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Help Your Children Have a Safe and Fun Halloween

The South Pasadena Fire Department is offering some suggestions to help you and your family keep Halloween a time for fun and treats. Many Halloween-related injuries can be prevented if parents closely supervise school-aged children during trick-or-treat activities and follow these safety tips from the American Academy of Pediatrics, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, and the National Safety Council.

- Go only to well-lit houses and tell children to remain on porches rather than entering houses.
- Insist that children travel in small groups and be accompanied by an adult.
- Be sure children know their phone number and carry coins for emergency telephone calls.
- Attach the child's name and address to his/her costume.
- Bring treats home and inspect them before allowing children to eat them.
- Use flashlights, stay on sidewalks, and avoid crossing yards.
- Cross streets at the corner, use crosswalks (where they exist), and do not cross between parked cars.
- Stop at all corners and stay together in a group before crossing.
- Insist children wear clothing that is bright, reflective, and flame retardant.
- Consider using face paint instead of masks. (Masks can obstruct a child's vision.)
- Avoid hats that will slide over a child's eyes.
- Avoid long, baggy, or loose costumes or oversized shoes (to prevent children from tripping).
- Remind children to look left, right, and left again before crossing the street.
- Watch for children in the street and on medians.

Now Is the Time to Get Serious About Saving Water

With California continuing to experience below-normal rainfall, it's important for all South Pasadena residents and businesses to conserve water.

Here are a few tips:

- Use a broom instead of a hose to clean driveways and sidewalks.
- Avoid lawn overwatering to prevent water from flowing onto walkways, sidewalks and over the curb into the gutter.
- Avoid watering any type of landscaping between 9 a.m. - 5 p.m. Because of the heat, these are the least beneficial hours to water your landscaping.
- Up to 70 percent of water is used outside our homes, so cutting back landscape watering at least one day per week makes sense.
- Use drought-tolerant plants, which use 2/3 less water than grass.
- Use a shut-off nozzle & water bucket to wash your car instead of running the hose continuously.
- Promptly repair plumbing leaks inside the home or business and external sprinkler systems.
- When washing dishes, brushing teeth or shaving, turn off the faucet in between use instead of letting it run continually.
- Replace old inefficient washing machines & dishwashers with new high efficiency models, and run only full loads.

These tips will help one person save 25 to 50 gallons of water per day. If everyone in the City reduced daily water usage by 50 gallons, for example, the City would save over a million gallons per day. Production needs would decrease 20-25 percent, while also saving a considerable amount of electricity usage required for pumping power. Imagine what we could do if we all work together!



Get Ready for the Halloween Spooktacular

All of South Pasadena little ghosts and goblins won't want to miss the hair-raising excitement as the City of South Pasadena presents its fourth annual FREE Halloween "Spooktacular" event on Thursday, October 30th.

This year's thrilling event will be held outdoors at Orange Grove Park (815 Mission St.) from 5:30-7:30 p.m. Join in on the spooky fun, including a costume parade, boorific games, balloon artist, caricature artist, face painting, entertainment, candy, arts and crafts, contests and prizes.



A major highlight of this spine-tingling FREE event will be a dazzling magic show. Refreshments will also be available for purchase.

Pre-registration is required. Register by October 28th at the Recreation office at 815 Mission St. or by calling (626) 403-7380.

Walk or Bike to School Day

The City of South Pasadena Community Services Department will hold the fifth annual "Walk or Bike to School Day" on October 8th. South Pasadena students in grades 4 - 8 who walk to school on that morning will be greeted by South Pasadena Youth Commissioners and presented with a reward for their participation.

Hundreds of South Pasadena youth are encouraged to participate. International Walk to School Month is celebrated worldwide throughout October—a month-long program that recognizes the benefits of walking and raises awareness about the positive ways walking to school helps children and communities. For more information please call (626) 403-7380.

Filming in South Pasadena

What makes location scouts choose one particular property over another? The majority of film shoots in South Pasadena are for television commercials, many of which will air nationwide or in a specific region of the country.

To play in different regions, production companies often need an "anywhere U.S.A." look. Colonial, craftsman, clapboard, mid-century and bungalow homes are most sought after for exterior filming. Also, most requests for interior filming are quite specific and varied with everything from entryway staircases to home recording studios to backyards with pools off to the side to white kitchens with beadboard.

The City keeps a group of files on hand to help fill these requests. Is your home in a neighborhood where someone else hosts film shoots? You can also participate by offering your driveway or yard for catering purposes or any other needs they may have. If you would like to join the free "location library" or have any specific questions about hosting filming or filming in general, please call or email Film Liaison Joan Aguado at (626) 403-7263, jaguado@ci.south-pasadena.ca.us.

