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project is built, the decision to proceed with the project is not under City control. A primary goal of the Metro project is to alleviate regional traffic congestion and improve mobility in the Los Angeles County region, specifically in the study area bounded by State Route 2 and the Interstate 5, 10, 210 and 605 Freeways. Alternatives still under study by Metro include:

- Completing the 4.5-mile 710 Freeway "gap" by building a tunnel extension through Pasadena to connect with the I-710 freeway in Alhambra
- A Bus Rapid Transit Line
- A Light Rail Transit Line
- Other transportation management strategies/projects per Metro.

Video archive of the recent Council meeting is online at <http://www.cityofpasadena.net/Media>. Click on the link for the Dec. 10, 2012 meeting. Additional information can be found posted online at <http://www.cityofpasadena.net/sr710/>.



...EVENTS & UPDATES...



On March 5, 2013, eligible, registered voters in Pasadena will be able to participate in the primary elections for representatives of City Council Districts 3, 5 and 7 and the Pasadena Unified School District's (PUSD) Board of Education Districts 1, 3, 5 and 7. Candidates in each City or PUSD district who receive 50 percent

of the vote, plus one, will win that district election and no run-off election will be required for that specific district seat. Should a candidate not receive a 50 percent (plus one) majority vote in the primary election, a general municipal run-off election will be held on April 16, 2013 for the two candidates receiving the highest number of votes in that district's the primary election. Detailed election information is available at <http://ww2.cityofpasadena.net/cityclerk/election>, or by calling the Pasadena City Clerk's Office at (626) 744-4124. The web page has been updated with candidate information regarding the individuals who have qualified for the March ballot. Poll workers and accessible polling sites are still needed for the March 2013 consolidated City

and PUSD primary nominating election as well as the April 16, 2013 general municipal election, should a run-off election becomes necessary. If you speak Armenian, Chinese, Japanese, Korean, Spanish, Tagalog or Vietnamese, you are especially needed! Poll workers provide critical community service to the election process. Help your community by calling the City Clerk's Office at (626) 744-4124 and signing up today! Don't forget to vote!



The public is invited to join Pasadena Mayor Bill Bogaard, City Council members and other civic and business leaders for:

PASADENA STATE OF THE CITY 2013
 WITH MAYOR BILL BOGAARD
 "CELEBRATING SUCCESS"
 BECKMAN AUDITORIUM, CALTECH CAMPUS
 332 S. MICHIGAN AVE., PASADENA
 DOORS OPEN AT 6:00 P.M. • PROGRAM BEGINS 7:00 P.M.
 SPECIAL DISPLAY OF FULL-SCALE CURIOSITY MARS ROVER
 AND PRESENTATION BY JET PROPULSION LABORATORY

Mayor Bogaard will provide his report on recent accomplishments by the City as well as future plans for Pasadena's city government in 2013. In keeping with "Celebrating Success," JPL and Caltech officials will talk about the Curiosity Rover and the latest Mars Program updates on one of the most successful robotic space missions in NASA's history. The full-scale Curiosity Rover will be on display outside Beckman Auditorium, weather permitting. Free, self-parking will be available in the Caltech Parking Lot #2, 405 S. Wilson Ave., at the northwest corner of Wilson Avenue and San Pasqual Street. Reserved ADA/Handicapped spaces will be available on the parking lot near the auditorium. KPAS, the City's government cable TV station, for record for future broadcast and web streaming. A replay schedule will be posted on the City's website, www.cityofpasadena.net. For more information, call Lorain Nagahiro with the Mayor's Office at (626) 744-7210 or email LNagahiro@cityofpasadena.net.



Important Update On 710 Freeway

A unanimous Pasadena City Council agreed to have Mayor Bill Bogaard send a letter to the Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority (Metro) expressing the Council's concerns over the negative environmental, air quality, fiscal and neighborhood quality of life issues that a proposed tunnel extension of the 710 Freeway will have on Pasadena, especially if large, diesel-fueled trucks use the tunnel.

