

# DISTRICT UPDATE



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**Welcome to District 7**

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Dear Friends,

As if we didn't have enough on our plates this year, the wildfires are now a major concern particularly for our northern most communities in Pasadena, Arcadia, Sierra Madre and Monrovia. There are NO evacuation orders for Pasadena at this time. Parts of Arcadia and Sierra Madre have been evacuated, and an emergency evacuation center is now set up at Santa Anita Park. Below is the latest update on the Bobcat Fire.

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.

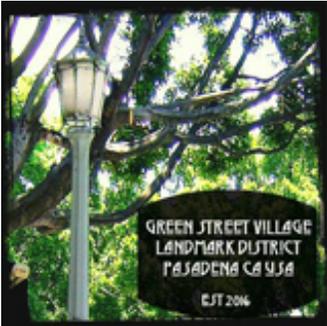
Once you've registered with PLEAS, we also recommend you register with the county's Alert LA County mass notification system. You can find a link

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## **South Lake Business Association**



## **Green Street Village**



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on the PLEAS registration page  
here: <https://www.cityofpasadena.net/fire/pleas/>

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

Please stay safe!

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## **BOBCAT FIRE UPDATE**

**The fire is currently 44,393 acres with 3% containment**

The Bobcat Fire is now at 44,393 acres and is 3% contained. Yesterday, firefighters were successful in keeping the fire from impacting Mount Wilson Observatory. Fire behavior moderated at the south end of the fire overnight, and this helped the crews working on strengthening control lines around the foothill communities and Mount Wilson. Fire behavior was still active in the north, and an additional focus was to try to contain the spot fires across Highway 2.

Today, firefighters are focused on maintaining what has been accomplished over the last few days in the vicinity of the foothill communities and Mount Wilson Observatory. Firefighters will be working on strengthening the lines and looking for opportunities to attack the fire directly. In the north along the Highway 2 corridor, firefighters will be working on putting in lines around the spot fires and ensuring that additional spots are dealt with as they occur. Fuels are at critically dry levels and increased fire activity is expected over the next couple of days. On the east side along Highway 39, fire crews will be preparing for a strategic firing operation to strengthen the lines. For more details, [visit InciWeb](#).

An evacuation order was issued for residents within the area north of Angeles Crest North and between Clear Creek Station and Hwy 39 yesterday. An evacuation order remains in effect for all residents north of Elkins Avenue and east of Santa Anita Avenue in the city of Arcadia and portions of Sierra Madre.

There remains no imminent threat to Pasadena; however, an evacuation warning remains in effect for residents in our foothill neighborhoods, north of Sierra Madre Boulevard. Conditions could change rapidly,

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## [Additional Police Patrols Scheduled](#)

so STAY READY. Have a plan in place (including for any animals you have) and pack supplies ahead of time in case you need to evacuate. See Los Angeles County Fire Department's Ready, Set, Go Guide for preparation tips.

Pasadena continues to experience unhealthy air quality due to wildfire smoke. Protect yourself and loved ones by:

- Avoiding outdoor activity
- Closing all windows
- Running an air purifier/ running AC on "recirculate" setting
- Wearing a mask outdoors
- Bringing pets indoors

[View current air quality information.](#)

REMINDER: The Bobcat Fire is a NO DRONE ZONE. Drones can collide with firefighting aircraft and cause a serious or fatal accident. Anyone interfering with wildfire suppression efforts may be subject to civil penalties and criminal prosecution. Please stay away to protect yourself and our firefighting crews.

The City will continue to provide updates as the situation evolves and more information becomes available. You can find the latest news releases on the City Manager [webpage](#).

You can also follow [@Angeles\\_NE](#), [@LACOFD](#), and [@PasadenaGov](#) on Twitter for incident updates.

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## **DEVELOPERS TO PRESENT PROPOSALS FOR CIVIC CENTER ON TUESDAY SEPTEMBER 22ND**

### **Public is encouraged to participate in Virtual Webinar**

On September 22 at 3 p.m., the City of Pasadena will host a virtual meeting where developers will present proposals for development in the Civic Center, including affordable housing and the rehabilitation of the former, historic YWCA building in the Pasadena Civic Center.

Background:

In June, 2019, the City issued a Request for Proposal (RFP) for the rehabilitation and adaptive reuse of the former YWCA building, located at 78 North Marengo Avenue. As the City was proceeding with the RFP, a state law related to affordable housing changed in January 2020, and compelled Pasadena to pause the RFP process. Despite Pasadena's pursuit of affordable housing as part of the Civic Center development, the new State law required the City to issue a Notice of Availability (NOA) to a broader set of affordable housing developers.

As a result of the City's 2019 RFP process and the 2020 supplemental NOA process to comply with updated State regulations, Pasadena currently has three affordable housing proposals for the Ramona Street lot, and two development proposals for the renovation of the YWCA building block.

The affordable housing developers include: 1) Abode Communities, proposing 103 dwelling units for families in a 5-level building which may include subterranean parking; 2) National Community Renaissance of California, proposing either a 94-unit family project or a 112-unit senior housing project in a 5-level building, with 94 on-site parking spaces for the family project and 50 on-site parking spaces for the senior project; and 3) BRIDGE Housing proposing to construct a 72-unit affordable housing project for seniors with approximately 39 spaces on site in a 4-level building on the Ramona Street lot.

The two remaining developers which are seeking to renovate the YWCA building and make improvements to the block are: 1) HRI Properties, LLC of New Orleans, LA, whose plans are to restore the former YWCA building into a 179-room historic hotel; and 2) Edgewood Realty Partners, LLC of South Pasadena, CA, whose plans are to restore the YWCA building into a 164-room hotel operated by Palisociety.

During the September 22 virtual meeting, each developer will have about 15 minutes to present their proposals, and the public will have an opportunity in real time to submit questions via chat for the developers to answer. Instructions will be given at the beginning of the webinar.

Meeting URL:  
[us02web.zoom.us/j/81408196059](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81408196059)

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