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- ✦ **Get your pooch a low-cost \$6 rabies shot** Thursday, July 12, 7 to 8:30 p.m. at Victory Park, 2575 Paloma St., or Pasadena Humane Society, 361 S. Raymond Ave. Dog licenses will be sold. 744-6004.
- ✦ **Pasadena Heritage throws its biggest party of the year** Saturday, July 14, 6 to 11 p.m. on the Colorado Street Bridge. \$5-\$15; children 6 and under are free. 441-6333 or www.pasadenaheritage.org.
- ✦ **Pasadena Police Officers Association's 36th Annual Family Variety Show** features all new entertainment Sunday, July 22, 2 p.m. at Pasadena City College. \$40 per immediate family. For tickets call 577-2201.
- ✦ **Help improve the quality of life** in your neighborhood. Register by Aug. 10 for Pasadena Neighborhood Leadership Institute sponsored by the city's Neighborhood Connections Office. The free class meets weekly from Sept. 11 to Nov. 6. 744-7290.
- ✦ **Meet a visiting exchange student** and enjoy music and refreshments at the Pasadena Sister Cities Committee's Japan Night on Thursday, Aug. 16, 7 p.m. at Boys & Girls Club, 3230 E. Del Mar Blvd. 744-4598.
- ✦ **Free concerts at Memorial Park's Levitt Pavilion** continue Wednesdays through Sundays until Sept. 2. Call 683-3230 or visit www.levittpavilion-pasadena.org.
- ✦ **Control mosquitos in your backyard pond** this summer with free fish from Pasadena Public Health Department. Bring an empty container to 1845 N. Fair Oaks Ave. during regular hours. Call 744-6004 for details.
- ✦ **Volunteer with the Arroyo Seco Stream Team** and help restore the ecosystem! Weekly activities include water quality monitoring, tree planting, trash pick-up and more. www.arroyoseco.org or 304-3417.
- ✦ **Because of declining need**, the city's Child Health and Disability Prevention Clinic has closed. A weekly children's vaccine clinic is still available Mondays from 1 to 3 p.m. Call 744-6136 for an appointment.
- ✦ **Plans are in the works for a Pasadena marathon and Bike Tour** in fall 2008, benefiting Pasadena Forward and other non-profits. Give your opinion at www.pasadenamarathon.org or call 797-7238.
- ✦ **Pasadena has zero tolerance for graffiti** and we're committed to removing it within 48 hours once it's reported. Call 744-7622 and give us the address, description and other details.
- ✦ **If you're 65 or older**, call the Senior Center's Fall Prevention Program at 685-6755 to have a volunteer check your home for hazards. You'll get free night lights from PWP and more.
- ✦ **Illegal signs are a big source of clutter in neighborhoods**, advertising everything from yard sales to gun shows. Stapling, taping or otherwise affixing these signs to telephone poles, street trees and light standards is illegal and citations can be costly. 744-4633.
- ✦ **How should grants be distributed** to help our community? Tell us by filling out a needs assessment from the city's Human Services and Northwest commissions. Call 744-6937 or 744-4791, or visit www.cityofpasadena.net/humanservices for a copy.
- ✦ **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.

Be Prepared for Anything

NOW MORE THAN EVER, PASADENA IS READY FOR ANY EMERGENCY. From our police officers and firefighters to our water and power and public works crews, every city department has a detailed plan in place to help Pasadena survive nearly any human-caused or natural disaster. Even our beloved Pasadena City Hall has reopened with some of the best seismic safety features you'll ever see. But that doesn't let residents off the hook! After a catastrophic, regional disaster, you and your neighbors may need to care for yourselves for up to 72 hours until help arrives. Be prepared with these tips:



PERT training includes search and rescue

- Check www.cityofpasadena.net (click on Emergency Preparedness) for information on everything from handling pets to evacuating your home.
- While you're there, watch "The First 72 Hours" via streaming video or view it on 55 KPAS Mondays at 11 a.m., Tuesdays at 1 p.m., Wednesdays at 6:30 p.m., Thursdays at 2 p.m., Fridays at 11:30 a.m., Saturdays at 11 a.m. and Sundays at 2:10 p.m.
- Stock a disaster kit with water, food, flashlights, first aid supplies, radio, extra clothes, cash, toiletries, medication and important documents.
- Call 744-7276 to schedule Pasadena Emergency Response Team (PERT) training in your neighborhood and learn disaster preparedness, first aid, fire suppression and light search and rescue.
- Know your neighbors' special skills - who is a doctor or nurse, an electrician or a child care professional?
- Arrange to help elderly neighbors and those with disabilities.
- After a disaster or emergency, call 744-4000 for special instructions, tune in to an AM radio news channel and check the city's website for updates.