The City Council also directed staff to come back to the Council as soon as possible with an estimate on the costs for the City to conduct its own study on the 710 Freeway project. Metro expects to release its draft environment report on SR-710 in early 2014. City Officials say Metro currently plans to include in its studies the possible use of the tunnel by truck traffic. Pasadena residents and Council members want written agreements to guarantee a ban on truck traffic if a tunnel is built. About 150 people—most from Pasadena—attended a special hearing by the City Council in December on the SR-710 study and possible project by Metro. The meeting was the latest in a series of meetings and hearings held by the City Council in 2012 on the 710 Freeway. Although Pasadena, its residents and businesses will be directly impacted if the

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Noticias En Breve

Su voto es su voz

El 5 de marzo de 2013, los votantes que son elegibles y están registrados en Pasadena podrán participar en las elecciones primarias de los representantes del Concejo Municipal de los distritos 3, 5 y 7, y de los representantes de los distritos 1, 3, 5 y 7 de la Junta de Educación del (PUSD) Distrito Escolar Unificado de Pasadena.

Los candidatos de cada ciudad o distrito del PUSD que reciban el 50 por ciento de los votos, más uno, ganará las elecciones de dicho distrito y no será necesaria una segunda elección para dicho cargo del distrito. Si ningún candidato recibe una mayoría de votos de 50 por ciento (más uno) en la elección primaria, el 16 de abril de 2013 se llevará a cabo una segunda elección municipal general para los dos candidatos que reciban el mayor número de votos en dicho distrito durante la elección primaria.

En el sitio web <http://ww2.cityofpasadena.net/cityclerk/election> puede encontrar información electoral detallada, o puede llamar a la Oficina de la Secretaría de la Ciudad de Pasadena, al (626) 744-4124. La página web ha sido actualizada con información sobre los candidatos que han cualificado para la votación de marzo.

Se continua adentro . . .

Welcome Back Fire Station 32



Pasadena residents joined City Council members—and even Santa Claus—to welcome back members of the Pasadena Fire Department who call Fire Station 32 home. A special "Welcome Home" ceremony was held in December at Station 32, 2424 E. Villa Street, highlighting the work to make the building safer and other improvements to living quarters and the kitchen.

The collaborative, team effort led by the Department of Public Works and the Fire Department means the building is better prepared to withstand a major earthquake, enabling first responders to safely exit following a major disaster.

The \$900,000 project for Station 32 is part of an overall plan to ensure all stations are safe. A 2010 independent study indicated seven of eight fire stations needed structural modifications to reduce the risk of significant damage from a major earthquake. The study found that personnel and equipment may not be available to help after the "Big One" strikes. Fire Stations 32 and 39 were likely to collapse while five others could become unusable.

In 2013, West Pasadena's Station 39 will receive a seismic retrofit and a complete interior renovation. Station 32 is especially important because it is the City's largest fire station in terms of crew and equipment deployment. During each shift, Station 32 is home to 10 firefighters who operate a ladder truck, an engine, the City's Urban Search & Rescue truck and an Advanced Life Support ambulance.

When not responding to our calls for help or other emergencies, Station 32, like all fire stations, is occupied around-the-clock, 24/7/365, by dedicated men and women with the training and experience who are ready to roll when the alarm sounds.



Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office Releases Officer Involved Shooting Findings

After an intensive, eight-month investigation, the Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office, Justice System Integrity Division, has completed its investigation concerning the Officer Involved Shooting of Mr. Kendrec McDade that occurred March 24, 2012.

The Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office concluded the officers acted in lawful self-defense and in defense of others.

"The shooting of Kendrec McDade is tragic for everyone involved. These incidents bear a significant emotional impact on the community and the police department," said Pasadena Chief of Police Phillip L. Sanchez. "It is my desire that those impacted by this event will continue to heal as we await the final reports from the Office of Independent Review Group (ORIG), the Federal Bureau of Investigation and the Administrative Review by the Pasadena Police Department."

Moving On to the State Assembly

After nearly 24 years on the Pasadena City Council representing the residents of Council District 3, Chris Holden is moving to new public service duties at the California Legislature as the newly elected Assembly member for the 41st Assembly District.

Mr. Holden also was selected by his peers as the Majority Whip of the California Democratic Caucus in Sacramento, a rare honor for a first-year Assembly member.

In addition to Pasadena, Assembly member Holden now represents portions of South Pasadena, portions of East Pasadena, Sierra Madre, Monrovia, La Verne, Altadena, San Dimas, Claremont and Upland.

