



SOUTH PASADENA NEIGHBORS

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Making Life the Best It Can Be



The South Pasadena Senior Center serves as a central access point for services and information to assist and enhance the quality of life for senior citizens and their family members. The Senior Center offers a wide variety of programs and activities for adults age 50 and over, including recreational, social services, nutrition, and transportation. These include:

■ INFORMATION AND REFERRAL SERVICE

- In-Home Care Services — resources to provide you with a range of geriatric day services, including social, nutrition, nursing, and rehabilitation. Referrals that provide licensed healthcare services in the home and companies who provide non-medical assistance with such tasks as bathing, dressing, meal preparation, and transportation.
- Independent Housing — referrals to apartments for seniors to maintain independent living in one's own home, with opportunities to become involved in activities, social events, outings, and recreational programs.
- Assisted Housing — referrals to facilities that provide assistance with medications and daily activities, such as bathing, dressing, meal preparations.
- Care Management — assists families/seniors with problems that arise with aging by offering advisory services addressing a

Help Shape Your Downtown!

A multi-million-dollar bond sale recently approved by the City Council will further the goal of increasing commercial activity to the City, while simultaneously upgrading the physical environment and helping existing businesses.

On June 7, the City Council authorized the sale and issuance of \$2.6 million in tax allocation bonds for the City's Redevelopment Agency's "Downtown Revitalization Project #1." The City's Community Redevelopment Agency (CRA) will oversee the project. The redevelopment area comprises Fair Oaks Avenue to the east, Lyndon Street to the south, Mound Avenue to the west, and Mission Street to the north, plus another parcel that includes the Bristol Farms Center.

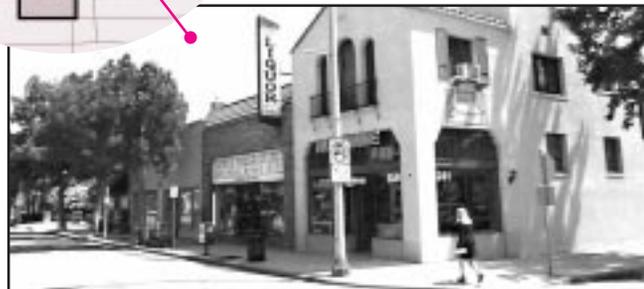
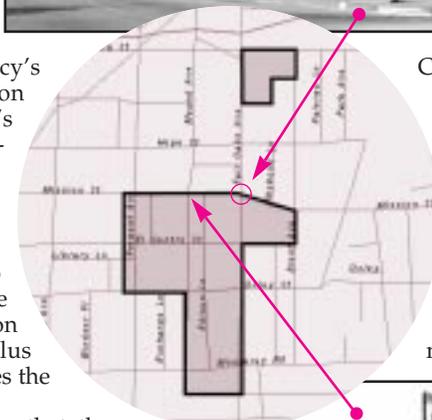
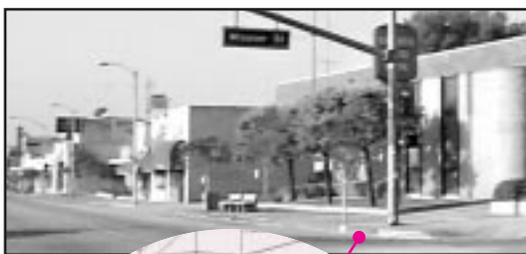
The bonds sale means that the community will soon have the opportunity to shape the City's downtown. State law allows this money to be spent on a variety of development activities, including infrastructure improvements, redesign, rehabilitation and reconstruction of buildings; new construction, and a variety of techniques used to upgrade properties and businesses and to attract new businesses to the area.

What are the key advantages to issuing these bonds and establishing this project area? Normally, property taxes paid by property owners go directly to the State of California, which returns a portion (about 24 percent) to the City for its use in the general fund. The purpose of redevelopment is to direct 100 percent of the property taxes that come from the redevelopment area back into that area in order to make necessary improvements. Through redevelopment, the City — including residents, property owners, and businesses — is able to capture a far greater portion of the taxes paid for redevelopment and economic development use.

State law restrictions define what the CRA can do with redevelopment funds. Redevelopment agencies must issue debt in order to capture the property taxes generated by the properties in the redevelopment area. Quite simply, the CRA must issue this bond to maintain its eligibility to receive property taxes from the area. The benefit to the City is that the

CRA then has the use of the bond money for economic revitalization within the project area — with no cost to businesses, property owners, or residents. Payments on the bonds are made with a portion of the approximately \$387,000 property tax funds that come to the agency per year.

