



State of the City is January 20, 2016

Mark your calendars now for Pasadena Mayor Terry Tornek's first State of the City address, scheduled Wednesday, Jan. 20, 2016 at the Pasadena Unified School District's William McKinley TK-8 School, 325 S. Oak Knoll Ave. The event will be held in the new multi-purpose gymnasium co-built by the City and the School District.

Doors open at 6:30 p.m. and the program begins at 7 p.m.

Please avoid wearing high heels in order to protect the new gymnasium floor.

The gym's parking area is accessible from El Molino Avenue. On-street parking is available too.

More information about the event will be in the next newsletter and posted on the City website.

For more information, contact Rhonda Stone, (626) 744-7147, or rstone@cityofpasadena.net.



The City is actively preparing to meet the challenges of a strong El Niño weather system this winter. Below of some of the things we're doing to prepare. Inside this issue, look for additional info on how to prepare now.

Go to www.cityofpasadena.net/Fire/ElNiño if you need help about how to prepare, or visit our new El Niño Preparedness displays now through Dec. 31 at all 10 public library sites.

Here are some of the ways Pasadena is preparing:

Test the Emergency Operations Center readiness and staff with a training exercise on flood conditions; complete risk assessment on City facilities and utilities.

Clean out and repair storm drains, catch basins & culverts; televise key sites prone to historic flooding. Trim City trees, increase removal of dead trees, augment plans for tree emergencies.

Stockpile & pre-stage emergency supplies and sandbags; pre-approve vendor contracts for clean-up help. Establish and supply Disaster Information Sites at all City fire stations for emergency public information and complete plans to expand the Citizen Service Center to handle public calls 24/7.

Identify two new shelter locations; identify critical evacuation sites and register into City's emergency notification system. Ensure City's emergency radio system fully operable and expedite any needed exterior repairs to City buildings & roofs. Increase coordination with Red Cross, LA County & state agencies and host El Niño public meetings.

If you live or work in Pasadena, sign up for emergency alerts from the Pasadena Local Emergency Alert System, or PLEAS. PLEAS uses text and voice messages. Phone subscribers receive a message that must be listened to in its entirety or the system will call you back. Go to www.cityofpasadena.net/Fire/PLEAS to register your phone today.



Hear the Lions Roar At City Hall

Have you heard the lions roar at City Hall?

A special public art project brings to life the sounds of the lions and nature in the City Hall Courtyard thanks to funding from the National Endowment for the Arts (NEA).

Entitled "Lions, Tigers and ..." the project by artist Anne Bray and LA Freewaves is a motion-activated, multi-media and audio collage that combines the sounds of lions, nature and music. The project explores Pasadena's site of local power (City Hall) and its symbolic architectural relief of lions with sounds. Images will be added to the project next year during the Spring ArtNight event.

The project is part of a \$110,000 NEA grant to the City for the "My Pasadena!" project administered by the City Planning Department's Cultural Affairs Division. In all, 12 new temporary public art projects are being funded under the NEA's Our Town grant program. The temporary public art will be installed throughout the Civic Center District through 2016.

Produced in a variety of media, the My Pasadena projects will include live performances, walking tours and visual art installations as well as dance, theater, animated projection, oral history and audio installation. Project subjects are intended to reflect the diversity of civic engagement themes.

For information about the City's Public Art Program, visit www.cityofpasadena.net/arts.

**MAYOR'S HOLIDAY
 TREE LIGHTING
 CEREMONY**

Friday, December 4, 2015
 5:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.

City Hall Rotunda
 100 N. Garfield Ave.

Join Mayor Tornek to kick off
 the holiday season at Pasadena's free,
 festive family celebration.

Tree lighting at 6:00 p.m.

Refreshments & musical performances
 Special appearance by Santa Claus
 Photos at Santa's Village
 Spark of Love Toy Drive for
 new, unwrapped toy donations



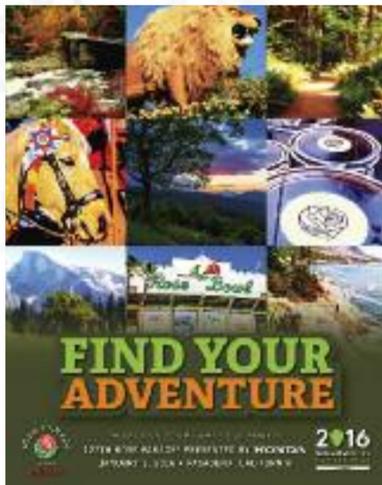
Noticias En Breve

Consejos de Seguridad para la Ruta del Desfile

La Policía y los bomberos de Pasadena ofrecen estos recordatorios para todos los que asistirán al desfile.

