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THIS HOLIDAY SEASON, DON'T PICKOUT THE PERFECT GIFT FOR THIEVES

Last year, an estimated 11 million Americans had packages stolen from their homes. Criminals target packages left unattended on doorsteps. Don't be the next victim! The Pasadena Police Department would like to remind citizens to take extra care this time of year when having mail and packages delivered to their residence.

Follow these simple steps to protect your holiday packages:

Track you package
Track shipment information in advance. Many delivery companies offer customized alerts. UPS offers My Choice and FedEx offers Delivery Manager that give you some control on when and where packages arrive.

Require signature
If you're shipping something of high value, or you just want to make sure items aren't left unattended, you can require a signature for packages to be released.

Hold package @ mail facility
You can have your deliveries sent and held at a facility for pickup. For example, Amazon offers Amazon Locker, secure service lockers where customers pick up packages when its convenient for them.

Be neighborly
If you're shipping something of high value, or you just want to make sure items aren't left attended, you can require a signature for packages to be released.

Request a vacation hold
If you are going to be on vacation during the time of your delivery, you can request a vacation hold on all shipments. For example, FedEx will hold your shipment for up to 14 days.

If your package gets stolen:

REPORT THE THEFT
Contact your local law enforcement agency and file a report. Some agencies offer the convenient option of filing a report online.

CONTACT THE RETAILER
Some retailers grant refunds on a case-by-case basis or replace items if the delivery has been confirmed by the delivery company.

CHECK WITH YOUR CREDIT CARD COMPANY
Some credit card companies offer protection for members who charge a covered purchase that ends up being stolen. Check with your company for specifics.

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STAY CONNECTED TO PASADENA!

Stay connected with Pasadena during the Holidays—and every day of the year! Use the following links for the latest info:

City of Pasadena website: **www.cityofpasadena.net**

OUR CITIZEN SERVICE CENTER
www.cityofpasadena.net/Citizen-Service-Center is generally open from 7:30 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday through Friday, and can be reached at (626) 744-7311. Go online for forms and links to download the mobile app.

CITY'S MAIN TWITTER ACCOUNTS:
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www.twitter.com/PasadenaFD, @PasadenaFD
www.twitter.com/PWPnews, @PWPnews
www.twitter.com/PasadenaPD, @PasadenaPD

CITY FACEBOOK PAGE:
www.facebook.com/cityofpasadena

KPAS, your government information cable TV station, is available on Channel 3 for Charter subscribers and Channel 99 for AT&T U-verse subscribers. Streaming online at www.cityofpasadena.net/Media or www.pasadenamedia.org.

Residents can also sign up at Nixle, a free social media notification system used by many public safety agencies, including Pasadena's Police and Fire Departments. Go to www.Nixle.com to see up a free account to get alerts via your phone, text or email.

Pasadena officials urge all residents and those who work in the City to sign up today for emergency alerts, Red Flag announcements and other information from the City by joining the City's Pasadena Local Emergency Alert System, or PLEAS. Go online to www.cityofpasadena.net/Fire/PLEAS to register today your phone today.

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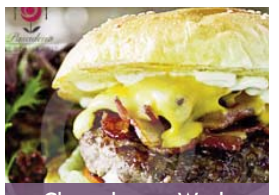


Cheeseburger Week
Story inside

Rose Parade, Rose Bowl Game Info

It's that time of year again for America's New Year celebrations!
Preparations are well underway and the excitement is building for Pasadena's 129th Rose Parade and the College Football Playoff Semifinal at the Rose Bowl Game. Both events will be held on January 1, 2018.

This year's theme of "Making A Difference" celebrates the selfless contributions of people, institutions and organizations who make a positive difference in our world.

A whirlwind of preparations and other special activities by City and Tournament staff and volunteers are happening now to ensure the main events are presented in flawless fashion for the thousands of parade spectators, football fans and the millions around the world who watch our special events on TV and social media.

