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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



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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 the website or office. For more information call 626.744.7259 or by email at wsyms@cityofpasadena.net

Hello and welcome to our latest monthly newsletter.

A community united working together on one accord for what will benefit all, from the youngest to the oldest, can only be accomplished if we respect one another and appreciate the diverse perspectives that each of us brings to the table.

I believe there is beauty in diversity and that there is always a common ground that can be found if we choose to seek it out.

This community will be afforded that opportunity in the coming months as we embark upon a series of community meetings on the architectural design of the Robinson Park Project.

The input from members of this community is welcome and we must each do our part to stay on top of the process. Information will be dis-

seminated through out the community via email, door-to-door canvassing and the City's website. Be sure that you are receiving some form of communication regarding this project so that you do not miss your opportunity (see page two of this newsletter for details).

If you are unable to attend one of the community meetings, send your thoughts in writing, via email or simply call the Northwest Programs office to ensure that your input is included.

It is unfair to the process when an individual or group is determined to have it their way or no way. Let us proceed out of concern and respect for self and each other.

Please be sure to have your comments reflect the current stage in the process. Reporting the correct information to your respective interest groups will be im-

portant.

For instance, we are now beginning the design phase of this project; the meetings will be most productive if we concentrate our discussions on that topic before moving on to the next.

Our NW community is long overdue for a recreation center that not only meets its needs but will have an architectural design that will add pride and sophistication to this the Northwest.

Again, be sure to read page two of this newsletter for details about the Robinson Park Design meetings. Let's move forward united and in agreement.

Michelle Richardson-Bailey, Chair, Northwest

NWC VOTES TO SUPPORT CDBG APPLICATIONS

Non-Public Service Grants Totaling \$261,571 Recommended to City Council

April 24—At a special meeting of the NW Commission, members voted to recommend to City Council four of the nine applications presented, providing a broad spectrum of support of the NW community.

The largest grant request was from Pasadena Unified School District (\$100,000) to support 'Peoria Project,' a rehabilitation of the Hodges Preschool site located at 136 W. Peoria Place. The school model brings together multiple agencies with shared goals to provide services to chil-

dren and families. The funds will be used to rehabilitate preschool and transitional Kindergarten classroom space as well as office and clinic space.

Door of Hope requested a grant for \$56,756 for a solar energy efficiency project. The goal of the project is to reduce significantly the energy consumption of the non-profit shelter located at 669 N. Los Robles, thereby allowing more resources to be directed to the programs budgets.

Solar panels and a battery receptacle will be installed, improving day and night energy usage.

Lake Avenue Community Foundation's application for an Energy Efficiency and Capital Upgrade Renovation Program was for \$54,415.

Lastly, the Housing Rights Center's request is for \$50,400 in support of its Fair Housing Program, a program that works toward the elimination of discriminatory housing practices. HRC

has provided fair housing services to the City of Pasadena and its residents for almost 25 years. Last year the program assisted 1,337 clients from Pasadena.

ROBINSON PARK COMMUNITY MEETINGS

Northwest residents and interested parties are invited to attend the Robinson Park Community Meeting, Saturday, May 17, 10.00 am to 12.00 pm at Robinson Park Recreation Center Multi-Purpose Room, 1081 North Fair Oaks.

Robinson Park Recreation Center is being planned for renovation and expansion! How can it be improved to meet your needs? What do you think the new planning should include? Do

you have ideas you want to share?

A Dodger Ticket Raffle will be conducted.

For more information please call: (626) 744-4791 or visit www.cityofpasadena.net/PublicWorks/RobinsonParkRecreationCenterRenovationProject/

Reunión comunitaria de diseño

¡Venga a compartir su opinión para el nuevo Centro recreativo de su

vecindario!

Sábado 17 de mayo del 2014 | 10:00 a.m. a las 12:00 p.m.

Centro recreativo del parque Robinson-Cuarto Multi-purpose

1081 North Fair Oaks Avenue, Pasadena

¡Se rifaran boletos para los Dodgers!

para el Centro recreativo del parque Robinson

¡Se está planeando una renovación y expansión del Centro recreativo del parque Robinson!