- Solo es permitido acampar durante la noche del 31 de diciembre
- Los lugares en las aceras se pueden guardar a partir del mediodía del 31 de diciembre. El "Blue Line" es la línea de honor. Todas las personas y la propiedad deben permanecer en la acera hasta las 11p.m., del 31 de diciembre. A partir de ese momento, los espectadores pueden ponerse en la línea de honor.
- "Si usted ve algo, diga algo!" Informe de actividades y paquetes sospechosos a las autoridades de emergencia a lo largo de la ruta del desfile.
- En caso de emergencia, llame al (626) 744-4241 desde un celular o al 9-1-1 desde un teléfono fijo.

Rose Parade, Rose Bowl Game Info



Preparations are well underway and the excitement is building fast for Pasadena's 127th Rose Parade and the 102nd Rose Bowl Game, both held on January 1, 2016.

This year's parade theme is "Find Your Adventure" and for three days prior to the Rose Parade, a special, free event is happening exclusively at the Pasadena Convention Center, 300 E. Green St., sponsored by the National Park Service.

"Live on Green" presented by the Park Service happens Dec. 29-31 and offers seven different zones to explore everything you want to know about the national parks, plus historic displays on the Rose Parade, Rose Bowl and the famed Wrigley Mansion.

It all leads up to another exciting time for Pasadena, as the City becomes the focal point for the nation, and much of the world. A whirlwind of preparations and other special activities are already underway that lead up to the main events. City crews, Tournament and Rose Bowl staffs and hundreds of volunteers, plus float builders and many other affiliated organizations and businesses are busy working in a highly efficient schedule.

Much of the work includes behind-the-scenes tasks coordinated by the City and many others to ensure that these premier, international events—seen by hundreds of thousands in person and millions more around the world via TV—occur without a hitch.

Locally, pedestrians and motorists are urged to use extra caution during this busy time of year as work crews put the finishing touches on the 5.5-mile parade route, the parade formation and post-parade areas. Watch for extra barricades; changes in signal lights, temporary parking restrictions and extra work vehicles in the streets. The City thanks all for their cooperation during this busy time.

Use the following links for the latest online info:

www.cityofpasadena.net • www.tournamentofroses.com • www.rosebowlstadium.com • www.sharpseating.com • www.visitpasadena.com

The City of Pasadena and the Tournament of Roses wishes all a Happy Holiday Season. It is a special time of year for all of us. Please

celebrate responsibly and with kindness. Always designate a driver.



Safety Tips For Parade Route

Pasadena Police & Fire Officials offer these reminders for all parade attendees.

- Overnight camping permitted only on night of Dec. 31.
- Sidewalk spots may be maintained beginning at Noon, Dec. 31. The "Blue Line" is the honor line. All persons & property must remain on curb until 11 p.m., Dec. 31. At that time, spectators may move out to honor line.
- "See Something, Say Something!" Report suspicious activities & packages to emergency authorities along the parade route or call (626) 744-4241. Life threatening emergencies call 9-1-1. Know your cross streets & location.
- Small, professionally made barbecues at least one foot off ground are allowed, but must be 25 feet away from buildings or other combustibles. Fire extinguisher & water must be on hand. NO bonfires or fireworks!
- Minors under 18 allowed on parade route only with adult supervision.
- Dress for cold weather.
- Open containers of alcohol are illegal in all public areas.
- Tents, sofas, boxes of any type, ladders & scaffolding are prohibited.
- It is illegal to buy, sell or give away horns on parade route.
- Keep pets safe at home!
- Throwing any projectile into the parade, or parade route, is prohibited.
- All illegally parked vehicles will be towed.

Visitor Hotline Opens Dec. 29

Got Questions? We have the answers! The 32nd annual Visitor Hotline dedicated to all things Rose Parade and Rose Bowl opens for business at 8 a.m., Tuesday, Dec. 29. The toll free number is (877) 793-9911.

