



SOUTH PASADENA NEIGHBORS

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Be a Part of Water Fest!

The Upper San Gabriel Valley Municipal Water District invites you and your family to Water Fest 2004 on Saturday, October 2, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Arcadia County Park. Admission is free. In addition to the superb food, come see the exhibits, pumpkin-pie-eating and best-costumes contests, gigantic pumpkins grown with recycled water, and raffle prizes including a high-efficiency clothes washer.

The District is also organizing a 5K walk that morning from 8 -10 a.m. at the park. The registration fee is \$10 per person. Participants will receive a T-shirt, cap and other goodies. Sign up at the walk or pre-register. Proceeds will benefit the American Heart Association and the L.A. County Healthy Parks Program.

For details on Water Fest and/or the walk, contact Media Marketing Services at (800) 258-7194.

Historical Survey

The second phase of a multi-segmented historical properties survey will be completed in October. Additional research will be conducted on each property identified in 1994 as being potentially historic. The survey was conducted in two areas: the Ashbourne/ Chelton and Prospect Circle neighborhoods. The survey will assist City staff and the Cultural Heritage Commission when reviewing applications for restoration and alteration.



Back-to-School Safety

With students returning to school, the South Pasadena Police Department would like to remind parents and students of these important safety tips:

- ✱ Be sure your child knows his or her home phone number and address, your work number and how to use 911 for emergencies.
 - ✱ Plan a walking route to and from school. Teach your child where to go in case of an emergency, e.g., stores, safe houses.
 - ✱ Know where the nearest "Emergency Call Boxes" are located. These are easily identifiable by the blue light at the top of a red pole. The emergency phones connect directly to the police department and are located at various intersections throughout the city.
 - ✱ Teach your child — whether walking, biking, or riding the bus to school — to obey all traffic signals, signs and crossing guards.
 - ✱ Remind your child to always wear a helmet when riding a bicycle and to lock it while at school.
 - ✱ Make sure your child is always accompanied to and from school.
 - ✱ When dropping your child off at school, remember to park at the curb and never double-park.
 - ✱ Teach your child never to talk to strangers or accept rides or gifts from strangers. Remind your child that a stranger is someone they don't know.
 - ✱ If your child is home alone for a few hours after school:
 - ✱ Set up rules for locking doors and windows, answering the door and telephone, and activities allowed.
 - ✱ Make sure they check in with you or a neighbor immediately after school.
 - ✱ Agree on rules for having friends over and for going to a friend's house when no adult is home.
- For more information, please contact the South Pasadena Police Department at (626) 403-7270.

Equestrian Center Recommendations Adopted by City Council

On June 9, the City Council adopted the recommendations of the San Pascual Stables Lease Subcommittee to maintain the equestrian center and to start the process of identifying a potential operator for the facility.

During deliberations, the City Council articulated a list of new services to the community. Among these were youth and disadvantaged programs, an open-trail rental program, and the support of a fundraising opportunity to promote city recreational activities to be included in the new lease.

A Request for Proposal (RFP) will be issued this fall. To receive more information about the RFP and general update, please call Dan Bartelson at (626) 403-7236.





Mission/Meridian Village Update

The Mission Meridian Village will welcome its first residents in fall/winter 2004, when courtyard 'A' is completed. This phase consists of lofts and courtyard homes located on the south end of the site, above the retail space. The opening of the public garage will also open in fall/winter 2004. The entire project is expected to be completed by March 2005.

Garage Sale Permits

Although garage sales are permitted in the City, a permit must first be obtained prior to the garage sale. Garage sales are limited to two times per year per residence, for a maximum of two consecutive days each year. The permit is \$6.00 and can be obtained in the Planning and Building Department or by calling (626) 403-7225.

Flash Pay Reminder

If you haven't already heard, the City is now providing a direct debit program for convenient payment of your utility bill! For more information, please call the Finance Department at (626) 403-7259.



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Help Conserve Water This Autumn

Rainfall totals in Southern California have been well below normal for the past several years. You can help conserve water by taking a number of proactive steps:

- Wash full loads of laundry.
- Shut off the water while washing your car. Turn it on again only when you need to rinse off the car.
- Don't use your toilet as a wastebasket. Unnecessary flushes waste as much as 7-1/2 gallons of water.
- Don't hose down your walks or driveways; use a broom instead.
- When you water your yard, keep a close eye on your sprinklers. If water is running down the street, you're watering too much.
- Check the direction of your yard sprinklers — sidewalks and streets do not need watering!
- When brushing your teeth, you should fill a cup of water and rinse with the cup of water. Do not run the water while brushing your teeth.
- When washing dishes, it's best to fill a dishpan for both washing and rinsing the dishes instead of running the water.

If you have any questions regarding water conservation, please contact the Public Works Department at (626) 403-7240. They are available to assist you Monday through Thursday, 7:30 a.m. to 5 p.m., and Fridays until 4 p.m.

Arroyo Seco Park Opens in October!

