



## OFFICE OF THE CITY MANAGER

September 22, 2022

To the Honorable City Council  
of the City of Pasadena

Mayor and Councilmembers:

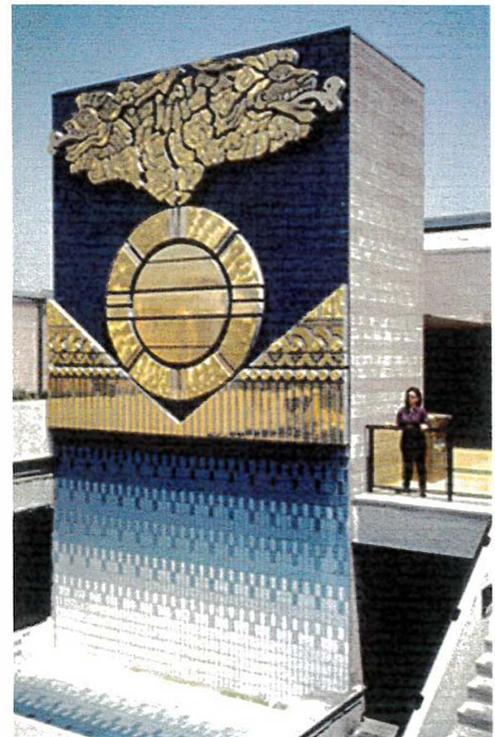
### WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

#### 1. **Latino Heritage Month Celebrates Public Art at Villa Park Community Center:**

Jennifer Paige, Acting Director of Planning and Community Development, announces that the Cultural Affairs Division is celebrating Latino Heritage Month by spotlighting a prominent artwork from the City's Public Art Collection: *Homage to Quetzalcoatl* by artist Dora De Larios.

Located at the Ville Parke Community Center in Northwest Pasadena, this monumental sculptural fountain was completed in 1992 and is constructed from brass, cement, and brightly colored ceramic tile. As its title suggests, the artwork pays homage to Quetzalcoatl - the Nahuatl name for the feathered-serpent deity of ancient Mesoamerican culture, representing wisdom, the arts, and spiritual enlightenment.

Dora De Larios is one of America's leading clay artists working today, with an impressive list of accomplishments ranging from place settings for the White House to a grand cement wall sculpture in Nagoya, Japan. She has taught ceramics at USC and UCLA and served as a representative from the American Craft Council to the World Craft Congresses in Oaxtecpec, Mexico; Kyoto, Japan; and Vienna, Austria.





De Larios was born in Los Angeles to Mexican parents and raised in a downtown neighborhood surrounded by Japanese families that spoke Spanish. Her limited use of English hindered her verbal comprehension in school and probably contributed to her use of a visual vocabulary. Her family's frequent visits to Mexico were a major influence on her work. At the age of 8, her parents took her to the Museum of Anthropology in Mexico City where she was struck by the awesome power of the 24-metric-ton Aztec calendar stone. She felt profoundly connected to her Mexican ancestry and knew from that point on she would become an artist. Both Pre-Columbian pottery and monolithic stone sculptures played an important role in her decision to work in clay.

Information about the artwork and the artist will be promoted on the City's social media channels throughout the coming weeks.

For more information about the City's Public Art Collection, visit: [www.cityofpasadena.net/arts](http://www.cityofpasadena.net/arts) or contact Corey Dunlap, Public Art Coordinator, Planning & Community Development Department: (626) 744-7547.

## **2. Electric System Performance During September 2022 Heatwave:**

Jeffrey Kightlinger, Interim General Manager of Water and Power, reports that for more than a century, Pasadena Water & Power ("PWP") has provided safe and reliable utility services to the residents and businesses of Pasadena. Regardless of weather conditions or the time of year, Pasadena citizens rely on PWP to deliver reliable electric service. PWP demonstrated its exceptional reliability yet again during the extreme heat event that occurred in Southern California during early September of this year.

