

DISTRICT UPDATE



CITY OF PASADENA | OCTOBER 5, 2021



Dear Friends,

Fall is officially here! I hope this newsletter finds you well.

Thanks to those of you who attended our District Meeting last month. We are grateful for all members of the Police Department, including Deputy Chief Moody, and the PORT team who attended and informed our community. If you weren't able to attend, you may watch it here:

[District 7 Meeting 9/22/2021.](#)

Welcome to District 7

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Last night, the City Council adopted the Water System and Resources Plan with a commitment to protect our local water supply (the Raymond Basin), drive conservation and improve storage and reliability of our water delivery system. The program outlines over \$400m of investment over the next 25 years to ensure a safe, reliable and affordable water supply.

This week, our monthly first Thursday constituent coffee will take place **in person** on Thursday, October 7th at 8:00 a.m. at Corner Bakery, 345 South Lake Avenue. The coffee is on us!

Have a Happy Halloween!

Andy

PASADENA HEALTH OFFICER ISSUES ORDER FOR OUTDOOR MEGA EVENTS EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 7TH



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[Playhouse Village](#)

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[Pasadena COVID-19 Vaccination Information](#)

[Pasadena Celebrates Latino Heritage Month](#)

A Pasadena Health Officer Order was issued last week that requires proof of COVID-19 vaccination or a pre-entry negative test for outdoor mega events starting Oct. 7; children under 12 years of age are exempt. The Health Officer Order also requires vaccination verification for customers and employees at indoor portions of bars, breweries, nightclubs and lounges. The requirement for vaccine verification or a negative test within 72 hours prior to attending an outdoor mega event applies to outdoor venues and events with more than 10,000 attendees that are ticketed and/or have controlled points of entry to a well-defined area, such as sporting and music events. This order puts in place safety measures to address the continued need to reduce community transmission of COVID-19, which is still at a Substantial Level of the CDC framework in Pasadena.

Also, Pasadena Public Health Department is administering the Pfizer vaccine third booster doses in accordance with the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's guidance for a booster dose in several population groups, as well as those in high risk occupational and institutional settings. Boosters are currently only available to individuals who received the Pfizer COVID-19 vaccine. Click [here](#) for more information.

CELEBRATE HALLOWEEN SAFELY!



The Pasadena Public Health Department (PPHD) joins the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) in offering advice on celebrating Halloween in a lower-risk environment to help reduce the spread of COVID-19. As children under 12 years old are not yet eligible for COVID-19 vaccination and COVID-19 is still widespread in our community, precautions are highly recommended at this time.

Recommendations include:

- Wear a face mask that fits well and covers the nose, mouth, and chin. Masks must be worn indoors in accordance with the health officer order, and should be worn outdoors in crowded situations

when it's not possible to maintain 6 feet of physical distancing. A costume mask is not a substitute for a protective mask.

- If you are sick, or you have been in contact with someone who is sick with COVID-19 or has symptoms of COVID-19, stay home and away from others.
- Activities should take place outdoors.
- Avoid confined spaces; stay away from indoor spaces that do not allow for easy distancing of at least 6 feet between you and others.
- Stay at least 6 feet away from anyone who doesn't live with you, especially while talking, eating, drinking and singing.
- Wash or sanitize your hands often.

The City also reminds residents of Halloween fire safety tips, including using battery-operated candles or glow sticks in jack-o-lanterns and keeping exits and escape routes clear of decorations. It is also a good time to make sure that all smoke alarms in your home are working.

CITY RECEIVES \$4 MILLION FOR CENTRAL LIBRARY

On Sept. 27, 2021, at the start of the regularly scheduled City Council meeting, Assemblymember Chris Holden presented a check for \$4 million to the City of Pasadena and Pasadena Public Library to help repair the nearly 100 year-old Central Library.



After a long closure of Pasadena Public Library facilities due to the pandemic, many looked forward to the reopening of the Central Library and its nine branch libraries. In April, the first to open was the Central Library. It was short lived as the City discovered that the building was not safe should there be an earthquake. On May 3, 2021, City officials were forced to close Central Library for a required seismic retrofit and restoration to meet life safety requirements. A structural assessment revealed that most of the building consists of unreinforced masonry. The City moved to work towards identifying a plan for seismic upgrades, restoration, and reopening of the facility. The City reached out to Assemblymember Holden. Just one month later, it was announced that the State of California had approved in its budget \$4 million to be used for the design and drawings for the seismic upgrades of the Pasadena Central Library.

