



GREETINGS!

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2021 - A NEW BEGINNING

WELCOME 2021!

New Years in Pasadena felt different this year with no Rose Parade floats or marching bands on Colorado Blvd. and no game in the Rose Bowl stadium. I am encouraged that the vaccine has arrived and Pasadena Public Health has implemented their tiered distribution plan which you can track on the new [City vaccine dashboard](#).

During this critical time for our hospitals and healthcare workers, I encourage you to continue to stay safe at home and wear your mask when visiting essential services. To help our local economy, order take home meals from one of the great restaurants and order online goods from one of our independent retailers. Every little bit helps.

It has been great to meet with some of you over Zoom this first month and I'm looking forward to working with you in person in the near future! In March we are planning a virtual town hall where we will provide updates from City departments and hear your questions and suggestions for our District and ideas how we can better serve you. Stay well!

Felicia Williams
Council Member - District 2

SLOW STREETS NEIGHBORHOOD PROGRAM

The Department of Transportation is in the process of identifying Slow Streets that are comfortable for walking and biking with signage and the help of residents. They want to hear from you on good locations where they can place Slow Streets Signage. If you would like to nominate your street for the Slow Street Neighborhood program you will find the application [here](#).

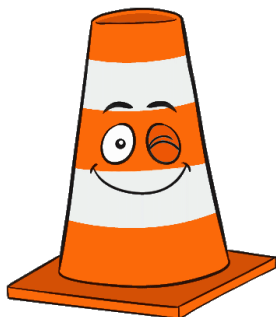
A big **THANK YOU** to all of the District 2 residents who applied for the City's Slow Streets Neighborhood Program. Currently twelve streets in our District have been identified as Slow Streets:

1. Topeka Street from Lake to Hill
2. Elizabeth Street from Lake to Holliston
3. Bell Street from Lake to Chester
4. Holliston Avenue from Washington to Orange Grove
5. Casa Grande Street from Hill to Allen
6. Mountain Street from Hill to Allen
7. Paloma Street from Hill to Allen
8. Las Lunas Street from Hill to Allen
9. Monte Vista Street from Hill to Allen
10. Hamilton Avenue from Orange Grove to Villa
11. Sierra Bonita Avenue from Orange Grove to Villa
12. Brigden Road from Allen to Martello (continues through District 4 to Altadena)



Photo: The Brault Family

THE CONE ZONE!



Upcoming Traffic/Safety Projects in District 2

Mountain St. at Sierra Bonita Ave. and Sinaloa Ave Complete Streets Project

Through a Complete Streets Working Group process with the residents, Mountain Street between Hill Avenue and Allen Avenue was evaluated for potential safety enhancements. This project provides for the design and installation of a raised median island at

Mountain Street and Sierra Bonita Avenue, and a traffic circle at Mountain Street and Sinaloa Avenue. These enhancements are intended to reduce speed and enhance safety.

SCHEDULE: Design to be completed in 2021.

N. Hill Avenue Complete Streets Project

In 2016, the Department of Transportation began the North Hill Avenue Complete Streets Program with an Advisory Committee of volunteer residents to work with the consultant to

develop traffic calming measures along the corridor. Striping changes have since been made along N. Hill Avenue between the 210 Freeway and Washington Boulevard to help to change driver behavior and calm traffic on the roadway. The next phase consists of two traffic circles, one at Hill Avenue at Topeka Street and one at Hill Avenue at Elizabeth Street. Public outreach at the 60% and 90% plan progress will be performed virtually with conceptual photos or drawings based on the design.

SCHEDULE: Design to begin Spring 2021; construction to begin 2022.

Allen Station Gold Line Safety Enhancements

The Department of Transportation received a grant from the Southern California Association of Governments (SCAG) for a “quick build” pilot infrastructure project to test active transportation and first/last mile infrastructure (i.e. curb extensions, high-visibility crosswalks, scramble cross-walk, etc.) and engage the local community to test out and provide input before improvements are permanently constructed.

SCHEDULE: Design and installation to begin February 2021.