Visitor Hotline Hours of Operation

Tuesday, Dec. 29, through Thursday, Dec. 31, 8 a.m. - 5 p.m.
 Friday, Jan. 1, 10 a.m. - 4 p.m.
 Saturday, Jan. 2, 8 a.m. - Noon

In addition, visitors should download the free, interactive "GoPasadena" app and like the "Visit Pasadena" Facebook page at www.facebook.com/visitpasadena.

If you want to be part of the Hotline excitement, volunteer! Local volunteers are needed to staff the hotline. Contact the Pasadena Convention & Visitors Bureau's Melissa Perez at (626) 795-4725 or mperez@visitpasadena.com.



Free Christmas Tree Recycling!



Make tree recycling a part of your post-holiday tradition. The Pasadena Department of Public Works offers an easy way for you to go green with your Christmas Tree. Thanks to your help, the City last year collected more than 10,000 trees for recycling, saving valuable landfill space and generating protective mulch.

Drop off your tree from 7 a.m. to 2 p.m., Saturday, Dec. 26, 2015 through Monday, Jan. 4 2016 at:

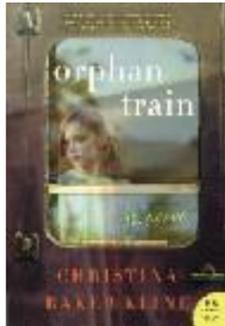
- Eaton Blanche Park, 3100 E. Del Mar Blvd., parking lot on Millicent Way
- Robinson Park, 1081 N. Fair Oaks Ave., parking lot on Morton Street

From Jan. 4-15, 2016, residents can also place trees at curbside for recycling.

Christmas trees will be collected on your normal service day. Remember, all ornaments, lights and stands must be removed. Flocked and fire retardant treated trees are acceptable. For more information, call Customer Service at (626) 744-7311 or online at www.cityofpasadena.net/publicworks.



One City, One Story: "Orphan Train" Bestseller Selected



"Orphan Train" by Christina Baker Kline is the winner of Pasadena's One City, One Story community reading celebration book selection for 2016. Now in its 14th year, One City, One Story, sponsored by the City's Public Library Department, is a wonderful program to broaden and deepen an appreciation of reading and literature by linking the community in a common conversation on important issues.

Orphan Train recalls the era between 1854 and 1929, when so-called orphan trains ran regularly from East Coast cities to the farmlands of the Midwest, carrying thousands of abandoned children whose fates would be determined by luck or chance.

The story is of a young Irish immigrant, Vivian Daly, sent from New York City to an uncertain future a world away. Returning east later in life, Vivian leads a quiet, peaceful existence on the coast of Maine, the memories of her upbringing a hazy blur. But in her attic, hidden in trunks, are vestiges of a turbulent past, eventually shared with a young 17-year-old foster child who discovers that she and Vivian aren't as different as they appear.

Buy your copy now and get in on the community reading fun! Programs will be held throughout March culminating in a discussion with the author at 7:30 p.m., Thursday, March 31, 2016. Event details will be announced in the near future. For more information, call (626) 744-7076 or visit www.onecityonestory.com.



Bad Weather Shelter Update

From Nov. 27, 2015 to March 1, 2016, Pasadena's Bad Weather Shelter is expected to be open daily only during periods of cold and/or wet weather. The shelter is at the Pasadena Covenant Church, 539 N. Lake Ave.

The shelter is only open when there is a forecast of 40 degrees or below and/or a 40 percent chance of rain. To find out if the shelter is open, call (888) 915-8111 after 12 p.m. www.cityofpasadena.net/housing.



Buy Local, Keep Tax Dollars Local

Pasadena's Chamber of Commerce and our local shops want you to help "Grow Your Community" this holiday season by staying local and shopping local. Shopping at local stores and eating in our local restaurants is easy and fun and eliminates the cost and hassles of driving out of town, reducing your carbon footprint too!

The shops, restaurants and local professional services that create local jobs and provide the financial bedrock for Pasadena are dependent on local patrons for their livelihood. Every dollar you spend locally supports a local paycheck and returns a dividend to the City to help fund Pasadena's schools, parks, police & fire protection and other essential services.

Grow Your Community ads will be placed throughout town as a reminder to keep it local! The ads were designed in partnership with The Agency, a student-run advertising cooperative at Art Center College of Design. Bus shelter ad space is generously donated by CBS Outdoor. www.pasadena-chamber.org.



