



OFFICE OF THE CITY MANAGER

September 26, 2013

To the Honorable City Council
of the City of Pasadena

Mayor and Councilmembers:

WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

1. Devil's Gate Reservoir Sediment Removal & Management Project:

The Los Angeles County Department of Public Works, on behalf of the Los Angeles County Flood Control District, has announced that the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) document, a Draft Environmental Impact Report (DEIR), for the Devil's Gate Reservoir Sediment Removal and Management Project will be posted late next month to the Project's website at www.LASedimentManagement.com/DevilsGate. An e-mail notice will be sent to interested parties when the DEIR is posted on the website. To be added to the project mailing list, please e-mail reservoircleanouts@dpw.lacounty.gov. The attached memorandum from Siobhan Foster, Director of Public Works provided additional detailed information on this project.

2. Pilot Sidewalk Repair Partnership Program – Update:

The City of Pasadena launched the Pilot Sidewalk Repair Partnership Program in July 2013 encouraging collaboration between the City and private property owners to repair sidewalks damaged by City street trees. The 2014 Capital Improvement Program includes \$200,000 in funding for the pilot program.

Under the terms of the pilot program, the City will match 50% of the cost of sidewalk repair up to a maximum of \$1,000 per parcel. Income-qualified residents may receive up to 70% of repair costs, also up to \$1,000 per parcel. Income qualifications are based on criteria from the Pasadena Water and Power's Electric Assistance Program. The attached memorandum from Siobhan Foster, Director of Public Works provides statistics for the pilot program and additional detailed information.

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3. **State Route 710 North Study – Noise and Other Studies:**

According to Frederick C. Dock, Director of Transportation, Metro's SR 710 North Study team has informed the City that members of the study team will be conducting noise measurements at the following schools: Sequoyah School, Waverly School and New Horizon School.

Additionally on Wednesday, September 25th Biologist began additional field work at the following locations: Arroyo Seco trail where it crosses under the SR 134 and Lincoln Avenue where it crosses under the SR 210.

Comments or questions can be directed to Metro at SR-710 Study, Once Gateway Plaza, Los Angeles, CA 90012 (855) 4SR-7100 or email sr710study@metro.net. For on-line comments <http://www.metro.net/projects/sr-710-conversations/commentquestion-form/>

4. **4th Annual State of the Kids Event at the Rose Bowl Pavilion:**

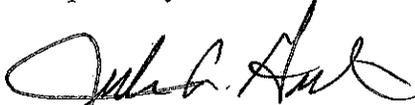
The public is invited to attend the 4th Annual "State of the Kids" discussion and panel presentation on Wednesday, October 2, 2013 at the Rose Bowl Pavilion, located at 1001 Rose Bowl Drive in Pasadena. The event will begin at 4:30 and concludes at 6:30 p.m. with parking available in the lots surrounding the Pavilion.

The question for the group to ponder this year is: "When they're not at home or school, where is the place that children and youth in our community go to feel safe, connected, secure?" The event is sponsored by the local Partnership for Children, Youth and Families (the Partnership) and guests will learn about the places most frequented by teens and youth from the experts themselves - the youth! Find out what's working, what's not, and what options are available to keep our kids safe and secure. The attached memorandum from Mercy Santoro, Director of Human Services and Recreation provides additional detailed information.

5. **FREE Conversational Classes Offered in Italian, Spanish & English:**

Pasadena Public Library now offers free weekly adult conversational classes in Italian, Spanish and English for all speaking levels. The classes are a great way to practice and improve your language skills. The attached memorandum from Jan Sanders, Director, Libraries and Information Services provides additional detailed information on location and class times.

----- Respectfully submitted,



JULIE A. GUTIERREZ
Assistant City Manager

MEMORANDUM - CITY OF PASADENA
DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS

DATE: September 25, 2013
TO: Michael J. Beck, City Manager
FROM: Siobhan Foster, Director of Public Works
RE: Devil's Gate Reservoir Sediment Removal & Management Project

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Community participation is an integral part of the CEQA process. Interested parties are invited to participate in community meetings on this important flood risk reduction project. The community meetings will be held to present the project and DEIR during the extended 60-day review period.

