

DISTRICT UPDATE



CITY OF PASADENA | JANUARY 31, 2022



Dear Friends,

Kudos to the City's DOT and Public Works departments for making a safe crossing at the intersection of Oakland Avenue and Glenarm Street a reality. I know that many walkers are enjoying the new crosswalk that was installed this month!



Welcome to District 7

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Below is an update from the Pasadena Health Department. Several weeks ago, despite having my vaccination and booster shots, I tested positive for COVID-19. Fortunately, my symptoms were very mild, which I attribute to a combination of the vaccine and Omicron strain. Ten days of isolation was a bit challenging but fortunately my wife let me have the dog to keep me company!

This week, our first Thursday monthly constituent coffee will take place via Zoom Thursday, February 3rd at 8:00 a.m. If you would like to participate:

Join Zoom Meeting
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/6609721839>

Meeting ID: 660 972 1839
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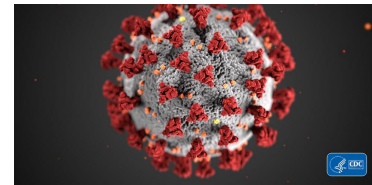
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AN UPDATE FROM THE CITY'S HEALTH DEPARTMENT



COVID-19 cases have begun to decline in Pasadena, but the extremely high 7-day rolling average of 276.1 new cases* per day remains far higher than at any other time prior to the current Omicron surge. As a result, hospitalizations from COVID-19 continue to stress our healthcare system. Pasadena residents should monitor their health and get tested if they experience symptoms or have been exposed to someone with COVID-19 (test 5 days after exposure).

A listing of local COVID-19 testing resources can be found on the [PPHD website](#) or residents can order free at-home COVID-19 tests from the [United States Postal Service](#). The Pasadena Public Health Department encourages everyone to follow public health guidance including staying up to date on COVID-19 vaccine (getting vaccinated and boosted when eligible), maintaining physical distancing, wearing a medical grade face mask or KN95 or N95 respirator when around others, and staying home when sick. Take into consideration whether you have underlying medical conditions, are older, or are around others who are at greater risk for worse outcomes from COVID-19.

The CDC and PPHD highly recommend the COVID-19 booster shot for everyone 12 years and older, and mounting evidence shows that boosters are very effective in protecting us against hospitalization and death as well as decreasing our chance of infection significantly, even with Omicron. Although the city maintains a high vaccination rate with 91.3% of residents fully vaccinated and 98.4% of residents with at least one dose, thousands of residents still need to receive booster shots to protect against Omicron, since efficacy of the 2-doses mRNA vaccine series wanes with time. Visit [myturn.ca.gov](#) for a full list of Pasadena and other nearby locations offering COVID-19 vaccinations and boosters to schedule a vaccine appointment.

*Data as of Wednesday, January 26, 2022



PASADENA POSTPONES ANNUAL HOMELESS COUNT TO FEBRUARY

Due to the omicron variant driving a surge in COVID-19 cases in Pasadena and across the nation, the Pasadena's Department of Housing has requested an exception from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) in order to postpone the annual homeless count to the night of February 22, 2022.

The City typically collects data from people experiencing homelessness in unsheltered and sheltered locations during the annual Point-in-Time Count within the last 10 days of January as mandated by HUD.

Heightened safety measures will be implemented when the count takes place in February based on recommendations from Pasadena Public Health Department:

- All volunteers will be provided with an N95 mask.
- All hygiene kits distributed during the unsheltered count will contain N95 masks and surgical masks (previously only surgical masks).
- All volunteers will be required to take a rapid antigen test within 24 hours of the count, which will be provided by the City.
- Any volunteer who has begun a period of quarantine or isolation within the 10 days prior to the count will not be permitted to participate.

Those interested in volunteering for the Pasadena Homeless Count, now taking place on the evening of Feb. 22 from 8 - 10 p.m. and the morning of Feb. 23 from 6 - 8 a.m., can register for the reserve volunteer list. Please visit pasadenapartnership.org/volunteer-homeless-count by Feb. 4 to sign up. Questions should be directed to Dan Davidson at dan@rosecitycoffee.org.

PLANNING COMMISSION WILL HOLD STUDY SESSION ON PROPOSED AFFINITY PLANNED DEVELOPMENT FEBRUARY 23RD



The City of Pasadena has completed the Draft Environmental Impact Report (DEIR) for the proposed Affinity Project at 465-577 S. Arroyo Parkway, which spans the west side of Arroyo Parkway from California Boulevard up to the Whole Foods market at Bellevue Drive.

The Project Applicant, The Arroyo Parkway, LLC, has submitted a Planned Development application requesting approval to rezone the Project site from CD-6 (Central District Specific Plan [CDSP], Arroyo Corridor/Fair Oaks subdistrict), to a Planned Development (PD) zone. The Applicant is also

requesting a zoning variance for historic resources related to building height. Specifically, to allow an increase in allowable building height to offset the reduction in developable area due to preserving two existing historic structures on the Project site.

The Project involves demolition of six (of the nine) existing buildings totaling 45,912 square feet (sf), located at 491, 495, 499, 503, 541, and 577 South Arroyo Parkway and construction of two new buildings: (1) a 154,000-square foot (sf), 7-story (aboveground, 93'6" tall) medical office building with ground-floor commercial uses (Building A); and (2) a 184,376-sf, 7-story (aboveground, 90'6" tall) assisted living building with 85,800 sf of assisted living uses and 98,576 sf of independent living uses including up to 95 one- and two-bedroom senior housing units (Building B). As proposed, there would be five subterranean levels providing up to 850 parking spaces. Approximately 31,605 sf of open space, including public and private (for solely resident and staff use) space would be provided across the Project site.