El Niño Update

All residents and businesses should prepare emergency supplies now for the upcoming El Niño weather conditions that could bring heavy rains and severe storms. Go to www.cityofpasadena.net/Fire/EINino for more information. You need emergency supplies for everyone in your household, including pets for three days to one week.

Keep these numbers handy at home and on your cell:

Life-threatening emergencies:	9-1-1
Pasadena Citizen Service Center:	(626) 744-7311
Report power outages:	(626) 744-4673
Report water outages:	(626) 744-4138
Report gas outages:	(800) 427-2200
"See Something, Say Something" to Police:	(626) 744-4241

Free sand & sand bags are available at Fire Stations 37 and 38. Two additional sites, at Victory Park and Robinson Park, will be activated when needed.

- Fire Station 37, 3430 E. Foothill Blvd.
- Fire Station 38, 1150 Linda Vista Ave.

Sand and sandbags for residential use only. Fill and take up to 10 bags per trip. Be cautious of where you park.

Stay connected to us on our website; plus Facebook, www.facebook.com/cityofpasadena and Twitter, [@PasadenaGov](http://www.twitter.com/pasadenagov); Water & Power (PWP), [@PWPnews](http://www.twitter.com/PWPnews).

Weather info is at www.weather.gov/losangeles and www.elnino.noaa.gov.

Pasadena will broadcast emergency public info on its TV station, KPAS, operated by Pasadena Media, seen on Ch. 3 for Charter cable subscribers and Ch. 99 for AT&T U-verse subscribers. View KPAS online at www.pasadenamedia.tv and www.cityofpasadena.net/Media.

Help for your Home, Under One Roof



Pasadena's "Under One Roof" program offers a long list of free and low-cost services to help low- to moderate-income residents buy, keep and revitalize their homes, including help with lower water and power bills. And the variety of help available for qualified residents continues to expand!

Eligible residents can now receive free solar, no-cost installation of a long list of energy and water efficiency measures, low- to no-interest home improvement loans, free house painting and repairs, free refrigerator replacements, no-cost turf removal, replacement with water-wise landscaping and more.

More than 100 residents have taken advantage of the programs offered by the City's Water and Power Department (PWP), the Housing & Career Services Department, Pasadena's Maintenance Assistance and Services to Homeowners (MASH) program, the Southern California Gas Company, Neighborhood Housing Services of Los Angeles County (NHS) and GRID Alternatives.

You could be next. Just look for "Under One Roof" brochures at all City public counters, community centers, neighborhood libraries and aboard Pasadena Public Transit (ARTS) buses. You can also call PWP's AnswerLine at (626) 744-6970, the Citizen Service Center at (626) 744-7311 or online at www.PWPweb.com/UnderOneRoof.



El Niño Storm Reminders

The National Weather Service is predicting that we'll be hit with El Niño this winter, and we all know heavy rain and wind can knock out power. With a high-tech Outage Management System (OMS) in place, PWP is ready to make quick repairs. Meanwhile, you can keep your home and family safe with these tips:

- Be sure PWP has your current contact information so you can receive emergency and outage alerts. Visit www.PWPweb.com/OMS.
- Any power line, cable or telephone wire that falls on the ground should be considered dangerous. Stay away, and call 911.
- Keep children and pets from playing near any downed lines.
- If a utility line falls on your car while you're inside, stay there and don't open any doors until instructed to do so by emergency crews.
- Never try to remove fallen trees that are touching power lines. PWP crews and licensed arborists have expert training in safely removing trees from power lines.
- To report fallen or compromised trees call the Pasadena Citizen Service Center (626) 744-7311.
- To report power outages, call (626) 744-4673. Check www.PWPweb.com/OutageMap for a current outage map and updates.
- After the storm, beware of scammers. If a solicitor claims to be a City of Pasadena or PWP employee and demands payment for permit fees, repairs or power restoration, call the Pasadena Police Department at (626) 744-4241.
- For more El Niño information visit www.cityofpasadena.net/EINino.



Give Your Sprinklers a Winter Break

Shorter days and cooler winter weather means your yard needs much less water. That's great news for Pasadena as we push toward our state-mandated goal of cutting citywide use by 28 percent.

