



SOUTH PASADENA NEIGHBORS

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Toastmasters Open House Celebrates 55th Anniversary

The South Pasadena Toastmasters Club will host an open house for the public on Tuesday, October 2, at 7 p.m. in the Community Room of the South Pasadena Library, 1100 Oxley Street, South Pasadena.



The open house celebrates the 55th anniversary of the club. For reservations, please contact Nancy Lahey at

(323) 255-2423 or e-mail robertlahey@earthlink.net for information.

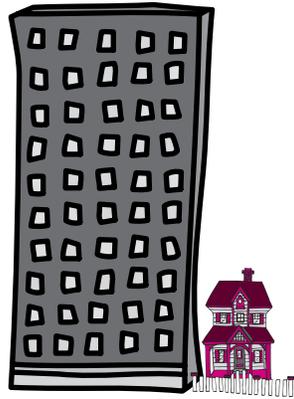
The South Pasadena Toastmasters Club was chartered in 1946. The club is open to residents of South Pasadena and surrounding communities. Meetings are held on the first and third Tuesday of the month at 7 p.m. in the Community Room of the South Pasadena Public Library.

Paramedic Subscription Time



It's time to renew your membership in the South Pasadena Paramedic Subscription Program. Open enrollment period is in October; the coverage period is November 1, 2001 through October 31, 2002.

For only \$53 a year, everyone in your household will be covered for ambulance service. The program is offered by the City of South Pasadena for the citizens of South Pasadena. For more information, please call the South Pasadena Fire Department at (626) 403-7303.



Draft Zoning Code Undergoing Extensive Review

The City of South Pasadena is making the first major revisions in over 30 years to the zoning code. The changes are being implemented in accordance with the City's General Plan, adopted by the South Pasadena City Council in October 1998. State law requires that a city's zoning code be consistent with and implement its General Plan.

The Planning Commission has held numerous meetings over the summer to review the revised zoning code, and anticipates sending its recommendations to the City Council this month. The Council will schedule public hearings before approving the document.

GENERAL PLAN

The General Plan lays out the vision for the City's development in general terms through a series of policy statements and maps.

ZONING CODE

The City is separated into zoning districts. Each zone has certain allowable land uses, development standards and regulations that describe what property owners may do on their property. Besides implementing the General Plan, the zoning code ensures that property owners are able to develop or improve their properties in a way that is compatible with their neighborhoods and adjacent land uses.

The new zoning code affects all properties in the City. Detailed information and maps explaining how your property is affected are available at the City Hall in the Community Development Department, in the Library, and on the City's Web site. What follows is a general summary of the key changes being proposed in the new zoning code.

SINGLE-FAMILY ZONES

Very few revisions are being proposed for single-family units. The most significant changes will affect those who own vacant land in the hillside areas of the City, with new development standards and design guidelines being proposed to ensure that new homes will blend into the existing contours and preserve existing vegetation as much as possible.

Changes are also being proposed to existing zoning code regulations that govern the addition of a second unit ("granny flat") on a single-family parcel.

MULTI-FAMILY ZONES

One of the goals of the General Plan is to reduce the overall density of the City to protect single-family neighborhoods and preserve its small town character. In keeping with this goal, the new zoning code proposes to rezone many multi-family (apartments, condominiums, etc.) areas to reduce the number of housing units that could be built on each parcel. Additional design guidelines are being proposed to ensure that, when new development occurs in town, it is harmonious with the unique character of South Pasadena's existing homes.

COMMERCIAL AND INDUSTRIAL ZONES

The commercial and industrial zones will see significant changes as well. To ensure consistency with the General Plan, revisions are being proposed to the different land uses permitted in the commercial and industrial zones. Some land uses will no longer be allowed, and others may have additional regulations or new development standards and design guidelines imposed. Also, in the commercial areas, new land uses encouraged by the General Plan would be allowed, such as housing units on the second floor of a commercial building.

To learn how the zoning code directly affects your property, contact the City Planning Department at (626) 403-7220. Materials and an updated public hearing schedule will be available in City Hall, the Library, on Channel 19, and on the City's Web site at <http://www.ci.south-pasadena.ca.us>.



South Pasadena Heritage Restoration Awards



1. Peter and Kathryn Hutto, 2028 LeDroit Drive
Jim Sullivan, Architect and Dave Painter, Contractor



2. Richard and Ellen Lloyd, 2006 Oxley Street.
Alan Zorthian, Architect & Michael Verdugo, Contractor



The South Pasadena Preservation Foundation held its third annual Heritage Preservation and Restoration Awards in June at the City's Library Community Room. The awards ceremony pays tribute to property owners, designers, and contractors who did an outstanding job building or renovating residential homes. This year, the 2000 awards were given to the properties pictured on the left.

