seating is limited and reservations are required. Call 744-3715 today!



Summer is the Season for Saving Water.

SUMMER IS COMING, WHICH MEANS IT'S TIME TO CONSERVE WATER! Follow these household tips from PWP:

- Check your water meter to see if there are any leaks. If it's spinning and there's no water being used, there is probably an undetected leak somewhere.
- Have a plumber check your household water pressure. If it is over 80 psi, have a pressure regulator installed outside.
- While waiting for the shower to warm up, catch the cold water in a container to use on outside plants.
- Turn off the water while brushing your teeth or while shaving.
- When washing dishes by hand, use the least amount of detergent possible. If you have two sinks, fill one with rinse water.
- If you only have one sink, use a spray device or short blasts instead of letting the water run.
- Keep a bottle of drinking water in the refrigerator to avoid running the faucet to cool the water.
- Defrost frozen foods without running water. Either plan ahead by placing frozen items in the refrigerator overnight or defrost them in the microwave.
- Clean vegetables by rinsing them in a filled sink or pan.
- Use the garbage disposal less and garbage can more.
- Run only full loads in the washing machine and dishwasher. If you only have a few dishes, it's better to wash them in the sink.