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, as well as 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. Please note additional information in the newsletter about safety tips and early route closures for the parade.

The City of Pasadena, the Tournament of Roses and the Rose Bowl Stadium wish 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!

129th Rose Parade® presented by Honda • Monday, January 1, 2018 - 8 a.m.
Reserved tickets for grandstand seats available from Sharp Seating Company or Ticket Office at Pasadena Tournament of Roses, (626) 795-4171 or www.sharpseating.com

College Football Playoff Semifinal at the Rose Bowl Game® presented by Northwestern Mutual • Monday, January 1, 2018 - 1 p.m.
Go to www.tournamentofroses.com for up-to-date ticket information. VIP Ticket and Hospitality Packages online with PrimeSport www.primesport.com

Mayor Tornek's State of City Event Set January 16

Pasadena Mayor Terry Tornek will present his annual State of the City Address on Tuesday, January 16, 2018 at the Pasadena Unified School District's Marshall Fundamental High School, 990 N. Allen Avenue. The event will be held in the Eagles' new gymnasium.

Doors open at 6:30 p.m. The program will be from 7-8 p.m. with Mayor Tornek providing financial information about the City as well as several other important updates on City issues.

Pasadena Mayor's State of the City Address
Tuesday, January 16, 2018
Marshall High School • New Gymnasium
990 N. Allen Avenue, Pasadena, CA 91104
Doors Open 6:30 p.m.
Formal Program 7-8p.m.

On-site parking, including disabled parking, plus additional on-street parking will be available. Spanish translation and closed captioning services will be provided. Light refreshments will be served following the Mayor's address.

Pasadena Media, *www.pasadenamedia.org* will be there to record the event for broadcast on KPAS, the City's government cable access television channel, seen locally on Charter, Channel 3, and AT&T U-Verse, Channel 99, and also streamed on the City's website at www.cityofpasadena.net.

For more information, contact Rhonda Stone, (626)744-7210, *rstone@cityofpasadena.net*

Noticias En Breve

El Evento del Estado de la Ciudad Del Alcalde Tornek Para el 16 de enero

El Alcalde de Pasadena Terry Tornek presentará su informe Anual del Estado de la Ciudad, el martes 16 de enero de 2018 en la escuela secundaria Marshall Fundamental del Distrito Escolar Unificado de Pasadena, 990 N. Allen Avenue. El evento se llevará a cabo en el nuevo gimnasio de los Eagles.

Las puertas se abrirán a las 6:30 p.m. El programa es de 7-8 p.m. El Alcalde Tornek proporcionará información financiera sobre la Ciudad, así como información importante sobre otros asuntos de la Ciudad.

Habrá estacionamiento en la escuela, incluso estacionamiento para personas discapacitadas, también habrá estacionamiento disponible en la calle. Se proporcionarán servicios de Interpretación al español y subtítulos. Se servirán refrigerios ligeros después de la presentación del alcalde.

