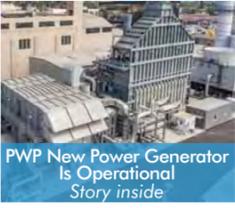




PASADENA IN FOCUS



Pasadena International Film Festival

Passes to the Pasadena International Film Festival are available now for the nine-day event, March 8-16, 2017. More than 100 entrants from 15-plus countries will be screened, including features, shorts, documentaries, music videos, animation and web series. Every programming block ends with a moderated-hosted Q&A. For more information go to www.pasadenafilmmfestival.org, call (310) 498-7204 or email to info@pasadenafilmmfestival.org.



Overnight Parking Permits

The City wishes to remind the public that no parking is allowed nightly on City streets between 2-6 a.m. except with a permit. Annual overnight permits may be purchased through the Parking Office. Additionally, temporary overnight parking exemptions (TOPE) are available either online, or may be purchased from 5 kiosks located throughout the City. For more information go to www.cityofpasadena.net/transportation; call (626) 744-7665 or email parking@cityofpasadena.net.



Be Prepared in 2017

Don't let 2017 slip past you without getting prepared for emergencies and disasters. During a large, regional catastrophe—either natural or human-caused—first responders and government resources will be overwhelmed. You must be prepared to survive on your own without outside help. Your life and the lives of your family, loved ones and animal companions may depend on what you do or don't do to be prepared.

Have enough food, water, clothes, medicine, batteries & radios, and other basic supplies to last up to seven days for every member of your household, including pets. Learn basic first aid; coordinate with neighbors to inventory and agree upon shared resources and skills. Develop and practice emergency evacuation and contact plans.

Have tents or temporary shelters; extra cash; photo copies of critical documents; tools; a generator & fuel; rope; pet carriers and solar power systems for electronics. If you have infants, have extra diapers, baby formula and current pediatric medicine.

Go to www.readypasadena.net for more tips and ideas. Or, join the Pasadena Fire Department at its next Open House, Saturday, March 25, 9-11 a.m., Station 37, 3430 E. Foothill Blvd and learn from the pros! The next disaster will happen. Will you be ready?



Mayor's Prayer Breakfast

Mark your calendars for the annual Mayor's Interfaith Prayer Breakfast, 7:30-9 a.m., Thursday, May 4 at the Pasadena Convention Center, 300 E. Green St. This event brings together more than 700 community leaders of all faiths, civic and social service organizations, City leaders and others for an annual gathering of uplifting messages, music, networking and fellowship. Ticket and event information at www.friendsindeedpas.org



Noticias En Breve

Esté preparado en el 2017

No deje que el 2017 pase por alto sin prepararse para emergencias y desastres. Durante una gran catástrofe regional -ya sea natural o causada por el hombre-, los primeros socorristas y los recursos del gobierno estarán en gran demanda. Usted debe estar preparado para sobrevivir por su cuenta sin ayuda externa. Su vida, la de su familia, de sus seres queridos y de los animales compañeros pueden depender de lo que usted haga o deje de hacer para estar preparado.

Tenga suficiente comida, agua, ropa, medicamentos, baterías, radios, y otros suministros básicos para cada miembro de su familia, incluyendo las mascotas para siete días. Aprenda los primeros auxilios básicos; Coordine con los vecinos para inventariar y ponerse de acuerdo para compartir los recursos y habilidades. Desarrolle y practique planes de evacuación de emergencia y contacto. Tenga tiendas de campaña o refugios temporales; dinero extra; fotocopias de los documentos importantes; herramientas; un generador y combustible; cuerda; portadores de mascotas y sistemas de energía solar para sus electrónicos. Si tiene bebés, tenga pañales extras, fórmula para bebés y medicina pediátrica actual.