A swearing-in ceremony was held Dec. 9 before an overflow crowd of about 350 well-wishers at the Paseo Colorado. On Dec. 17, the Pasadena City Council and members of the community also honored him during a special farewell ceremony at City Hall. On behalf of the City Council, Mayor Bill Bogaard presented his former Council colleague with a special framed picture of Pasadena City Hall as a remembrance of the many hours spent inside the historic building—and something to help remind him of Pasadena while representing the city in the Assembly.

The Pasadena City Council is expected to appoint a temporary representative for District 3 in January or February.



Kaiser Permanente Rock'n'Roll Pasadena Half Marathon Feb. 17



Join the music and running fun as the Rock'n'Roll Half Marathon series once again makes a stop in Pasadena scheduled for Sunday, Feb. 17. The Kaiser Permanente Rock'n'Roll Pasadena Half Marathon is expected to attract more than 8,000 running enthusiasts, supporters and other visitors to Pasadena.

The course will start and end at the Rose Bowl Stadium and wind its way through Pasadena's downtown business districts and across the historic Colorado

Street Bridge, showcasing landmarks and musical stages of entertainment along the way. Road closures are expected to begin at 6:30 a.m. and will re-open on a rolling basis. For more information about the event including road closures, parking restrictions, and detour routes, go online to www.cityofpasadena.net/events.

Remember to mark your calendars now and plan your travel routes early. The City wishes to thank all residents and motorists for using caution while the race rocks on.



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Todavía se necesitan trabajadores electorales y centros electorales accesibles para las elecciones primarias conjuntas de marzo de 2013 de la Ciudad y del PUSD, así como para las elecciones municipales generales del 16 de abril de 2013, en caso de que una segunda ronda sea necesaria.

Si usted habla armenio, chino, japonés, coreano, español, tagalo o vietnamita, ¡lo necesitamos! Los trabajadores electorales proporcionan un servicio comunitario fundamental para el proceso electoral. Ayude a su comunidad llamando a la Oficina de la Secretaría de la Ciudad al (626) 744-4124 y ¡regístrese hoy!

Evento sobre el Estado de la Ciudad el 24 de enero

El Alcalde de Pasadena Bill Bogaard, los concejales, vecinos y otros líderes cívicos y empresariales se reunirán el jueves, 24 de enero de 2013, para el Evento Anual del Estado de la Ciudad. El tema del evento de este año es "Celebrando el Éxito."

El evento se llevará a cabo en el Auditorio Beckman de Caltech, 332 S. Michigan Ave. Las puertas se abrirán a las 6:00 pm, con el programa oficial que empieza a las 7:00 pm. Los asientos son limitados y la disponibilidad será por orden de llegada. El Alcalde Bogaard presentará su informe sobre los recientes logros de la ciudad, así como los futuros planes de gobierno de la ciudad de Pasadena en el 2013.

Gracias a Caltech y al Laboratorio de Propulsión a Chorro, el evento incluirá una presentación especial del



Schedule for Trash / Recycling Collection for 2013 Holidays Set

Trash and recycling collection will be one day after your normal pickup day for the following holidays only. For all other holidays, trash and recycling will be collected on your regular day and schedule.

- Jan 21 – Martin Luther King, Jr. Day
- Sept. 2 – Labor Day
- Nov. 28 – Thanksgiving Day
- Dec. 25 – Christmas Day

For more information call (626) 744-4087 or go to www.cityofpasadena.net/PublicWorks.



Changes in Parking Rates for Bob Hope Airport Announced

Parking rates for selected lots at Bob Hope Airport will go up by \$2 effective Jan. 15. Rates for other lots will remain unchanged. Free shuttle service for the self-parking lots will continue to run approximately every 10 to 15 minutes.

The following adjusted rates will take effect January 15, including:

Economy Lot A, near the FAA Control Tower at Hollywood Way and Winona Avenue, remains at \$10 per day. Short-Term Parking daily rate of \$31 also remains unchanged. The rate for the first 30 minutes is \$3 or \$5 for the first hour.

Economy Lot B, on east side of Hollywood Way, south of Winona, rises from \$10 to \$12 per day.