Senior Center Providing Wide Variety of Services to Older Adults

The South Pasadena Senior Center serves as a central location for services, programs, and information to enhance and enrich the quality of life for older adults and to assist family members caring for older adults.

The Senior Center is open Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. and is located at 1102 Oxley Street next to the library. The Center offers a wide variety of programs and services for adults age 55 and over including recreational, health services, social services, meals and transportation.

These include the following:

- Dial-A-Ride transportation service for South Pasadena senior residents and/or disabled
- Daily nutritious lunch program including on-site & home delivery
- Free and fee based classes, such as book discussion group, art class, bridge, knitting class, French, Italian and Spanish, voice, cultural lectures and more
- Free services include legal and financial advice; vision and blood sugar screening; and blood pressure checks
- Variety of educational lectures and classes offered through Cal State Los Angeles, USC Emeriti and UCLA Center on Aging
- Trips and tours program offering day trips and multi-day excursions
- 50 percent senior monthly bus pass discount for South Pasadena residents
- Free annual flu shot clinic tentatively scheduled for November 5 from 9 a.m.-12 noon. Call to confirm date
- Free annual stroke screening clinic
- Annual health fair
- Monthly special events (celebrating holidays and birthdays)
- Social worker and referral services for in-home care services, independent housing, and assisted living
- Annual dumpster day where items are picked up from senior's homes for free
- Volunteer opportunities

Additionally, to meet the needs of the Senior Center, the Senior Citizens' Foundation of South Pasadena, Inc. was founded. Funds raised are used to make improvements to programming, the facility, and any other needs the Center may have that cannot be met by the City's General Fund. The Foundation can also set up special memorial funds.

If you would like more information or are interested in making a donation, please call (626) 403-7337. All donations are tax deductible and can be sent to the following address: Senior Citizens' Foundation of South Pasadena, Inc. P.O. Box 185, South Pasadena, 91030. To take a tour of the facility or to make a donation, please call Liliana Torres, Community Services Supervisor "Seniors" at (626) 403-7364.

Membership to the Senior Center is \$12 per year per household, which includes receiving the Senior Center newsletter by mail, access to free classes, parking permit and use of the computer lab. For more information, please call the Senior Center at (626) 403-7360, or on the web at: www.ci.south-pasadena.ca.us.



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Library Author Night with Steve Hodel

The Black Dahlia Murder committed in Los Angeles in 1947, is undoubtedly one of the most publicized crimes of the 20th Century. Elizabeth Short, the beautiful homicide victim, was a raven-haired drifter known for the flowers in her hair. The infamous case has perplexed law enforcement and fascinated the media and the public ever since. Several movies and many books have explored the bizarre mystery, while the LAPD has never closed its file.

Author Steve Hodel, a seen-it-all police investigator for 24 years, is convinced he's finally cracked the case. And his scorching book compellingly points to the killer not only being a South Pasadena High School graduate, but his own father, Dr. George Hodel. *Black Dahlia Avenger: A Genius for Murder* has garnered lots of attention from mystery and thrill readers and from major magazines and television shows.

The South Pasadena Public Library and the Friends of the South Pasadena Public Library will present Steve Hodel for a free Author Night program on November 7th at 7 p.m. in the Library Community Room at 1115 El Centro Avenue.

The program will open with live period music from the 40s performed by pianist Gere Fennelly and vocalist Renee Simone. Fennelly has opened for Tony Bennett, Tenacious D, and Jane's Addiction, and played with such varied acts as Redd Kross, Specimen and Abby Travis. Vocalist Simone is a South Pasadena resident and has performed with The Disneyland Big Band—"Doc Anello and the Swing Machine" and LA Alternative bands, Nice Kitty and Warsaw Cocktail.

City Celebrates 'The Call of the Wild' During Big Read Project

The South Pasadena Public Library and the Friends of the South Pasadena Public Library are joining forces with the National Endowment for the Arts and the Huntington Library to present a series of four free "Big Read" programs on *The Call of the Wild*. Just as London's timeless classic possesses widespread appeal, all four programs in South Pasadena are suitable for all ages. No tickets or reservations are necessary and members of the community are invited to attend one or more of the free programs.

Jack London was the first major writer born in California and one of the first American writers to enjoy a lucrative career based on his literary talents. He has been more widely read and translated than any other American author in history. *The Call of the Wild*, the story of a noble dog's adjustment to the harsh life of the Yukon in the late 1800s, is his first major success and his most well-known work. A limited number of copies of the book will be able to be checked out from the South Pasadena Library. Paperback copies of the official project edition of *The Call of the Wild* will be available for purchase at Book 'Em Mysteries and Holy Family Bookstore as a fundraiser for the Friends.