Visite www.readypasadena.net para obtener más consejos e ideas. ¡O únase al Departamento de Bomberos de Pasadena para su próxima jornada de puertas abiertas, el sábado, 25 de marzo, 9-11 a.m., estación 37,

One City, One Story Author Event

Don't forget to mark your calendar for the special One City, One Story "Author's Night" discussion beginning at 7 p.m., Thursday, March 2, with "The Sympathizer" author Viet Thanh Nguyen. The event will be held at All Saints Episcopal Church, 132 N. Euclid Ave., across the street from City Hall.

Now in its 15th year, One City, One Story is designed to broaden and deepen an appreciation of reading and literature by recommending a compelling book that sparks a community conversation on important issues. There are a series of events planned for March in conjunction with the One City, One Story program. Go to www.onecityonestory.com for details or call (626) 744-7076

The winner of the 2016 Pulitzer Prize for Fiction, as well as five other awards, The Sympathizer is described as Nguyen's breakthrough novel of the year. With the pace and suspense of a thriller and prose that has been compared to Graham Greene and Saul Bellow, The Sympathizer is a sweeping story of love and betrayal.

The narrator, a communist double agent, is a "man of two minds," a half-French, half-Vietnamese army captain who arranges to come to America after the Fall of Saigon. While building a new life with other Vietnamese refugees in Los Angeles, he is secretly reporting back to his communist superiors in Vietnam. The Sympathizer is a blistering exploration of identity and America, a gripping espionage novel, and a powerful story of love and friendship.



Robinson Park Renovation Update

The public is reminded that the Robinson Park Recreation Center, 1081 N. Fair Oaks Ave., is now closed due to construction and will remain closed through at least Spring 2018.

Robinson Park staff, including the headquarters of the After-School Adventures Program, will be temporarily housed at the Jackie Robinson Community Center, 1020 N. Fair Oaks Ave. through March 2018. All staff will retain existing telephone numbers and email addresses. Robinson Park's main line, (626) 744-7330, is being forwarded to the Jackie Robinson Community Center.

No reductions in programming will occur. All programming will continue at other locations around the City. For more information, call (626) 744-7330 or go to http://cityofpasadena.net/PublicWorks/Robinson_Park_Recreation_Center_Renovation_Project.



New Smartphone App to Explore Pasadena

The Pasadena Convention & Visitors Bureau announced the debut of its new "Explore Pasadena" smartphone application on all iOS and Android platforms. The app provides visitor information including expert city guides, directories of restaurants, hotels, must see attractions and travel resources. It is the one-stop spot to discover the best of Pasadena.

The smartphone app uses geo-targeting to search for nearby restaurants, events, retail offerings, museums and lodging. It highlights discounts and specials at restaurants, retailers and attractions. It also allows the user to create custom itineraries to plan their perfect stay.

The Explore Pasadena App can be accessed on iTunes and Google Play by searching for "Explore Pasadena." It can also be accessed on www.visitpasadena.com/trip-ideas/explore-pasadena-app.



Vector Control Changes Announced

The Pasadena Public Health Department plans to join forces with the San Gabriel Valley Mosquito and Vector Control District to improve customer service against mosquito-borne diseases.

The process of merging with the District is already underway and will take about one year to complete. The goal is to better protect the public from life-threatening diseases such as West Nile Virus, and Zika Virus. At a cost of less than \$1 per month per parcel to all residential property owners, the enhanced services to protect the public by merging with the District includes:

- Increased disease surveillance and mosquito control
- Expanded services during an outbreak
- Community outreach and youth education
- Enhanced complaint response
- A highly specialized laboratory facility
- Staff trained to also investigate murine typhus and plague
- New programs for underground mosquito control and free mosquito fish

There are several steps to joining the District and the Pasadena Public Health Department will provide additional periodic updates by mail and on social media. More information can be found online at www.cityofpasadena.net/publichealth or by calling (626) 744-6004.



