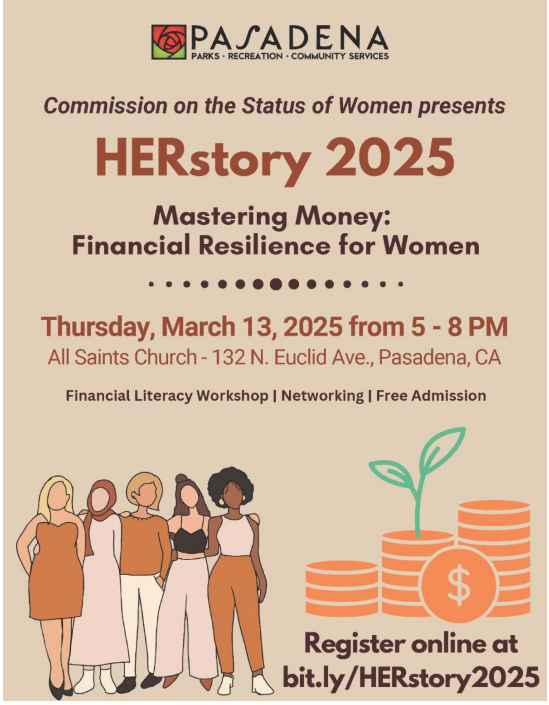
Hi Everyone,

Hope you're doing well. Checking in again to provide a few quick updates from Monday's City Council meeting.

- **Indoor Environmental Testing of City Facilities - Testing at eight City facilities completed on February 17, 2025 found no asbestos and all lead measurements to be below the EPA's Dust Lead Action Level (DLAL) of 5 micrograms of lead per square foot, a strict standard that was established to protect children in homes and childcare centers. In our district, they tested the Washington Park Community House and Villa Parke Community Center. Staff report and slides are available here and here.**
- **REMINDER: ELECTRIC Leaf Blowers Now Allowed in Our Neighborhoods** – As of February 19th, *electric* leaf blowers are allowed outside the 2025 Eaton Fire perimeter and at least 50 feet from any fire damaged structure. Since D5 isn't in the fire perimeter or within 50 feet of fire damage structures, leaf blowers are allowed throughout our neighborhoods. *Gas* leaf blowers have been banned for some time now and cannot be used anywhere in the City.
- **Final Numbers on Structures Destroyed in the City by the Eaton Fire** – As part of an item on rebuilding standards for structures damaged or destroyed by the fire, Planning Staff shared final numbers on the total number of structures destroyed in the City, which can be seen on slides 2-3 here.
- **New Adaptive Re-Use Ordinance** – We had the first reading of an adaptive re-use ordnance (creating incentives and a streamlined process to convert non-residential buildings into housing), but I voted against it because at the last minute most of the Council decided to carve out hotels, the buildings that can be most easily converted to housing! Check out my short Instagram video where I discuss this further:

https://www.instagram.com/p/DGhR1appn3-/

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



HERstory 2025
Mastering Money: Financial Resilience for Women

Thursday, March 13 - 5 to 8 p.m.
All Saints Church - 132 N Euclid Ave

Pasadena Commission on the Status of Women, will hold **HERstory,** a financial literacy workshop entitled **Mastering Money: Financial Resilience for Women.** Three hands-on sessions will cover critical topics such as:

- **Financial Fundamentals for Everyday Life:** Budgeting and managing expenses to save for personal goals and build a financial safety net, basics of tax filing including tax relief after a disaster.
- **Banking, Credit & Loans for Financial Resilience:** Understanding account types and maximizing savings, establishing and maintaining good credit especially after a financial hardship, making informed loan decisions.
- **Planning for Long-Term Financial Stability:** Setting financial goals, investing for long-term financial security, creating a personal action plan with confidence.

Refreshments, English to Spanish translation services and ASL interpretation (request in advance) will be provided. The event is **FREE but registration is required**. For more information and to register, go to bit.ly/HERstory2025.

ARTNIGHT
Friday, March 14th - 6 to 10 P.M.

Produced by the Cultural Affairs Division in partnership with Pasadena cultural organizations, ArtNight is Pasadena's dynamic arts and cultural open house that showcases visual arts, literary arts, dance, music, and theater. Participating Partner organizations vary from event to event and include many cultural venues. Go to www.ArtNightPasadena.org for the schedule of offerings.

En Espanol

ArtNight es el evento cultural emblemático de Pasadena. Producido por la División de Asuntos Culturales en asociación con organizaciones culturales de Pasadena, es una dinámica jornada de puertas abiertas para las artes y la cultura. Las organizaciones participantes ofrecen entrada y programación gratuitas: artes visuales, artes literarias, danza, música y teatro. Consulte el sitio web para obtener actualizaciones: www.ArtNightPasadena.org

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