Calling All Teens...

If helping people is your calling, you may be perfect for Pasadena's Police or Fire Department. Find out through the Pasadena Junior Public Safety Academy, a special five-day seminar starting Monday, Aug. 6.

A select group of 40 Pasadena teens ages 14 to 18 will meet face-to-face with police and fire professionals to learn what it takes to wear the badge.

Pasadena police officers will discuss patrol duty, detective work, forensics and the local jail, while firefighters will demonstrate fire safety and survival skills. The teens will visit the Rio Hondo Police & Fire Academy and tour the Rose Bowl Stadium.

Eligible teens must be enrolled in a PUSD school entering 9th through 12th grades, maintain at least a "C" average and turn in a permission slip signed by a parent or guardian.

For more information on this free program, call 744-7651.

... and Kids!

The free Kids' Safety Academy for children ages 6 to 11 and their parents is taught by Pasadena police officers, firefighters and other professionals from city and county agencies.

Every Saturday morning for seven weeks, you'll learn about fire safety, bike safety, nature and animal safety, Internet safety and more. Call 744-7659 to learn when the next academy will begin.

Noticias En Breve

Esté Preparado para Cualquier Cosa

Después de un desastre regional catastrófico, usted y sus vecinos podrían tener que cuidarse por sí mismos por un periodo de hasta 72 horas hasta que les llegue la ayuda. Esté preparado con estos consejos:

- Tenga un botiquín para desastres con agua, comida, linternas, materiales de primeros auxilios, una radio, ropa extra, dinero en efectivo, artículos de tocador, medicinas y documentos importantes.
- Llame al 744-7276 para programar en su vecindario una capacitación del Equipo de Respuesta en Caso de una Emergencia de Pasadena (PERT) siglas en inglés, para aprender como prepararse en caso de un desastre, primeros auxilios, apago de incendios y búsqueda y rescate básico.
- Conozca las destrezas especiales de sus vecinos ¿quién es doctor o enfermera, electricista o un profesional en cuidado de niños?.
- Tome las precauciones necesarias para ayudar a los vecinos de la tercera edad y vecinos con discapacidades.

Se continua adentro . . .

New Bridge Connects Historic Arroyo Trail Loop



photo: Pasadena Dept. of Public Works

PUT YOUR SNEAKERS ON - FLINT WASH BRIDGE IS FINALLY OPEN! Destroyed by fire in 1937, rebuilt and then removed for safety reasons in 1987, the bridge was the missing link between the Flint Wash Trail at Hahamongna Watershed Park and Devil's Gate Dam and the historic Arroyo Seco trail system to the east.

The new and improved bridge now offers year-round access for pedestrians, equestrians and bicyclists, providing spectacular views of Flint Wash, the Arroyo Seco canyon and the San Gabriel Mountains. The bridge creates a full trail loop, a priority in the park's long-term master plan.

Building it was no easy task: The 155-foot-long steel and wood structure was manufactured in Colorado in three sections, trucked to Pasadena overnight, erected on-site and lowered into place by two large cranes. Bridge materials, including a durable tropical wood called Ipe, were chosen to blend with the Arroyo Seco and support environmentally responsible and sustainable forestry practices.

Managed by the Engineering Division and the Parks and Natural Resources Division of the Public Works Department, the \$2 million restoration project was in the works for nearly 10 years and was funded by several grants. Supporters included Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy, Caltrans, Los Angeles County Parks and Open Space District, and California Resources Agency.

For more information call 744-4321.



Jobs at your Fingertips

APPLYING FOR A JOB WITH THE CITY JUST BECAME EASIER! The Human Resources Department's new web-based system lets you apply and track your status online.

To start, go to www.cityofpasadena.net and click on Employment to find current job openings. From there, you can fill out an application online - or multiple applications if you're interested in more than one job. You can even stop right in the middle, save your application and complete it later. Once you've submitted your form, you'll receive a receipt instantly onscreen and by e-mail each time you apply. You can also use the site to check the status of the recruitment process for a particular job.

Don't have Internet access? Free computer workstations are available at Pasadena Central Library and all branches.

You're Invited to Our Grand Reopening Celebrations!

