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Welcome to District 7

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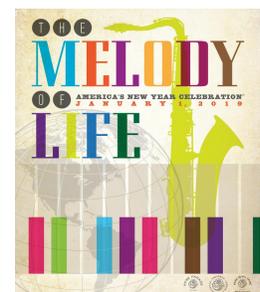
District 7 Liaison Pam Thyret

Dear Friends,

I hope you have had a nice and relaxing Thanksgiving holiday.

Our first Thursday monthly District 7 Constituent Coffees are moving to Corner Bakery, 345 South Lake Avenue at the Shops on Lake, beginning Thursday, December 6th. Coffees are held every first Thursday of the month from 7:30 - 9:00 a.m. Please join us, meet your neighbors and share what's on your mind.

I will be hosting the annual District 7 Year-End Neighborhood Meeting and Annual Ticket Raffle on Saturday, December 8th at 8:30 a.m. at the Pasadena Playhouse. Our special program will include Alex Evans from Bob Baker Marionette Theater and Jeff Gardner, award winning Sound Designer and Foley Artist. Both have programs at the Playhouse in December. Arrive at 8:30 for coffee and raffle entry and the meeting will begin at 9:00 a.m. Free parking is available at the Playhouse Plaza, 680 East Colorado Boulevard, directly across the street from



South Lake Business Association



Green Street Village



Pasadena Playhouse District



the Playhouse.

Rose Parade tickets are free, and will be raffled in sets of 4. Rose Bowl Game tickets will be raffled in sets of 2 for either \$160, \$215, or \$245 each depending on location. If you wish to participate, bring a pre-printed personal check for game tickets.

I wish you and your family a very merry December and Happy New Year!

METRO AD HOC COMMITTEE APPROVES GRADE SEPARATION AT CALIFORNIA BOULEVARD GOLD LINE CROSSING

Committee approves 34 alternative projects to the 710 freeway extension

For the first time since the demise of the 710 freeway extension, a Metro Ad Hoc Congestion, Highway and Roads committee unanimously approved 34 alternative projects worth a total of \$514.4 million. The list includes one project for Pasadena - a recommendation to "grade-separate" the at-grade Gold Line crossing at California Blvd., a block south of the Gold Line's Del Mar Station. The project's cost is estimated at \$105 million and is the most expensive among the 34 alternative projects. The list must be approved by the LA Metro Board of Directors at their meeting in December.

At the California Boulevard Gold Line crossing, cars back up for several traffic signal cycles, waiting for the gates to rise and the light-rail trains to move on. The intersection has been a major point of frustration for Pasadena motorists and those living in adjacent neighborhoods since the Gold Line began running in 1998. A separation at the time that the Gold Line was constructed was deemed too costly.

Should the project move forward, a lengthy process of environmental clearance and design efforts would ensue. It is likely that the project would take several years of planning before ground is broken.

The projects would be funded from Measure R, which allocates a 0.5-cent transportation sales tax to road, rail and other transportation projects and was approved by voters in 2008.

A summary on this project by Director of Transportation Fred Dock can be found in last week's newsletter from the City Manager: [Weekly Newsletter 11/21/18.](#)

[South Lake Business Association presents Holidayfest on December 1st!](#)

[Holiday Concerts in the Playhouse District](#)

[12/1 At Caltech: It's a Wonderful Life - A Celebration of Caltech Alumnus Frank Capra](#)

2ND EAST COLORADO SPECIFIC PLAN WORKSHOP WILL BE HELD JANUARY 17TH

Other specific plan workshops will be held in the first half of 2019

Staff has been working diligently on the city's specific plans since the first round of meetings last fall.

After the initial East Colorado Specific Plan workshop, a pop-up event, and a recent walk down Colorado Boulevard with interested community members, staff has gathered feedback and formulated a conceptual plan to share in January. The 2nd East Colorado Specific Plan workshop will be held on January 17th from 6 - 8 p.m. at Pasadena City College, 1570 E Colorado Boulevard, Building CC/Campus Center Creveling Lounge. Feel free to attend and share your thoughts.

READING PARTNERS A GREAT WAY TO VOLUNTEER IN OUR PUBLIC SCHOOLS

Students are waiting for a Reading Partner



readingpartners

If you are looking for an opportunity to volunteer your time, you may want to consider Reading Partners. The national education non-profit serves the Pasadena Unified School District

with tutoring at seven of the district's schools, but they need more volunteers.

Reading Partners recruits and trains local volunteers to tutor students one-on-one twice weekly for 45 minutes following a step-by-step, research-based literacy curriculum. The program operates in dedicated elementary school classrooms to support K-4th grade students reading 6 months to 2.5 years behind grade-level.

There are a lot of PUSD students identified that need Reading Partners and are waiting for volunteers to help them. Reading Partners provides easy-to-follow lesson plans, plenty of volunteer support, and you are in a classroom with staff right there in the room. You can help by giving as little as one hour a week.

For more information, visit [Reading Partners](#).

COMMISSIONER'S CORNER

District 7 Commission Openings

We are actively seeking volunteers to apply for the District 7 opening on the Accessibility and Disability Commission.

The Accessibility and Disability Commission Is committed to the accessibility of the community to all people, particularly those with disabilities. Applicants should be familiar with the City of Pasadena and current accessibility issues. Members are selected so as to represent a cross-section of the city's disability groups and to include persons with professional experience in the field of disability. Meetings are held on the 4th Tuesday of each month at 5:30 p.m. at the Jackie Robinson Center, 1020 N Fair Oaks Avenue.

If you are interested in applying for the District 7 seat on this commission, please fill out a [Commission Application](#) and email it to Jana Stewart in the Mayor's office - janastewart@cityofpasadena.net.

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