

DISTRICT UPDATE



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Dear Friends,

Last week, the City Council adopted an ordinance to ban gas-powered leaf blowers in the City of Pasadena. The ordinance bans gas-powered leaf-blowers in two stages: (1) starting February 28, 2023 for equipment operated by the City; and (2) starting April 28, 2023 for equipment operated by any other person. Given that the pollution associated with two-stroke engines commonly used in gas-powered leaf blowers results in higher toxic emissions than typical automobiles, this is a positive step for our community.

This Thursday morning, Friends Indeed will be hosting the 49th Annual Pasadena Mayor's Interfaith Prayer Breakfast at the Convention Center. You probably know that Friends Indeed is an interfaith organization that provides supportive services to meet basic human needs so that our homeless and at-risk neighbors can rebuild their lives. The annual prayer breakfast hosts hundreds of community members, Pasadena residents, local leaders, and the interfaith community who come together with Mayor Victor M. Gordo for a morning of peace, prayer, and reflection. This year's theme is We Are Stronger Together! The Keynote Speaker is Reyna Grande, Bestselling Author and PCC Alumna. For more information, click [here](#).

Therefore, our regular monthly Thursday Constituent Coffee will take place on the **second Thursday - May**

12th - at Corner Bakery, 345 South Lake Avenue, at 8:00 a.m. I hope to see you there.



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PASADENA HEALTH DEPARTMENT UPDATES COVID-19 EXPOSURE MANAGEMENT PLAN GUIDANCE IN TK-12 SCHOOLS

In order to continue to align with State Protocols, on Friday the Pasadena Health Department updated their Health Order concerning how schools manage exposures. The Order updates the definition of a COVID-19 close contact in alignment with updated California State guidance. It also provides updated quarantine guidance to clarify that while asymptomatic students with an exposure are not required to quarantine, in order to remain on campus, they are required to test within 3-5 days after last exposure and mask around others while indoors, except while eating or drinking, for 10 days after last exposure. These updated masking and testing requirements for asymptomatic exposed students will go into effect on May 5, 2022. See [Exposure Management Plan TK-12](#) for details of the Order revisions.

Although protocols are relaxed, COVID-19 case rates are increasing significantly. Please be sure to take risk mitigation measures accordingly. Free testing is still available daily at Pasadena Chapcare ([Chapcare.org](#)), and those 50 years and older should consider a second booster.

PASADENA NOT IMPACTED BY RECENTLY-ANNOUNCED MWD RESTRICTIONS

You might have heard the announcement recently from the Metropolitan Water District of Southern California that they are cutting water use to one day a week for six agencies that receive MWD water. Pasadena is **not** one of the agencies affected by MWDs decision. These six agencies are State Water Project dependent, which means they depend completely on Northern California water and have limited or no access to Colorado River or local water. The State Water Project has reduced water they are delivering to Southern California. Pasadena continues to receive imported water



from the Colorado River system, and also has the ability to pump groundwater from the Raymond Basin. **Pasadena will remain on its current Level 2 Water Shortage, which restricts watering to 2 days per week during the summer months.**

Pasadena Water and Power urges customers to continue their water conservation efforts to help Pasadena reach the voluntary 15 percent water conservation goal, which Pasadena City Council adopted in August 2021, and take the following steps:

- Ensure compliance with the Level 2 Water Supply Shortage Plan as listed in the Pasadena Municipal Code (PMC) 13.10; more information about the plan and PMC can be found at www.PWPweb.com/wateringschedule
- Follow the Summer Outdoor Watering Schedule, which began April 1, and will continue through October. Outdoor watering must take place before 9 AM or after 6 PM, as follows: Even-numbered addresses water on Mondays and Thursdays. Odd-numbered addresses water on Tuesdays and Fridays
- Replace turf with drought-tolerant and California native plants, which use less water and are more resilient to heat and drought.
- Optimize irrigation systems by retrofitting to a drip irrigation system.
- Repair all leaks and adjust sprinkler spray to avoid water waste.
- Check the soil moisture around plants. Dig down a few inches to see if the soil is still holding moisture.
- Update all water fixtures and appliances to high efficiency models.

For more information about Pasadena's Level 2 Water Supply Shortage Plan or to learn about programs and rebates to help you save water, visit www.PWPweb.com/savewater.

PASADENA INTERIM POLICE CHIEF CHERYL MOODY ANNOUNCES RETIREMENT

Interim Police Chief Cheryl Moody has announced her retirement effective May 23, 2022, after serving the City of Pasadena for nearly 30 years and after five months in her current role.