TWO UPCOMING EVENTS WILL WELCOME THE COMMUNITY BACK to Pasadena City Hall, which was closed for three years for a major seismic retrofit and historic restoration.



photo: Zack Stromberg

Sunday, July 15:

From 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. in Centennial Square (in front of City Hall on Garfield Avenue), enjoy special exhibits, jazz musicians, face painters, a stilts performer, artists creating paintings of City Hall and much more. A food court will offer refreshments or you can bring your own picnic. Crowning the evening will be a 7:30 p.m. concert by The Pasadena Pops Orchestra. A fantasy light extravaganza will conclude this unforgettable celebration, which is sponsored by City of Pasadena, Pasadena Arts & Culture Commission, Parsons, Target, Bank of America and JPL/Caltech.

Sunday, July 22:

Come back to City Hall from 3 to 6 p.m. for tours conducted by Pasadena Heritage, live music, refreshments, special exhibits, children's activities and more. Formal tours of the building are very rare, so don't miss this great opportunity! One-hour tours will begin every 20 minutes; the final tour will begin at 5 p.m.

For more information about the events call 744-4755.

You're also welcome to rediscover City Hall during regular working hours. Not sure where offices are? Here's a rundown: (N stands for North and S stands for South)

First Floor:

Municipal Services (utility payments/traffic tickets/business licenses/animal licenses) - N106
 Economic Development/Redevelopment/Film Permits/Special Event Permits - S116
 Workers Compensation - N123
 Human Resources Department (including Benefits) - S135
 Permits for Public Rights of Way - N140

Second Floor:

Fire and Police Retirement System - N204
 City Attorney/City Prosecutor - N210
 City Manager/Public Affairs/City Clerk/Mayor/City Council/Field Representatives - S228
 Human Services and Recreation Department - N255

Third Floor:

Public Works Department - N306
 Purchasing - S328
 Finance Department - S345

For more information about office locations call 744-4000.

Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) improvements are part of the overall rehabilitation of the building. These include a ramp to the Garfield Avenue entrance; two more accessible parking spaces and a curb ramp on Garfield Avenue; an accessible elevator on the Euclid Avenue side of the building; new door lever hardware and automatic openers for many double-leaf doors; accessible counters in reception areas; signage with raised and Braille characters; new handrails in all stairways; alarm system with flashing lights; accessible public speaker podium in council chamber; and more. For a complete list or more information about ADA upgrades call 744-4782.

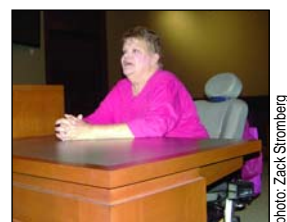


photo: Zack Stromberg

Frances Kitrell prepares to speak at the accessible podium

• Después de una emergencia llámame al 744-4000 para obtener información al día, sintonice su noticiero en la radio AM y revise la página web de la ciudad para obtener información de último momento.

Festejemos la Alcaldía!

El Domingo 15 de Julio de 5:30 - 7:30 p.m. frente a la Alcaldía, van a haber exhibiciones especiales, personas contando cuentos, actividades para niños y mucho más para entretenerlos mientras deleita una rica cena proporcionada por vendedores (o puede traer su propio comida). A las 7:30 p.m. disfrute de un concierto gratis por la Orquesta Pops de Pasadena. Con el tema de "Música Bajo Las Estrellas," esto promete ser una velada encantadora.

Para mayor información sobre estos eventos favor de llamar al (626) 744-4000.

Obedesca las Leyes de los Juegos Artificiales

Mientras el 4 de Julio se avecina, recuerde que es ilegal vender, tener en su posesión o lanzar juegos artificiales en Pasadena sin un permiso. Las personas que no acaten la ley están sujetas a que se los confisquen, le incauten el vehículo, que le pongan una multa y hasta que lo arresten, y los padres e familia son responsables legalmente por cualquier daño o heridas que causen sus hijos (as).

La Policía de Pasadena y el equipo de bomberos harán cumplir la ley las 24 horas al día y confiscarán juegos pirotécnicos ilegales. También habrá patrullas que estarán en busca de actividades sospechosas, peligro de fuego, y señales de inicio de fuego.

Disfrute el día festivo visitando Americafest, El gran espectáculo de los juegos pirotécnicos profesionales en el estadio de Rose Bowl. Visite www.rosebowlstadium.com o llámame al 577-3100 para más detalles. (Como siempre, el Departamento de Bomberos ha rociado los alrededores del estadio con una protección contra incendios que no daña la zona silvestre)

Etcétera, etcétera...