The City has already started to get feedback from downtown businesses on how to best allocate the



Highlighted portions of the map show the downtown redevelopment area. Photos: Fair Oaks Ave. and Mission St.

funds, and welcomes input from the entire community. A workshop that addressed this was held the end of August. A second forum is being planned for a Saturday in the fall, which will be publicized in local print and electronic media. An announcement will also be mailed to residents and posted soon on the City's recently revamped Web site (<http://www.ci.south-pasadena.ca.us>).

For more information, please call the Community Development Department at (626) 403-7220.





Emergency Response Update

The Public Safety Commission of the City of South Pasadena continues to provide a variety of emergency response-related services to the citizens of South Pasadena and to the public. These include informative brochures, first aid kits and community response team training manuals that will be distributed through Neighborhood Watch block captains.

The Commission is also broadening its focus on emergency response issues by establishing a series of goals to be pursued in the

upcoming year for a variety of critical emergency response requirements. These include development of a roster of resident volunteers to assist with various tasks, such as medical assistance and structural damage assessment in the aftermath of an emergency.

The Commission welcomes citizen input into these efforts at the monthly meetings on the third Monday of each month, at 7:30 p.m. in the Fire Department Emergency Operation Command (EOC) post. The Commission also encourages anyone wishing to volunteer to contact John Anderson, Chair, at (626) 403-7303.

Library Upgrading To New Computer System



Our local library will soon have a new state-of-the-art computer system!

Thanks to a \$75,000 donation from the Friends of the South Pasadena Public Library, we're upgrading to TAOS, a new Web-based computer system in early 2001. Continuing their tradition of volunteer and financial support for the library, the Friends have been setting aside funds for the past five years for a major project.

A Web2 public catalog will be introduced this fall, which will allow the library to place the public catalog on the Web, enabling users to see if items are available using their home computers. It will also provide the opportunity for the library to connect to catalogs at the South Pasadena High School and Middle School libraries, thus expanding student and parent access to those collections.

When the TAOS system is fully operational, the library computer system will have a graphical interface with point-and-click capabilities much like the Windows-based systems our patrons use at home. The old black-and-white (or black-and-amber) screen displays will be replaced with colorful graphics and pictures. Users will be able to use the mouse instead of menus and function keys. Reference databases will be available at multiple locations within the library, not just at designated terminals.

The Web2 catalog is being purchased with funds donated by several local organizations: the Ann Peppers Foundation; the Helix Foundation; and the South Pasadena Chinese-American Club. The donation was recognized by the South Pasadena City Council at its meeting on June 7.

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Terri Maguire, City Librarian	403-7330
Veronica Dolleschel, Comm. Svcs. Dir. ..	403-7360
City Clerk	403-7230

Senior Center

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wide range of senior issues, such as selecting a senior residence, choosing in-home care providers, and various financial options.

SERVICES AND ASSISTANCE OFFERED AT THE SENIOR CENTER

- Free appointments are available for the following services: Financial Advice; Hearing Test; Legal Advice; Monthly Blood Pressure Screenings; Social Security representative; HICAP (Medicare) Counselor; Notary Service; Homeowners/Renters Assistance, and Annual Tax Preparation.
- Dial-A-Ride (Scholarships available for those eligible).

RECREATIONAL ACTIVITIES

- Free and low-cost recreational leisure classes.
- Trips & Tours.
- Volunteer Opportunities.
- Senior Activities & Services — weekly programs including bingo, bridge, art, photogra-



phy classes, and more. New programs include the After Hours Senior Dining Club monthly newsletter, available at the Senior Center.

MEALS PROGRAM

- Low-cost, on-site hot meals Monday thru Friday (Scholarships available for those eligible).
- Home-delivered meals (Scholarships available for those eligible).

SERVICES OFFERED BY THE CITY OF SOUTH PASADENA

- Discounts on water bill.
- Dumpster Day (home-to-home pick-ups).
- MTA senior bus pass discounts.

Located near the Senior Center are numerous retail, entertainment, service and professional businesses ready to serve you. Many of these establishments offer senior discounts (see box) thanks to the South Pasadena Chamber of Commerce.

For information on these services, please contact the center at (626) 403-7360 or visit the Senior Center at 1102 Oxley Street, South Pasadena.

