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NORTHWEST COMMISSION

Northwest the Heart and Soul of Pasadena

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MESSAGE FROM THE CHAIR

Michelle Richardson-Bailey, NW Commission



borhoods. We are not able to do it all; there are miles of streets in the NW. We are in need of your support by way of comments, input, ideas, shout outs, attendance at our meetings or whatever you have that could benefit the community.

I would like to invite you to join us at our regular meetings on the second Thursday of each month at 6:30 pm at the Jackie Robinson Center. Now, go ahead and stroll through the columns of this newsletter and partake in the NW Commission's many compliments to this community. Thank you!

- Chair, Richardson-Bailey

Hello and welcome to our latest monthly newsletter. Please take a moment to appreciate the new friendly format! This month's edition highlights a few of our recent accomplishments as outlined in our Six-month Strategic Objectives, our work plan from December 2013 to June 2014. You can see all updates at <http://ww2.cityofpasadena.net/commissions/northwest.asp>.

On October 16, 1990, City Ordinance no. 6404 established the Northwest Commission. This commission was established because of the will of the members in this community who demanded economic justice, better neighborhoods and a community free of blight. The struggle is still real. Seeing Street Soldiers like Georgia Holloway and others who are no longer with us, (the late, Ralph Poole comes to mind), carry the torch for a better NW Community for as long as they could, served to further fuel the determination down in my soul to pick up that torch and continue on.

The purpose of the Ordinance has not changed much. What has changed, is the make-up of the commission as it reflects the diversity of

our community. The NW Commission still continues to serve as a monitoring body for the Northwest Community, even taking on certain roles of the former PACS. Although the PACS have been dissolved, the issue of economic development is still very much an issue in our community; e.g., we have yet to break ground on Heritage Square, a senior housing project, which has been some three decades in the making. It is still a work in progress. The good news is we are now embarking upon Phase 2 of the Robinson Park Renovation Project, which is vital to the heart of this community.

The NW Commission continues to work to improve the quality of life in our community by not only providing input but also monitoring the implementation of capital improvement projects, (CIP). We actively participate in identifying broken sidewalks, streets that have potholes in need of repair, tree lines that could use some attention and issues with street lighting to name a few. We also identify blighted and neglected properties, abandoned cars and whatever might be a threat to the wholesome appearance of our neigh-

Community Provides Feedback on Robinson Park

Recreation Center Project - Commissioners Delgado, Washington and Chair, Richardson-Bailey

Members of the community came out on March 25 and shared ideas for the upcoming recreation center renovation project. City staff were available to answer questions. Additional meetings will be held every fourth Tuesday of the month.

For more information please contact Lola Osborne (626) 744-4791 or losborne@cityofpasadena.net.

For more details visit www.cityofpasadena.net/publicworks, keyword Robinson Park Recreation Center Renovation.

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Neighborhood Connections

Neighborhood Connections is part of Pasadena's Human Services & Recreation Dept. and was established to foster better communication between residents and city government. It provides free information and support to encourage neighbors to work together, to access assistance from city departments, and to build better neighborhoods through neighborhood organizations. Please visit our website or our office. For more information contact us @ 626.744.7259 or by email at wsyms@cityofpasadena.net.

Devil's Gate Reservoir Sediment Removal and Management—Commissioners Perry and Turner

City officials continue to monitor closely and work with the County of Los Angeles on the Devil's Gate Sediment Removal and Management Project.

The City's comments on the Devil's Gate Draft Environmental Impact Report (EIR) were submitted to the County in January. The City's comments are also posted online at www.cityofpasadena.net/PublicWorks/Devils-Gate-reservoir-Sediment-Removal/.

The project seeks to remove about 3 million cubic yards of sediment from behind Devil's Gate in the Hahamongna Watershed area.

An ad hoc Working Group of the City began meeting in February to help identify ways that accomplish the County's flood protection goals while also reducing the environmen-

tal impacts to the Hahamongna watershed, its wildlife areas and the adjacent neighborhoods. The goal is to develop additional input by May to be used by the City and The County before the County's final EIR is expected to be published in Fall 2014.