You can check on our water-saving progress online at www.cityofpasadena.net and verify our status via the special Water Savings Gauge displayed on the home page.

Remember, Pasadena's fall/winter watering schedule lasts Nov. 1 through March 31, limiting outdoor watering to just one day per week on Saturdays only.

The watering schedules are in accordance with the City's Level 2 water Shortage Supply Plan as approved by the City Council earlier this year.

Here are a few more water-saving guidelines and tips:

- Verify the clock for your irrigation controller is set to the correct time.
- Set your system to water before 9 a.m. or after 6 p.m.
- Shut off your sprinklers when it rains and for a few days after.
- Test your sprinklers after you mow for broken pipes or sprinkler heads; fix any leaks or damage within 48 hours.
- Water lawn and plants, not concrete.
- Cover beds with thick layer of mulch to retain moisture and stamp out thirsty weeds.
- Invest in a rain barrel to collect free, plant-friendly water that you can use for irrigation any time and anywhere you like. Visit www.PWPweb.com/SaveWater for a \$100 rebate.
- Sign up for a free workshop to learn about PWP's new Laundry to Landscape (L2L) Greywater Program, and get your new system up-and-running by spring, plus an \$80 voucher! Visit www.PWPweb.com/Greywater.



Use LED Holiday Lights to Save Cash



You know the holidays have arrived when Pasadena's homes and businesses twinkle and sparkle with light. You can celebrate big and keep your electric costs down by switching to light emitting diode (LED) lights.

Perfect for indoors and out, LED holiday lights come in a huge variety of colors, shapes and sizes. Widely available at local stores, LEDs are virtually indestructible, you can connect up to 25 strings end-to-end without overloading a wall socket and they burn cool, minimizing fire hazards and injuries.

Best of all, they use a fraction of the energy. While it would cost \$10 to light a six-foot tree through the season with typical bulbs, your tab with LEDs averages about 27 cents!

Shop now for the best selection, and maximize your savings by plugging them in to a timer to shut them off after hours. Extend your savings year-round with PWP's LED WebShop, which offers PWP customers bargain-basement prices on nearly a dozen LED models. Visit www.PWPweb.com/LEDWebShop.



Conozca su ubicación y las calles que cruzan.

- Se permiten pequeños asadores profesionalmente fabricados por lo menos un pie del suelo, pero debe estar a 25 pies de distancia de cualquier edificio u otros materiales combustibles. Debe haber a la mano extinguidores de incendios y agua. NO fogatas o juegos artificiales!
- Se permiten a menores de 18 años en la ruta del desfile únicamente con supervisión de un adulto.
- Vístase apropiadamente para el clima frío.
- Los envases abiertos de alcohol son ilegales en todas las zonas públicas.
- Están prohibidas las tiendas de campaña, sofás, cajas de todo tipo, escaleras y andamios.
- Es ilegal comprar, vender o regalar cláxones/cornetas en la ruta del desfile.
- Mantenga a sus mascotas a salvo en su casa!
- Está prohibido tirar cualquier proyectil en el desfile, o ruta del desfile.
- serán remolcados Todos los vehículos estacionados ilegalmente .

Reciclaje Gratis del árbol de Navidad!

Haga el reciclar su árbol navideño parte de su tradición post-fiestas de fin de año. El Departamento de Obras Públicas de Pasadena ofrece una manera fácil para que usted sea ecológico con su árbol de navidad. Gracias a su ayuda, el año pasado la ciudad recolectó más de 10.000 árboles para reciclar, ahorrando valioso espacio en los vertederos y produciendo abono protector.

Deje su árbol de 7:00 a.m - 2 p.m., 26 de diciembre de 2015 hasta el 4 de enero 2016 en:

- Parque Eaton Blanche , 3100 E. Del Mar Blvd., en el estacionamiento de Millicent Way
- Parque Robinson, 1081 N. Fair Oaks Ave., en el estacionamiento de la calle Morton

Del 4-15 de enero de 2016 los residentes también pueden dejar su árbol en su acera para reciclarlo. Los árboles de Navidad serán recogidos en su día normal de recolección de basura. Recuerde, todos los adornos, luces y base que soporte el árbol deben ser removidos. Se aceptan con nieve artificial y tratamiento antifuego. Para obtener más información, llame a Servicio al Cliente al (626) 744-7311 o en línea en www.cityofpasadena.net/publicworks