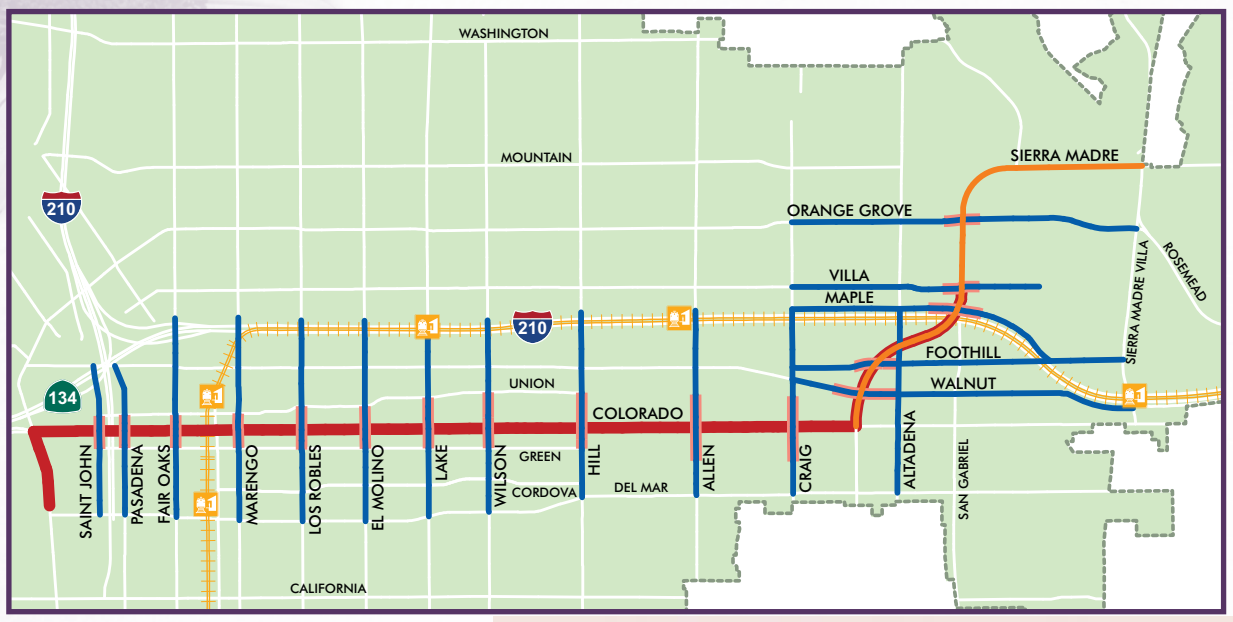
Pasadena Media, *www.pasadenamedia.org* estarán grabando el evento para su emisión en KPAS, el canal de televisión de la ciudad de acceso por cable, visto localmente en Charter, Canal 3, y AT & T U-Verse, Canal 99, también se transmitirá en la página web de la ciudad en *www.cityofpasadena.net.*

Para obtener más información, comuníquese con Rhonda Stone, (626) 744-7210 rstone@cityofpasadena.net

PROTEGIENDO A NUESTROS RESIDENTES Y VECINDARIOS

La venta legal de marihuana para uso recreativo en California comienza el 1 de enero de 2018, pero, hay muchas incógnitas sobre los impactos que las tiendas de marihuana tendrán en los vecindarios locales. Pasadena está tomando un

NEW YEAR'S 2018 PARADE ROUTE CLOSURES • DECEMBER 31, 2017 - JANUARY 1, 2018



Road Closure Hours / Map Key

- Parade Route
- North/South Crossings
  12/31 • 10 pm - 1/1 • 6 am - All Traffic
- 1/1 • 6 am - 2pm - Emergency Vehicles Only
- Sierra Madre Blvd.
  > Southbound closed
  > Northbound travel maintained
  12/31 • 10 pm - 1/1 • 8 am
- Gold Line Station
- 210 134 Freeways

SIMPLIFIED DETOUR INFORMATION:
To expedite travel in or thru the downtown, please use Walnut St. or the 210 fwy. for east/west travel north of Colorado Blvd., use Del Mar Blvd. or Cordova St. for east/west travel south of Colorado Blvd., and the crossings noted on the map for north/south travel from 10 pm on 12/31 – 6 am on 1/1.

Early Parade Route Closures Announced

The Pasadena Police Department will begin closing the route used for the annual Rose Parade effective 10 p.m., Sunday, December 31, 2017. The closures will occur along Colorado Boulevard, at Orange Grove Boulevard, east to Sierra Madre Boulevard; and up Sierra Madre Boulevard to Paloma Street. See Closure Map.

The earlier closure time for most of the route is being done to enhance public safety and provide for a more efficient deployment of public safety resources. Key intersections will be staffed by law enforcement personnel to allow vehicles to cross Colorado Boulevard, either north or south, until 6 a.m. Monday, January 1, 2018, at which time the entire route will be closed to all public vehicles.

