

OFFICE OF THE CITY MANAGER

August 29, 2013

To the Honorable City Council
of the City of Pasadena

Mayor and Councilmembers:

WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

1. Government Finance Officers Association (GFOA) Award:

Andrew Green, Director of Finance is pleased to announce that the *Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting* has been awarded to the City of Pasadena by the Government Finance Officers Association (GFOA) of the United States and Canada for its Comprehensive Annual Financial Report (CAFR). This is the thirteenth year in a row that the City has received this award. The *Certificate of Achievement* is the highest form of recognition in the area of governmental accounting and financial reporting and its attainment represents a significant accomplishment by a government and its management.

The City's CAFR has been judged by an impartial panel to meet the high standards of the program including demonstrating a constructive "spirit of full disclosure" to clearly communicate its financial story and to motivate potential users and user groups to read the CAFR. An *Award of Financial Reporting Achievement* has been awarded to Bob Ridley, Controller, the designated responsible lead in preparing the award-winning CAFR.

The GFOA is a nonprofit, professional association serving approximately 17,500 government finance professionals with offices in Chicago, IL, and Washington, D.C.

2. SR 710 Noise Study:

According to Frederick C. Dock, Director of Transportation, the SR 710 North Study team employed by Metro will be conducting noise measurement studies within the City of Pasadena at the following locations:

City Hall
100 N. Garfield Avenue, Room 231
Mailing Address: P.O. Box 7115 • Pasadena 91109-7215
(626) 744-7371 • Fax (626) 744-4774
jgutierrez@cityofpasadena.net

- Fair Oaks Ave between Fillmore St and Orange Pl
- Del Mar Ave between Raymond Ave and Los Robles
- Del Mar Ave between Oakland Ave and Catalina Ave
- Near Hill Ave and Del Mar Blvd Intersection
- Near Hill Ave and Colorado Blvd Intersection
- Near Colorado Blvd and Lake Ave Intersection

Questions or requests for additional information can be directed to Lilian De Loza, Vice President, Consensus, Inc. 626 Wilshire Blvd. Suite 1000, Los Angeles, CA 90017 (213) 802-1112 or www.consensusinc.com.

3. SR 710 TAC Meeting #12:

Metro has scheduled the next meeting of the SR 710 North Study Technical Advisory Committee for September 11, 2013 at Metro's office at One Gateway Plaza in Los Angeles, CA. The meeting will be held at 1:00pm in the Plaza View Conference Room on the 4th Floor. The attached memorandum from Frederick C. Dock, Director of Transportation provides information on the agenda topics that will be discussed.

4. Pasadena Public Library Extends Branch Hours:

Beginning in September 2013, the Pasadena Public Library will be reinstating the hours previously cut at the branch libraries and once again offering six or seven day service at all locations. This is due in great part to library parcel tax dollars and an improved city budget scenario.

In 2009 & 2010 library hours were reduced due to loss of revenue and projected shortfalls in the City's annual budget. The reduced hours were maintained through the end of Fiscal Year 2012/2013. The attached memorandum from Jan Sanders, Director, Libraries and Information Services provides the libraries new schedule.

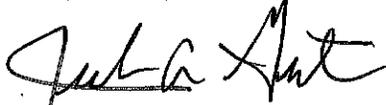
5. Villa-Parke Children's Garden Project Update:

Community Meetings to gather design and program ideas pertaining to the Villa-Parke Children's Garden Project were conducted on August 20th and 24th, 2013 at the Villa-Parke Community Center. The meetings were conducted by the Los Angeles Conservation Corp, Little Green Fingers, a local non-profit responsible for the actual planting, and City staff. Members from the Pasadena Community Garden Conservancy also participated by providing recommendations for various fruits and vegetables to plant and children in attendance were able to create art designs of their visions for the garden. The attached memorandum from Lisa Fowler provides additional detailed information on the Villa-Parke Children's Garden Project.