Alternatively, the proposed PD Plan would provide the flexibility to exchange the uses in Building A from medical office and ground floor commercial for the following:

- 3,000 sf of commercial and a sales/leasing management office on the ground floor;
- Up to 197 residential dwelling units; and
- Up to 650 parking spaces in four subterranean levels (one less subterranean level than the Project as proposed).

Although the Project described is anticipated to reflect the Project to be constructed, the flexibility to exchange uses in Building A would enable the Project to respond to the economic needs and demands of the City at the time of Project implementation. The proposed site layout and the aboveground height, mass, and other parameters of the Building A design would remain the same. The PD Plan would define all aspects of site design and provide caps on the types and amounts of allowable land uses, regardless of whether Building A is developed with medical office or residential dwelling units..

A total of approximately 79,553 sf of the existing development on site would be retained and integrated into the Project, including the Whole Foods grocery store and associated 275-space subterranean parking structure at 465 South Arroyo Parkway and two historic structures at 501 and 523 South Arroyo Parkway. The Applicant anticipates that restaurant uses would occupy the approximately 5,882 sf of space in the existing buildings to be retained at 501 and 523 South Arroyo Parkway.

The Planning Commission will be holding a study session on Wednesday, February 23rd at 6:30 p.m. to inform the public and Planning Commission about the proposed Affinity Project (PD-39) and to receive comments on the Draft Environmental Impact Report. Please see the Planning Commission agenda below for instructions on how to access the public meeting via Zoom videoconference. **The meeting agenda for the 23rd will be posted no later than February 18, 2022.**

[Planning Commission Agenda](#)

Planning Commission Video Conference Zoom Link:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84625546920>

The Draft Environmental Impact Report can be found here: [Affinity DEIR](#). Comments on the report are due no later than 5:30 PM on March 3, 2022. Written comments must be sent to Jason Van Patten, Senior Planner, City of Pasadena Planning and Community Development Department, 175 North Garfield Avenue, Pasadena, CA, 91101; or jvanpatten@cityofpasadena.net.



PUBLIC HEARING ON RECOMMENDED WATER RATE ADJUSTMENTS SCHEDULED FOR MONDAY, MARCH 14TH

Pasadena City Council will hold a public hearing on Monday, March 14, at 5 p.m. via videoconference/teleconference to consider the adoption of proposed water rate increases, adjustments to existing rate structures, and a change in capital improvement charges. The public is encouraged to participate via videoconference/teleconference and [submit public comment](#). Pasadena Water and Power has mailed a public hearing notice to all water customers. The notice includes recommended rate adjustment information as well as details regarding the public hearing.

The proposed increases will help cover rising costs for purchasing and treating water, and provide funding for critical improvements to reservoirs, treatment facilities and other water infrastructure. Pending City Council approval, the water rates will increase by an average of 7.1% on April 1, 2022. A second adjustment of 7.2% would take effect on Jan. 1, 2023.

While individual customer bill impacts will vary based on water meter size and amount of water used, projected cost estimates show most residential customers will likely see a \$3 increase in their monthly bill starting April 1, and an additional \$4 monthly increase on Jan. 1. Based on similar modeling, PWP estimates that commercial customers are likely to see a \$19 and \$20 increase, respectively.

Pasadena City Council recently approved a new [Water System and Resources Plan](#) that outlines the City's long-term plans and priorities for securing its water supply and investing in infrastructure, some of which is currently over 100 years old. In addition, California's ongoing severe drought conditions may affect water supply and conservation efforts in the years to come.

For more information on the March 14th Public Hearing, go to the [PWP website](#).

KNOW THESE SAFETY TIPS FOR HIGH WIND WARNINGS IN SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA

With several wind events behind us, but potentially more to come this winter, heed these safety tips:

- Secure gates/fences so pets can't escape
- Remove patio furniture that can serve as a projectile during extreme

gusts

- Ensure your flashlights are in working order in case you lose power
- Have an alternate means to charge your cell phone in case you lose power
- Before going outside to assess your property wear eye protection, sturdy shoes and heavy gloves so you don't injure feet/hands
- Once it's safe to do so clear rain gutters of pine needles and debris before the next rain event so they don't clog up
- Call the Citizen Service Center at (626) 744-7311 to report damage to public property and 911 if imminent danger
- Drive and walk cautiously until debris is removed from roadways
- Be cautious of toppling trees and/or wind-blown debris or power lines when walking or driving
- If a power line falls onto your car, remain inside and don't touch any part of the metal frame; signal for help
- If forced to exit the vehicle, open the door and jump away from it without touching the vehicle's metal frame
- Use caution when approaching any darkened traffic signals and treat any as a four-way-stop
- Assume any downed wires to be energized and be careful of downed power lines near puddles of water, chain link fences or other conductive sources and report to authorities
- Use caution with flame, heat and spark producing equipment including: vehicles, barbecues and power tools
- Avoid the use of candles, lighters, fire pits and fueled powered lanterns
- In the event you lose power, do not use devices designed for use outdoors to light, heat or cook within your home
- Follow portable generators' manufacturer's warnings to avoid electric shock and carbon monoxide poisoning

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