The changes were done in full cooperation with the Tournament of Roses Association as well as other key stakeholders, other law enforcement agencies and security experts.

The closure information is being released so that everyone can plan accordingly if they intend to be in Pasadena on New Year's Eve, whether for a private party, dinner at a local restaurant or to find a favorite parade viewing spot.

The City's map shows the parade route, street closures and intersections that will be open to allow for north- and south-bound traffic to cross Colorado Boulevard.

SAFETY TIPS FOR PARADE AND BOWL GAME

- Refer to related story and map for early closures of parade route.
- "See Something, Say Something!" Call (626) 744-4241.
- For life-threatening emergencies, call 9-1-1. Remain calm; listen to all questions asked; provide short answers; know the address or landmarks around you.
- Overnight camping is permitted on parade route only on night of December 31, 2017.
- A sidewalk position can be maintained along parade route beginning at Noon Dec. 31.
- All persons & property must remain on the curb until 11 p.m., at which time spectators may move out to the blue "Honor Line" but not past it.
- Use common sense; celebrate responsibly.
- Small, professionally manufactured barbecues up at least 1 foot off ground are allowed on parade route, but must be 25 feet from buildings and other combustibles. A fire extinguisher must be readily available at all times.
- No bonfires or fireworks.
- No minors allowed on parade route, 10 p.m. to 5 a.m., unless supervised by an adult.
- Dress for cold weather! Remember hats and gloves.
- Anyone attempting to interfere with the parade or game, or throwing objects during the events, is subject to immediate removal and arrest.
- The parade route and stadium are "No Drone Zones" and aircraft will be impounded.
- Tents, ladders, sofas or large boxes are prohibited.
- No items may be sold unless officially licensed and/or permitted. Selling space along the parade route, other than grandstand seating, is illegal.
- It is illegal to buy, sell or give away horns.
- No public areas, sidewalks, curbs, gutters, streets, ramps may be cordoned/roped off.
- Only officially certified service animals are recommended. Keep pets safe at home!
- No unauthorized parking. Vehicles violating No Parking will be towed.
- No open containers of alcohol are permitted on public streets, sidewalks or all other public areas along parade route. Violators can be cited or arrested.
- All food cart vendors must be licensed and must display valid health permits.
- Smoking of any kind is prohibited along parade route or at stadium. Sale, possession and use of illegal drugs will not be tolerated.
- Stadium enforces a clear bag policy. Tailgating rules & clear bag policies online at www.rosebowlstadium.com.
- Allow for extra time to both enter and exit parade and stadium areas and for parking.

TOURNAMENT OF ROSES EVENTS

Tickets available from Sharp Seating Company or Ticket Office at Pasadena Tournament of Roses

Decorating Places presented by Giti Tire Rosemont Pavilion, 700 Seco Street, Pasadena
December 28: 11 a.m. - 5 p.m.
December 29: 9 a.m. - 5 p.m.
December 30: 11 a.m. - 5 p.m.
December 31: 11 a.m. - 1 p.m.
(advance purchase only)

Rose Float Plaza South, 5400 Irwindale Avenue, Irwindale
December 30: 11 a.m. – 5 p.m.
$15 General Admission
(free for children 5 and under)

Equestfest presented by Wells Fargo Los Angeles Equestrian Center: 480 Riverside Drive, Burbank
December 29: 10 a.m.
Doors Open. Noon – 2 p.m.
Equestrian Show
$15 General Admission
(free for children 5 and under)
$40 VIP Reserved Seating Package
$10 Parking

Bandfest presented by REMO Robinson Stadium at Pasadena City College:
1570 E. Colorado Boulevard
December 29: 1:30 p.m.
December 30: 9:30 a.m. and 2 p.m.
$15 General Admission
(free for children 5 and under)
Free parking in Structure 4 off Del Mar Avenue

Rose Bowl Game Hall of Fame Induction Ceremony
Rose Bowl Stadium Lot K
December 30: Noon – 1:30 p.m.
$40 Reserved Seating

Post Parade: A Showcase of Floats presented by Miracle-Gro
Sierra Madre and Washington Boulevards
January 1: 1 - 5 p.m.
January 2: 9 a.m. – 5 p.m.
(Senior citizens and disabled visitors welcome 7 – 9 a.m.)
$15 General Admission
(free for children 5 and under, ticket sales end at 3 p.m., last entry 4 p.m.)