The City's newest park is ready for you to enjoy. The four-acre Arroyo Seco Woodland and Wildlife Park grand opening will be celebrated Saturday, October 16, at 9:30 a.m. The park entrance is on Sycamore Avenue, just north of the York Boulevard Bridge. The project restored native sycamore, walnut and oak savannah grasslands. There are improved trails, an added short trail, information on a kiosk and interpretive signs, and even seating areas. The police department will periodically monitor this more remote park; however, you should stay alert and report any suspicious behavior.

The Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority constructed this park with input from a City Council-appointed community task force. The project was made possible via a \$250,000 grant from then State Senator, now Congressman, Adam Schiff.



Teens Read for the Fun of it During Teen Read Week

From October 17-23, teenagers will be reading for the fun of it as the South Pasadena Public Library joins other libraries, schools and bookstores across the country in celebrating Teen Read Week 2004. This national program, sponsored by the American Library Association, helps promote and increase adolescent literacy, encouraging teens to enjoy library books and videos about horror, mystery, forensics, genetics, and more. On Monday, October 18, noted science fiction and fantasy author Mel Gildea will discuss his works from 7:30-8:30 p.m., in a free program in the Library Community Room. Gildea is the author of numerous books for children, young adults, and adults, including 'Britney Spears Is A Three-Headed Alien.' His multi-part stories for children appear frequently in the *Los Angeles Times*.

Stop by and see what's alive at the library, or pick up a spine-tingler that you can read or watch just for the fun of it! For more information, call (626) 403-7350.

Protect Your Family From Lead In Your Home

Many houses and apartments built before 1978 used lead-based paint. Lead from paint chips and dust can pose serious health hazards if not taken care of properly. Lead-based paint that is in good condition is usually not a hazard. Peeling, chipping, chalking or cracking lead-based paint is a hazard and needs immediate attention. Lead-based paint may also be a hazard when found on surfaces that children can chew or that get a lot of wear-and-tear.

You can temporarily reduce lead hazards by repairing damaged painted surfaces and planting grass to cover soil with high lead levels. To permanently remove lead hazards, you must hire a certified lead-abatement contractor. Abatement methods include removing, sealing or enclosing lead-based paint with special materials. Just painting over the hazard with regular paint is not enough. For more information, please call (800) 424-LEAD or log on to www.epa.gov/lead.



New Businesses

A few new businesses that recently opened their doors:

- **Art Studio for Kids**, 1832 Fremont
- **Zinnia** (Art supplies), 1040 Mission St. #103
- **On Gallery** (Art gallery), 1012 Mission St.
- **Chouinard Foundation** (Art school for adults and children featuring basic drawing and design), 1020 Mission St.
- **Six 22 Design Lab** (Trend-setting women's clothing and accessories), 960-962 Mission St.
- **Bonsoir Nail Shoppe**, 1009 Fair Oaks
- **Patakan Thai Cuisine**, 711 Fair Oaks #M
- **Evergreen Elephant** (Retail gift shop), 1903 Fremont



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 16, from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m., residents are invited to bring items to the corner of Mission Street and Arroyo Drive.

Athens Services will provide the dumpsters for all disposable items that are too bulky or heavy to place into regular trash containers, such old furniture and appliances. This service is offered at no charge to South Pasadena residents with proof of residency.

Out of the Closet thrift store chain, the nation's largest AIDS-related retail business, will be on hand to help you recycle your unwanted but usable goods: furniture, clothing, housewares and more. Out of the Closet benefits the AIDS Healthcare Foundation in their mission to provide "cutting-edge medicine and advocacy regardless of ability to pay" to thousands of patients in Southern California, New York and Florida.

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 pickup. When you call, please leave your name, address and a description of the items. This service is offered free to South Pasadena senior citizens and will be provided on the regularly scheduled trash day during the week of October 11. The deadline to call in requests is Thursday, October 7, 10 a.m. Please have all items collected and readily available in one location for easier pickup.

This event is not for the collection of household hazardous and electronic 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, computer equipment, etc. Call 1-888-CLEAN-LA (253-2652) for a schedule of upcoming events.

Library Services for Small Businesses

There are 2.5 million small businesses in California, which employ 50 percent of the state's workforce and generate more than half of its gross domestic product. These small businesses are crucial to California's economy, yet the overwhelming majority employ less than ten people and consequently lack a corporate librarian.

The Services for Small Businesses in a Box –Grant Program I, seeks to address the information needs of business people by providing a "solution in a box" for public libraries. The grant package includes database subscriptions, customizable web pages and promotional materials, speakers for library programs, supplemental reference, training and a small grant award for collection development and other purchases related to the program. In return, the library agrees to participate in the training events and involve the local business community in the project development and implementation.

The State Librarian administers this grant in California and the funding source is the Library Services and Technology Act. The funding package that has been awarded to the South Pasadena Public Library is equivalent to \$40,000-\$50,000.

For additional information, please contact Ellen Fusco, Senior Librarian-Adult Services, at (626) 403-7352.