The four South Pasadena Big Read *The Call of the Wild* events:

- Kickoff with nationally-acclaimed author and Jack London scholar, Gerald Haslam, editor of the book *Jack London's Golden State*, on October 16th at 7 p.m. in the South Pasadena Public Library Community Room. Haslam, a contributing editor to the Los Angeles Times Magazine, will discuss the lasting importance of *The Call of the Wild*. Also featured will be music by Rick Shea and his band, performing authentic tunes from Jack London's era.
- Two reading-and-discussion programs with LAUSD instructor Michele Parsons will be conducted on October 23rd at 2 p.m. and 7 p.m. in the South Pasadena Public Library Community Room. Parsons will guide participants through a lively, interactive exploration.
- A film showing of *The Call of the Wild* feature film first aired on television in 1998 by the Hallmark Channel. This is considered by many critics and viewers to be the best of the many film adaptations. It stars Rutger Hauer and is narrated by Academy Award-winner Richard Dreyfuss. The PG-rated film will be screened on October 30th at 7 p.m. in the South Pasadena High School Auditorium.



Additional South Pasadena Big Read information will be posted on www.city-of-southpasadena.us/library. Special thanks to: The Bissell House; Book 'Em Mysteries; The California Council for the Humanities; Hallmark Channel; Heyday Books; Holy Family Bookstore; A Million Images, LLC; South Pasadena Chamber of Commerce; South Pasadena High School; South Pasadena School District; S & B Sound Engineering; The South Pasadena Review; Time Warner Communications; and University of Oklahoma Press.

The Big Read is an initiative of the National Endowment for the Arts partnership with the Institute of Museum and Library Services designed to revitalize the role of literature in American culture and bring the transformative power of literature into the lives of its citizens. The Big Read brings together partners across the country to encourage citizens to read for pleasure and enlightenment. For more information about The Big Read, please visit www.neabigread.org and www.huntington.org/thebigread.

History in the Making

The South Pasadena Public Library and the Friends of the South Pasadena Public Library announce the November 1st publication of a new edition of Jane Apostol's *South Pasadena: 1888 to 1988, A Centennial History*.

A not-to-be missed celebration and book signing will take place from 1-6 p.m. on November 1st in the Community Room. Refreshments will be served and it will be the first chance to pick up the long-awaited book, as well as a rare opportunity to meet the author. Copies will be sold at the event and afterwards in the library and the Friends book store for \$44.95 each.

The book is an expanded, updated edition of the definitive book on the City's illustrious history. The content and quality of the original edition are retained and an added chronology and many new photos covering highlights from 1989 to 2008 round out the limited edition release.

Books can be obtained at the pre-publication order price of only \$34.95 by completing and submitting the order form with a check on or before October 31st. Order forms are available at the library reference desk and in the book store.

South Pasadena's 9th Annual Household Hazardous and E-Waste Round Up

Saturday, September 13

9 a.m. to 2 p.m.

South Pasadena Unified School District

Parking Lot K (Diamond & Mission)

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



AUTUMN CALENDAR

CITY EVENTS

SEPTEMBER 1

Labor Day
City Hall, Library, Community Services Closed

SEPTEMBER 13

Household Hazardous & E-Waste Round Up, 9 a.m.-2 p.m.
South Pasadena Unified School District Parking Lot (located at Diamond Ave. & Mission St.)

OCTOBER 8

Walk or Bike to School Day
South Pasadena students grades 4-8

OCTOBER 11

Dumpster Day
Corner of Mission St. and Arroyo Dr., 8 a.m. - 2 p.m.
Open to all residents

OCTOBER 13

Columbus Day
City Hall, Library, Community Services Closed

OCTOBER 30

Halloween Spooktacular, free event
Orange Grove Park at 815 Mission St., 5:30-7:30 p.m.

NOVEMBER 11

Veterans Day
City Hall, Library, Community Services Closed

NOVEMBER 27 & 28

Thanksgiving

LIBRARY EVENTS

SEPTEMBER 10

National Library Card Sign-Up Month Event
Library Community Room - 7 p.m. - Free

SEPTEMBER 21

Restoration Concert Series: Trio XYZ - Piano Trio
Library Community Room - 4 p.m.

OCTOBER 16

Big Read "The Call of the Wild" Kickoff - Gerald Haslam, Speaker & Live Music by Rick Shea
Library Community Room - 7 p.m. - Free

OCTOBER 23

Big Read "The Call of the Wild" Events - Michele Parsons, Moderator
Library Community Room - 2 p.m. & 7 p.m. - Free

OCTOBER 26

Restoration Concert Series: The Capitol Ensemble - String Quintet
Library Community Room - 4 p.m.