Sampling of Local Businesses Offering Discounts for Seniors

RESTAURANTS

- Carrows
- El Pollo Loco
- Fair Oaks Cigars and Spirits
- Fair Oaks Pharmacy
- Gus's Barbeque
- Kentucky Fried Chicken
- Shakers
- Subway Sandwiches
- Wilde Thyme

RETAIL

- Charm Colors International
- Flower Gallery
- From the Mill
- Orchard Supply Hardware
- Perfect Fit

SERVICES

- Halvorson's Cleaners
- Megalith Communications
- Mr. Rooter Plumbing
- Partnership Painting
- Pro Beauty
- South Pasadena Animal Hospital
- South Pasadena Dental
- The Racquet Center "Home of the Senior Olympics"
- Dr. Sean Thompson

ENTERTAINMENT and HOTEL

- Double Tree Hotel

***For a complete list of addresses, phone numbers, and discount information, call the South Pasadena Chamber of Commerce, (626) 799-7161.*

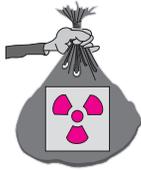


City Hosts Waste Roundup

Do you have hazardous waste to dispose of? Don't throw it away! The City of South Pasadena will host a local satellite roundup event for collecting household hazardous waste on Saturday, September 16, from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the South Pasadena Unified School District parking lot, 1020 El Centro Street.

Please note that satellite events close one hour earlier than roundup events and are scheduled on the same day as other roundup events, thereby affording local residents an opportunity to attend a less-crowded event.

The South Pasadena Natural Resources Commission was instrumental in planning and organizing the event. For more information on this or other Household Hazardous Waste events, please call the South Pasadena Public Works Department at (626) 403-7240 or the L.A. County Department of Public Works at 1-888-CLEAN-LA.



Hazardous Waste Roundup

Sat., Sept. 16
9 a.m.–2 p.m.

(626) 403-7240
(888) CLEAN-LA

HOW TO PREPARE

- ✓ Bring the items in a sturdy box, preferably in their original, labeled containers
- ✓ Do not mix the products together
- ✓ In general, there is a limit of 15 gallons or 125 pounds per vehicle
- ✓ Be prepared to leave your containers

WHAT YOU CAN BRING TO THE ROUNDUP

- ☺ Motor oil, oil filters, brake fluid
- ☺ Paint, paint thinner, turpentine
- ☺ Cleaners with acid or lye
- ☺ Pesticides or herbicides
- ☺ Household batteries or car batteries
- ☺ Pool chemicals

WHAT YOU CANNOT BRING TO A ROUNDUP

- ⊘ Explosives
- ⊘ Ammunition
- ⊘ Radioactive materials
- ⊘ Business waste
- ⊘ Trash
- ⊘ Tires

LIBRARY CLOSURES

September 4 – Labor Day
October 9 – Columbus Day
November 10-11 – Veterans Day
Nov. 22 – Library closes at 5 p.m. for Thanksgiving
November 23-24 – Thanksgiving Holiday

CHILDREN'S DEPARTMENT PROGRAMMING

FALL

SEPT. 16, OCT. 7, NOV. 4, DEC. 9
Families for Literacy, 9 a.m.-1 p.m.

SEPTEMBER 18-NOVEMBER 15
Grandparents and Books Read-Alouds
(All ages) Mondays, Tuesdays, Wednesdays, 3-5 p.m.

SEPT. 23, OCT. 21, NOV. 18
Children's Internet Classes
Introductory Internet instruction, 11 a.m.-noon
Call (626) 403-7358 to register (ages 7 – 14 years)

SEPT. 28, OCT. 26, NOV. 16
Friends of the Library Board Meeting, 1 p.m.

SEPTEMBER 30-NOVEMBER 17
"Storytimes"

Family Storytime (all ages), Tuesdays, 7:30 p.m.-8 p.m.
Pajama Storytime (ages 3-5), Wednesdays, 7-7:30 p.m.
Preschool Storytime (ages 3-5), Thursdays, 10:30-11 a.m.
Toddler Storytime (ages 1-2), Fridays, 10:30-10:50 a.m.

OCT. 10, NOV. 14, DEC. 12
Board of Trustees Meeting, 7 p.m.

NOVEMBER
Children's Book Week Program
T.B.A.

DECEMBER
Winter Holiday Program
T.B.A.



RESTORATION CONCERT SERIES

SEPTEMBER 24

The Vista Piano Trio
Andrew Cook, cello
Amy Kreston, violin
Shari Raynor, piano

OCTOBER 22

The Pete Christlieb Jazz Quartet

NOVEMBER 19

Armen Guzelimian, pianist

Sponsored by the Friends of the South Pasadena Public Library, Inc. Concerts begin at 4 p.m. in the Community Room, 1115 El Centro St., South Pasadena. Net proceeds to be used for the continued restoration of the Community Room. For additional information, please call (626) 799-0670.