The Public Works staff made a presentation to the Hahamongna Watershed Advisory Committee, NWC members Perry and Turner in attendance. Also presented were recommendations to the Capital Improvement Program for the Hahamongna section of the FY 2015-2019 budget.

The HWPAC members unanimously approved the recommendation of the staff and their support will be presented at the City Council meeting on April 28, 2014.

For additional information

contact the City of Pasadena, **Rosa Laveaga**, Landscape Architect No. 3494, Arroyo Seco Project Supervisor/HWPAC Liaison, Department of Public Works - Engineering Division

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HAHAMONGNA WATERSHED PARK ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING SCHEDULE FOR 2014 :

6:00 pm, City Yards, 233 West Mountain Avenue, Pasadena 91103; Rosa Laveaga, Supervisor;

(626) 744-3883

May 27

July 22

September 23

November 25

POLICE DEPARTMENT UPDATES

The Pasadena Police Department conducted a pedestrian safety education/enforcement program during the week of March 24.

While pedestrian safety is the responsibility of both pedestrians and drivers, it is inevitably the pedestrian who loses in a motor vehicle collision. Approximately 600 pedestrians die on California's streets and highways each year. According to Pasadena Police Chief, Phillip L. Sanchez, "Even one fatality is too many, but Pasadena suffered four pedestrian fatalities in the last twelve months and each of them could have been prevented if all parties obeyed traffic laws designed to keep pedestrians safe."

Some reminders:

*In California there is a crosswalk at every corner, whether or not it is marked.

*Drivers may not pass another vehicle stopped at a crosswalk.

*Drivers may not pass a school bus with red lights flashing on either side of the roadway.

*Pedestrians must obey pedestrian signals where provided.

*Pedestrian may not begin to cross after pedestrian signal begins to flash or count down.

*Pedestrians must use crosswalks between signal con-

trolled intersections.

While no one enjoys receiving a citation, the alternative often is a major tragedy

Please Drive...and walk safely!

For further information contact:
Lt. Pete Hetteema Traffic
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Phillip Sanchez,
Pasadena Police
Chief.

Important Reminders to be Prepared Now for Earthquakes

The recent earthquakes in March 2014 that have rattled much of Southern California serve as important reminders for everybody to be prepared now for disasters and emergencies at home, at work and in your cars.

Pasadena's Public Safety officials urge everybody to be prepared now—start preparing today—with emergency supplies, including “Go Kits” for homes, cars and your workplace; pre-determined evacuation plans for family and pets, and many other steps that will help you, your loved ones and animal companions survive in the days following a major disaster or

emergency event. Successful emergency preparedness means having enough food, water, medicine, first aid supplies, hygiene products, flashlights, batteries, clothing and other supplies for each person and pet in your household to last a minimum of three days to week, or longer, if possible.

It is important to remember that in the event of a widespread disaster or emergency, police and fire officials throughout the region may become quickly overwhelmed with 9-1-1 calls and you and your neighbors may be on your own, without assistance from

first responders for hours or even days. If you are not prepared, start by watching an informative, 12-minute disaster preparedness video posted at www.cityofpasadena.net/Disaster_Preparedness_Video/.

This important emergency preparedness video is available with voice and captions in both English and Spanish at www.cityofpasadena.net/disaster and includes a handy “Emergency Survival Guide” prepared by the County of Los Angeles.



New After School Food Program for Children and Youths Launched in Northwest Area at Jackie Robinson Center

Children and students in the Pasadena area may now benefit from an after school food program designed to help prevent obesity and curb child food insecurity.

In partnership with the Jackie Robinson Center, Building Better Communities Foundation of Fresno, the Piercy Charitable Foundation and Friends of the Miracle Mile, the Northwest based Pasadena YouthBuild program sponsors free nutritionally balanced meals Monday through Thursday from 3:30 to 6:30 pm and on Fridays from 3:30 to 5:30 at the JRC.

The programs focus on child nutrition through all ages, and specifically seeks to address the nationwide problem of childhood obesity and child food

insecurity.