Déle a su perro una vacuna contra la rabia por solo \$6, el Jueves 12 de Julio desde las 7 hasta las 8:30 de la noche en Parque Victory, 2575 Paloma St., o en Pasadena Humane Society, 361 S. Raymond Ave. Se venderán licencias de perro. 744-6004

Aprenda como comprar su primera casa en un taller gratis en español el sábado 28 de julio, desde las 9 a.m. hasta el medio día, En el segundo piso del 649 N. De la avenida Fair Oaks. Reserve su lugar llamando al (877) 795-2455.

Debido a que ha disminuido la necesidad, la Clínica de Salud Infantil y Prevención de la Discapacidad de la Ciudad se ha cerrado. Una clínica de vacunas Infantil aún está disponible los lunes cada semana desde la 1 hasta las 3 de la tarde. Llamé al 744-6136 para hacer una cita.



Keep Your Pool Out of Reach

SADLY, DROWNING REMAINS ONE OF THE LEADING CAUSES OF DEATH for children under five. Prevent tragedy with these tips from Pasadena Fire Department:

- Install a wraparound fence with a self-closing, self-latching gate. Make sure the latch is out of reach of little hands.
- Children are climbers. Keep tables and chairs far away from the pool to prevent them from hopping the fence. Stash enticing pool toys out of sight.
- Lock all doors and windows leading to the pool but remember that there's no substitute for supervision.
- Remove the cover completely when the pool is in use.
- When swimming, never take your eyes off your children. Instruct babysitters, visiting relatives, friends and grandparents to do the same. (Never substitute flotation devices or vests for supervision).
- Keep rescue equipment and a telephone by your pool.
- Learn cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR). Visit www.sgvarc.org for a class schedule or call (626) 799-0841.

For more information about pool safety call (626) 744-7177.



Breeze Through the Summer

ENJOY EASY TRAVEL THIS SUMMER on Pasadena ARTS Buses and let air-conditioned shuttles carry you to every corner of the city. Ride to work or school, go to a shopping district or do some summer sightseeing at Pasadena's parks, libraries, museums and landmarks. The fare is just 50¢ (25¢ for seniors, persons with disabilities and riders in grades K-12). Up to two children under 5 can ride free with a fare-paying adult.

Pick up a route map at Pasadena City Hall, call 744-4055 or visit www.cityofpasadena.net/trans and click on Transit Planning.



Plan Ahead to Park Ticket-Free

THE TRANSPORTATION DEPARTMENT HAS UNVEILED TWO SIMPLE WAYS TO BUY temporary overnight parking permits for just \$3 (they're no longer available by phone).

First, stop by one of five TOPEK machines (it stands for Temporary Overnight Parking Exemption Kiosk) at Pasadena Police Department, 207 N. Garfield Ave.; Fire Station #32, 2424 E. Villa St.; Fire Station #33, 515 N. Lake Ave.; Fire Station #34, 1360 E. Del Mar Blvd.; or Fire Station #36, 1140 N. Fair Oaks Ave.

You can also buy a permit at www.cityofpasadena.net (click on Parking Permits) for \$3 plus a \$1 convenience fee per transaction with your Visa or MasterCard. You'll need to enter your vehicle license plate or VIN number and print out the permit for display in your vehicle.

To be valid, your permit must be purchased before 5:45 a.m. on the first day requested and can be purchased up to 10 days in advance. (You can't buy a permit after receiving a parking citation.) If you need a more permanent parking solution, you can apply for an annual overnight parking permit in room N106 at Pasadena City Hall or by calling 744-4166.

The new system helps streamline our parking enforcement program while decreasing unnecessary tickets. For more information call (800) 317-7177.



No Permit, No Address Painting!

GROUPS OFFERING TO PAINT HOME ADDRESSES ON CURBS ARE NOT AUTHORIZED BY THE CITY of Pasadena unless they have received proper permits and licenses. No murals, emblems, photos or illustrations are allowed – only black numbers on white backgrounds.

Canning Hunger, a non-profit food relief organization, recently received permits to do this work and will place notices on doors in certain neighborhoods asking for a \$10 donation for this service. Please note that a donation is not required in exchange for this service.

For more information call (626) 744-4720.



You May be the First Choice for a Construction Job

PASADENA IS BOOMING AND YOU CAN BE PART OF THE ACTION! Any developer who receives financial incentives from the city, including tax rebates or loans, must agree to have a certain percentage of construction work hours performed by Pasadena residents.