¿Cómo se puede mejorar

para alcanzar sus

necesidades? ¿Qué cree usted que se debe incluir en la planeación?

¿Tiene ideas que le gustaría compartir? Para obtener más información, por favor llame: (626) 744-4791

o visite el sitio www.cityofpasadena.net/PublicWorks/

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SPOTLIGHT ON THE COMMUNITY

Meet Your Northwest Neighbors...



Meet NW resident Kylin Offray, a 2013 graduate of Pasadena YouthBuild. Kylin just finished his freshman year in college at PCC majoring in journalism and minoring in business.

“The leap from high school to college was indeed a scary thought. Despite my fears, I managed to get through my first year of college. The tests, the 5-10 page papers, the 3 hour lectures, etc. are all completed. And it was amazing.

“My first semester of college was leaps and bounds harder than my second semester. It seemed to drag on forever. It was such a drastic adjustment coming

from high school and I found it hard to keep up in the first month.

“If you weren’t fully committed you would be left behind, and it’s very difficult to get back into the loop of things once that happens. But by late October, I found my niche and things were flowing a little easier.

“Being able to have a class with 25 other people that want to do the same thing as me was a

great feeling, socially and academically. I was able to sit and take notes from an instructor that has done everything that I aspire to do, and that was really the best experience I think I’ve had in college so far.

I would have never thought my first year of college would have went by that fast. I’m eager to see what challenges and achievements await me in my sophomore year. “

Linda Shephard, Crossing Guard Washington Elementary School

Long-time Pasadena native Linda Shephard works as the crossing guard at Washington Elementary School on Raymond Avenue. Because she works a split shift in the morning and afternoons, this PUSD employee is always looking for things to do during the time she is not on duty.

She usually fills the time at the Jackie Robinson Center, volunteering as a kitchen worker for the student food program sponsored by Building Better Communities or helping out in other ways at the Center.

“It gives me great pleasure to feed the children and teens at the JRC. Hunger is



“I am a mother of seven children and have 23 grandchildren. It’s really important to be able to feed kids and teens in our community.”

such a pervasive issue in our community and this program really helps curb the insecurity of food issues for kids and teens. ”

MICHAEL D. ANTONOVICH DENTAL CLINIC

Services direct toward needs of HIV-Positive individuals, homeless, seniors and young children



The first city-operated public health dental clinic in California has opened in Pasadena and will initially provide basic dentistry services to people who are HIV-positive.

The new Michael D. Antonovich Dental Clinic, named for the Los Angeles county supervisor who represents the city and helped fund the fa-

cility, is located at 1845 N. Fair Oaks Blvd., in the same building as the city's Public Health Department.

An open house ceremony held on April 24, 2013 to officially open the new facility and was attended by Antonovich, Vice Mayor Jacque Robinson, whose district includes the clinic, and Dr. Eric Walsh, the city's public health director and health officer, among others. The department obtained more than \$800,000 to build the clinic, including \$358,625 for operating costs from the Los Angeles County Department of Public Health Division of HIV/STD, which enables the facility to initially focus

on HIV-positive patients. The clinic plans to eventually expand its services to homeless people, seniors, young children and other underserved patients in Pasadena and the greater San Gabriel Valley.

An additional \$365,387 for the facility came from Antonovich's office, with \$40,000 coming from the Pasadena Community Foundation, \$30,000 from the Patron Saints Foundation and \$1,500 from the Rev. Rick Eisenlord of the city's Good Shepherd Church.

The clinic is staffed by five employees and offers dentistry services such as cleanings, root

canals, crowns, extractions and dentures. It will be open from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Mondays, Tuesdays and Thursdays, 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. Wednesdays and 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. on alternating Fridays. Services are free or offered at reduced cost for income-qualified patients.

The Pasadena Public Health Department is one of only three city public health departments in the state, the other two located in Long Beach and Berkeley. The Pasadena Health Department is the first municipal agency in the state to operate its own dental clinic.