On Feb. 3, 2020, Moody was promoted to deputy chief with the Pasadena Police Department—the first female in the 130-year history of the department to be promoted to this rank. Chief Moody made history again this past January as the first female to be appointed as the interim chief of the department.

After high school, Chief Moody served three years in the United States Air Force, and then successfully applied to the Pasadena Police Department. Chief Moody obtained her bachelor's degree in emergency management from California State University, Long Beach; and her master's degree in organizational leadership from Woodbury University.

Chief Moody is a founding member of the San Gabriel Valley Chapter of the National Organization of Black Law Enforcement Executives (NOBLE), which started in 2003. She also served on the NOBLE executive board and is the former vice president for Region 6, which covers six western states. This year,

Chief Moody completed a two-year term as the president of Women Leaders in Law Enforcement of Los Angeles County.

During her career with Pasadena Police Department, Chief Moody worked several assignments, including Patrol; Neighborhood Crime Task Force; Research & Development; Police Activities League (PAL); Detectives Unit; Employment Services; Internal Affairs; and Special Enforcement Section, where she was the first female sergeant to complete SWAT school. Prior to her promotion to police commander, Chief Moody served as the department's SWAT commander.

During her short time as interim police chief, Chief Moody has made promotions at all levels of the department with diversity, inclusion and fairness in mind; and the police department's vacancy rate is the lowest it's been in many years. Additionally, candidates for both civilian and sworn positions were vetted thoroughly, and every effort was made to hire locally and/or those with ties to the community.

Commander Jason Clawson assumed the role of interim police chief on Monday, May 2nd.

COMMISSIONER'S CORNER: KIMBERLY DOUGLAS, NORTHWEST COMMISSION CHAIR



Did you know....

We can be pretty self-sufficient here in District 7 with our service and commercial centers on South Lake, East Colorado, the Playhouse Village and South Arroyo Parkway. Yet in the pursuit of One Pasadena, an understanding and practice that we are all Pasadenans, knowing about businesses in other parts of the town, especially Northwest Pasadena, needs to be fostered.

The Northwest Commission receives regular updates on new businesses in Northwest Pasadena. Many are small, independent entrepreneurial businesses that truly support the local economy.

Let me invite you to Hen's Teeth Square, an iconic historic landmark shopping center at 2057 North Los Robles Ave, built in 1930 by Architect Theodore Pletsch in Spanish Colonial Revival style. The Square is one of the earliest examples of the new suburban drive-in idea of the period. Clearly much has changed from 1930. There are no longer gas pumps. However there are a number of small businesses.

Two newer restaurants, *King's Breakfast and Burgers* and *Pollos Puebla*, are gaining notice. Additionally, there is *My Place Café*, an eclectic café that features a health-based breakfast menu of delectable delights. The owner is Tanya Smith, a teacher who has lived and raised her family in Pasadena for

almost 30 years. She happily shares that her coffee has a local background story that makes it very special: she purchases her organic coffee beans from the grandson of Pasadena's own national hero Jackie Robinson. He moved to Tanzania and started a coffee bean farm. We're excited to recognize all of these restaurants for their service and contribution to economic success of the Northwest Pasadena community.

PASADENA CELEBRATES Older Americans Month

MAY 25, 2022, 10AM-12PM
JACKIE ROBINSON COMMUNITY CENTER
1020 N. FAIR OAKS AVE. PASADENA, CA 91103

Join the City of Pasadena Senior Commission, local nonprofits and businesses for a free celebration with giveaways, food, presentations and more as we showcase all our city has to offer older adults!

Featuring:

Anthem Blue Cross
Armory Center for the Arts
Cancer Support Community
Concepts For Living*
Convalescent Aid Society*
Dylan Thai, Modern
Woodmen of America*
Forest Lawn Memorial Parks
and Mortuaries*
Friends Indeed
League of Women Voters

Friends of the Pasadena
Public Library
Huntington Hospital Senior
Care Network
Nice Little Home
Pasadena Meals on Wheels*
Pasadena Parks, Recreation
and Community Services
Pasadena Senior Center*
Pasadena Village*
Pegasus Home Health Care*

Pet Porter Pals*
Right At Home
Rose Bowl Aquatic Center
Thermon "Rick" Holliday -
MarriagetoMedicare.com
USC Verdugo Hills
Hospital, Community
Resource Center for Aging
Villa Gardens*
Welbehealth
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FREE AND OPEN TO ALL!
VISIT CITYOFPASADENA.NET/OAM
FOR MORE INFORMATION AND TO RSVP.

This event will comply with Pasadena Public Health Department COVID-19 guidelines and will only take place if allowable under the current Health Order. Please stay home if you feel sick even if your symptoms are mild.

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Friday at (626) 744-7311.