Honorable Achievement Awards were presented for three additional projects.

Tom Nott and Mike Verdugo received an Honorable Achievement in Neighborhood Enhancement for the construction of a new house at 1020 Montrose Avenue.

David and Leslie Saeta, property owners at 2036 Oak Street (Odom Stamps, architect, and Mike Sanfilippo, contractor) were also honored for restoring the interior and exterior of their house, and recapturing the original tripartite design at the rear of the house.

Lastly, Karen and Eric Steen, the property owners at 909 Lyndon Street (Lee Hershberger, architect, and Dennis Hetherington and Cliff Douglas, contractors) received an award for enhancing the South Pasadena landmark "East Wynate" house with a porte cochere and interior remodel to the kitchen.

Following the ceremony, Elizabeth Pomeroy, author of "Lost and Found, A Guide to Historic and Natural Landmarks of the San Gabriel Valley," presented a slide show of her new book, "History Hunting with Pen and Camera."

If you would like more information regarding the criteria for the 2001 awards, please contact the South Pasadena Preservation Foundation at (626) 799-9089, or Lisa Louie Flores, Associate Planner, at (626) 403-7228.

3. Pat Ford, 820 Montrose Avenue.
Tom Nott, Architect and Michael Verdugo, Contractor



Filming in South Pasadena

This fall the Pasadena Historical Museum will present "Hollywood Comes to Pasadena," an exhibit highlighting motion picture filming in nearby areas. South Pasadena will be prominently featured, having been the home to such film classics as "Pollyanna," starring Mary Pickford, as well as more recent fare like "Jurassic Park III."

South Pasadena has hosted a myriad of big stars and movies over the years. Did you know that Linda Hamilton was a waitress at Carrow's in the original "Terminator"? Or that the murder scene in "The Player" was staged behind the Rialto Theatre? The original "Halloween" was also shot in numerous locations citywide.

Plenty of TV shows have made South Pasadena their home as well. "Judging Amy," "The X-Files," and "Boston Public" have all done repeat business in our City. And an episode of "Seinfeld" was shot on the Pasadena Freeway overpass near Fair Oaks! For more interesting tidbits, visit the museum exhibit this fall.

Filming is very beneficial to South Pasadena. Film revenues are added to the City's General Fund where they can be used to supplement funding for various projects and services provided to the community. This year, the City expects film permit revenues to be at least \$50,000.

Joan Aguado spearheads the City's filming activities. She has worked in film production for a number of years as a producer with 20th Century Fox, Geffen Films and United Artists. Now that Joan is on board with the City, we not only have increased our profile with location scouts, but we also have her experience to draw on at production sites. Joan works closely with companies filming in the City and serves as a liaison among the companies, residents and City Hall. Have any questions for Joan? Contact her at (626) 403-7263.

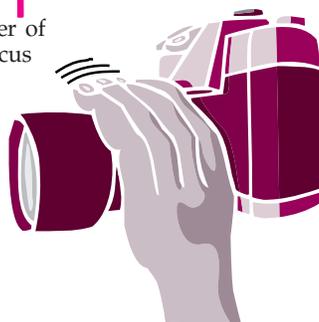
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Richard Elliott, Fire Chief	403-7300
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David Watkins, Planning Director.....	403-7220
Jim Van Winkle, Public Works Director ..	403-7240
Terri Maguire, City Librarian.....	403-7330
Veronica Dolleschel, Comm. Svcs. Dir. ..	403-7360
Sally Kilby, City Clerk	403-7230

Commercial Project Update

A commercial project has been proposed at the northwest corner of Huntington Drive and Fremont Avenue, identified as a "focus area" in the City's General Plan.

The proposed project at 1318 Huntington Drive is a new 6,644 square-foot, one-story commercial building with 39 parking spaces. It includes a restaurant (Kentucky Fried Chicken) and retail uses. The project will require review by the Design Review Board and a Conditional Use Permit from the Planning Commission. If you have any questions regarding this project, please contact Associate Planner Lisa Louie Flores at (626) 403-7228.





Dumpster Day Is Coming!

Clean out your back yard and empty your closets and garages — Dumpster Day will be here soon! The City of South Pasadena, Athens Services and Out of the Closet will sponsor this citywide clean-up day.

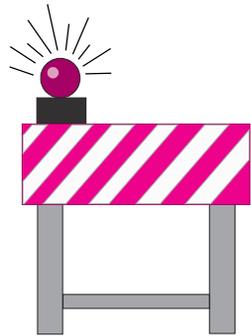
On Saturday, October 13, from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m., residents are invited to bring items to the corner of Mission Street and Arroyo Drive. Out of the Closet will be on hand to help you recycle your unwanted, usable goods: furniture, clothing, housewares and more.

