

## OFFICE OF THE CITY MANAGER

May 29, 2014

To the Honorable City Council  
of the City of Pasadena

Mayor and Councilmembers:

### **WEEKLY NEWSLETTER**

1. **FY 2015 Operating Budget Presentations:**

Next Monday we will continue the joint Finance Committee/City Council meetings on the City Manager's Recommended FY 2015 Operating Budget beginning at **2:00** pm in the Council Chambers. The meeting will again be televised live on KPAS. The following departments are scheduled to present their respective budget recommendations:

- Housing & Career Services
- Human Services & Recreation
- Police
- Planning & Community Development
- Fire
- Human Resources
- City Attorney

2. **Interim Public Health Director Announced:**

City Manager Michael J. Beck has appointed Assistant City Manager Steve Mermell as Interim Director of Public Health for the City of Pasadena. Mr. Mermell will provide overall guidance for the Pasadena Public Health Department while the City undertakes a national search. In addition, effective Wednesday, May 28, 2014 Dr. Yin-Ying Goh, M.D., has been appointed as Interim Health Officer. Dr. Goh can be reached at (626) 744-6046 and any inquires may be sent to the Pasadena Public Health Department at 1845 N. Fair Oaks Ave., Pasadena, CA 91103.

**3. Housing Advisory Roundtable Discussion on Homelessness:**

The Department of Housing and Career Services has organized a roundtable discussion bringing together experts on homelessness to discuss the state of homelessness and services currently being provided for the homeless in Pasadena. Ample time will be provided for questions and ideas from the audience. The exploration of this topic is timely as Pasadena, like many cities, struggles with how to best address this issue in light of diminishing resources but also promising new best practices.

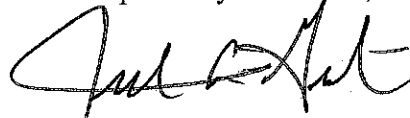
The event will take place on June 12, 2014 from 4:00pm – 6:00pm at the Renaissance Plaza Community Room located at 649 N. Fair Oaks, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor, Pasadena, CA 91103 (corner of Fair Oaks and Orange Grove). This event is free and open to the public. I have attached a memorandum and meeting notice from William Huang, Director of Housing and Career Services which provides additional information.

**4. Viña Vieja Park – Turf Renovation of Off-Leash Area in Small Dog Area:**

The Department of Public Works will begin renovation turf in the small dog area of the Alice Frost Kennedy Off-Leash Area at Viña Vieja Park beginning Wednesday, June 4, 2014 and will reopen to the public on Wednesday, July 15, 2014. The small dog area will be temporarily relocated to the recently renovated southern section of the large dog area. This will allow small and large dog park users to have access to separate off-leash areas throughout the renovation project.

The Department of Public Works has posted project information on site to alert park users of the upcoming turf renovation of the off-lease area in the small dog area. Additionally, I have attached a memorandum from Siobhan Foster, Director of Public Works which provides detailed information on the turf renovations.

Respectfully submitted,



**JULIE A. GUTIERREZ**  
Assistant City Manager

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## HOUSING & CAREER SERVICES DEPARTMENT

DATE: May 29, 2014  
TO: Michael J. Beck, City Manager  
FROM: William K. Huang, Director of Housing and Career Services  
SUBJECT: Housing Advisory Roundtable Discussion on Homelessness

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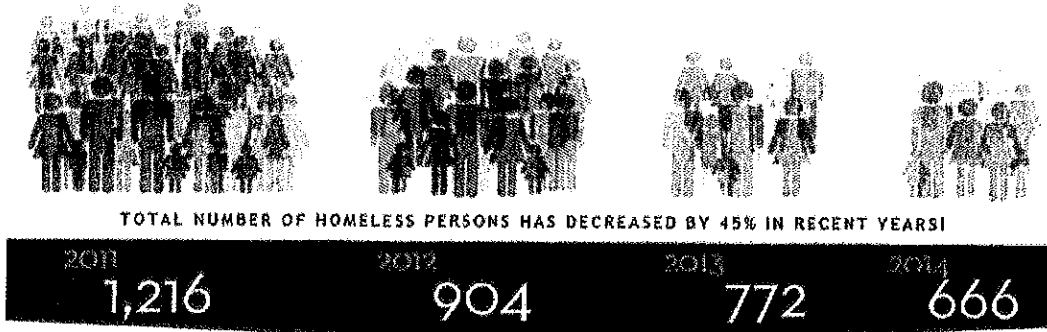
Pasadena has made significant strides with highly successful homeless prevention programs and permanent solutions for homelessness. The number of homeless in Pasadena has been reduced 46% over the last three years, yet way too many people still do not have homes and too many neighborhoods and businesses are being impacted.

Invited and confirmed experts for the event are:

Anne Lansing, Pasadena Housing and Career Services Dept.  
Gregg von Fempfe, Union Station Homeless Services  
Shawn Morrissey, Housing Works  
Elgin Lee, Pasadena Police Department HOPE Team  
Will Rivera, Pasadena City Prosecutor  
Erlinda Romo, Playhouse Business Improvement District  
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# Housing Advisory Roundtable Discussion



**Topic:** Homelessness in Pasadena

**Panelists:** Anne Lansing, Pasadena Housing and Career Services Dept.  
Gregg von Fempé, Union Station Homeless Services  
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William Huang, Pasadena Housing and Career Services Dept.

**Date:** June 12, 2014, 4 pm – 6:00 pm

**Location:** Renaissance Plaza Community Room  
649 N. Fair Oaks Ave., 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor, Pasadena 91103  
(Second floor of the Von's shopping center at Fair Oaks and Orange Grove)

**Cost:** Free and open to the public

Homelessness in Pasadena is a longstanding complex issue. Come find out what the City, nonprofits, faith-based and business organizations are doing to address it. Remarkable programs are achieving great results, but too many still live on the streets. Dramatic funding cutbacks have made solutions harder than ever to come by. Hear a panel of experts discuss what is being done and what might be done in the future to address homelessness. Please bring your ideas and questions.

*Organized by the City of Pasadena Housing and Career Services Department*

**MEMORANDUM - CITY OF PASADENA  
DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS**

**DATE:** May 28, 2014  
**TO:** Michael J. Beck, City Manager  
**FROM:** Siobhan Foster, Director of Public Works ~~✗~~  
**RE:** Viña Vieja Park – Turf Renovation of Off-Leash Area in Small Dog Area

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The small dog area will be temporarily relocated to the recently renovated southern section of the large dog area. This will allow small and large dog park users to have access to separate off-leash areas throughout the renovation project.

Turf renovations of the large dog area occurred in two phases – northern and southern sections – to allow users to have access to one-half of the large dog off-leash area at all times. Renovations included aerification, overseeding, fertilization, and time for seed germination. The northern section was completed and reopened to the public in April 2014. The southern section will open to the public on June 3, 2014.

The Department of Public Works has posted project information on site to alert park users of the upcoming turf renovation of the off-leash area in the small dog area.

The Department of Public Works looks forward to continuing enhancing the condition of the off-leash area of Viña Vieja Park. For additional information, please contact Ana Bailey, Park Superintendent at (626) 744-7311 or [abailey@cityofpasadena.net](mailto:abailey@cityofpasadena.net).