



NORTHWEST COMMISSION NEWSLETTER

Northwest—The Heart and Soul of Pasadena



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Message from the Chair

Craig L. Washington, District 3

Seasons Greetings and Happy New Year from your Northwest Commission!

The year-end is always a time to reflect and take inventory of our past year's accomplishments and to set new goals for the new year. The NW Commission has achieved 90% of its six-month strategic goals and will soon make a presentation to City Council on the results of the Commission's advocacy efforts on behalf of the NW.

In January the NWC will meet for an all-day retreat to set the course and goals for our work during the first

DO YOU HAVE A GREAT NORTHWEST STORY?

Newsletter submissions (photos and editorial) may be sent to the newsletter editor, Sheryl Turner, Email: SherylTurner@charter.net or to the NWC office northwest@cityofpasadena.net. Back Issues of the newsletter are available online at <http://cityofpasadena.net/Northwest/Newsletters/>

half of 2015. At that time we will use the information gathered during those advocacy efforts to plot our course for 2015 on behalf of all of the NW.

Traditionally this is a time when communities throughout our nation take time to give thanks and '**Celebrate Giving**'.

This is the season to share random acts of kindness by showing compassion and concern for others in our community without the expectation of receiving anything in return.

Let us all take a moment to seek out someone less fortunate than we and share an unconditional act of kindness. The appreciation that person shows will be truly heart felt, and the joy and personal satisfaction you will receive will be priceless.

This is a time to fellowship with family and friends. Take this time to visit with parents, grandparents, aunts and uncles. Reconnect with friends that you have not seen



Commissioner Sheryl Turner and NW Chairperson Craig Washington during a recent neighborhood outreach effort in District 5.

or spoken with over the last year. Spending time with our community support network will recharge us and motivate us all to set new goals for the New Year.

Each one of us needs to be in harmony with our community. In our celebration season, the giving of time and effort is all that is required.

Have a safe and happy
**"Celebration of Giving
Season."**

-Craig L. Washington, Chair



HAHAMONGNA WATERSHED PARK ADVISORY COMMITTEE SUPPORTS OAK GROVE AREA IMPROVEMENT PROJECT

November 18 - At its recent meeting, members of the HWPAC, chaired by Patricia Keane, unanimously supported the report presented by Public Works staff for a Design Concept for the Oak Grove Area Improvement (OGAI) Project.

Keane reported, "All projects are funded and we are confident we are able to move forward."

The recommended design concept reflects the input received and suggests a balanced design solution to best accommodate the existing and anticipated future uses of the park. The concept plan proposes a basic design idea to be developed further into a precise plan.

The design included component plans for habitat restoration, establishment of set boundaries for the disc golf course; a master signage plan; design concepts for parking, bathroom and other facilities; a vehicular circulation component reconfiguring the roads to improve circulation and safety; maintenance of the existing

Perimeter Trail and preserving the use of the Rim Trail; the restoration of Berkshire Creek, which is the most complex undertaking within the OGAI project; and additional miscellaneous design components including consideration of the Foothill Drain; and the maintenance of the Outdoor Amphitheater on the western edge of the Oak Grove field.

Public comments included questions regarding pavement, tree plantings, disc golf, relocation of horse trails, mountain hikers, birders and in general the use of the area by all stakeholders.

There was considerable discussion regarding the design for the disc golf course and the need for an operating agreement between the City and the disc golf course nonprofit. It was noted that horses have been in the park since the late 1800s and the disc golf course since 1958.

The PWD will now begin the design development phase. Upon the completion of the entitlements and environmental review processes, working drawings and construction bid

packages will be prepared.

Additional information on these next phases of work, including additional design detail as it becomes known and an updated project schedule, will be presented at a future HWPAC meeting. However, time is of the essence due to certain grant funding and completion deadlines. For further information contact Rosa Laveaga, Staff Liaison at (626) 744-3883 or rlaveaga@cityofpasadena.net.

Regular Scheduled Meetings of the HWPAC are the fourth Tuesday of odd-numbered months.

2015 Schedule

January 27

March 24

May 26

July 28

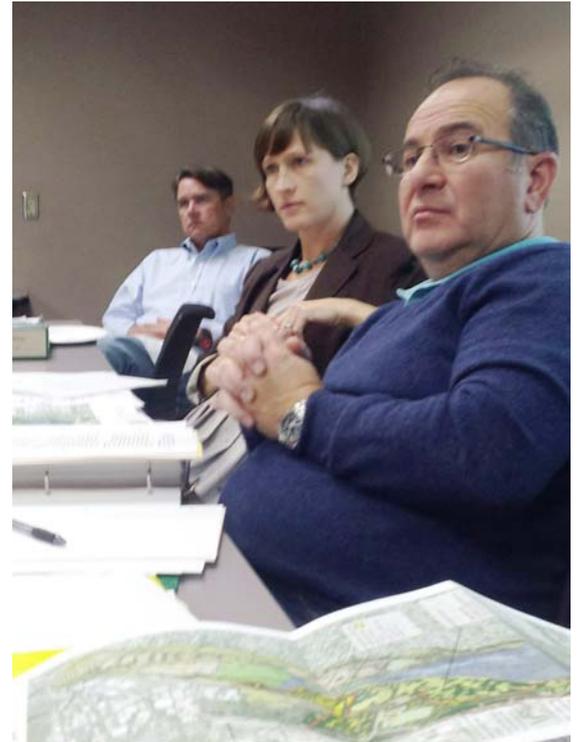
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November 24