Lot C on Thornton Avenue will increase from \$10 to \$12 per day.

Lot E, within walking distance of the terminal, will increase by \$2 to \$23 per day.

Valet parking, with drop-off in front of the terminal, will increase from \$21 to \$23 per day. More airport information is online at www.BobHopeAirport.com.



Bob Hope Airport



Black History Parade & Festival Feb. 16

The Black History Planning Committee and the Jackie Robinson Community Center has set the 31st Annual Black History Parade and Festival for Saturday, Feb. 16. The Parade will feature noted community members and local Southern California celebrities.

The parade begins at 10:00 a.m. at Charles White Park in Altadena, at Ventura Street and Fair Oaks Avenue, and travels south on Fair Oaks Avenue to Robinson Park, 1081 N. Fair Oaks Ave., where a festival follows until 4:00 p.m. with entertainment, food & vendor booths and lots of fun.

For more information, call (626) 744-7300, email to JEmerson@cityofpasadena.net or go to www.cityofpasadena.net/HumanServices.



"FoldnGo Pasadena" Combines Folding Bicycles with Public Transit



"FoldnGo Pasadena" is the hip, new bicycle program that combines the convenience of a folding bicycle and public transit! FoldnGo Pasadena, administered by CalStart, was launched in October 2012 to encourage the use of folding bikes for short commutes to the bus stop or Gold Line stations.

Program users enjoy a subsidy of \$220 towards the purchase of a Dahon folding bicycle from exclusive local retailer Incycle. To qualify for this program, commuters must live, work or study at a college in Pasadena and pledge to use their folding bike for at least two days per week to commute to, or from, a bus or Metro station. Funding for the FoldnGo program is provided by Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority and the City of Pasadena. For details, visit www.foldngobike.com or call (626) 744-7464.



Reminder regarding Alarm Systems

Residents and business owners with alarm systems are reminded that a permit is required to operate such systems in Pasadena. The four-year permit costs \$110.20 and can be purchased at City Hall, 100 N. Garfield Ave.

Failure to have a permit can result in penalty fees if a false alarm occurs. There is currently only one free "false alarm" within a 12-month billing cycle that runs from Sept. 1 to Aug. 31 each year, per permitted alarm.

If a false alarm happens and a permit does not exist, not only will the permit fee be assessed, but a penalty of \$117.00 for "operation of an alarm system without a permit" can be assessed. The City's municipal code does not authorize cancellation or waiver of this fee.

For second and subsequent false alarms, an additional fee of \$129.00 (per activation) will be added to the bill. For questions, call the Business License Division at (626) 744-4166 or go online to http://www.cityofpasadena.net/Finance/Alarm_Permits. For questions about alarm activity, call the Police Department at (626) 744-6411.



Water Supply Will Be Tight in February



Get ready to turn off your sprinklers—Pasadena is planning ahead for an imported-water shutdown in February.

From Feb. 21-28, the Metropolitan Water District (MWD), which provides about 60 percent of Pasadena's water, has scheduled vital system repairs. Working round-the-clock, crews will be repairing valves at the F.E. Weymouth Water Treatment Plant in La Verne and at the Eagle Rock Tower in Eagle Rock, fixing a major pipeline that serves Pasadena.

During the eight-day period, Pasadena's imported-water feed will be completely shut down. At that point, we'll have just enough water stored in the City's reservoirs and pumped from five city groundwater wells to meet our customers' typical water demands—

with no margin left should the work take longer than expected due to unforeseen circumstances. To avoid running out of water, we'll need everybody to cut consumption by at least 10 percent from Feb. 21 until Feb. 28!

The easiest way is to shut off your landscaping sprinklers, a strategy that helped Pasadena cut usage by 40 percent during a similar shutdown in spring 2011.

The Pasadena City Council has tentatively set a public hearing for Monday, February 4, 2013 at 6:30 p.m. in City Hall's Council Chambers, 100 N. Garfield Ave., to decide whether to ban outdoor irrigation during the repairs. If approved, the ban will be widely publicized, and city staff will be out in the community reminding property owners of the prohibition.

Whether sprinkler shutoffs are voluntary or mandatory, most plants and lawns will easily survive eight days without water, especially during the anticipated cool winter weather.

