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South Pasadena Appoints New Assistant City Manager



Marc Castagnola has been appointed Assistant City Manager. Castagnola assumed his new duties on January 24. He replaced Gay Forbes, who recently accepted a position with the City of Santa Monica.

Castagnola has been with the City for six years, serving in the Planning and Building Department as Associate Planner and Senior Planner and was promoted to Assistant to the City Manager in August 2003.

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Calling All Dog Owners!

It's that time of year again! The Annual Rabies Clinic will be held on April 21st from 6-8 p.m. at the City Fire Station at 817 Mound Avenue. Come license your pet and have your animal vaccinated at a minimal fee. Charges will be as follows: DHLPP + Parvo (5 in 1 shot) \$11; Rabies \$9; Lyme \$15; and Bordatella \$10. Look for an insert in your March/April water bill.

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Work Begins on Grand Reservoir And Pump Station

The Grand Reservoir and Pump Station Project will begin this spring. This is an exciting improvement impacting the South Pasadena community.

On January 19, the South Pasadena City Council approved awarding a construction contract to DenBoer Engineering & Construction Inc. of Palm Springs in the amount of \$6,085,752. Other related contracts were also approved for construction management and construction engineering.

The project involves demolition of the existing Grand Reservoir and Pump Station, and the construction of two new 1.2 million-gallon reservoirs, a new pump station, a water-disinfection system, installing appurtenant piping improvements, and constructing drainage and slope stabilization elements.

The existing reservoir was constructed in 1888 and remained in service until 1987, when it was placed off-line due to extensive structural deterioration and leakage problems. This major project brings back into service a key component of the City's water facilities, and it will provide a significant measure of drinking water reliability to our community.

This project also marks the beginning of a number of improvements that will be covered by an \$8.6-million bond issuance, which is being financed by last year's approved water enterprise surcharge. The financing raised by the water surcharge will only be used, as agreed, on water infrastructure projects. Additionally, this reservoir's replacement was identified as the top priority.

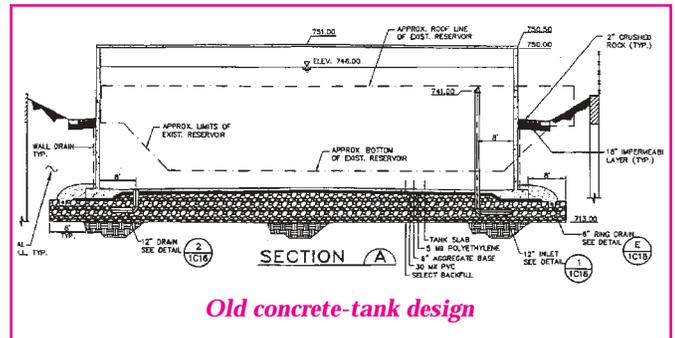
Another significant aspect of this improvement is that the revenue for this project is locally generated and, unlike state and federal funds, South Pasadena citizens get 100-percent return on this investment.

The design process for the Grand Reservoir replacement commenced in the mid-1990s; however, due to a lack of funding, the 95-percent-complete construction documents were placed on hold.

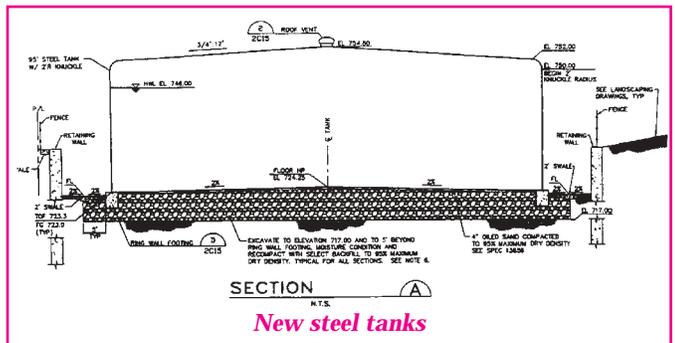
After the bond measure was approved, the design process was re-initiated to update the design to current standards. During the design review, staff concluded that the original design of the cast-in-place concrete tanks is a more costly construction method and, subsequently, recommended developing a design option for a steel tank alternative, which the City Council authorized.