6. **100 Citizens Get Fit Diabetes Prevention Program:**

On September 16, 2013, Pasadena residents will have another opportunity to participate in the 100 Citizens Get Fit Diabetes Prevention Program, a 12-week session that will be held at Robinson Park Center, 1081 North Fair Oaks. Classes start at 7:00 a.m. each Monday, Wednesday and Friday and are 60 minutes in length. This program is jointly sponsored by the Department of Kinesiology at California State University Northridge. The attached memorandum from Lisa Fowler, provides feedback from former participants and additional information on the free Get Fit Diabetes Prevention Program.

Respectfully submitted,



JULIE A. GUTIERREZ
Assistant City Manager

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MEMORANDUM - CITY OF PASADENA
DEPARTMENT of TRANSPORTATION

DATE: August 28, 2013
TO: Michael J. Beck, City Manager
FROM: Frederick C. Dock, Director
SUBJECT: City Manager's Weekly Newsletter Item – SR 710 TAC Meeting #12

Metro has scheduled the next meeting of the SR 710 North Study Technical Advisory Committee for September 11, 2013 at Metro's office at One Gateway Plaza in Los Angeles, CA. The meeting will be held at 1:00 pm in the Plaza View Conference Room on the 4th Floor.

The agenda items include the following:

1. Public Outreach and Community Involvement Update (Metro)
2. Update on Project Report & Environmental Studies Documentation:
 - a. Recap of July TAC and SOAC Meetings (CH2M Hill)
 - b. Status Update on Preliminary Engineering (CH2M Hill)
 - c. Status Update on Technical Studies (CH2M Hill)
3. Open Discussion/New Business (All Participants)
4. Meeting Adjournment (Metro)

The next SR 710 North EIR/EIS TAC Meeting #13 to be held in November 13, 2013 (location, date, and time to be determined).

Staff from the Pasadena Department of Transportation will be attending this TAC meeting. Please direct questions and comments to Bahman Janka, Transportation Administrator, at bjanka@cityofpasadena.net or (626) 744-4610



MEMORANDUM
LIBRARIES & INFORMATION SERVICES DEPARTMENT

Date: August 29, 2013

TO: Michael Beck, City Manager

FROM: Jan Sanders, Director, Libraries and Information Services

RE: Pasadena Public Library Extends Branch Hours

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In 2009 & 2010 we reduced library hours due to loss of revenue and projected shortfalls in the city's annual budget. The reduced hours were maintained through the end of Fiscal Year 2012/2013.

Beginning Tuesday, September 3rd the libraries' new schedule is as follows. Additional hours are noted in red.

Central Library - Hours do not change

285 E. Walnut Street • (626) 744-4066
Monday–Thursday • 9 a.m. – 9 p.m.
Friday & Saturday • 9 a.m. – 6 p.m.
Sunday • 1 – 5 p.m.

Allendale Branch

1130 S. Marengo Ave. • (626) 744-7260
Monday–Thursday & Saturday • 10 a.m. – 6 p.m.
Friday • 2 – 6 p.m.

Hastings Branch

3325 E. Orange Grove Blvd. • (626) 744-7262
Monday–Thursday • 10 a.m. – 9 p.m.
Friday & Saturday • 10 a.m. – 6 p.m.
Sunday • 1 – 5 p.m.

Hill Avenue Branch

55 S. Hill Avenue • (626) 744-7264
Monday–Thursday & Saturday • 10 a.m. – 6 p.m.
Friday • 10 a.m. – 2 p.m.

Lamanda Park Branch

140 S. Altadena Drive • (626) 744-7266
Monday–Thursday & Saturday • 10 a.m. – 6 p.m.
Friday • 2 – 6 p.m.

La Pintoresca Branch

1355 N. Raymond Avenue • (626) 744-7268
Monday–Saturday • 9 a.m. – 6 p.m.

Linda Vista Branch

1281 Bryant Street • (626) 744-7278
Monday–Thursday & Saturday • 10 a.m. – 6 p.m.
Friday • 10 a.m. – 2 p.m.

San Rafael Branch

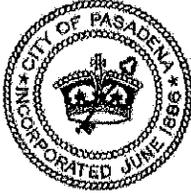
1240 Nithsdale Road • (626) 744-7270
Monday–Thursday & Saturday • 10 a.m. – 6 p.m.
Friday • 10 a.m. – 2 p.m.