OCTOBER 30

Big Read "The Call of the Wild" Event - Film Showing
South Pasadena High School Auditorium - 7 p.m. - Free

NOVEMBER 7

Library Author Night: Steve Hodel (*Black Dahlia Avenger: A Genius for Murder*) & Live 40s Music
Library Community Room - 7 p.m. - Free

NOVEMBER 14

Jane Apostol Book Signing
Library Community Room - 1-6 p.m.

NOVEMBER 16

Restoration Concert Series: Pete Christlieb - Jazz

NOVEMBER 26

Library Closes at 5 p.m. for Thanksgiving Eve

For more information about purchasing tickets for the Restoration Concert Series, please call (626) 799-6333.

For more information about upcoming Children's Services programs, please call (626) 403-7358. For Adult Services programs, please call (626) 403-7350.

New Businesses Open

There are new businesses in South Pasadena!

- ★ **Alfonso & Hoyng LLP**
Law office
1445 Huntington Dr., Suite 250, (626) 792-1879
- ★ **Angeli & Briganti**
Women's clothing boutique
1030 Mission St., (626) 441-1004
- ★ **Ara Herach Rostamian**
Real estate consulting & visual presentation
1010 Sycamore Ave., #310, (818) 823-0832
- ★ **Dulcenea Lingerie**
Retail-pajamas, loungewear, lingerie
1108 Mission St., (626) 475-2898
- ★ **Gus's BBQ**
808 Fair Oaks Ave., (626) 799-3251
- ★ **James Chou Photography**
1010 Sycamore Ave #116, (626) 407-4430
- ★ **Jimmy Liu, L.Ac**
Acupuncture Clinic
1151 El Centro Ave, Suite A, (213) 400-1233
- ★ **John Murphy, Mft**
Outpatient Therapy (mental health)
1910 Huntington Dr., #14, (626) 372-2818
- ★ **Mana Massage**
Massage & reflexology
1000 Fremont Ave., Annex Hallway C,
(626) 641-0874
- ★ **Sui Lum Asia Arts Association**
Martial Arts
435 Fair Oaks Ave., (818) 378-8310

Storytimes

Sept. 9 - Nov. 21

- Family Storytimes (all ages) Tuesdays, 7:15 p.m. – 7:45 p.m.
- Preschool Storytimes (ages 3 – 5 years) Thursdays, 10:30 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.
- Toddler Storytimes (ages 1 – 2 years) Fridays, 10:30 a.m. – 10:50 a.m.
- Toddler Storytimes (ages 2 – 3 years) Fridays, 11:00 a.m. – 11:20 a.m.

Children's librarians read age-appropriate stories and share fingerplays, songs, flannelboard stories, and book-related videos with children in a group setting.

GRANDPARENTS AND BOOKS READ ALOUD

Sept. 11 - Nov. 20 Thursdays, 3-5 p.m.

Grandma Kaytie shares her enthusiasm for books by reading aloud to children in a one-on-one or small group setting.

BARKS AND BOOKS

Sept. 22, Oct. 27, Nov. 24 Ages 5 – 10 years 4th Mondays, 3-4 p.m.

Children are invited to visit the library to read animal-related short stories of their choice to dogs from the Pasadena Humane Society Companion Animal Program. Not only does this make reading more fun, it also builds a child's confidence in reading aloud.

The available books will help children realize that animals experience a range of emotions similar to their own and that they have basic needs too. This will, in turn, encourage them to appreciate the importance of treating all animals with respect and kindness.

For more information about library activities, please call (626) 403-7358 or visit us to pick up a calendar of events. The library is located at 1100 Oxley Street. Hours are Mondays, Tuesdays, Wednesdays 11 a.m. - 9 p.m.; Thursdays and Fridays 10 a.m. - 6 p.m.; Saturdays 10 a.m. - 5 p.m.; Sundays 1-5 p.m.

Dumpster Day Coming to City!

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 October 11th, 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 as old furniture and appliances. This event is not for the disposal of green waste and loose materials. Examples of items that will be accepted include refrigerators, ovens, couches, tables, chairs, etc. 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.

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 pick-up. This service is offered free to South Pasadena senior citizens, but don't wait too long. The deadline to call in requests is 10 a.m., October 2nd.

Please note that 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.

If you have any questions regarding Dumpster Day, or Household Hazardous and Electronic Waste disposal, please call Public Works Assistant Diana Harder at (626) 403-7243.

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You may leave a recorded message at any time of day or night for the Mayor or a Councilmember by dialing (626) 403-7218. Recorded prompts will assist you in reaching the appropriate member of the Council.

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