From the outset of the design re-initiation, the steel-tank option was highly considered due to long-term favorable maintenance costs, the ease of inspection and repair, and the potentially lower construction cost and reduced construction time frame. The construction bids came in as expected, revealing lower costs for the higher quality option—steel tanks. We will be getting the best of quality at a lower cost.

The Grand Reservoir is in the northwest corner of the City, nestled in a residential area. Construction of this project is estimated to take 18 months. The City anticipates delivering the reservoir at the end of 2006.



Old concrete-tank design



New steel tanks



Library Hosting 'California Stories Uncovered' Programs



Funded by special grants from the California Council for the Humanities and The Friends of the South Pasadena Public Library, Inc., the library will be hosting six free reading/discussion literary events based on "California Stories Uncovered," the new anthology from Heyday Books, edited by William Justice, James Quay and best-selling author Chitra Banerjee Divakaruni.

These programs will be held at the library and other locations in the City in April. Copies of the book will also be available for checkout at the library.

For more information, go to the library, call the Reference Desk at (626) 403-7350, or check out the library's website at www.ci.south-pasadena.ca.us/departments/library/library.htm.

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Spring Children's Programs at the Library

ARBOR DAY: MARCH 12

10-11:30 a.m. ■ Pre-registration required ■ Ages: 7 years and older

In observance of National Arbor Day, Vivian Flynn of Chouinard Foundation School of Art will instruct children and teens on drawing and painting trees. Arbor Day promotes tree planting and tree care. Vivian Flynn will help children and teens to develop an appreciation for the variety of trees in South Pasadena, a Tree City, by training them to study and paint trees. This program is sponsored by a grant from South Pasadena Beautiful.



BE KIND TO ANIMALS WEEK ART CONTEST

Children up to 13 years of age are encouraged to enter the art contest. Kids can submit stories, poems, drawings, paintings and sculptures related to the 'Be Kind to Animals' theme. Entries are due from March 14th - April 17th. Visit the library in March to pick up a flyer and entry form. Winning entries will be put on display at the library during the first three weeks of May.

This program is offered through a partnership of the South Pasadena Public Library and the Animal Commission.

NATIONAL LIBRARY WEEK: APRIL 13

Celebrate National Library Week with the Puppets and Players Little Theatre from 4- 4:45 p.m. on the Fairview Street side of the library. Back by popular demand, the Puppets and Players Little Theatre will combine the magic of marionettes, hand puppets and live performers in a unique blend of theatrical wonder. In this classic story, a woman who longs for a child of her own visits a witch who gives her a magic seed from which a flower blooms and reveals a little girl no bigger than a thumb. Thus, the little girl is named Thumbelina. This program is sponsored by a grant from the Friends of the South Pasadena Public Library, Inc.

TURN OFF THE TV WEEK: APRIL 25-30

Pick up your "Turn Off the TV Week" guide at the South Pasadena Public Library children's department from April 11th through April 17th and challenge yourself to discover other fun activities while the television is off for one week. This program is for all children.

SUMMER READING PROGRAM: JUNE 13-AUGUST 13

- Registration open to all children and teens.
- Sign-ups June 13 - July 31.
- Special weekly programs on Saturdays at 2 p.m. beginning June 25th and ending August 6th.
- Sponsored by the Friends of the South Pasadena Public Library, Inc. and other community businesses and individuals.

For more information about these and other free library activities for children and teens, please call (626) 403-7358 or visit the library to pick up our monthly calendar of events. The library is located at 1100 Oxley Street.