The heatwave shattered temperature records across much of Southern California, creating very high demand which strained the state's electrical grid. The California Independent System Operator's ("CAISO") peak electricity demand, including PWP's load, surpassed its previous record of 50,270 megawatts ("MW") set in July, 2006. A new all-time high demand of 51,426 MW was recorded on September 6, 2022. The CAISO was prepared to issue a load curtailment order on several consecutive days, but was able to avoid this extreme measure due largely to customer conservation efforts. For the very first time, an Amber Alert was issued for energy conservation, which played a key role in encouraging customers to conserve electricity and helped prevent rolling blackouts across the state.

PWP's electric distribution system also experienced one of its peak demand days during the heatwave. PWP's highest demand during the heat event was 319 MW, which is within one MW of its all-time peak of 320 MW set in 2010. Despite the very high demand for electricity, PWP's electric system performed exceptionally well with only eight local neighborhood outages, affecting 285 customers, during the entire 10-day duration of the heatwave. PWP's local power plants were also instrumental in providing reliable electric service to customers in Pasadena and supporting the CAISO's electrical grid.

The PWP team is very grateful to Pasadena customers for conserving energy when called upon during the heatwave event. The diligent efforts of the Pasadena community during the unprecedented heat wave helped prevent potential statewide power shortages that could have resulted in significant outages.

### 3. **Mosquito Prevention in Pasadena:**

West Nile virus (WNV) continues to be detected in mosquito and bird populations in the San Gabriel Valley. Manuel Carmona, Acting Director of Public Health, reported that as of September 9, there have been 11 human West Nile virus cases reported in Los Angeles County, including one in Pasadena. Mosquito control experts are advising residents to remove stagnant water due to the early September rain. The stagnant rainwater sitting in containers can result in a risk of mosquito-borne diseases in our communities. If residents notice any stagnant water issues in their community, they can [submit a tip online](#) or call 626-814-9466.

#### Things You Can Do:

1. **Tip 'n Toss** - Mosquitoes can complete their life cycle from egg to adult in one week. Eliminate stagnant water weekly in and around the home. Don't forget to keep your [pool clean and maintained](#).
2. **Repel** - [Apply repellent](#) to exposed skin to stop mosquito bites. Use Oil of Lemon Eucalyptus (or PMD), which is EPA-registered and CDC-recommended. Other effective repellents are Picaridin, DEET, and IR3535.
3. **Educate friends, neighbors and family** – San Gabriel Valley Mosquito and Vector Control District [challenges you to educate](#) at least two more people about mosquitoes. The more we understand that mosquito control is a shared responsibility, the healthier our communities will be.

Pasadena is a member of the San Gabriel Valley Mosquito and Vector Control District, one of five vector control districts in Los Angeles County tasked with controlling and preventing mosquito-borne disease outbreaks. Year-round, the agency monitors stagnant water sources, such as gutters, storm drains, channels and non-functional swimming pools. The agency also routinely monitors populations of adult mosquitoes using traps, and tests groups of adult female mosquitoes for the presence of [WNV](#) and other mosquito-borne diseases. In addition, the agency submits samples from dead birds, such as crows, for testing, which can provide insight into the spread of WNV. To learn more about the services provided visit [www.sgvmosquito.org](http://www.sgvmosquito.org).

### 4. **Pasadena Based Company Miso Robotics Featured in Washington Post:**

David Klug, Economic Development Director, reports that Pasadena based company, Miso Robotics, was recently featured in an article published in the business section of The Washington Post.

The [article](#) introduces Flippy, Sippy, and Chippy, Miso's latest innovation in robotics, and highlights the overall benefits and efficiencies of their use and impact on the fast food restaurant industry.

**5. Pasadena in the News:**

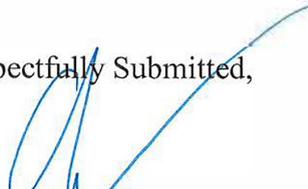
Below are this week's top five clips of Pasadena in the News as submitted by Lisa Derderian, Public Information Officer.