Out of the Closet thrift store chain is the nation's largest AIDS-related retail business, benefiting the AIDS Healthcare Foundation in their mission to provide "cutting-edge medicine and advocacy regardless of the ability to pay" to thousands of patients in Southern California, New York and Florida. Out of the Closet has a store in South Pasadena on 1136 Fair Oaks Avenue. Athens Services will provide the dumpsters for all disposable items that are too bulky to fit in to regular trash containers. This service is offered at no charge to South Pasadena residents with proof of residency.

Senior citizens who need assistance may call the Senior Citizen's Center at (626) 403-7360 to arrange for a pick-up. This service is offered free to South Pasadena senior citizens (60 years and older), but the deadline to call in requests is Thursday, October 11, 10 a.m.

Household hazardous waste, wood or tires will not be collected on Dumpster Day. Special Roundup Events are held regularly throughout Los Angeles County to residents interested in disposing of such items as motor oil, pesticides, and car batteries. Call 1-888-CLEAN-LA (253-2653) for a schedule of upcoming events.

City Launches Street Improvements



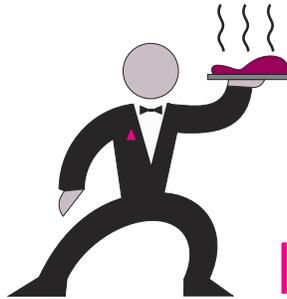
Two important street improvement projects will soon get underway. Garfield Avenue will be repaved between Grevelia Street and Monterey Road. Severely damaged portions of the road will be completely removed and reconstructed. Damaged curbs and gutters

will be replaced and wheel-chair ramps will be installed along the entire length of the project. The project is estimated to cost \$301,000, 88 percent of which will be funded by the Federal Highway Administration, and 12 percent from the City's share of state gas tax revenues.

Stoney Drive will be repaved from Arroyo Drive to the edge of the newer pavement that begins near the on-street parking for Arroyo Park. A new sidewalk will be provided on the easterly side of the roadway between Arroyo Drive and the former recycling center site. The new sidewalk will be made from surface material that discourages the use of skateboards.

Other street improvement projects planned for this year include the reconstruction of St. Albans Avenue between Brunswick and Warwick Avenues, the reconstruction of Oakhill Avenue between Short Way and Monterey Roads and road resurfacing and slurry sealing on a number of residential streets. New curbs and gutters will be constructed on Bushnell Avenue between Oak Street and Huntington Drive where tree roots have lifted the existing curbs by nearly two feet. For more information, please call the Public Works Department at (626) 403-7240.

Volunteers Needed for Senior Meals Program



Volunteers are needed for the expanded senior meals home meal delivery program! It only requires a one-hour commitment each week (mid- to late morning any weekday). The goal is to provide proper nutrition to the homebound elderly or disabled, helping them to continue living a healthy and independent life with dignity.

A new caterer providing an upgraded senior meals program started serving at the South Pasadena Senior Center on July 30. The City Council recently approved the contract and allocated additional funding to the program to improve the quality and variety of the food without increasing the price to participants. The Senior Commission recommended this action after much research and input from participants.

Our homebound meal delivery program participants will also benefit with the delivery of a daily hot meal rather than the weekly delivery of frozen meals.

Recent information shows that approximately 3,400 South Pasadena residents, or 13 percent, are 65 and over. And 25 percent of our older community members, nearly 850 people, live alone and want to remain independent for as long as possible. A hot, nutritious and flavorful lunch is served Monday through Friday at the Senior Center for \$2.25, with a 24-hour advance reservation.

To volunteer or for more information on the meals program, contact the Senior Center at (626) 403-7360.

AUTUMN CALENDAR

LIBRARY EVENTS

SEPTEMBER 11– NOVEMBER 16 STORYTIMES

Call (626) 403-7358 for more information.

Family Storytimes – all ages
Tuesdays @ 7:30 – 8 p.m.

Pajama Storytimes – 3 - 5 year olds
Wednesdays @ 7 – 7:30 p.m.

Preschool Storytimes – 3 - 5 year olds
Thursdays @ 10:30 – 11 a.m.

Toddler Storytimes – 1 - 2 year olds
Fridays @ 10:30 – 10:50 a.m.