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enfoque pausado a la nueva ley y quiere primero aprender de las experiencias de otras ciudades.

Actualmente, Pasadena no es un lugar legal para la venta comercial o cultivo comercial de marihuana.

En noviembre de 2017, el Concejo Municipal adoptó por unanimidad los cambios a las leyes locales de Pasadena para proteger mejor a los residentes, vecindarios y negocios. Los cambios significan que todas las ventas minoristas o el cultivo comercial de marihuana será prohibido en Pasadena.

La entrega de marihuana medicinal o productos de marihuana medicinal de dispensarios con licencia legal en otras jurisdicciones serán permitidos en, o que pasen por Pasadena.

También se prohibirá el cultivo personal de marihuana al aire libre, pero es permitido el cultivo interno de hasta seis plantas por residencia de acuerdo con la ley estatal. Fumar marihuana estará restringido localmente según las disposiciones de prevención de tabaco de la Ciudad.

Copias de los cambios adoptados a las leyes locales de Pasadena están disponibles en la Oficina del Secretario de la Ciudad, (626) 744-4124. La información sobre el programa de prevención del tabaco de la Ciudad se encuentra en línea en *https://ww5.cityofpasadena.net/public-health/live-well-pasadena/tobacco-control.*

Llame al Centro de Servicio al Ciudadano de Pasadena, de 7:30 a.m. a 5 p.m., de lunes a viernes al (626) 744-7311 o vaya en línea, , *www.cityofpasadena.net/Citizen-Service-Center,* para reportar sospechosos negocios ilegales de marihuana.

CIERRE TEMPRANO DE RUTAS DEL DESFILE

El Departamento de Policía de Pasadena comenzará a cerrar la ruta que se utiliza para el Desfile de las Rosas el domingo 31 de diciembre de 2017 a partir de las 10 p.m. Los cierres se realizarán en la Colorado Boulevard, en la Orange Grove Boulevard, al este de Sierra Madre Boulevard; y subiendo por el bulevar Sierra Madre hasta la calle Paloma. Ver mapa de cierre.

El tiempo de cierre temprano para la mayor parte de la ruta se está haciendo para mejorar la seguridad pública y proporcionar un despliegue más eficiente de los recursos de seguridad pública. Las intersecciones clave contarán con personal policial para permitir que los vehículos crucen Colorado Boulevard, ya sea al norte o al sur, hasta las 6 a.m. del lunes 1 de enero de 2018, momento en que toda la ruta estará cerrada para todos los vehículos públicos.

"Actualmente, no tenemos información fiable sobre amenazas al desfile de las Rosas o para el juego del Rose Bowl", dijo el jefe de policía de Pasadena, Phillip L. Sánchez. "Sin embargo, la seguridad pública en estos eventos importantes es nuestra prioridad número uno. Estamos tomando pasos de manera proactiva para ayudar a proporcionar un entorno más seguro como parte de nuestro análisis continuo de otros grandes eventos especiales y actividades mundiales ".

El Jefe Sánchez dijo que los cambios fueron hechos en plena colaboración con la Asociación del Torneo de las Rosas, así como con otras partes interesadas clave, otras agencias de la ley y el orden y expertos en seguridad.

La información de cierre será publicada para que todos puedan planificar de manera adecuada si tienen la intención de estar en Pasadena en la víspera de Año Nuevo, ya sea para una fiesta privada, la cena en un restaurante local o para encontrar un lugar favorito para ver el desfile.