1. [Firefighters rescue blind dog that fell down 15-foot hole at construction site](#) – ABC 7
2. [A new Pasadena park opens, and Van Halen takes center stage](#) – Pasadena Star-News
3. [Charity boxing event at Pasadena City Hall](#) – KTLA
4. [EF Academy opens in Pasadena](#) – ABC 7
5. [City Council Approves 19 Proposed Projects To Replace \\$230.5 Million Gold Line Grade Separation Project at California Boulevard](#) – Pasadena Now

**6. Legal Advertisements and Public Notices:**

Attached is a memorandum from Mark Jomsky, City Clerk, which provides this week's submission of upcoming legal advertisements and public notices set for publication. In addition, the webpage for posting public notices and advertisements has been updated with the attached information and can be accessed from the City's home webpage at [www.cityofpasadena.net](http://www.cityofpasadena.net). If you require additional detailed information on these legal advertising and public notices, please contact Mr. Jomsky at (626) 744-4709.

Respectfully Submitted,



**NICHOLAS G. RODRIGUEZ**  
Assistant City Manager

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OFFICE OF THE CITY CLERK

MEMORANDUM

**TO:** Honorable Mayor and City Council  
**FROM:** Mark Jomsky, City Clerk   
**DATE:** September 22, 2022  
**RE:** Legal Advertisements and Public Notices

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Please let me know if you have any questions.

**PUBLIC NOTICE BY THE CITY OF PASADENA  
OF A SCHEDULED PUBLIC HEARING BY THE CITY COUNCIL  
RELATING TO THE 2021-2022 CONSOLIDATED ANNUAL PERFORMANCE  
AND EVALUATION REPORT (CAPER) FOR THE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK  
GRANT PROGRAM, EMERGENCY SOLUTIONS GRANT PROGRAM, AND THE HOME  
INVESTMENT PARTNERSHIPS PROGRAM**

The City of Pasadena announces that a draft copy of the Consolidated Annual Performance and Evaluation Report (CAPER) for Program Year (PY) 2021-2022, as required by the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD), will be available for public review and comment commencing on September 22, 2022 and continuing through October 6, 2022. This action, if approved, is exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to State CEQA Guidelines per Section 15061(b)(3).

The CAPER assesses the City's progress in carrying out the first year (July 1, 2021 – June 30, 2022) of the Strategic Plan which is described in the 5-Year (2020-2024) Consolidated Plan, regarding federal entitlement funding from the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program, the Emergency Solutions Grants (ESG) Program, and the Home Investment Partnerships (HOME) Program.

The Pasadena City Council and Housing Department are vitally interested in improving and increasing communication with Pasadena citizens in the area of housing, community development, and economic development. The PY21-22 CAPER (draft) will be available for public review on the Housing Department website at: <https://www.cityofpasadena.net/housing/cdbg/#cdbg-plans>. Citizens wishing to submit written comments during the public review and comment period may mail them, postmarked no later than October 6, 2022, to the following:

City of Pasadena - Housing Department  
Attention: Randy Mabson, Program Coordinator  
649 N. Fair Oaks Blvd. #202  
Pasadena, CA 91109

The public hearing will be held at the following location and time:

City Council - Public Hearing  
Monday, October 3, 2022 at 5:00 p.m.  
Pasadena City Hall – City Council Chambers  
100 N. Garfield Avenue, Pasadena, CA 91109

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE THAT THIS MEETING WILL TAKE PLACE AT A MEETING HELD PURSUANT TO GOVERNOR GAVIN NEWSOM'S EXECUTIVE ORDER N-29-20 AND EXECUTIVE ORDER N-08-21 SOLELY BY ELECTRONIC MEANS.

All interested persons may submit correspondence to [correspondence@cityofpasadena.net](mailto:correspondence@cityofpasadena.net) prior to the start of the meeting. Members of the public may provide live public comment by submitting an online speaker card form at the following webpage: [www.cityofpasadena.net/city-clerk/public-comment](http://www.cityofpasadena.net/city-clerk/public-comment); or by calling the City Clerk's Office at (626) 744-4124. For information on how to provide live public comment, please refer to the posted agenda for additional details and instructions. To view the public hearing, the public may access the live stream at <https://www.pasadenamedia.org/kpas/>.

Miguel Marquez, City Manager  
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