Preparing for the Future of Your Aging Loved One

Families and caregivers face a variety of challenges when a loved one develops age-related illnesses. One of the most challenging tasks involves finding services and resources and preparing for the future of your loved one. Family members must make difficult decisions about placement in an adult day-care facility, nursing home, and respite care, as well as handling financial and legal matters.

By educating yourself about available resources, families can ease the decision-making process. The South Pasadena Senior Center is offering a three-part lecture series provided by Medi-Cal Planning Attorney Carlos Arcos at no cost.

- **Workshop #1: Preparing for Life's Transitions: Wills, Trusts and Powers of Attorney**
Wednesday, March 16 at 10:30 a.m.
- **Workshop #2: Easing the Transition: Moving from Family Home to Nursing Home**
Wednesday, April 20 at 10:30 a.m.
- **Workshop #3: Round the Clock Care: Assisted Living and Nursing Home Transitions**
Wednesday, May 18 at 10:30 a.m.

These presentations will be held at the South Pasadena Senior Center, located at 1102 Oxley Street.

The Senior Center also provides referrals to other resources to assist families with age-related challenges. Contact Liliana Farruggia-Torres, Community Services Supervisor, at (626) 403-7360 to discuss your needs.

Planning Tips: Replacing Your Windows



A building permit is required for replacing or adding windows in your home. The Building Code regulates the amount of light and ventilation that must be provided for all habitable rooms as well as the minimum size for emergency exit from all bedrooms.

The size of the opening and the overall size of the replacement windows cannot be less than the size of the existing windows. If the rough framing around the window is being changed or if an additional window is installed in an existing exterior wall, the requirements of the current building code must be met, and a review by the

Planning Department will also be required.

When maintaining property that is listed on South Pasadena's Cultural Heritage Inventory, homeowners and businesses accept a stewardship responsibility. As stewards of such important buildings and neighborhoods, homeowners must help maintain the distinctive qualities that make these historic properties unique. In general, homeowners are strongly discouraged from replacing wood frame windows or the original windows on buildings that are listed on the City's Cultural Heritage Inventory. Windows are a very important feature of the original structure. Their proportion and texture, enhanced by their age, add an element to the façade's fabric, which is lost when replaced with new windows.

The Secretary of Interior Standards for Rehabilitation requires that deteriorated historic features be repaired rather than replaced. Where the deterioration requires replacement of a distinctive feature, the new feature will match the old in design, color, texture and material. Please visit the City's website for further information at http://www.ci.southpasadena.ca.us/departments/planning/planning_building.htm.

Window replacements require an over-the-counter plan check before a permit is issued. The applicant shall provide two sets of floor-plan drawings showing the locations of the windows with the existing sizes and the new window sizes noted. The plan-check hours are Monday through Wednesday and Friday from 1:30 p.m. to 3 p.m. The Planning and Building Department's counter hours are 7:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Thursday, and 7:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Friday. If you have any questions, please call the Building Division at (626) 403-7220.

Scene Around Town

You may occasionally see film company trucks and movie production personnel around town. 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 "Newsweek," "Verizon," "Pepperidge Farm Goldfish," "Sears," "Sunny Delight" orange juice, "Allstate," "Motorola," "Bell South," "Kay Jewelers," "Burger King" and "Pontiac."

★ Some television shows including "Jack and Bobby," "Untitled John Stamos Project" and "Landscape's Challenge."

Would you like to host a film shoot? The City has a "Location Library," which is free for all South Pasadena locations to join. The Library consists of files of local properties. Any South Pasadena locale may be of interest since the companies are always looking for something different.

Some recent examples of film company requests include colonial-style homes, remodeled kitchens with white wainscoting and mid-century model homes. If you are interested, please leave your name, address and phone number with our film liaison Joan Aguado at (626) 403-7263 or email the information to jaguado@ci.south-pasadena.ca.us. A packet will be sent to you immediately explaining how it works.



