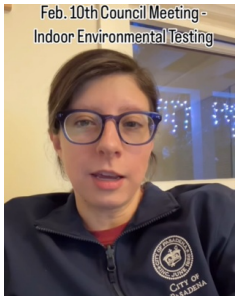
Hi Everyone,

Hope you're doing well. Checking in again to provide some more important updates:

- **GOOD NEWS ON OUTDOOR AIR QUALITY** – As I mentioned in my last newsletter, South Coast Air Quality Management District (AQMD) announced that it has begun testing outdoor air, and will continue to do so through cleanup of debris. The first results were released last Friday, Feb. 7th and show NO elevated levels of air toxic metals including lead and arsenic or volatile organic compounds (VOCs) including benzene. For more details, click here and scroll down.

- **UPDATE ON INDOOR ENVIRONMENTAL TESTING** – Last week, the Council directed staff to return with a plan for testing to assist residents with assessing the safety inside their homes. On Monday night (Feb. 10th), staff returned and made a presentation; slides availablehere. In short, we will only test nine City facilities for lead and asbestos and staff did not come up with a plan for, and does not recommend, any testing in homes. I believe that this falls short both of what we need and what is possible – focused testing on a sampling of homes across the City would give residents a better understanding of the hazards we all face in this declared Public Health Emergency. Click image below for a video update on this topic.



- **POLICE OFFICERS' HEROISM** – I strongly encourage you to take some time to watch thepress conference held last week on Feb. 6th in which Police Chief Gene Harris shared bodycam footage of our officers' heroic efforts to evacuate neighborhoods in the path of the fire. It is truly incredible. I am so grateful for their selfless service and am extremely proud of our department.

- **SHOP AND DINE LOCAL** – A majority of local businesses report that they have seen a decrease in revenue since the fire, with 50% reporting a "significant loss." Please remember to shop and dine local to keep our local economy strong.

- **NEW LANDLORD/TENANT DISPUTE PETITION PROCESS UP AND RUNNING** – As part of Article 18 of our Charter (passed by voters as Measure H in 2022), renters now have a process to seek a downward adjustment in their rent for their landlord's failure to maintain habitable premises/decrease in housing services or maintenance/unlawful rent. Landlords can also seek an upward adjustment in rent to ensure they get a fair return. Press release with more details available here.

I will continue to keep you posted via e-mail, but also please follow me on Instagram (@PasadenaD5) for even more frequent updates.

Please see below for some additional important updates from various City departments.

-Jess

Rain Is Here - Take Precautions

The City urges residents to take precautions as the region forecasts rainfall this week. Rain totals are expected to be from 1.5-3.0 in., and 3.0-6.0in. in the mountains according to the National Weather Service. Peak rates are expected on Thursday. With the burn scar area more susceptible to debris flows, flooding, and erosion, preparedness and safety are critical to protecting lives and property. Residents in and around the burn area should take immediate action to mitigate potential impacts.

Sandbags: Free pre-filled sandbags and self-serve sand and sandbags are available at the following locations for Pasadena residents while supplies last. 10 sandbags per resident with proof of residency. No contractors permitted.

- Robinson Park (south parking lot), 1081 N. Fair Oaks, 9 a.m.-5 p.m.
- Victory Park (parking lot along Altadena Dr.), 2575 Paloma St, 9 a.m.-5 p.m.

The following fire stations will have self-serve sand and sandbags ONLY.

- Fire Station 37, 3430 E. Foothill Blvd., 8 a.m.- 5 p.m.
- Fire Station 38, 1150 Linda Vista Ave., 8 a.m.- 5 p.m.

Debris Flow Barriers: Consider installing protective barriers to redirect water and debris away from structures.

Gutter and Drain Maintenance: Clear debris from gutters, downspouts, and storm drains to improve water flow.

Safety First: Rainfall in burn areas can result in sudden and unpredictable hazards. Follow these safety tips:

- Use caution around any downed or dangling wires or poles. If you see a downed wire, always assume it is live. Never approach or touch any wire that is down or dangling and immediately report it by calling 9-1-1. For Power Emergencies, call (626) 744-4138.
- Avoid Flood-Prone Areas: Do not attempt to cross flooded roads, trails, or streams. “Turn Around, Don’t Drown.”
- Evacuation Information: If officials issue evacuation warnings or orders, residents are encouraged to know the difference.
    - Evacuation Warning: This is a notice to residents that they should prepare to evacuate due to a potential or anticipated threat.
    - Evacuation Order: This is a directive for residents to immediately evacuate due to an imminent threat to life and safety.