For daily updates on the shutdown, visit www.pwpweb.com/shutdown. To hear recorded updates, call PWP's Water Shortage Hotline at (626) 744-8888.



Power Rates Get a Check-Up

With help from expert consultants at Burns & McDonnell Engineering Company, Inc., PWP is undergoing a comprehensive power rate study that will be completed this spring. Conducted every five to 10 years, these studies allow PWP to make sure it's charging competitive rates while providing adequate funds to invest in our systems and maintaining the highest level of reliable, quality service for our customers.

Using industry trends, market conditions and other indicators, Burns & McDonnell will project whether PWP is collecting enough revenue to cover costs and support environmental goals, distributed generation projects (such as solar power rebates, energy storage and incentives for other customer projects) and infrastructure investments during the next decade. The team is also interviewing PWP's largest customers about their changing power needs.

Once the study is complete, PWP will present a proposed rate design to the Pasadena City Council. PWP customers will have an opportunity to review and comment. Watch for more news this spring at www.PWPweb.com.



PWP Greens the Arroyo

As if restoring Pasadena's Arroyo Seco Canyon wasn't rewarding enough, PWP recently won the 2012 Arroyo Verde Award for "Greening the Arroyo" from the Arroyo Seco Foundation.

Working in partnership with the Foundation, the Los Angeles County Flood Control District and the California Department of Water Resources, PWP is working to maximize its use of mountain runoff while protecting and enriching the historic canyon.

With \$3.2 million received in Prop. 84 funding, PWP will be upgrading its stream intake structure and spreading basins in the Upper Arroyo to allow more mountain runoff to seep into the City's groundwater table. With work under way through December 2015, the project will also restore native plants and remove invasive varieties, improve the fish habitat, and add a public restroom, signage, picnic tables and a drinking fountain for visitors.

New Electric Car Charging Stations Available

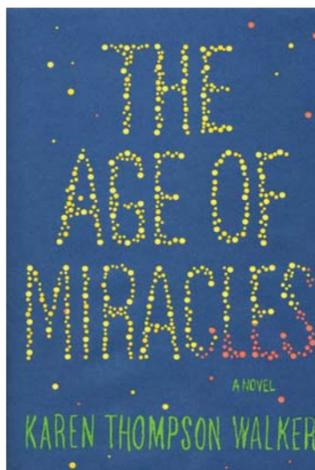
Pasadena's Department of Transportation has upgraded 13 electric vehicle charging stations in public parking facilities to the new SAE J1772 standard. The upgraded "EV Chargers" now allow the current generation of electric vehicles to charge while owners park in Old Pasadena and the Playhouse District at the following places:

- Holly Street Garage, 150 E. Holly St.
- Plaza Las Fuentes Garage, 135 N. Los Robles
- Schoolhouse Garage, 33 E. Green St.
- De Lacey Garage, 45 S. De Lacey Ave.
- El Molino/Union Avenue Surface Lot, 100 N. El Molino Ave.

For more information call Transportation's Parking Division at (626) 744-7665 or go to http://ww2.cityofpasadena.net/waterandpower/ev/program_ev_evchgsites.asp.



One City, One Story Selection Announced; Read it Now!



"The Age of Miracles" by author Karen Thompson Walker has been selected as Pasadena's 11th One City, One Story community reading celebration book.

"The Age of Miracles" is a stunning fiction story about a young girl's coming of age during extraordinary times as the Earth's rotation slows, marking a new era of profound uncertainty.

Thompson Walker has created a singular narrator in Julia, a resilient and insightful young girl, and a moving portrait of family life set against the backdrop of an utterly altered world.

Thompson Walker was born and raised in San Diego, California, where "The Age of Miracles" is set. She studied English and creative writing at UCLA, where she wrote for the UCLA Daily Bruin. She is the recipient of the 2011 Sirenland Fellowship as well as a Bomb Magazine fiction prize and lives in Brooklyn with her husband.

One City, One Story activities and events will be scheduled for March 2013. A community dialogue with the author is scheduled for Thursday, March 14. Additional event details will be announced soon. For more information visit www.onecityonestory.com or call the Pasadena Public Library at (626) 744-7270.