Earth Day Festivities Focus On Water, Water Everywhere

Come celebrate South Pasadena's fifth annual Earth Day Event. This year's event will be held on Saturday, April 23 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. in Arroyo Park, off Stoney Drive in the picnic area close to the baseball field. The Earth Day walk this year includes a visit to the new Arroyo Seco Woodland and Wildlife Park, located on Pasadena Avenue near the York Street bridge.

The theme is "Water, Water Everywhere" — very timely given this year's record rainfall. If you ever wondered about where your water comes from, where it goes and how you can save money by saving water, you won't want to miss this event. Fun and educational activities are planned for both youngsters and adults.

Enjoy a stroll in South Pasadena's newest park — and don't forget your binoculars for some bird watching!

For more information, please contact Diana Harder in the Public Works Department at (626) 403-7240 or dharder@ci-south-pasadena.ca.us.

SPRING CALENDAR

CITY EVENTS

MARCH 8

Municipal Election

MARCH 16

City Council Reorganization

7:30 p.m.

Council Chambers



APRIL 21

Rabies Clinic

6-8 p.m.

Fire Department

817 Mound Avenue

APRIL 23

Earth Day Celebration

10 a.m. – 2 p.m.

Arroyo Park

(off Stoney Drive in picnic area)

APRIL 23, 24

Mission West Street Festival

Mission & Fremont

Saturday, 10 a.m. – 6 p.m.

Sunday, 10 a.m. – 5 p.m.

APRIL 30, MAY 1

Relay for Life

Saturday & Sunday

9 a.m. - 9 a.m. (24 hours)

South Pasadena High School Field

MAY 2 - 6

Public Service Recognition Week

MAY 30

Memorial Day

City Hall, Library, Community Services Closed

LIBRARY EVENTS

MARCH 12

Arbor Day Program

Call (626) 403-7358 for more information.

MARCH 13

Restoration Concert:

Katherine Eberle - Violin

Library Community Room, 4 p.m.

Call (626) 799-6333 for more information.



MARCH 27

Easter Holiday

Library Closed

APRIL 2-16

"California Stories Uncovered" Programs

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APRIL 13

National Library Week Program

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APRIL 17

Restoration Concert:

Angeli Duo

Library Community Room, 4 p.m.

Call (626) 799-6333 for more information.

APRIL 25-30

"Turn Off the TV Week"

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City Seal Mosaic Gets Facelift

A mosaic of the City of South Pasadena's seal, located in the courtyard entryway to City Hall, is getting some necessary repairs with the help of artist/sculptress Patricia Ferber.

Originally created for the previous City Hall located at the same site, the mosaic was made in the late 1940s. Local businessman Thomas Markey knew the original artist and supplied Ferber with the original unused glass from that project. The mosaic suffered a lot of erosion over the past 60 years and Ferber's repairs will ensure that the City seal will look great for many decades to come!



Artist/sculptress Patricia Ferber works on repairing the City seal mosaic at City Hall

FARMERS' MARKET

Open 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.



New Businesses Open in South Pasadena

Several new businesses have made our City their home!

For restaurant fare, try:

- ◆ **Hawaiian BBQ Kitchen**
711 Fair Oaks Avenue #D
(626) 799-3618
- ◆ **Maki Yaki (Japanese cuisine)**
700 Fair Oaks #G
(626) 799-6969



Hawaiian
BBQ
Kitchen

For men's and women's clothing and more, try:

- ◆ **Bent**
1011 Mission Street #B
(626) 403-6453
- ◆ **Clorinda**
1506 Mission Street
(626) 403-6600
- ◆ **Hot Box**
1001-1/2 Mission Street #A
(626) 441-4386



Bent

For beauty salon needs, try:

- ◆ **The Garden Salon**
1020 Mission Street #B
(626) 799-4700



Clorinda

And for toys, try:

- ◆ **Hobby Emporia**
1315 Fair Oaks Avenue, #102
(626) 403-0083



The Garden
Salon

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