El mapa de la Ciudad muestra la ruta del desfile, las calles cerradas y las intersecciones que estarán abiertas para permitir que el tráfico con rumbo norte y sur crucen la Colorado Boulevard. Para las intersecciones que estarán cerradas temprano, no habrá excepciones a los cierres, excepto para fines de seguridad pública.

El mapa y otra información de seguridad pública para el Desfile de las Rosas y el juego del Rose Bowl se publicarán en el sitio web de la Ciudad, www.cityofpasadena.net. Para todos los demás eventos de del Desfile de las Rosas, visite *www.tournamentofroses.com*; en Twitter, @RoseParade, https://twitter.com/RoseParade; Facebook, @roseparade, www.facebook.com/roseparade.

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PASADENA IN FOCUS

Protecting Our Residents and Neighborhoods

The legal sale of marijuana for recreational use begins in California on Jan. 1, 2018, but there are many unknowns about the impacts that marijuana shops will have on local neighborhoods. Pasadena is taking a slow approach to the new law and wants to first learn from other cities' experiences.

For the immediate present, Pasadena is not a legal location for any commercial sale or commercial cultivation of marijuana.

In November 2017, the City Council unanimously adopted changes to Pasadena's local laws to better protect residents, neighborhoods and businesses. The changes mean all commercial retail sales or commercial cultivation of marijuana will be banned in Pasadena.

Delivery of medical marijuana or medical marijuana products from legally licensed dispensaries in other jurisdictions will be allowed into, or pass through, Pasadena.

Personal outdoor cultivation of marijuana also will be prohibited, but personal indoor cultivation of up to six plants per residence will be allowed in accordance with state law. Smoking marijuana will be locally restricted under the City's tobacco prevention provisions.

Copies of the adopted changes to Pasadena's local laws are available from the City Clerk's Office, (626) 744-4124. Information about the City's tobacco prevention program is online at *https://ww5.cityofpasadena.net/public-health/live-well-pasadena/tobacco-control.*

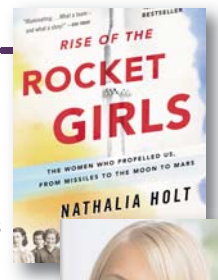
Also in November, City officials approved a resolution to disqualify all current illegal marijuana operators and businesses in Pasadena from receiving any future permit if, or when, commercial sales are allowed and properly licensed.

Proposition 64, approved by voters in November 2016, allows Californians ages 21 and older to possess, transport, buy and use up to an ounce of marijuana for recreational purposes and also to grow up to six cannabis plants. Although the measure allows for retail sales of marijuana, it also specifically allows for local control to regulate or ban commercial marijuana operations. More information on the measure is at http://vig.cdn.sos.ca.gov/2016/general/en/pdf/prop64-title-summ-analysis.pdf

Pasadena, like many cities in California, has taken a thoughtful approach in response to citizen concerns about the negative impacts of commercial marijuana operations on local neighborhoods.

Call Pasadena's Citizen Service Center, 7:30 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday through Friday at (626) 744-7311 or go online, *www.cityofpasadena.net/Citizen-Service-Center,* to report suspected illegal marijuana businesses.

"Rocket Girls" is 2018 One City, One Story Selection



Rise of the Rocket Girls: The Women Who Propelled Us, From Missiles to the Moon to Mars by author Nathalia Holt is the book selected for the Pasadena Public Library's 2018 One City, One Story community reading program.

Now in its 16th 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.

A variety of One City, One Story community programs will be held throughout March, beginning with a conversation with the author on Thursday evening, March 8, 2018. Event details will be announced in the near future. For more information, visit *http://cityofpasadena.libguides.com/onecityonestory* or call (626) 744-7076.

Rise of the Rocket Girls is the riveting true story of the women who launched America into space. It's a New York Times bestseller and a perfect holiday gift from local booksellers in Pasadena!