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

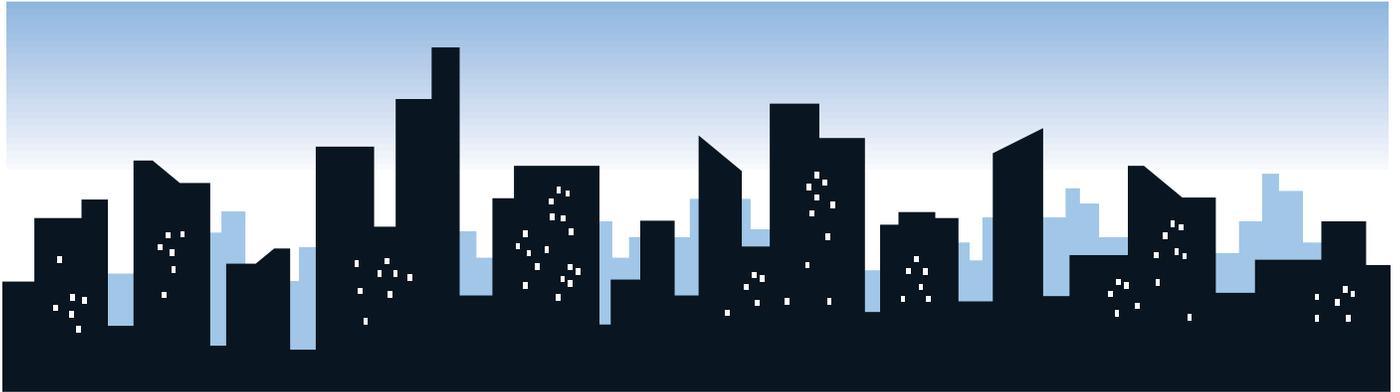
July 22

September 23

November 25

LINCOLN AVENUE SPECIFIC PLAN ORDINANCE

Second reading effective in 30 day



April 28—The Lincoln Avenue Specific Plan Ordinance had its second reading on April 28th and will be effective 30 days after.

‘To repurpose the Lincoln Avenue corridor from an industrial and limited commercial area

into a vibrant neighborhood-oriented district, with new housing options and a complement of local-serving retail and service businesses, office spaces, and community uses, all tied together with public improvements that create

a vibrant and enjoyable pedestrian environment.”

Some key Specific Plan objects include:

- Create a neighborhood ‘main street’
- Preserve existing

residential areas’

- Provide new types of housing;
- Support design that enhances the character of the City;
- Enrich pedestrian environment;
- Enhance public safety
- Encourage investment in area

RED FLAG WARNINGS ISSUED

CITY OF PASADENA ISSUES RED FLAG ALERT & PARKING RESTRICTIONS THAT BEGIN AT 2:00 A.M. WEDNESDAY, APRIL 30, 2014 UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE

Pasadena Fire Chief Calvin E. Wells has directed the activation of Red Flag Parking Restrictions within the City of Pasadena in response to National Weather Service predictions.

A Red Flag warning means that critical fire weather conditions are expected. The weather pattern, in combination with dry fuels, could create extreme fire danger and/or fire behavior. In order to allow for improved Fire Department access and resident evacuation, parking is restricted on posted narrow

Red_Flag/ including where the gateway signs are posted.

Further information may be obtained from News Media Contact: Lisa Derderian, Pasadena Fire Department PIO

(626) 744-7276 (office);
(626) 945-5169
(cell); lderderian@cityofpasadena.net

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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.

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CALENDAR OF ACTIVITIES IN PASADENA NEIGHBORHOODS

MONTH OF MAY

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

May 6—NLVBA Meeting 9.30 am, 1174 N. Lake Avenue

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.fcows.org

MAY 23— Pre-Memorial Day Senior Lunch and Dance, 12-3 pm, Alkebulan Cultural Center, 1435 North Raymond Avenue
MAY 31—20th Annual La Pintoresca Park Family Fun Day, 11 AM to 4 PM.

REGISTER FOR SPRING 2014 Recreation Activities—
www.cityofpasadena.net

t/reserve; To request a hard copy of the Guide please call (626) 744-7500
Additional calendar information is available at <http://www.cityofpasadena.net/calendar.aspx>

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