Emergency go bags: Ensure your emergency go bag is stocked with essentials, including flashlights, batteries, water, non-perishable food, and medications, and important documents. For more information, visit Ready.gov/Kit.

City Efforts: The City of Pasadena is actively working to prepare and minimize risks by:

- Upstaffing rescue trained personnel in the Fire Department for possible mud and debris flow
- Public Works staff will be on after-hours standby with tools and equipment ready to go
- Pasadena Water and Power staff are also on standby for possible outages or downed lines
- Placing k-rail barriers in areas of concern
- Clearing storm drains and culverts in affected areas
- Providing resources and information to the community
- Deploying crews to monitor conditions and respond to emergencies

If you haven't already, please register for the Pasadena Local Emergency Alert System (PLEAS) to receive voice, email and/or text emergency notifications. PLEAS messages are only sent in the event of imminent danger where action, such as evacuation, is required. Once you've registered with PLEAS, we also recommend registering with the County's Alert LA County mass notification system.

Nixle is the primary notification system for the Pasadena Police Department. Register at Nixle.com to receive alerts by text message and/or email. You can also text your ZIP code to 888777 to opt in.

Stay connected to the City of Pasadena! Visit us online at CityOfPasadena.net; follow us on Twitter, Instagram and Facebook; or call the City Service Center Monday through Friday during business hours at (626) 744-7311.

Clean Up In City Parks

The Parks, Recreation and Community Services (PRCS) Department and the Pasadena Public

Health Department (PPHD) are working together to prioritize health and safety at public recreational sites throughout the City. While no specific hazards have been identified, the City of Pasadena is taking steps out of an abundance of caution to reduce the risk of potential exposure to wildfire contaminants including:

- Sanitizing playground equipment at all City parks is completed and ongoing
- Sanitizing all park benches and tables at City parks by Friday, Feb. 7
- Using irrigation and natural rain to rinse multipurpose fields and to reduce the possibility of dust or debris being kicked into the air
- Finalizing a purchase order to sanitize synthetic turf fields at Robinson Park and Villa Parke
- Working on replacing sand and "playground mulch" at all City park playgrounds, installation date is to be determined

The following guidance may be helpful to parents and caregivers when considering outdoor play:

- Avoid play or other areas if you see ash or soot present and report your observation to (626) 744-7311.
- Implement a handwashing routine for children when returning from outdoor play.
- Monitor air quality at the South Coast Air Quality Management District website [AQMD.gov] and ask children to remain indoors when air quality is unhealthy.

The City of Pasadena is working with county, state, and federal agencies to assess potential environmental risks to human health. As more data is collected, the City is committed to transparency and providing public health guidance as needed. Please continue to review Pasadena Public Health Department guidance for the most up to date recommendations at CityOfPasadena.net/Public-Health.

Holiday Closures

In observance of Lincoln's and Washington's Birthdays, City Hall and many City services will be closed Wednesday, February 12, and Monday, February 17.

The **City Service Center** (CSC) will be open between the hours of 8 a.m. and noon on Wednesday, Feb. 12, but closed Monday, Feb. 17.
Trash, recycling and yard waste collection will occur as scheduled on both holidays. There will be no delay in pickup for residents.
Pasadena Water & Power - Customer Service Call Center will be closed. Customers can access their accounts and make payments through the automated phone system at (626) 744-4005 or online at PWPWeb.com. For power emergencies call, PWP at (626) 744-4673. For water-related emergencies, call (626) 744-4138.
Municipal Services Payment Center & Parking Office will also be closed. All parking meters will be free and parking time limits will not be enforced. Violations for overnight parking restrictions, red curb parking and blocking fire hydrants will be issued. Pasadena Transit and Dial-A-Ride buses will operate on their regular schedules.
The Housing Department will also be closed.
The Permit Center will be closed, but many services will be available via Permit Center Online, where you can obtain subtrade permits and submit plans for new construction, tenant improvements, accessory dwelling units and additions.
Pasadena Public Libraries will be closed.
Parks will be open for picnics, fun and play; however, no site reservations are being accepted for the holidays. Community and recreation centers will be closed.
Pasadena Public Health Department (PPHD) will also be closed.
City Council will not meet on Monday, Feb. 17.
Pasadena Fire and Police Departments will continue to provide patrol, jail, fire, paramedic and other emergency services during the holidays. For life-threatening emergencies, call 9-1-1. For non-emergencies, call Pasadena Police Department at (626) 744-4241.

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