“BBC assists children, local organizations and educational institutions in challenged communities which are uniquely affected by these issues,” said Marco Brewer, Director of BBC. “We create partnerships to provide nutritional assistance to not only the children, but to their families as well. Although BBC was formed from a recognition of immediate need in Central California, it became apparent the need extended beyond our community and to similar children, communities and organizations facing similar circumstances across this Nation.”

“It is our belief that the cornerstones of a strong nation are strong children; the strength of our children is borne through



proper nutrition, and proper nutrition is promoted through nutrition education and institutional and community assistance initiatives.”

At the time of print, the food program is beginning its third week at JRC.

“The first day we served 17 children,” said Pasadena YouthBuild program director Chase Turner. “Last Friday we served 126 meals.”

“Each day the numbers seem to increase and we’re starting to get regular and repeat visitors. Many of the children bring all members of their families. We’re really getting to know our community.”

“What a great service you are providing and thanks for being our partner. “

Horace Wormely,
Deputy Director,
Human Services &
Recreation
Department

Staffing for the program is currently underwritten by MCS Career Group of Alhambra. The two cooks are hired through the Youth Work Experience program coordinated by Irma Martinez.

Pasadena YouthBuild provides a high school diploma and jobs training for students ages 15-25 who have dropped out of high school. Further information about PYB is available at (626) 437-3509 or visit www.pasadenayouthbuild.org. Information about the food program is available by calling the

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The City of Pasadena is dedicated to delivering exemplary municipal services, responsive to our entire community and consistent with our history, culture and unique character.

Northwest Commission meetings are held the second Thursday of each month at the Jackie Robinson Center Auditorium, at 6:30 pm. The address is 1020 North Fair Oaks Avenue, Pasadena, 91103.

Bilingual translation will be provided upon request within 24 hours of the meeting: call (626) 744-4371 (TDD) at least 24 hours in advance.

A petición se proporcionará traducción bilingüe dentro de 24 horas después de la reunión: llame al (626) 744-4371 (TDD) al 24 horas por adelantado.

Northwest Commission Mission Statement: Advocate to the City Council on Behalf of the Needs of the Northwest Community

CALENDAR OF ACTIVITIES IN PASADENA NEIGHBORHOODS

MONTH OF APRIL—PUSD OPEN

ENROLLMENT for kindergarten age children; PUSD Education Center, Rm 210, 352 S. Hudson Ave. Or visit www.gopUSD.com/schoolguide

APRIL 12—FLINTRIDGE CENTER WALK— from 8:30 a.m.—1:00 p.m., celebrating the Pasadena community and Flintridge's programs and services for Northwest Pasadena and West Altadena. From 8:30 a.m.—1:00 p.m., this interactive walk is the first fundraiser hosted by Flintridge with a goal to celebrate Pasadena's sense of community, highlight historical points-of-interest, and raise funds to support Flintridge Center's mission to combat the effect of unemployment.

APRIL 19—SPRING EGG HUNTS AND BUNNY FUN, at various parks locations; Info at (626) 744-7330

APRIL 22, ROBINSON PARK RENOVATION STEERING COMMITTEE, Jackie Robinson Center, 1020 North Fair Oaks, Pasadena, 91103.

APRIL 26, GRAND OPENING, Villa Parke Community Center, 363 Villa Street; 11 am; info (626) 744-6530.

APRIL 30—MAYOR'S PRAYER BREAKFAST, 7 to 9 am; Pasadena Convention Center, 300 E. Green St., Tickets \$35; Info at www.friendsindeed.org.

MAY 3—EARTH AND ARTS FESTIVAL at Armory Center for the Arts; 145 N. Raymond Ave.

MAY 15—ANNUAL POLICE AND FIRE Memorial Service; 10 am at City Hall, 100 N. Garfield Ave.

MAY 17—STAGE 7 FINISH for Amgen Tour of CA international bicycle race. Info at www.visitpasadena.com

MAY 18—FERRARI CLUB event, Old Pasadena, 10 am to 3 pm; Colorado Blvd between Pasadena Ave and Raymond Ave. Info (818) 971-3300 or visit website www.fco-sw.org

REGISTER FOR SPRING 2014

Recreation Activities—
www.cityofpasadena.net/reserve; To request a hard copy of the Guide please call (626) 744-7500

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