

DISTRICT UPDATE



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Dear Friends,

I hope that your Holidays were restful and filled with joy! It was great to have the Rose Parade and Rose Bowl Game back in Pasadena this year to lift up our spirits and those of the millions that saw them in person or on television. As we embark on the New Year, I am reminded of how strong our community has been over the last two years. That collective community spirit is what keeps Pasadena moving forward and I am grateful to be part of this wonderful city.

Unfortunately, the current surge of COVID-19, in terms of new daily cases, is higher than at any other time during the pandemic. Fortunately, the hospitalization rate seems to be significantly lower with Huntington Hospital still well below previous peak occupancy. Take measures to protect yourself by getting vaccinated (5 and older), getting boosted (12 and older), wearing a more protective mask when around others, and refraining from gathering in groups without masks. If you have symptoms, stay home, get tested, and even if the test is negative remain home until your symptoms are resolved.

This week, we will NOT be hosting our monthly first Thursday constituent coffee. With folks just getting back in the swing of things, it's best to restart our coffees in February. Feel free to reach out to my office should you have any concerns.

I wish you and your family a healthy and prosperous 2022.

Andy



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CITY OF PASADENA ANNOUNCES NEW COMMUNITY MEDIATION PROGRAM

The City of Pasadena has implemented a City Prosecutor Community Mediation Program. The program is designed to help in the early resolution of community disputes so that these disputes do not rise to the level of police, criminal justice or court involvement. The program will help tackle community disputes that include landlord/tenant disputes, homelessness-related issues, school-related issues, neighbor disputes, consumer/merchant disputes, labor/employment disputes, business disputes, and family/domestic disputes among others.

The public can now go to the [City Attorney/City Prosecutor webpage](#) and find a description of this program along with a link that will allow members of the public to document an ongoing dispute. The information will then be relayed to the City Prosecutor's Office to begin steps toward mediating the dispute. The mediation process in this program is done through a member of the City Prosecutor's Office who will facilitate communication between the parties to work toward resolving their dispute using specialized communication and negotiation techniques. The City Prosecutor's Office will help guide the parties toward a mutually agreeable solution and assist in restoring peace and harmony among the parties and help to rebuild relationships within the community.

The decision to start this program in Pasadena was brought about due to a large increase in city disputes concerning property usage, quality of life issues due to homeless activities, eviction disputes, and family and domestic incidents.

The goal of this program is to pursue alternative solutions to neighbor/community disputes that do not involve the traditional justice system and bring a better quality of life for our residents. Each mediation will be tailored to the parties' specific needs and goals. The program is voluntary, free and confidential.

PERMIT CENTER ROLLS OUT NEW ONLINE SERVICES FOR THE PUBLIC



Great news! The following services are now available electronically at the Permit Center. Below are some tips for navigating the system.

- Online permit applications and plans accepted for commercial tenant improvements (NEW) and accessory dwelling units.
- Plan review corrections available online.
- Resubmittals accepted online.
- Apply for and obtain residential HVAC, mechanical, electrical and plumbing permits within minutes via automated express portal.
- Pay all plan check and permit fees with Visa, MC, Discover, American Express or electronic check.
- Track progress of building permit and planning applications.
- Schedule inspections online and receive a call/text/email confirmation with inspection window.

In order to submit and resubmit online permits, you will need to sign up for an Energov Citizen Self Service Account:

- A CSS account is required for online permit submittals and resubmittals.
- Sign up is quick and smartphone friendly.
- Sign up at www.cityofpasadena.net/MyPermits
- Video tutorials available at www.cityofpasadena.net/PermitCenterOnline

Important Quick Links include:

- Express Permit Portal – www.cityofpasadena.net/ExpressPermits
- Energov Citizen Self-Service Portal— www.cityofpasadena.net/MyPermits
- Inspection Request Portal— www.cityofpasadena.net/Inspections
- For questions about online permitting, please send an email to ePermitting@cityofpasadena.net

CITY READIES TO LAUNCH RESIDENTIAL ORGANICS RECYCLING BEGINNING IN JANUARY 2022

Regulations for food waste recycling, stemming from Senate Bill 1383 which requires the state to achieve a 75% reduction in the level of statewide disposal of organic waste by January 1, 2025, are in effect now. To achieve this mandate, the City is launching a Food Waste Recycling Program for single family residential customers and multi-family customers in 1-4 units that are serviced by the City of Pasadena. Residents who live in larger multi-family buildings should contact their waste hauler for more information.

Effective this month, your existing green waste container may also be used to collect bagged food waste. Any food waste items must now be discarded in your green waste (yard waste) container rather than your regular trash bin. It will be picked up on your regular trash service day - your collection day will not change.

In order to prevent green waste contamination and avoid additional processing

costs, please do not place food waste directly into the green waste container. Clear plastic bags are recommended but not required. Any bags, including recycled grocery produce bags or bread loaf bags, can be used.

The City of Pasadena also provides compost bins to community members at a cost of \$56.00. For more information on purchasing a compost bin, please visit the following link: <http://www.cityofpasadena.net/public-works/recycling-resources/mulch-compost-recycling/ordering-compost-bins/>.

More information regarding this program is forthcoming. You can read additional details on the Food Waste Recycling Program found here: [Food Waste Recycling FAQs](#). A detailed list of what should be recycled can be found here: [Detailed Recycling Guide](#). For questions, visit [City of Pasadena Recycling Resources](#) or call the Citizen Service Center at (626) 744-7311.

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