



## GREETINGS!

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In February we celebrate Black History where we honor the accomplishments of Black Americans in every area of endeavor throughout our history. You can visit the [City of Pasadena Parks & Recreation](#) page and the [Pasadena Public Library](#) page for all the activities ranging from socially-distant Drive-n Movies, virtual book discussions & poetry readings to craft workshops and an online dance party.

As we continue to take precautions against **COVID-19**, the Pasadena Public Health Department (PPHD) reports that they have ordered 26,775 total vaccines and a total of 19,861 first doses have been administered to Pasadenans. You can find more information about PPHD's COVID 19 vaccination program [here](#). If you are 65 & older and a Pasadena resident you can register to receive COVID-19 vaccine appointment information [here](#).

### SAVE THE DATE!

On **Wednesday, March 10th at 5 pm**, we will be hosting our first District 2 Community (Virtual) Town Hall where we will hear from Police Chief John Perez, City Manager Steve Mermell, and Director of the Department of Transportation Laura Cornejo. We hope you will join the discussion and bring your ideas.

**Felicia Williams**  
**Council Member - District 2**

# UPCOMING EVENTS & ACTIVITIES



## SAVE THE DATE

### STATE OF THE CITY

**FEB. 24th - 7PM**

Mayor Gordo will host the online event where we will celebrate the community, recognize areas for improvement, and set the policy agenda for the year ahead.

### DISTRICT 2 VIRTUAL TOWN HALL

**MARCH 10th - 5 PM**

Join Councilmember Williams, Police Chief John Perez, City Manager Steve Mermell and Director of Transportation Laura Cornejo as they discuss issues facing our District and take your questions.

The City of Pasadena, Parks & Recreation and Community Services Department, Pasadena Public Library, and the Pasadena Black History Committee are hosting events in celebration of Black History Month. Click [HERE](#) for Black History Month events from the City of Pasadena Parks & Recreation! Click [HERE](#) for more Black History Month activities from the Pasadena Public Library!



## MARS ROVER LANDING! WATCH LIVE!



**Perseverance** will touch down on Mars on **Thursday, Feb. 18, 2021**, at approximately 12:55 p.m. PST (3:55 p.m. EST). During landing, the rover plunges through the thin Martian atmosphere, with the heat shield first, at a speed of over 12,000 mph (about 20,000 kph). A parachute and powered descent slow the rover down to about 2 mph (three-fourths of a meter per second). A large sky crane then lowers the rover on three bridle cords

to land softly on six wheels. Landing on Mars is hard. Read all about the rover's harrowing entry, descent and landing. Watch online [here](#).

## YOUR VOICE AT CITY HALL

Over the next few months the City Council will be looking at the following key items:

- February 22 - Update on the General Plan, Specific Plans & Housing Element that guide new development in the City.
- Joint meeting with PUSD Board will be held on March 1st.



- Discussion of Redistricting will occur at March 1st meeting.
- Transportation and parking study updates expected at Council in the Spring.

## PUBLIC SAFETY CORNER

Crime and Safety Statistics are now available online on the Police Department's website [here](#). We wanted to provide an overview below of police, crime, and complaint activity for 2020 versus 2019:

- Total calls for service - 106,139 (12% decrease)
- Total arrests - 4,002 (36% decrease)
- Total use of force incidents - 26, 0.6% of arrests (24% decrease)
- Total guns recovered - 288 (27% increase)
- Major Crimes - 3,885 (0% increase)
- Total officer complaints/investigations - 33 (30% decrease)

The City of Pasadena has announced the appointment of Sacramento Fire Department (SFD) Deputy Fire Chief Chad Augustin to serve as the new fire chief of Pasadena Fire Department, effective Feb. 22. As fire chief, he will oversee 190 full-time employees and an annual department budget of \$55.5 million.

Chief Augustin began his career with SFD as a firefighter paramedic and has risen through the ranks over the last 20 years, serving in a wide range of areas, including training, fire prevention, administration, human resources, professional standards, operations and emergency medical services. He comes to Pasadena with a diverse background in hazardous materials, urban search and rescue, large-scale emergency/disaster incident management, and developing short- and long-range plans.



## SINGLE-FAMILY HOME REHABILITATION PROGRAM

### NEED TO MAKE REPAIRS TO YOUR HOME?

The HOME Enhancement Loan Program (HELP) will provide loans to low-income single-family owner-occupied households for necessary repairs and rehabilitation to bring their house up to code, eliminate critical health and safety concerns, and increase efficiency and accessibility thereby enhancing livability and preservation of the home. Loans up to \$100,000 at 3% simple interest with a 20-year term and deferred payments. This program is federally-funded through the HOME Investment Partnership ACT.

30th Anniversary  
nhs  
2020 California Neighborhood of the Year  
PASADENA DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING  
HOME ENHANCEMENT LOAN PROGRAM  
Register For Our COMMUNITY  
INFO MEETINGS VIA ZOOM  
2/24 @ 12-90pm & 2/25 @ 6-830pm  
nhscounty.org/events/help  
Loans up to \$100,000 available for program participants.  
Home Enhancement Loan Program will provide loans to single-family owner-occupied households for necessary repairs and rehabilitation.  
Applications will be accepted beginning March 1, 2021. Eligibility determined on a first come, first serve basis. For More Information: nhscounty.org  
http://bit.ly/psasaveandhelp

The City has partnered with Neighborhood Housing Services of Los Angeles County (NHS) to administer this single-family rehabilitation program. Online applications will be accepted beginning March 1, 2021.

Register for Zoom info meeting:

February 24, 2021 at 12:00pm [REGISTER HERE](#)

February 25, 2021 at 6:30pm [REGISTER HERE](#)

For more information visit click [here](#).

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