ArtNight 2017 Spring Edition

The Spring 2017 edition of the City's award-winning "ArtNight Pasadena" is planned for Friday, March 10, 6-10 p.m. Enjoy free entry into some of Southern California's best museums right here in Beautiful Pasadena. There will be 17 arts and culture organizations, museums and others participating. Free shuttle bus transportation to all locations will be provided—as well as free entertainment—at City Hall. Many sites will also have food trucks stationed nearby where tasty treats and beverages will be available for purchase.

ArtNight Pasadena draws more than 20,000 people to each edition, held in Spring and Fall. The event is organized by the Cultural Affairs Division of the Planning Department. For more information, go to www.artnightpasadena.org. Be sure to Tweet your pictures to us! Use hashtag #artnightpasadena and include @PasadenaGov and @ArtNightPas.



Conference on Healthy Aging Set April 22

Learn about all things when it comes to aging at the Conference on Health Aging, Saturday, April 22, 8 a.m. to 1 p.m., at the Pasadena Church of the Nazarene, 3500 E. Sierra Madre Blvd.

Learn to fine-tune your life, health, personal safety, relationships and more. Helen Dennis, a nationally recognized leader on issues of aging, employment and retirement, will open the conference with a keynote address entitled "The Retirement Revolution—What's New" while workshop topics range from fitness and wellness to housing options and estate planning. For more information, call (626) 685-6702 or visit www.pasadenaseniorcenter.org.



Info Booth Volunteers Needed

The City of Pasadena is seeking a few outstanding volunteers interested in serving as Information Ambassadors at City Hall. Volunteers are needed to serve a four-hour shift one day per week in the Information Booth at the City Hall Rotunda, 100 N. Garfield Ave.

This is strictly a volunteer position, although parking can be provided if needed. Volunteers must be adults; have a background in customer service management or call center experience; have solid people and communications skills; enjoy helping the public and willing to make a one-year commitment. Speaking a second language is desirable, but not necessary.

Send a brief letter of interest outlining your background and why you want to be an Info Booth Volunteer by email to Darlene Hampton, mdhampton@cityofpasadena.net.

Community Meetings on Budget Held

The public is invited to attend one or all three special Community Budget Meetings in February and March hosted by Pasadena City Manager Steve Mermell and Finance Department Director Matthew Hawkesworth in order to have a better understanding of City finances and to share views on budget issues.

The meetings will be held at the following dates, times and locations.

- Wednesday, Feb. 15, 6-8 p.m., Victory Park Community Center, 2575 Paloma St.
- Thursday, Feb. 23, 6-8 p.m., Council Chamber, Pasadena City Hall, 100 N. Garfield Ave.
- Wednesday, March 1, 6-8 p.m., Villa-Parke Community Center, 363 E. Villa St.

The City is projecting a possible, multi-year structural deficit starting with Fiscal Year 2018 that begins July 1, 2017. By law, the City Council must approve a balanced budget by June 30.

The purpose of these meetings is to inform residents about the City's fiscal situation and potential budget impacts. The meetings also will provide an opportunity for residents to provide input directly to City officials about their views on the budget.

Additional public meetings will be held by the City Council and its Finance Committee in April, May and June as part of the budget approval process.

For more information, go online to www.cityofpasadena.net/Finance.

3430 E. Foothill Blvd y aprenda de los expertos! El próximo desastre sucederá. ¿Estará listo?

Actualización del programa Bajo un Techo

PWP sabe que mantener bajas las facturas de servicios públicos es de una gran prioridad para muchos hogares, y recientemente proporciono información actualizada a través del internet para los clientes que califican por sus ingresos económicos para que conozcan los programas y servicios disponibles.