In the previous year, prior to the pandemic closure, Pasadena Public Library greeted over 616,000 guests, with the Pasadena Central Library hosting 232

group events and 876 community and organization meetings.

With these initial funds now secured, the City will assemble and manage an architectural engineering design team of experts that will bring the iconic Central Library back online to ensure access to library services and programs for future generations, and to preserve the historical features of the Central Library building.



ARTNIGHT IS FRIDAY, OCTOBER 8TH

The highly anticipated Fall ArtNight returns Friday, Oct. 8, 6–10 p.m., with both virtual and limited in-person activities. Nineteen local arts and cultural institutions will showcase diverse works of art, music and dance by the best the

city’s creative community has to offer. Enjoy hands-on, interactive activities for all ages and interests—all for FREE!

Catch musical excerpts of “I’m Okay, You’re Okay at the OK Corral” at Pasadena City Hall performed by Theatre Americana. Local acoustic trio The Subs will also play popular songs from the 1950s to now.

Additional ArtNight offerings include an outdoor viewing under the stars of the Pennington Dance Group at A Room to Create; physically distanced hands-on art making at artWORKS Teen Center; a live performance by Dyad, a violin and bassoon duo, at the brand new Lineage Performing Arts Center; an outdoor video billboard on the front lawn of Pasadena City College showing works of artist Natalie Bookchin; Viva La Fiesta, a virtual celebration honoring Hispanic Heritage Month, hosted by Pasadena Public Library, with book talks and crafting demos; live streamed and pre-recorded classical, jazz, and multicultural performances by Pasadena Conservatory of Music students, faculty, and special guests; a virtual book giveaway hosted by Red Hen Press; and a virtual ikebana demonstration presented by Jane Imai, executive director of Shumei Arts Council.

Visit www.artnightpasadena.org for additional details and a complete list of art and cultural offerings at ArtNight, one of the most exciting events in Southern California!

Participating arts and cultural institutions include:

- A Room to Create
- Armory Center for the Arts
- Art Center College of Design
- artWORKS Teen Center
- Boston Court Pasadena
- California Art Club
- City of Pasadena City Hall

- Lineage Performing Arts Center
- MUSE/IQUE
- Parson's Nose Theater
- Pasadena Central Library
- Pasadena City College
- Pasadena Conservatory of Music
- Pasadena Museum of History
- Pasadena Unified School District
- Red Hen Press
- Shumei Arts Council
- The Gamble House
- USC Pacific Asia Museum

The City will not be providing free shuttle transportation for the public; however, there will be two access buses provided for wheelchair accessibility at City Hall. Pie 'n Burger and Fat Boys food trucks will be parked at City Hall and Boston Court Pasadena, offering tasty food items and beverages for purchase.

Some in-person and virtual events require reservations. Individuals who are sick or have COVID-19 should stay home. Masks are required at all indoor and some outdoor venues. Proof of COVID-19 vaccination OR a negative COVID test no older than 72 hours is required to be shown at indoor venues expecting more than 1,000 visitors.

PASADENA CELEBRATES NATIONAL COMING OUT DAY AND LGBTQ+ HISTORY MONTH

Pasadena Public Health Department, Pasadena Public Library and Pasadena Parks, Recreation and Community Services will host Pasadena's 6th annual Coming Out Day Celebration on Monday, Oct. 11, 2021, from 6 to 7:30 p.m. at Memorial Park, located on the corner of Raymond Avenue and Walnut Street. The annual, free event is part of the City's efforts to celebrate and foster an inclusive community.

This event is for all ages and supports those who have come out as lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, queer (LGBTQ) or as an ally. Pasadena's celebration coincides with the 33rd anniversary of National Coming Out Day, launched to recognize the first National March on Washington for lesbian and gay rights and to remind all of us of the power of coming out. For more information, click [here](#).

At their meeting this week, the Pasadena City Council proclaimed October 2021 as LGBTQ+ History Month in Pasadena to celebrate and commemorate those who fought for equal rights and services for the LGBTQ+ community; and as a means of educating others, promoting a culture of acceptance and inclusivity, and advancing equality for all.

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