SMALL BUSINESS COVID-19 RELIEF

California Relief Grant Deadline Extended to January 13

The first round of the program provides \$5,000 - \$25,000 to for-profit and non-profit businesses in California affected by the Coronavirus. Review guidelines and apply [here](#).

Pasadena Small Business Relief Grant Program

The Pasadena Community Foundation will award 50 pandemic-relief grants of \$7,500 to brick and mortar small businesses impacted by COVID-19. The program opens on January 25 and you can find more information [here](#).

Paycheck Protection Program (PPP) to Re-open this Week

This round of the PPP continues to prioritize millions of Americans employed by small businesses by authorizing up to \$284 billion toward job retention and certain other expenses through March 31, 2021, and by allowing certain existing PPP borrowers to apply for a Second Draw PPP Loan. Find more information [here](#).

PROGRAMS & EVENTS

Join the **Pasadena Martin Luther King Community Coalition** on Monday, **January 18 at 10 a.m.** for the virtual King Day Celebration on YouTube. At the event, winners of the essay and art contests will present their work and the keynote speaker will be Dr. Terrence Roberts of the Little Rock Nine. The contest is for students in the language and creative arts areas to demonstrate what they can do to keep Dr. King’s dreams alive. This experience not only increases students’ knowledge about Dr. King, but also enhances their language skills, creativity, self-esteem, and character.

Pasadena MLK Community Coalition
Presents the
2021 MARTIN LUTHER KING JR. Virtual CELEBRATION
Monday, January 18, 2021
10:00 AM on YouTube
PASADENA MLK 2021 KING DAY CELEBRATION

2021 Theme
Dr. King once stated, "Life's most persistent and urgent question is: What are you doing for others?" Are you willing to speak up, advocate, or take action to make your community, your city, or your country a better society for all?

Special Guest Speakers

 Dr. Robert B. Miller 2021 President Tournament of Roses	 Keynote Speaker Dr. Terrence Roberts of the Little Rock Nine	 Dr. Eric D. Brown Emergency Medicine Specialist
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Winter Outdoor Recreation Programs, After School Adventure Program, and more!

The City Parks, Recreation, and Community Services Department is offering safe, fun, and inclusive outdoor activities for residents and PUSD students starting January 11. Sign up [here](#).

YOUR VOICE at CITY HALL



The District 2 office is your voice at City Hall, so we want to hear from you on issues that are important to the City. We hope this information is helpful in making your concerns or ideas heard.

City Structure - The City has a Council-Manager form of government where the City Council is responsible for setting policies, passing ordinances, adopting the budget, and hiring the City Manager, City Attorney, and the City Clerk. The City Manager is the administrative head of the City overseeing personnel issues and the work of departments based on City Council goals and policies.

City Council Meetings - The Pasadena City Council meets every Monday and the meeting agendas are posted on the prior Thursday at 6pm [here](#) and include instructions on how to submit comments. Below is a list of several upcoming agenda topics:

- [Today!] Development review of the [Heritage Square South](#) senior permanent supportive housing project.
- [Today!] [Historic Preservation Ordinance](#) update
- Establishing the composition and selection process for the [Police Civilian Oversight Commission](#).
- Mid-year budget amendments to address the growing gap in the General Fund caused by the COVID-19 pandemic.
- [Single Family compatibility](#) (a.k.a. anti-mansionization) ordinance - revisions to the Zoning Code in response to concerns about "mansionization" of single family homes.
- General Plan [Housing Element Update](#) - The General Plan serves as the blueprint for growth and development in the City, and the Housing Element section is required to be updated every 8 years based on regional housing needs.
- City Council Redistricting Commission - In accordance with the [CA Election Code Division 21](#) every 10 years a task force is appointed to evaluate the Council districts for equal population and other metrics.

City Commissions and Committees - Many topics are reviewed by the 19 Commissions and 5 Council Committees prior to the Council, and those agendas can be found [here](#). Serving on a Commission is a great way to get involved, so please let us know if you are interested.

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