



GREETINGS! Welcome to our 1st E-Newsletter.

I want to offer you a source of information about what's new in City Council District 2 as well as important issues and initiatives in the City. I plan to publish regularly and will continue to send out individual notices on time-sensitive issues. I want to hear from you. Let us know if this E-Newsletter is helpful - suggestions and content ideas are always welcome!

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Margaret M."

UPCOMING EVENTS

Police Dept. Open House
 May 13, 2017 - 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

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Welcome New Business



De Luxe Lounge Café
 1775 E. Washington Blvd.
 Great Food, Breakfast & Lunch Only
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What's New in District 2

Commission Opening Coming Soon

Are you interested in getting involved with your City? We are looking for somebody to fill the D2 seat on the Arts & Culture Commission. Our current commissioner has done a fantastic job but is not eligible for reappointment. Check out the link below to see a description of the commission and the requirements. Reply back to this e-mail if you want more information.

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Fire Service Day
May 13, 2017 - 10a.m. to 3p.m.
[Learn more](#)

Bungalow Heaven 28th Annual Home Tour
BHNA had a another successful home tour on April 30th. Eight homes were shown that highlighted the beauty of bungalows and showed how neighbors working together can create something for all Pasadena to be proud of. Kudos to BHNA and all the volunteers..



Citizen's Service Center Help Us Keep Pasadena A Great Place

What do you need: Help getting palm fronds collected? Streetlight out? Bulky item pick-up? Code enforcement help? The Citizen's Service App can help you report problems. Once you know the problem address, call 626 744-7311 and speak to a live person during regular business hours. You can also get the phone app which uses GPS and can fill in the address.

[Learn More](#)



Underground Utilities Program,

Streetlights & Traffic

The Hill Avenue Underground Utilities Program (UUP) is in the last stages. All City work has been completed on the undergrounding of electric services but private utilities are still working to get their lines underground. Once that work is completed, power poles on Hill can be removed and the street will be resurfaced.

New streetlights have been added to Hill Avenue as part of the UUP. The lights should be up and lighting the street by July.

Traffic is of great concern to those who live on Hill Avenue. Back in April of 2016, neighbors met with the City's Department of Transportation (DOT) to share their concerns. From that meeting, a working group made up of residents came together with the City and hired a consultant to come up with conceptual drawings of possible solutions. On March 22nd, Hill residents were invited to see the proposed traffic calming measures. Those who attended were pleased with the proposed changes and DOT will move ahead with actual plans.

To see the drawings, click on [Learn More](#)

Marijuana & Our City

State Law made the use of marijuana legal. Pasadena law prohibits the sale of marijuana. The two laws have clashed and the City is working on a solution.

In 1996 medical marijuana became legal in California. At that time, cities were given a short time to adopt their own ordinance or State law would prevail.

Pasadena prefers local control so, at the time, City Council rushed to get a law on the books. They chose to prohibit the sale of marijuana in Pasadena.

Even with the prohibition, a few medical dispensaries did open. Our City Attorney's office has spent much time on trying to close those shops but it has been a difficult battle. We have been in court for years and have not managed to close one.

In 2017, voters approved recreational marijuana and made the use legal for those over 21. Cities were given until 2018 to come up with rules on how to govern the use. Although Pasadena's ordinance banning the sale of marijuana still stands, the number of shops has increased.

Since our current ordinance is not helping to protect sensitive uses such as homes, schools and churches, the Planning Dept. is considering allowing the sale of marijuana in Pasadena with restrictions that will alleviate the current concerns we hear about.



Four community meetings were held to solicit comments from the public on this issue. The comments will help shape the recommendation that goes to City Council in late June.

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