In the 1940s and 50s, when the newly minted Jet Propulsion Laboratory needed quick-thinking mathematicians to calculate velocities and plot trajectories, it didn't turn to male graduates. Rather, NASA recruited an elite group of young women who, with only pencil, paper and mathematical prowess, transformed rocket design, helped bring about the first American satellites and made the exploration of the solar system possible.

For the first time, Rise of the Rocket Girls tells the stories of these women--known as "human computers"--who broke the boundaries of both gender and science. Based on extensive research and interviews with all the living members of the team, Rise of the Rocket Girls offers a unique perspective on the role of women in science.

Nathalia Holt, Ph.D., is a science writer and author of several other best-selling books. Her work has also appeared in numerous publications, including The New York Times, The Los Angeles Times, The Atlantic, Slate, Popular Science and Time. She has trained at the Ragon Institute of MGH, MIT and Harvard University, the University of Southern California, and Tulane University. She lives with her husband and their two daughters in Boston, Mass.

Visitor Hotline Opens Dec. 29

The Pasadena Convention & Visitors Bureau activates its toll free hotline Dec. 29 to help visitors and spectators with all information related to the Rose Parade and Rose Bowl Game, including street closures, parking, security questions, things to do and see, and tips for a memorable visit to Beautiful Pasadena!

Visitors within the United States can call the toll free number at (877) 793-9911 while visitors outside of the U.S. can call (626) 795-9311, international charges will apply. Questions can also be tweeted to @visitpasadena or via Facebook *https://www.facebook.com/visitpasadena/.*

Hotline Hours are:
Friday, Dec. 29, 10 a.m. – 5 p.m.
Saturday, Dec. 30, 10 a.m. – 2 p.m.
Sunday, Dec. 31, 10 a.m. – 2 p.m.
Monday, Jan. 1, 10 a.m. – 2 p.m.

Pasadena Water and Power Wants to Hear From You

Pasadena Water and Power recently redesigned its website with a new look and enhanced functionality to improve your customer experience. You can easily sign in to your utility account from the home page and submit an online rebate application for more than a dozen incentives and services available.

The new website also has a more robust search function to help find the information you need! It's conveniently compatible for mobile devices, smart phones and tablets. Plus, the new outage map makes it easier than ever to determine if your area is out of power and when it's expected to be restored.

The redesigned website is one of the many ways PWP is committed to being a customer-focused utility. Your feedback is important to us, and will help us find ways to be a better water and electric provider.

Please take a few minutes to fill out a 10-question survey. Just for sharing your thoughts, you will have the opportunity to enter in a drawing to receive an emergency preparedness backpack (valued at $50). To get started, visit PWPweb.com/Feedback.

Winter Watering Schedule Reminder

Remember, now through March 31, the winter watering schedule resumed and outdoor watering is only permitted on Saturdays before 9 a.m. and after 6 p.m. The one-day-a-week schedule follows restrictions set by the City Council-approved Level 1 Water Supply Shortage Plan.

Pasadena also has permanent "water waste" prohibitions in place, including:

- No outdoor watering during and 48 hours after rain
- No excessive water flow or runoff onto pavement
- No washing down hard or paved surfaces, unless for safety and sanitation.

Hand watering with the use of a hand-held container or hose with a shut-off nozzle is permitted. To learn more about Pasadena's watering restrictions, visit: PWPweb.com/WateringSchedule.

Free Christmas Tree Recycling!

Make tree recycling a part of your post-holiday tradition. The City 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 landscaping mulch.

Drop off your tree from 7 a.m. to 2 p.m., Tuesday Dec. 26, 2017 until Thursday, Jan. 4, 2018 at:

- Easton 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. 2-12, 2018, 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 the Citizen Service Center at (626) 744-7311 or online at www.cityofpasaadena.net/publicworks.

Remember, no bulky pickup happens now Jan. 20, 2018.

Open Enrollment At PUSD

The 2018-19 Open Enrollment-School Choice is the opportunity for Pasadena Unified School District families to apply for award-winning schools and signature programs.