SEPTEMBER 10 – NOVEMBER 14
GRANDPARENTS & BOOKS READ-ALOUDS
Call (626) 403-7358 for more information.
Mondays through Wednesdays, 3 – 5 p.m. – all ages

SEPT. 22 ~ OCT. 20 ~ NOV. 14
CHILDREN'S INTERNET CLASSES
Library - 10-11 a.m. Pre-Registration Required
Call (626) 403-7358 to register children ages 7-14.

NOVEMBER 12-18
NATIONAL CHILDREN'S BOOK WEEK
Library
Call (626) 403-7358 for more information.

RESTORATION CONCERT SERIES

Library Community Room – 4 p.m.
Concert Information: (626) 799-0670

SEPTEMBER 23
Aimee Kreston – Violin & Shari Raynor – Piano

OCTOBER 21
The Gary Foster Jazz Quartet

NOVEMBER 18
Musica Viva: Baroque Music

CITY EVENTS

SEPTEMBER 3
Labor Day ~ City Hall and Library closed

SEPTEMBER 9
Spaghetti Dinner, 3-7 p.m. ~ Fire Department

OCTOBER 6-7
Mission West Street Festival, Mission & Fremont
Sat., 9 a.m. – 6 p.m., Sun. 9 a.m. – 5 p.m.

OCTOBER 8
Columbus Day ~ City Hall and Library closed

OCTOBER 13
Dumpster Day

NOVEMBER 11-12
Veterans Day ~ City Hall and Library closed

NOVEMBER 22-23
Thanksgiving ~ City Hall and Library closed

COMMUNITY SERVICES DEPT.

Ongoing
Registration for Camp Med Day Care

SEPTEMBER 4
Registration Leisure Classes, Senior Center

OCTOBER 26
Halloween P.N.O., Senior Center

OCTOBER 31
Halloween luncheon, Senior Center

NOVEMBER 20
Flu Shots, Senior Center

NOVEMBER 21
Thanksgiving luncheon, Senior Center

DECEMBER 3
Holiday Social & Cheer, Senior Center

DECEMBER 13
Holiday luncheon, Senior Center

Library Getting a New Look!



The South Pasadena Public Library will soon have a new look. Much of the library is being repainted and new green and white signs are being installed.

Other projects underway include additional shelving for the International Collection (for existing books, as well as for the Library's new Korean language materials collection), new furniture, more shelving for the Teen Collection, a new Job Information Collection, and a new sign for the Community Room lawn.

FARMERS' MARKET



4-8 p.m., Meridian Avenue and Mission Street. Every Thursday, a variety of local businesses in Mission West stay open until 8 p.m. Come visit and support your local merchants!



Senior Center Offers Variety of Free Programs & Services

The Senior Center, located at 1102 Oxley (next to the South Pasadena Public Library), features a variety of services and programs to better the lives of older adults. For \$12 per year, you can receive the monthly Senior Newsletter. Or stop by anytime Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. for information on the following:

- Dial-a-Ride transportation services to and from any South Pasadena location, plus medical centers adjacent to the Huntington Memorial Hospital in Pasadena.
- New and improved daily hot lunch program.
- Referral service for in-home care services, independent housing, assisted living and assistance for family members caring for an aging adult.
- Free appointments for financial assistance, legal advice, Social Security issues, Medicare issues, hearing and blood pressure screenings, and annual income tax preparation.
- Free classes and other recreational activities such as language classes, art classes, bridge, pinochle, photography, creative writing, walking group, ballroom dance, sewing, and bingo.
- Trips and tours featuring day trips and multi-day excursions.
- Telephone reassurance program to regularly check in with seniors at home.
- Senior bus pass discount.
- Free annual flu shot clinic.
- Annual health fair.
- And special events too numerous to list.

For more information, please call (626) 403-7360.

2002 Berkshire Avenue To Be Restored!

It took two years of perseverance from the neighbors, but it is finally a reality. 2002 Berkshire Avenue, a dilapidated single-family house owned by Caltrans, has been purchased by a family who will make it safe, restore it and live there.

The City entered into a unique arrangement with Caltrans by which the City sold Caltrans some property at the Bridewell off-ramp to the 110 Freeway, in return for purchasing the property at 2002 Berkshire. The City then sold 2002 Berkshire in a simultaneous

transaction to the family. Much gratitude goes out to the special community of neighbors on Berkshire Avenue and to the new owners for their patience and for keeping their vision alive.

It's Your Downtown!

The Community Redevelopment Agency (CRA) continues to review options for the revitalization of the downtown redevelopment area. In June, the CRA set aside funds for and approved a façade improvement program for Mission Street between Fair Oaks and Fremont Avenues.

The CRA is also considering providing funds to encourage the development of a Theater Arts District. For more information, please call the Community Development Department at (626) 403-7220, or email gforbes@ci.south-pasadena.ca.us.

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