La página web de bajo un techo www.cityofpasadena.net/waterandpower/incomequalified Ofrece una visión general de los: Programas de asistencia con la factura para personas de bajos ingresos que califican, adultos mayores y clientes discapacitados; instalación de equipos eficientes en energía que son gratis para los clientes que reciben asistencia en sus facturas de PWP; Descuentos en las mejoras del agua y la luz e instalaciones gratis para ayudar a conservar el uso del agua exterior; Tarifas exclusivas para los que califican por sus ingresos para los Programas de descuento para la energía del hogar de PWP e incentivos para los programas Solares; Mejoras para el hogar gratuitas a través del Programa de Asistencia de Mantenimiento y Servicios al Programa de Propietarios del Departamento de Vivienda y Servicios Profesionales de Pasadena y asistencia para comprar una vivienda a través de los Servicios de Vivienda del Vecindario del Condado de Los Ángeles.

¡Su Voto Es Su Voz!

El 7 de marzo de 2017, los votantes de Pasadena irán a las urnas para elegir a los representantes al Concejo Municipal de los Distritos 3, 5 y 7 y para los Asientos de la Junta de Educación del Distrito Escolar Unificado de Pasadena para los Distritos 1, 3, 5 y 7.

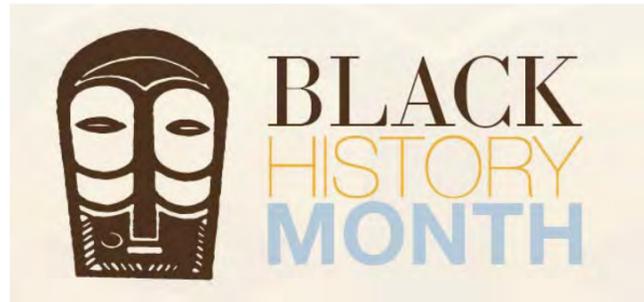
La votación anticipada estará disponible el sábado 4 de marzo y el domingo 5 de marzo desde 8 am a las 4 pm en el Centro Comunitario Jackie Robinson, 1020 N. Fair Oaks Ave. El personal del Registro de Votantes del Condado de Los Ángeles supervisará el centro de votación anticipada. Además, las papeletas de votación por correo pueden ser dejadas en la Oficina de la Secretaria de la Ciudad de Pasadena durante las horas de oficina desde el 6 de febrero al 2 de marzo de 2017. La Oficina de la Secretaria se encuentra en la Alcandía de la Ciudad, 100 N. Garfield Ave., Segundo Piso, Oficina S228.

Visite www.cityofpasadena.net/cityclerk/election para mayor información sobre la elección o llame al (626) 744-4124. La página web contiene información actualizada de los candidatos con respecto a las personas que calificaron para estar en la boleta electoral.

Usted debe registrarse con el Condado para votar a más tardar hasta el 20 de febrero para poder votar en la elección del 7 de marzo.

Cualquier candidato que reciba la mayoría de votos -50 por ciento, más uno- en la elección de marzo será elegido a la oficina respectiva. Si no hay un ganador, se llevará a cabo una segunda vuelta el 18 de abril para los dos candidatos que reciban el mayor número de votos para ese consejo o asiento de la Junta Escolar.

¿Está interesado en servir a su comunidad durante las elecciones? Regístrese hoy para ser un Trabajador Electoral para las elecciones del 7 de marzo. Si usted habla armenio, chino, japonés, coreano, español, tagalo o vietnamita, su ayuda es especialmente necesaria. Comuníquese con la sección de servicios de los trabajadores electorales del Condado de Los Ángeles para obtener más información al: (800) 815-2666, opción 7, o visite www.lavote.net para mayor información.



Pasadena Black History Month 2017 Events Announced

Celebrate Black History Month 2017 by attending the parade and other special events, lectures and activities in Pasadena now through Sunday, March 19, 2017. Pasadena's Black History Month Parade is one of the largest and oldest in the U.S. and will be held from 10 a.m. to about 1 p.m., Saturday, February 18.

Another special highlight this year is the Community Groundbreaking Celebration for the Robinson Park Recreation Center project at 1 p.m. The schedule of events is listed below and online at www.cityofpasadena.net/PasadenaBlackHistory and www.cityofpasadena.net/Library. All events are free unless otherwise noted.