The online application window for resident students entering grades kindergarten through 12th grade in the 2018-19 academic year is January 11 through February 2, 2018. Subsequent lottery results will be available at the end of February.

Prior to participating in the open enrollment process, PUSD invites families to visit campuses, meet the principals and tour classrooms. Exciting options to explore include:

- Dual Language Immersion programs in Spanish, Mandarin Chinese, and French
- International Baccalaureate Programme
- Art, STEAM, and Dual Language Immersion magnet schools
- Math Academy
- College & Career Academies

Families do not participate in open enrollment if they plan to attend the school of their residence. To confirm a family's neighborhood school, see school profiles, tour dates and times, and for more detailed information about applying, please go to https://2018.openenrollment.info or contact PUSD's Office of Enrollment, Permits & Student Records at (626) 396-3639.

AROUND TOWN

Kwanzaa Celebration Dec. 27

Join us for Pasadena's 29th Annual Kwanzaa: A Celebration of Family, Community & Culture. Enjoy music, stories and tasty dishes prepared by members of the Pasadena Alumnae Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority. Wednesday, Dec. 27, 11 a.m.-1 p.m., La Pintoresca Branch Library, 1355 N. Raymond Ave.

Cheeseburger Week Jan. 7-12

Did you know that the mighty cheeseburger was invented right here in Pasadena in 1924? Celebrate the invention of this All-American Culinary Classic during Cheeseburger Week, January 7-12, to help Pasadena honor Lionel Sternberger's genius in being the first to put a piece cheese to hamburger and serve it at the Rite Spot in Pasadena in 1924.

About 40 of Pasadena's favorite restaurants, lounges and burger joints will offer signature burgers, some special gourmet creations and a dining deals during Pasadena Cheeseburger Week. Organize your own "Cheeseburger Crawl" and be sure to take the Cheeseburger Challenge at *www.pasadenarestaurantweek.com*.

YUM!

Live On Green

Free, three-day family festival Dec. 29-31 that helps kick off Pasadena's New Year's Celebrations with five pavilions of entertainment, discovery and fun. Held at the Pasadena Convention Center, 300 E. Green St. Online information at *http://liveongreenpasadena.com/*

This year's theme is simply out of this world with "Celebrate with Spirit" on the huge difference and life-changing contributions that astronomy and space science has made in everyone's life. You'll be awed by displays of rockets and technology and inspired by the stories from our scientists and space explorers. The "Spirit Theatre" will feature speakers from the world of science, literature and our community along with films and features designed to entertain and inform.

Snow Days for Kids!

Kidspace Children's Museum, 480 N. Arroyo Blvd., gives you a chance to break out your mittens, boots and snow hats for a day of winter wonderland fun. Play in real snow, build your own snowman friend, perfect your snowball making skills, and make snow angels. Continue to celebrate the season with live performances each day, winter-themed art, and the science of snow. Cookie decorating will also be available for an additional $3 fee. Info online at *http://www.kidspacemuseum.org/events/event-list/snow-days.*

Dec. 26-30, 2017 Event Hours are 9:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesday – Friday, and 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday.

Due to float decorating activities in the area, expect heavy traffic throughout the Rose Bowl Stadium area. Follow directions of the parking attendants and only cross streets at designated crossing areas only.

Pasadena Half Marathon Returns Jan. 21

The Pasadena Half Marathon and 5K takes place Sunday, Jan. 21, 2018 at the Rose Bowl Stadium. The course extends into Old Pasadena and other areas of Downtown Pasadena. Street closures will occur. Go to *https://www.pasadenahalf.com/* for event info, route maps and street closures.

Shop Local, Shop Pasadena!

Each dollar spent with Pasadena businesses supports employment for Pasadena residents, keeps money in our community and provides revenue for the City's programs and services. The Pasadena Chamber of Commerce and the City urge everybody to shop local for the holidays. A portion of your sales tax dollars return to Pasadena to help pay for park maintenance, police and fire services, even our public schools. Grow Your Community and Shop Pasadena.