

# DISTRICT UPDATE



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**Welcome to District 7**

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Dear Friends,

Happy Fall! The busy season is upon us and there are so many things going on in Pasadena.

**I will be hosting a community meeting on Thursday, October 24th at 6:00 p.m. at Shriners for Children Medical Center, 909 South Fair Oaks.** Please join us to hear about the hospital's mission and tour this state-of-the-art facility. Complimentary parking is available in the Shriners parking lot off of Hurlbut Street. Light refreshments will be served.

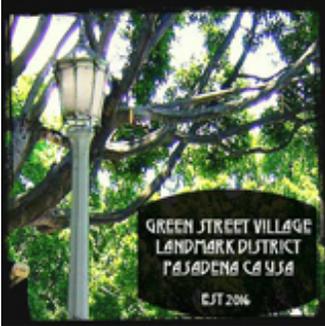
Our first Thursday monthly District 7 Constituent Coffees are at Corner Bakery, 345 South Lake Avenue at the Shops on Lake from 7:30 - 9:00 a.m. The next coffee will be Thursday, November 7th.

**Please note: In January, we will be changing our monthly coffee meeting location. Our new coffee location will be at Republik Coffee Lounge, 854 East Green Street, on the ground floor of the Prado Condominiums.** Come meet your neighbors and share what's on your mind.

## South Lake Business Association



## Green Street Village



## Pasadena Playhouse District



## [Complete Streets](#)

The City continues to try to carefully navigate and balance the need for more housing while protecting the quality and scale of development to maintain what makes Pasadena special. This recent [Pasadena Star News article](#) provides useful perspective in this area.

I'll be hosting a Pasadena Complete Streets Coalition "Walktober" walking event this Saturday at Caltech. Tickets sold out fast and I hope some of you are joining us. A list of all of their events is included in our links below on the left. So go for a stroll!

Below are a few additional items for your information.

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## CITY COUNCIL RECEIVES INITIATIVE PETITION TO ALLOW OPERATION OF CANNABIS BUSINESSES THAT PREVIOUSLY OPERATED ILLEGALLY

**Staff is directed to return with ballot language for a competing measure for the March 3, 2020 election.**

On July 31st, proponents submitted an initiative petition for the March 2020 primary election that will ask voters to adopt an ordinance to allow operation of cannabis businesses in the City that had previously operated illegally. Having approximately 12,900 valid signatures in support of the initiative, the measure qualifies for the ballot.

Council then asked staff to prepare a report, which was presented on October 7th, on the impacts of the initiative petition to allow previously illegal operators to operate.

The proposed initiative would allow certain retailers who previously operated illegally to continue operations without undergoing the current permitting process and without having to comply with distance regulations from sensitive uses that Council and voters have previously established. The proposed measure would require illegal operators to secure a local cannabis permit by January 1, 2025 through our local process, but they would not have to go through screening or the conditional use permit process.

There are currently 18 illegal operators that stand to benefit from this initiative, 14 of which have since been shut down and 9 of which have been or currently are being prosecuted for criminal violations.

## [Coalition Schedules "Walktober" Events](#)

## [Community Town Hall on Homelessness 10/19](#)

## [PUSD Schedules Community Forums for Secondary School Consolidations](#)

## [10/28 Community Meeting for Colorado Street Bridge Suicide Mitigation Enhancements Project](#)

## [Halloween Safety Tips](#)

## [Pasadena Heritage Craftsman Weekend November 1-3](#)

## [Pasadena Star News: Why Pasadena is finding it hard to say no to bigger and bigger developments](#)

After reviewing the report, Council asked staff to return with ballot language for a competing measure for consideration before November 25th.

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## **FINALLY! A NEW PARK FOR THE CENTRAL DISTRICT BECOMES A REALITY**

### **Community Workshop series begins**

The initial design phase for the new park at Union Street and El Molino Avenue in the Playhouse District has begun. You are invited to share your vision and participate in the planning process.

The first workshop providing an overview of the design process with public input was held on October 2nd. The remaining schedule is as follows:

#### Development of Design Alternatives:

Tuesday, November 12, 2019

6:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.

The second workshop will present design alternatives based on community input received and solicit your feedback.

#### Refinement of Conceptual Design:

Wednesday, December 4, 2019

6:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.

The third workshop will deliver a refined conceptual design of the park.

The final proposal should go to the Recreation and Parks Commission early next year.

All workshops are at Pasadena Presbyterian Church, 585 East Colorado Blvd.

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

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## **NEW CHARGING STATIONS ARRIVE IN PASADENA**

### **Tesla Super Chargers will be installed at the Marengo Parking Garage**

You may have seen new construction starting up at the Marengo Avenue/Green Street parking garage. Pasadena Water and Power is managing the installation of 44 fast chargers in two separate projects: Tesla is installing 24 Tesla Superchargers for Tesla vehicles while the city is installing 20 universal chargers for non-Tesla



vehicles. **When completed, the Marengo Charging Plaza is expected to be the largest charging plaza in the United States!** The project is expected to

be complete by the end of November.

In addition, commercial customers installing charging stations using PWP incentives are:

- Caltech
- 300 N. Lake Bldg
- Plaza Las Fuentes
- Alexandria HQ
- 200 S. Los Robles Bldg
- University Club
- Pasadena Convention Center

If you are interested in learning about what incentives the City offers for electric vehicles, click [here](#).

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