Saturday, Feb. 18

The 35th Annual Black History Month Parade begins at 10 a.m. at Charles White Park in Altadena, heads south on Fair Oaks Avenue and ends at Robinson Park, 1081 N. Fair Oaks Ave. The regular, post-parade festival is being scheduled for the annual Juneteenth Celebration this year due to the onset of work for the Robinson Park Recreation Center project.

Parade will be recorded and broadcast in its entirety by Pasadena Media, www.pasadenamedia.org on KPAS, the City's government cable access TV channel and streamlined online.

The Robinson Park Recreation Center Community Groundbreaking Celebration, 1 p.m. in front of the Robinson Park Recreation Center, 1081 N. Fair Oaks Ave. Join local dignitaries and the Robinson Family in breaking ground for a major rehabilitation project. The existing structure will be demolished and completely reconstructed to better serve the recreational needs of the community.

Monday, Feb. 20

Black History Month celebration and luncheon, 11:30 a.m. – 2:30 p.m., Pasadena Senior Center, 85 E. Holly St., including soul food and jazz music representing the pride, dignity, grace and inspiration of African-American heritage. Sponsored by the Pasadena Senior Center Ebony Ladies of Distinction. Tickets are \$7, available at the Welcome Desk. For more information call Dr. Malika D. Henry, (626) 840-4493, or hendrymalika7@gmail.com, Pasadena Senior Center, www.pasadenaseniorcenter.org.

Wednesday, Feb. 22

Jungle-Drum Circle with Chazz Ross, a whimsical safari for young people with 26 African djembe drums, 1 p.m., La Pintoresca Branch Library, 1355 N. Raymond Ave.

Thursday, Feb. 23

The 20th annual Black History Breakfast sponsored by the National Organization of Black Law Enforcement Executives (NOBLE), San Gabriel Valley Chapter, along with the Pasadena Police and Fire departments, 7:30-10 a.m., Pasadena Senior Center, 85 E. Holly St. Call (626) 744-4551 or 744-7656 or dscott-jackson@cityofpasadena.net for info.

Friday, Feb. 24

"Senior Night Out" Enjoy good food, conversation and upbeat fun at the Pasadena City College Community Education Center, 3035 E. Foothill Blvd., 7-10 p.m.

A delightful afternoon of storytelling and village building, featuring stories authored by and/or about African-Americans, followed by a chocolate treat, led by Dr. Ayesha Randall for ages 3+, 4 p.m., La Pintoresca Branch Library, 1355 N. Raymond Ave.

Sunday, March 12

"Celebrating Women: Afternoon Tea" Celebrate women's contributions to Black History over special tea service, 3 p.m., Jackie Robinson Community Center, 1020 N. Fair Oaks Ave.

Sunday, March 19

"Praise Dance & Song Jubilee" Enjoy music, dance and fellowship at the Metropolitan Baptist Church, 2283 N. Fair Oaks Ave., 3 p.m.

Throughout the month of February, the Pasadena Public Library, www.cityofpasadena.net/Library will have several special displays at several locations for Black History, Feb. 1–28, including:

- 38th Annual Pasadena Martin Luther King Community Coalition's Art Contest Winners featuring the artwork of students grades 4 through 12, at the Central Library/Centennial Room & Business Wing, 285 E. Walnut St.

- A historical view of African-American families as seen through African-American literature and the Civil Rights Movement, Hastings Branch Library, 3325 E. Orange Grove Blvd.

- A Game of Color, an exhibit of photographs, artifacts and artwork spotlighting the Negro Leagues, which thrived from the 1920s through baseball's integration in 1947, and which featured the greatest African-American ballplayers of that era. Presented by the Baseball Reliquary and the Institute for Baseball Studies at Whittier College, La Pintoresca Branch Library, 1355 N. Raymond Ave.

- Book display of prominent African-Americans, Villa-Parke Branch Library, 363 E. Villa St.