Santa Catalina Branch

999 E. Washington Blvd. • (626) 744-7272
Monday–Thursday & Saturday • 10 a.m. – 6 p.m.
Friday • 2 – 6 p.m.

Villa Parke Branch

363 East Villa Street • (626) 744-6510
Monday–Friday • 10 a.m. – 6 p.m.
Saturday • 10 a.m. – 2 p.m.



MEMORANDUM – CITY OF PASADENA
Human Services and Recreation Department

DATE: August 27, 2013

TO: Michael Beck, City Manager

FROM: Lisa Fowler, Communications – Human Services & Recreation

SUBJECT: Villa-Parke Children's Garden Project Update

Community Meetings to gather design and program ideas pertaining to the Villa-Parke Children's Garden Project were conducted on August 20th and 24th, 2013 at the Villa-Parke Community Center. The meetings were conducted by the Los Angeles Conservation Corp, Little Green Fingers, a local non-profit responsible for the actual planting, and City staff. Members from the Pasadena Community Garden Conservancy also participated by providing recommendations for various fruits and vegetables to plant and children in attendance were able to create art designs of their visions for the garden.

A meeting with Options, the new local recipient of the Federal Head Start grant, is scheduled for this week to develop the design elements for the garden area. Teachers are also working with the Los Angeles Conservation Corps to develop the appropriate curriculum for children attending Options' Head Start Program. Improvements for the project in the Head Start area of Villa-Parke may include a shade structure, small water element feature and raised planting beds.

Funding for this project comes from a grant awarded by the Los Angeles Conservation Corps, First Five L.A. in the amount of \$350,000 and a grant from the Pasadena Community Garden Conservancy in the amount of \$20,000 for 5 years, totaling \$100,000.

It is anticipated that the Community Build Day for the garden project at Villa-Parke will take place on Saturday, October 12, 2013. The community is welcome to attend this event and assist with the building of the garden. Free gardening, nutrition and cooking classes will subsequently begin in late October. For more information please contact Rozanne Adanto at radanto@cityofpasadena.net



MEMORANDUM – CITY OF PASADENA
Human Services and Recreation Department

DATE: August 28, 2013
TO: Michael Beck, City Manager
FROM: Lisa Fowler, Communications-Human Services & Recreation
SUBJECT: **100 Citizens Get Fit Diabetes Prevention Program**

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Former participant Shawn Downey remarked, "Wow, I had the best twelve weeks of an excellent program. I truly benefited from attending three days a week of cardio and strength training. I would recommend the diabetes prevention program to others." Lisa Wilson, also a participant, said: "This program has turned me into someone who feels a physical need to exercise and moving has become easier. As well, I'm making smarter food choices, sleeping better and have lost 8 pounds!"

Dr. Eric Walsh, Director of the City's Public Health Department, also encourages community members to take advantage of this opportunity. He emphasized that the 100 Citizens Diabetes Prevention Program is a dynamic, free service which offers rich support for clients who are interested in taking charge of their own health and marking a permanent path for wellness and minimizing the risk for developing chronic conditions. He also reminded the community that the Public Health Department has a number of programs available such as an Immunization Clinic, Public Health Laboratory, Tuberculosis Clinic, Substance Abuse Prevent and Counseling Program and Nutrition and Physical Activity Education and Outreach. Additional Public Health Department programs are listed on their website at www.cityofpasadena.net/publichealth

For more information regarding the 100 Citizens get fit, please contact Maricela Galvez at mgalvez@cityofpasadena.net or 626 744-7304.