Dumpster Day: October 14

Clean out your back yard and empty your closets — Dumpster Day is coming! Once again, the City of South Pasadena, Athens Services, and Goodwill Industries will be sponsoring this city-wide trash clean-up day. On Saturday, Oct. 14, from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m., residents are invited to bring items to the corner of Mission Street and Arroyo Drive where Athens Services will provide the dumpsters for all items that are too bulky to fit into regular trash containers. This service is offered at no charge to South Pasadena residents with proof of residency.

At the same time, Goodwill Industries will be on hand accepting donations of useful items, such as clothing and smaller household goods. The donated goods will be sold in Goodwill stores where the revenues help fund job training, education and job placement services for people with disabilities and other vocational barriers to employment.

Senior citizens who need assistance with

removal of items from their homes may call the Senior Citizen's Center at (626) 403-7360 to arrange for a free pick-up. When you call, please leave your name, address and description of the items. This service is offered FREE to South Pasadena senior citizens, but don't wait too long. The deadline to call in requests is Thursday, October 12 by 10 a.m. Please have all items collected and readily available in one location for easier pick-up.



Dumpster Day
Oct. 14, 8 a.m.–2 p.m.

Please note that this event is not for the collection of Household Hazardous Waste. Special Roundup Events are held regularly throughout Los Angeles County to provide assistance to residents interested in disposing of such items as motor oil, pesticides, car batteries, etc.

If you have any questions regarding Dumpster Day or Household Hazardous Waste, please contact the Public Works Department at (626) 403-7240. Staff is available to assist you Mon.-Thurs. 7:30 a.m. to 5 p.m., and Fridays until 4 p.m.



FARMERS' MARKET

Farmers' Market is now one year old! Open 4-8 p.m., local businesses stay open each Thursday until 8 p.m. Come visit and support your local businesses!

City's Web Site Nears Completion



[WWW.CI.SOUTH-PASADENA.CA.US](http://www.ci.south-pasadena.ca.us)

Click on this Web address to view the City of South Pasadena's new Web site! Designed by Megalith Communications, a local Web development firm, the site provides comprehensive information about the City. Icons include Government, City Departments & Services, About the City, Events, Contact and Links.

Click on City Departments & Services, for example, and you can view comprehensive information about each of the City's eight departments, download useful forms, and check out current job openings.

Have a question about the Municipal Code? Looking for an application form or information on getting a permit, paying a utility bill or getting permission to film a movie? Log on to [http://www.ci.south-pasadena.ca.us!](http://www.ci.south-pasadena.ca.us)

Future expansion plans call for including more forms and enabling residents to file forms and pay bills electronically.



Join the Paramedic Subscription Program

For only \$53.00 a year, any household or business in South Pasadena is eligible to enroll in the City's paramedic subscription program. Launched in 1986 by the South Pasadena Fire Department, the program was initially implemented to offset the high cost of ambulance services or for services not covered by insurance.

Paramedic charges can cost between \$300-700 and may not be covered by your medical insurance policy. Enrolling is easy — simply fill out an application and submit it to the South Pasadena Fire Department along with your check for \$53.00. You will not receive a bill if you need our services — it's sent directly to your insurance provider. Any amount not covered will be written off.

For more information or to have an application mailed to your home or business, please call the South Pasadena Fire Department at (626) 403-7303.

Spaghetti Dinner Offers Activities for All

The annual spaghetti dinner hosted by the South Pasadena Fire Department in conjunction with the South Pasadena Kiwanis Club is currently being planned and is scheduled for Saturday, Sept. 9 from 3-7 p.m. at the South Pasadena Fire Department, 817 Mound Avenue.

There will be rides, booths and other exciting and enjoyable activities, plus delicious

spaghetti cooked and served by the fire department and Kiwanis. Tickets are priced at \$13.00 for adults 13 years of age and older and \$5.00 for children 6-12 years old. Children 5 years and under are free. Come join in the fun and food!



For more information, contact the South Pasadena Fire Department at (626) 403-7300.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 9

Annual Spaghetti Dinner, 3-7 p.m.
South Pasadena Fire Department
817 Mound Ave.

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 16

Household Hazardous Waste Roundup
9 a.m. - 2 p.m.
School District Administration Parking Lot
1020 El Centro St.

SAT.-SUN., OCTOBER 7-8

Sat.: 10 a.m.-6 p.m. • Sun.: 10 a.m.-5 p.m.
23rd Mission West Street Festival
Mission Street

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 14

Dumpster Day, 8 a.m. - 2 p.m.
Corner of Mission Street and Arroyo Drive

CITY HALL CLOSED

September 4 — Labor Day
October 9 — Columbus Day
November 10 — Veterans Day
November 23 & 24 — Thanksgiving
December 25 — Christmas

CITY COUNCIL

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