June 4, 2015

To the Honorable City Council
of the City of Pasadena

Mayor and Councilmembers:

WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

1. Operating Budget Presentation Scheduled Meetings - Update:

The joint meeting of the Finance Committee and the City Council continues on June 8th. This is the time when the City Manager presents the operating budget recommendations for next fiscal year. Please be advised that this special meeting will recess at 5:30pm and then will resume during City Council Public Hearing at 7:00pm or thereafter. Following are the remaining scheduled meeting dates and start times:

Monday, June 8th	3:00pm	Operating Budget Department Presentation • Information Technology • Housing • Public Health • Humans Services & Recreation • Police • Planning & Community Development • Fire
Monday, June 15th	3:00pm	Operating Budget Department Presentation and Affiliated Agencies • City Council • Human Resources • Finance • City Clerk • City Attorney • City Manager • Successor Agency to the PCDC • Decision Packages
Monday, June 22nd	3:00pm	• Budget Adoption • General Fee Schedule and Schedule of Taxes, Fees, and Charges Adoption • Gann Limit

2. City Council Adopts Level 2 Water Shortage Plan – Outdoor Watering Limited to 2 Day per Week:

In response to California's severe drought and the state mandate for Pasadena to cut its water by 28 percent, the Pasadena City Council on June 1, 2015 adopted the City's Level 2 Water Supply Shortage Plan requiring additional mandatory water restrictions for residents and businesses effective immediately.

The Council action to adopt the Level 2 Plan:

- Now bans outdoor watering on Thursdays. Watering is now allowed only on two days per week: Tuesdays and Saturdays, before 9 a.m. or after 6 p.m.
- Adopts a citywide 28-percent water conservation goal.
- Reinforces that violators face fines up to $500 per incident for residential accounts and $1,000 per incident for commercial accounts.

A new "Water Savings Gauge" has been published on the City's homepage and the Pasadena Water and Power ("PWP") homepage www.PWPweb.com to demonstrate the City's progress. The Water Savings Gauge currently depicts water savings for July 2014 through April 2015 as compared to the same months in calendar year 2013. The graph will be updated weekly to reflect more recent usage.

According to Phyllis Currie, General Manager, PWP will monitor water reduction progress to meet the 28-percent conservation goal and report back to City Council ongoing basis. If water savings are not sufficient during the summer, the City Council may need to mandate additional water use restrictions.

3. La Pintoresca Splash Pad Closed for 2015 Season Due to Drought:

La Pintoresca Park's "Splash Pad" water play facility will remain closed for the 2015 summer season to help with the City's water conservation efforts due to the serious, four-year-old California drought. This closure is one of many steps Pasadena officials are taking to meet Governor Jerry Brown's mandate for a 28-percent cut in water use. To ensure the long-term sustainability of the popular water play feature, the City is exploring ways to update the equipment with a water recirculation system to collect and recirculate water used during operations. The City will continue to operate four swimming pools from June 15 through August 14, 2015 at the following locations:

- Blair High School, 1201 S. Marengo Ave.
- Pasadena High School, 2925 E. Sierra Madre Blvd.
- Robinson Park Recreation Center, 1081 N. Fair Oaks Ave.
- Villa-Parke Community Center, 363 E. Villa St.

All pools are open for recreational swim 1:00 p.m. to 3:30 p.m., Monday through Friday. Additional information on swim hours and fees can be found on the attached memorandum from Mercy Santoro, Director Human Services and Recreation.

4. Ralphs Pharmacy Promotion:

The Pasadena Fire Department has partnered with two local Ralphs Markets in Pasadena to promote disaster preparedness on their pharmaceutical bags. According to Fire Chief Bertral Washington, every prescription medication paper bag will have a Public Service Announcement promoting our City website link to disaster preparedness and a phone number for further information. The attached is a sample copy of the advertised pharmaceutical bags.

5. PWP Supports "Help Out We're in a Drought" Event Hosted by Assemblymember Chris Holden and Kidspace Children's Museum:

Assemblymember Chris Holden in partnership with Kidspace Children's Museum and the City of Pasadena invites the community to "Help Out We're in a Drought," an educational event for families. The event will be held Thursday, June 25 from 6 p.m.to 8 p.m. at Kidspace Children's Museum, 480 N. Arroyo Blvd. (Stone Hollow Amphitheater).

Each guest will receive a family pass (for four) to visit Kidspace Children's Museum. The event will include: exhibits on water conservation programs, information on household rebate programs, interactive workshops for elementary-age students on water conservation, and drought-tolerant plant exhibits. Special guest speakers include representatives from the California State Water Resources Control Board, Metropolitan Water District, Jet Propulsion Laboratory- JPL, and City of Pasadena. Refreshments provided. RSVPs are required by June 19, 2015 and space is limited. To RSVP or for more event information, please contact Assemblymember Holden's office at (626) 351-1917.

Respectfully Submitted,

JULIE A. GUTIERREZ
Assistant City Manager

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CITY OF PASADENA
HUMAN SERVICES AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT

DATE: June 4, 2015

TO: Michael Beck, City Manager

FROM: Mercy Santoro, Director

SUBJECT: La Pintoresca Splash Pad Closed for 2015 Season due to Drought

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All pools are open for recreational swim 1 p.m. to 3:30 p.m., Monday through Friday. The Villa-Parke pool has extended recreational swim hours from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m., Saturdays, and the Blair High School pool is also open from Noon to 3 p.m. Sundays.

Recreational swim fees are $1.00 for youth ages 6-17 and senior citizens ages 50 and over. Children up to 5 years old or younger can swim free of charge, but all minors must be accompanied at all times by an adult. Visitors from 18-49 years of age are charged $2.50 for recreational swim.

In July and August, pools are open in the evenings for family swim free of charge as part of the Parks After Dark program. At Villa-Parke Community Center, the pool will be open on Thursday and Friday evenings from 7:00-10:00 p.m. Robinson Park Community Center's pool will be open from Wednesday through Saturday evenings from 7:00-10:00 p.m. On Wednesday and Saturday evenings, films are projected at the pools to create a dive-in movie experience which is also free of charge. Swimming lessons are also offered throughout the summer for a nominal fee and scholarships are available to make lessons affordable for all.

For more information regarding summer aquatics and Parks After Dark, please call (626) 744-7330 or contact Darrell Walker at dwalker@cityofpasadena.net.

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