TRI-CITY ELECTRIC CAR GUEST DRIVE

Test Drive Electric Cars!

The Pasadena Water and Power Department (PWP), in collaboration with the cities of Burbank and Glendale, are excited to bring you an "Electric Car Guest Drive" event, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., Saturday, April 8, at the Rose Bowl Stadium Parking Lot I.

This event is ideal for anyone who is looking to purchase or lease an electric vehicle, or even if you just want to learn more about electric vehicles. No sales pitch, no dealers.

You will be able to test drive electric vehicles accompanied by vehicle owners who will answer questions. With a wide variety of plug-in electric vehicles that range from luxury models like Tesla and BMW to economy models by Nissan and Volkswagen, this free event will have something for anyone interested in electric vehicles.

Advance registration is required. Representatives from PWP will be available to answer questions about incentives available for electric vehicles from federal, state, and local utilities. For details, visit www.PWPweb.com/EV.



PWP New Power Generator Is Operational

PWP recently completed the Glenarm Repowering Project, an extensive power plant upgrade that includes the replacement of a 51-year old steam generating unit, Broadway 3, with a more efficient combined-cycle turbine unit known as Gas Turbine 5 (GT-5). Now fully operational, GT-5 provides Pasadena with 71 MW of clean, natural-gas fueled power that is the most efficient and environmentally "clean" unit in its class.

GT-5's quick-start capability provides Pasadena with the flexibility needed to help maintain electric reliability as it can generate power within minutes as opposed to the 72-hour start-up time needed for Broadway 3. It also operates at the lowest emissions limits of any generator of its kind.

With a combination of flexibility, efficiency and low emissions, GT-5 provides the upgraded infrastructure needed to embrace advances in renewable resources while generating local, reliable power. The project is a key component of PWP's Power Integrated Resource Plan, which sets a 20-year strategy to provide reliable and environmentally responsible electric service to Pasadena while reducing dependence on outside energy sources.

PWP will unveil the project in a ribbon-cutting ceremony in late February. For more information on the Glenarm Repowering Project, visit www.PWPweb.com/GT5.



Scholarships for High School Seniors

Beca Educativa de Pasadena Water and Power

¡Aplique para la oportunidad de recibir hasta \$5,000 para la universidad!

PWP dará una beca a dos estudiantes del último año que planean asistir a una universidad en el año académico 2017-18. El mejor ensayo recibirá un premio de \$5,000 y el ensayo segundo recibirá un premio de \$2,500. Los participantes deben residir dentro del territorio de servicio de PWP.

PWP's annual scholarship program

is underway! Two high school seniors who attend either a public or private school in Pasadena could be selected to receive a \$5,000 and \$2,500 educational scholarship. Deadline to apply is April 10, 2017.

Interested applicants must submit a 300 word to 500 word essay that showcases their creative and innovative ideas for a new technology or invention that will allow Pasadena residents or businesses to be more energy and/or water efficient.

Applicants must live within PWP's service territory and plan to attend a two- or four-year accredited college starting with the 2017-18 academic year. Online information about the scholarship program and eligibility requirements is at www.PWPweb.com/Scholarships.



Under One Roof Program Update

PWP knows that keeping utility bills low is a high priority for many households, and has recently provided updated information online for income-qualified customers to learn about available programs and services.

The Under One Roof webpage www.cityofpasadena.net/waterandpower/incomequalified provides an overview of:

- Bill assistance programs for low-income qualified, seniors and disabled customers
- Water and energy-efficient equipment

and installations that are free to customers who receive bill assistance from PWP

- Discounts on energy and water upgrades and free installations to help conserve outdoor water use
- Exclusive income-qualified rates for PWP's Home Energy Rebates and Solar Incentives Programs
- Free home improvements through the Pasadena Housing and Career Services Department's Maintenance Assistance and Services to Homeowners Program
- Home-buying assistance through the Neighborhood Housing Services of L.A. County