AUTUMN CALENDAR

CITY EVENTS

SEPTEMBER 6

Labor Day
City Hall, Library, Community Services Closed

SEPTEMBER 18

Household Hazardous and E-Waste Round Up
Sat., 9 a.m.- 2 p.m., School District Administration
Parking Lot

OCTOBER 11

Columbus Day
City Hall, Library, Community Services Closed

OCTOBER 16

Dumpster Day
Intersection of Arroyo Drive and Mission Street

OCTOBER 16

Arroyo Seco Park Grand Opening
9:30 a.m. at the park

NOVEMBER 11

Veterans' Day
City Hall, Library, Community Services Closed

NOVEMBER 25, 26

Thanksgiving
City Hall, Library, Community Services Closed



LIBRARY EVENTS

SEPTEMBER 19

Restoration Concert: The Capitol Ensemble
Library Community Room – 4 p.m.
Call (626) 799-6333 for more information.

SEPTEMBER 30

Children's Program Survey Deadline
Children's Department
(626) 403-7358

OCTOBER

"Let's Talk America" Community Meetings
Library Community Room
Dates to be announced
Call (626) 403-7325 for more information.

OCTOBER 17

Restoration Concert: The Martinai Ensemble
Library Community Room – 4 p.m.
Call (626) 799-6333 for more information.

OCTOBER 18

Teen Read Week 2004:
Author Event with Mel Gilden
Library Community Room – 7:30-8:30 p.m.
Call (626) 403-7350 for more information.

NOVEMBER 14

Restoration Concert: Pete Christlieb Jazz
Library Community Room – 4 p.m.
Call (626) 799-6333 for more information.

NOVEMBER 15-21

National Children's Book Week
To be announced.
Call (626) 403-7358 for more information.

South Pasadena's 5th Annual Household Hazardous and E-Waste Roundup



Saturday, September 18, 2004

9 a.m. to 2 p.m.

**South Pasadena Unified School District
Parking Lot - 1020 El Centro Street**

For more information, call South Pasadena Public Works Department at (626) 403-7240 or L.A. County Department of Public Works at 1-888-CLEAN-LA (253-2652).



FARMERS' MARKET

4-8 p.m.

Meridian and Mission

Every Thursday, a variety of local businesses in the Mission West stay open until 8 p.m. Come visit and support your local merchants.

Scene Around Town

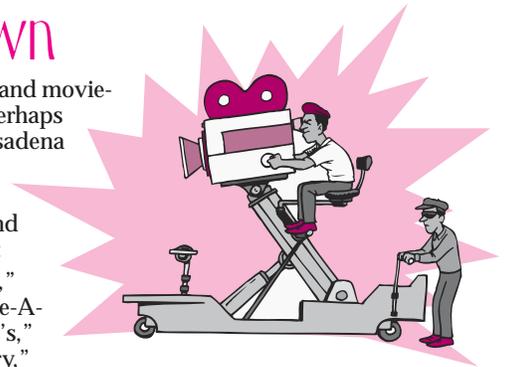
You may occasionally see film-company trucks and movie-production personnel about town. If so, perhaps you have wondered what's filming in South Pasadena and which stars are here.

South Pasadena has recently hosted some of your favorite television shows, feature films and high-profile commercials. Some recent highlights:

- ★ Many commercials including "Kellogg's," "Luna Bars," "Net Flix," "Verizon," "One-A-Day," "Home Depot," "ESPN," "Domino's," "L.L. Bean," "Subaru," "Lincoln Mercury," "Tyson Chicken," "Atkins" products, "Build-A-Bear" workshops, "Lowe's," "Men's Health" magazine and many more.
- ★ Some television shows including "Huff," starring Hank Azaria; and "Jack and Bobby," starring Christine Lahti.
- ★ A television movie called "Revenge of the Middle-Aged Woman," starring Christine Lahti.
- ★ Some feature films including "Monster In Law," starring Jennifer Lopez and Jane Fonda; and "Farewell to Rashkolnikov," starring Traci Lords.

Would you like to host a film shoot? The City has a "Location Library" (a group of files with photos of local properties) that is free for all South Pasadena locations to join. Any property may be of interest since the companies are always looking for something different. A couple of recent examples of film-company requests include a white, remodeled large kitchen with a center island; a large grassy backyard; a traditional home whose walls are painted warm colors without wallpaper.

If you're interested, please leave your name, address, and phone number with our film liaison, Joan Aguado, at (626) 403-7263 or e-mail the information to jaguado@ci.south-pasadena.ca.us. A packet will be sent to you immediately explaining how it works.



**ALMANSOR/AYSO
REGION 214
FALL FEAST & FUN**
A day for the whole family

Almansor Center Hosting Fall Feast & Fun

The Almansor Center and AYSO Region 214 will present the first Fall Feast & Fun on Sunday, October 24, from noon until 5 p.m. The event will feature a Battle of the Bands, tastings from South Pasadena restaurants, fast and furious eating contests, and soccer activities for the kids with the Los Angeles Galaxy. There will be celebrity judges and prizes for all contest winners. Admission is \$10 and includes food and beverage coupons. Kids under 8 get in free but must be accompanied by an adult.

Celebrating its 30th anniversary this year, the Almansor Center would like to thank the community for its many years of support and invites everyone to join them for a great day of fun!

The Almansor Center is at 1955 Fremont Avenue, South Pasadena. For information call (818) 787.8742; email is FeastandFun@aol.com.

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