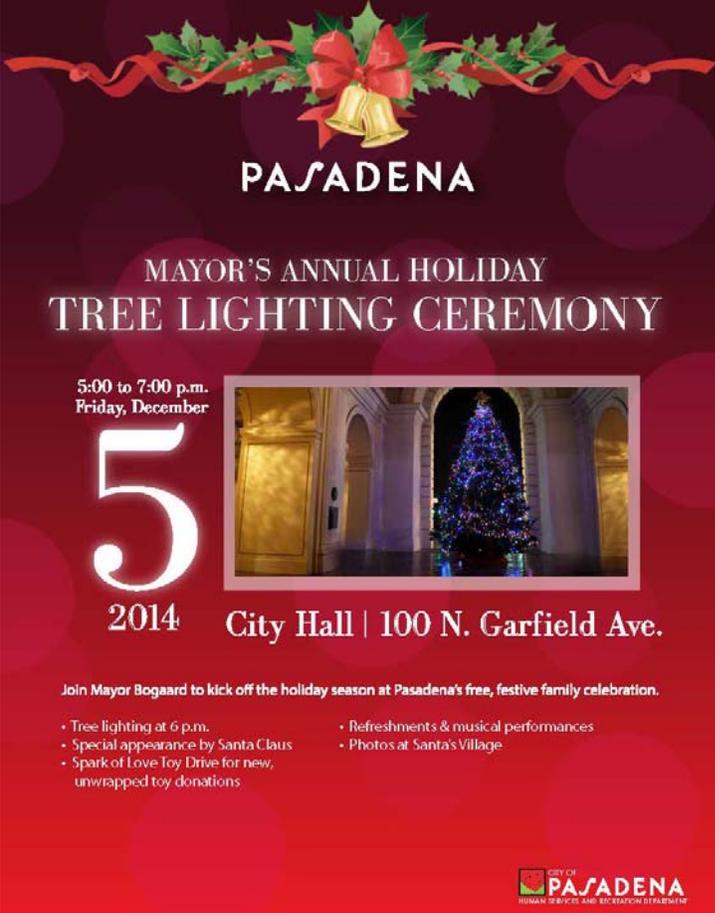
Members of the Oak Grove Disc Golf Club (above) were well-represented at the meeting and encouraged HWPAC Commissioner Thom Mrozek, Chairperson Patricia Keane, and Commissioner Don Donabedian to support the design concept report. (Photos by Sheryl Turner)



ARROYO SECO FOUNDATION

MORE HWPAC INFORMATION - Deep inside the Arroyo Seco, volunteers are quietly nurturing a crop of young oaks, sycamores, cottonwoods, and willows at the City's brand-new native plant nursery north of Oak Grove Park. The nursery opening is the latest step in a multi-million dollar project, backed by PWP and the Arroyo Seco Foundation to maximize Pasadena's water supply, restore native habitat and improve recreational opportunities.

Funded by PWP and the California Integrated Regional Water Management Program Proposition 84, the project will rehabilitate an old stream intake structure to protect local fish and capture more mountain runoff. Spreading basins near JPL will be expanded to recharge Pasadena's groundwater, and higher into the foothills, old PWP equipment will be removed to restore the stream to its nature state. Watch for updates at www.arroyoseco.org.



PASADENA

MAYOR'S ANNUAL HOLIDAY
TREE LIGHTING CEREMONY

5:00 to 7:00 p.m.
Friday, December

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2014 City Hall | 100 N. Garfield Ave.

Join Mayor Bogaard to kick off the holiday season at Pasadena's free, festive family celebration.

- Tree lighting at 6 p.m.
- Special appearance by Santa Claus
- Spark of Love Toy Drive for new, unwrapped toy donations
- Refreshments & musical performances
- Photos at Santa's Village

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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.

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Northwest Commission Mission Statement:

Advocate to the City Council on Behalf of the Needs of the Northwest Community

CALENDAR OF EVENTS—NOVEMBER

Dec. 5 - 5:00-7:00 pm Holiday Tree Lighting and Celebration; centennial square in front of City Hall, 100 N. Garfield;

Dec. 13 - Soulful Saturday Film Fest, Jackie Robinson Center

Dec. 25 - Christmas Day. City Hall Closed

Jan. 1 - Rose Parade - The Annual Visitor Hotline for the 126th Tournament of Roses Parade and the College Playoff Semifinal/Rose Bowl Game is toll-free at (877) 793-9911. Staffed by trained volunteers, they also encourage visitors to download the GoPasadena app or visit the page at

[facebook.com/pasadenavisitorshotline](https://www.facebook.com/pasadenavisitorshotline). You can volunteer by calling Melissa Perez at (626) 795-4725 or email mperez@visitpasadena.com.

Dec. 26 - Jan. 4 - Free Christmas Tree Recycling - drop your tree at Eaton Blanche Park, 3100 E. Del Mar Blvd., and at Robinson Park 1081 N. Fair Oaks Avenue. Curbside recycling also available from Jan 2-Jan 17 at your home. More information (626) 744-7311.

Jan 15 - - State of the City, 6 pm, Pasadena Playhouse Theater, 39 S. El Molino.

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