Wednesday, November 6, 2013
6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.
Rose Bowl Stadium
Visitor's Locker Room
1001 Rose Bowl Drive
Pasadena, CA 91103
(Park in Lot F, enter at Gate A)

Saturday, November 16, 2013
2:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.
Community Center
of La Canada Flintridge
4469 Chevy Chase Drive
La Canada Flintridge, CA 91011
(Park in Community Center/Pre-school lot)

The Los Angeles County Department of Public Works is in the process of scheduling a third community meeting during the review period. That meeting will be held in Altadena and announced once the date, venue and time are solidified.

Los County Department of Public Works staff is also tentatively scheduled to present the project and DEIR to the Pasadena City Council Municipal Services Committee on Tuesday, November 12, 2013.

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FROM: Siobhan Foster, Director of Public Works
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Statistics for the pilot program to date include:

Applications received	107
Agreement/invoice letters sent to property owners	75
Executed agreements received from property owners	41
Payments received from property owners	\$30,155
City match funds allocated	\$19,308
Sidewalk construction begins	November 2013

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To be eligible, property owners cannot be engaged in the sale of their property and/or involved in a building permit process for property improvements valued at \$20,000 or more. Damage to sidewalks caused by privately owner trees or other circumstances are not eligible and remain the property owner's responsibility.

Property owners must submit an application to participate in the pilot program. The City will inspect the sidewalk to determine qualifications, conditions, and project limits and send an agreement to the property owner showing costs. Repairs will be scheduled once the invoice has been paid in full. The City is responsible for permits and working with the contractor to complete the work. Repair incentives are on a first come basis while funds are available.

For additional information, visit www.cityofpasadena.net/publicworks.



**MEMORANDUM – CITY OF PASADENA
Human Services and Recreation Department**

DATE: September 25, 2013

TO: Michael Beck, City Manager

FROM: Mercy Santoro, Director – Human Services & Recreation

SUBJECT: **4th Annual State of the Kids Event at the Rose Bowl Pavilion**

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Dr. Eric Walsh, Pasadena Public Health Director, will be the master of ceremonies and the special guest speaker will be Cheryl Greer-Jarman of Pacific Oaks College. Other featured guests include Jon R. Gundry, Superintendent of Pasadena Public Schools, Phillip Sanchez, Chief of the Pasadena Police Department, Mercy Santoro, Director of the Human Services & Recreation Department, as well as several Pasadena youth.

“This is a great opportunity for parents and community members alike to learn how children living in the communities of Pasadena, Altadena and Sierra Madre are faring, including the latest demographic trends, school and health statistics, and what has changed since last year’s report,” said Tony Santilena, Chair of the Partnership.

The Partnership is a collaboration of more than 150 individuals, public entities, and community-based agencies focused on school readiness for preschoolers, quality programs for children and youth when they are not in school, and positive youth development.

Reservations are required and can be made by contacting Lisa Wilson at (626) 449-0839, x116 or info@Flintridge.org **no later than September 30, 2013**. For more information please contact Lisa Fowler at 626-744-4732 or lfowler@cityofpasadena.net



**MEMORANDUM
LIBRARIES & INFORMATION SERVICES DEPARTMENT**

Date: September 26, 2013

TO: Michael Beck, City Manager

FROM: Jan Sanders, Director, Libraries and Information Services

RE: *FREE* Conversational Classes Offered in Italian, Spanish & English

Pasadena Public Library now offers free weekly adult conversational classes in Italian, Spanish and English for all speaking levels. The classes are a great way to practice and improve your language skills. You may even make some new friends!

Traveling to Italy? The CIAO Italian Conversation Class meets at 10 a.m. every Wednesday at Central Library's Technology Learning Center, 285 E. Walnut St. The class is led by Patrizia Zambetta. Call (626) 744-7076 for more information.

Is your high school Spanish a little rusty? The Spanish Conversation Group meets at 1 p.m. every Thursday at San Rafael Branch Library, 1240 Nithsdale Road. The class is led by Dr. José Recio. Call (626) 744-7270 for more information.

Are you learning English and want to practice your English with others who are learning just like you? The English Conversation Group meets at 10 a.m. every Friday and the 3rd Friday of the month at 3:30 p.m. at La Pintoresca Branch Library, 1355 N. Raymond Ave. The class is led by English language teacher Maria Snow. Call (626) 744-7268 for more information.