

DISTRICT UPDATE



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Dear Friends,

In the good news column, the City has received its first doses of COVID-10 vaccines. While it will certainly be months before most of us get vaccinated, this is a welcome outcome in the midst of this terrible pandemic.

Unfortunately, our COVID-19 hospitalizations are at an all time high. Huntington Memorial Hospital has been adding additional ICU beds, and overflow tents have been added outside of the emergency room to accommodate incoming patients. With this in mind, residents are strongly urged to keep following the [Regional Stay-at-Home Order](#), which requires everyone to stay home as much as possible and avoid in-person contact with people from other households. People should also avoid travelling for the holidays.

We will not be hosting our constituent Zoom coffee in January.

Stay safe and Happy Holidays!



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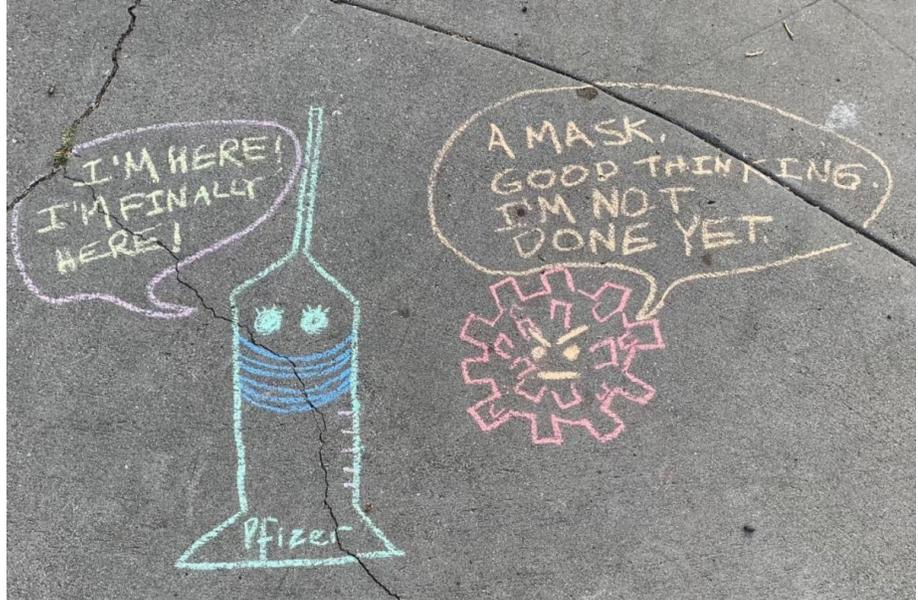
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CITY RECEIVES FIRST DOSES OF COVID-19 VACCINE

The Pasadena Public Health Department has announced that it has received 1,950 doses of the Pfizer COVID-19 vaccine. This shipment was delivered directly to Huntington Hospital, and vaccinations are expected to begin tomorrow. Additional Moderna vaccine doses are expected to arrive in the coming weeks.

Healthcare workers and residents of nursing homes and other long-term care facilities will be the first to receive the vaccine. Both the Pfizer and Moderna vaccine require two doses and provide the same efficacy. The Health Department is managing the vaccine distribution process and will be following guidance from the Centers for Disease Control (CDC) and the California Department of Public Health.

The City has the infrastructure to both store and distribute the vaccines. Vaccine distribution is a normal function of the Health Department. Every year, team members practice for emergency vaccine distribution by conducting mass vaccination events such as free flu vaccine clinics. When the COVID-19 vaccine is made available to the general public, it will be provided at no charge; it will be paid for by the federal government or by one's insurance company.



CITY COUNCIL VOTES TO ENTER IN TO EXCLUSIVE NEGOTIATIONS WITH HOTEL DEVELOPER AT THE YWCA SITE

Late last month, the City Council approved exclusive negotiations with HRI Properties to build a hotel at the long-neglected YWCA Julia Morgan building in the Civic Center. HRI Properties was one of two finalists in the lengthy RFP process for the site.

The proposal consists of a 179-room hotel with 165 rooms, 2 outdoor courtyards and a ground floor pool contained in a new 83,000 square-foot building adjacent to the YWCA. The hotel lobby and full service restaurant would be located in the original YWCA building, together with 14 hotel guestrooms on the upper floors.

HRI Properties manages 12 hotels and has successfully developed approximately 6,000 hotel rooms as an owner, designer, and builder specializing in adaptive reuse. Approximately 60% of the company's development strategy is focused on adaptive reuse.

Both finalists requested a subsidy. However, HRI's request was more favorable equating to about 41 percent of the gross city revenues from the hotel on a present value basis over the first 20 years of the lease.

You may recall that in October, the Council voted to move forward with negotiations with National CORE for an affordable housing development for seniors on the vacant parcel across the street. I am optimistic that the City's negotiations for this hotel project, and much needed rehabilitation of the YWCA, will move forward quickly. These two developments will compliment that corner of the Civic Center which has been neglected for too long, and if all goes well we will have a profitable hotel project and a beautifully restored historic building together with brand new affordable housing for seniors.

CHRISTMAS AND NEW YEARS HOLIDAY CLOSURES AND REMINDERS

Pasadena residents and businesses are reminded that City Hall and most City services will be closed on Christmas Day, Friday, Dec. 25, and New Year's Day, Friday, Jan. 1. Specific closures, exceptions and reminders are noted below.

Pasadena Fire and Police Departments will continue to be staffed for all patrol, jail, fire, paramedic and other emergency services. Always call 9-1-1 for life-threatening emergencies. For non-emergencies, call (626) 744-4241. If you "See Something, Say Something." Report suspicious activity to Pasadena Police Department at (626) 744-4241.

Pasadena residents and businesses with any power emergencies should call Pasadena's Water and Power (PWP) Department at (626) 744-4673. For water-related emergencies, call (626) 744-4138. PWP's Customer Service Call Center will be closed Friday, Dec. 25 and Jan. 1. Customers can access their accounts and make payments through the automated phone system at (626) 744-4005 or online at www.PWPweb.com.

The City's Citizen Service Center (CSC) will also be closed Friday, Dec. 25 and Jan. 1. You can contact the CSC via the web or by calling (626) 744-7311. City trash collection will not occur on Dec. 25 and Jan. 1.

Trash, recycling and yard waste collection will have a one-day delay for residents with Friday pickup.

Residents can drop off their Christmas trees Saturday, Dec. 26, through Monday, Jan. 4, for recycling at Eaton Blanche Park (3100 E Del Mar Blvd.) or Robinson Park (1081 N Fair Oaks Ave.) between the hours of 7 a.m. and 2 p.m. Curbside Christmas tree pickup will take place Jan. 4 through Jan. 15 on residents' regular pickup day. Please remove all stands, ornaments and lights.

All parks will be open for picnics, fun and play; however, no site reservations are being accepted for the holidays.

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