The City Manager's Office is compiling a list of skilled and unskilled residents to share with developers and contractors. For complete details in English and Spanish, or if you'd like to be on the list, visit www.cityofpasadena.net/citymanager and click on First Source Hiring or call 744-4222. The program also offers free workshops to help prepare you for a job with a contractor.

And the Winner is...



photo: Nancy Long

DURING THE GRAND-PRIZE RAFFLE AT PASADENA'S GREENING THE EARTH DAY FESTIVAL, long-time resident Barbara Racki was thrilled to win something sleek and shiny. No, not a new sports car, but a high-efficiency (HE) clothes washer. "I never win anything," she laughs. "My luck must be turning!"

And soon, so will the drum of her new front-loader, which she plans to install in the garage of her 1920s home near Victory Park. Always concerned for the environment, Racki has grown "more so all the time." Her concern brought her to the April 21 Earth Day event, where she picked up conservation tips, turned in her fateful raffle ticket and learned more about Pasadena Water and Power's rebate programs. "My goodness," she said, "you can really save a whole lot of dough!" Inspired, she now has plans to install energy-efficient lights and replace her old toilets with water-saving models.

For her interest, Racki will be rewarded with a Kenmore HE2 Plus washer, which uses 40 percent less energy and 50 percent less water than typical models, saving up to 7,000 gallons per year. HE washers also use less detergent, are gentler on clothes and spin clothes better for shorter drying time.

Buy your own HE washer and you'll be a winner, too! PWP offers rebates of \$200 for residents who buy HE washers with water factors (gallons per cycle) of 6.0 or less.



Historic Power Substation Gets a Boost for Better Service

IT HAS BEEN A WORKHORSE ON ALTADENA DRIVE FOR MORE THAN 70 YEARS and now Pasadena's historic Santa Anita power substation is getting a lift! Pasadena Water and Power is adding three new 34-kilovolt capacitor banks at the landmark facility.

The project was a top priority in PWP's Power Distribution Master Plan, a document adopted in 2005 that targets more than \$100 million worth of vital improvements to enhance service and reliability for generations to come. Priorities include improving system capacity, installing new equipment and replacing aging infrastructure.

Capacitor banks help counterbalance reactive power, a current required by large commercial customers that takes up space on our generators and distribution lines. The capacitors create an opposite kind of reactive power, saving room on the system for real electrical power - the kind our customers use and pay for. The project, set to be completed this summer, also includes a brand new control building and security fencing.



photo: PWP Archives



Save Precious H₂O

FEDERAL CLIMATOLOGISTS ARE PREDICTING THE DRIEST SUMMER SINCE 1878! Southern California's rainfall totals - usually 15 inches - have barely squeaked by the three-inch mark. The City of Pasadena is asking all residents to reduce water use by 10 percent – an average of 20 gallons per person per day. Do your part to conserve by following these tips:

- Turn off the faucet while brushing your teeth or shaving to save six gallons per minute.
- Fix that leak! A steady drip wastes up to 20 gallons per day.
- Use a pool cover to minimize evaporation, saving up to 30 gallons per day.
- Mow your grass less frequently for lower evaporation and less frequent watering.
- Better yet, replace your lawn with drought-tolerant California Friendly plants and ground cover.
- If you have an automatic sprinkler system, check www.bewaterwise.com for a watering calculator. Most of us over-water by 50 percent!
- Water in the early morning - never in the middle of the day.
- Take advantage of PWP rebates to replace old toilets and clothes washers.
- Use a broom instead of a hose on driveways and patios to save up to 150 gallons.
- Only run full loads in your washer and dishwasher.



Don't Dump Old CFLs

COMPACT FLUORESCENT LIGHT BULBS (CFLs) USE 75 PERCENT less energy, save \$30 in power costs and last up to 10 times longer than typical bulbs. They're a great solution for any home and PWP is pleased to offer generous rebates.

When it comes time to replace a CFL, never throw it in the trash! The bulbs contain mercury and should be taken to a hazardous materials drop-off site. For the next Household Hazardous Waste Roundup in our area, visit www.lacsd.org or take old CFLs to the Los Angeles-Glendale S.A.F.E. Collection Center at 4600 Colorado Blvd. in Los Angeles any Saturday or Sunday from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.



Going Green



photo: Nancy Long

PWP'S GETTING A LOT OF MILEAGE OUT OF ITS LATEST CAMPAIGN to promote conservation and rebates! Watch for all-electric, emission-free Toyota RAV-4s driven by PWP staff and wrapped with eye-catching messages.

You can go green, too! Just click on Residential Green Power Program on the PWP website or call the AnswerLine.