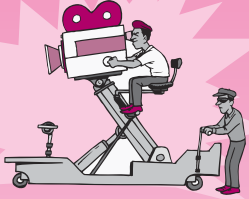




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South Pasadena's Film Library



The City has a free "Location Library" to match interested home/business owners with film companies. Some recent requests from film companies have included homes with large open kitchens, mid-century modern homes, and homes with deep grassy backyards. All it takes is supplying some photos of your property and little paperwork to be listed.

The City has had more than 600 residents/property owners register their properties but not all have sent in photos. If you are one of those who have not sent in the photos and paperwork, it's not too late.

To get more information about filming at your property, please leave your name, address, and phone number with Film Liaison, Joan Aguado, at (626) 403-7263 or e-mail the information to: jaguado@ci.south-pasadena.ca.us.

City Evaluating Golf Course Lease Changes



Photo by James Jontz

The Arroyo Seco Golf Course may soon get greener for South Pasadena if the Citizens Committee looking into the matter hits a hole-in-one. The Arroyo Seco Golf Course Racquet Centre Lease Subcommittee appointed by the South Pasadena City Council has been tasked with recommending appropriate changes to the lease when it comes up for renewal. The question is—what changes, if any, should be made? Community input is being sought to answer just that.

The Arroyo Seco Golf Course is a small public golf course, opened in 1954 by R. G. Lohman and George Lane under an operating lease with the City. The lease is set to expire on July 1, 2011. The grounds include an 18-hole, par 3 course with night lighting, a driving range, miniature golf course, pro-shop, restaurant & bar and a small meeting room.

Since 1978, the facility has also included seven tennis courts and a racquet center. The racquet center recently changed operators, with John Letts from iTennis Management Company in Pasadena serving up a whole new game there. Letts, who has managed all of Pasadena's tennis camps for the Rose Bowl Tennis since 2002, recently upgraded the courts and facilities and introduced new programs. The facility is also rented to area private schools for physical education.

The current master agreement for the facility returns a portion of the proceeds to the City through rent and other commissions totaling about \$140,000 annually.

A five-person subcommittee was formed. The stated goals were to maximize financial returns to the City and ensure the best possible community amenities to citizens.

City Council support was received to set aside certain funds to be used for projects. The Subcommittee has been meeting monthly since February 5, 2007, and is seeking community input on the facilities to consider as they make recommendations to the City Council, who will decide how to proceed.

The committee consists of John Anderson, chair; Mike Thurman, vice-chair; Fred Rusk, Scott Feldmann and Timothy Hummel as well as two councilmen. The group has toured the South Pasadena course with its current operator, Scott Lohman, as well as four other nearby golf courses, and heard from the current Racquet Club operator, John Letts.

The Arroyo Seco Golf Course and Racquet Centre Lease Subcommittee meets in open session on the first Monday (except legal holidays) of each month at 6:30 p.m., in City Council Chambers at 1414 Mission Street. The next meeting will be Monday, March 3. The public is invited to attend and encouraged to make comments.

For more information, please contact the City of South Pasadena Community Services Director, Sergio Gonzalez, at sgonzalez@ci.south-pasadena.ca.us, or call (626) 403-7362.

2008 Relay For Life Set for April 19-20

South Pasadena is looking forward to the upcoming 6th Annual Relay For Life, a major fundraiser for the American Cancer Society, taking place at the South Pasadena High School's new track and field April 19-20.

Co-sponsored by the City and the South Pasadena Unified School District, the 24-hour event will feature an international theme this year. Team members will take turns walking the new track, enjoying entertainment by community musicians and food donated by local restaurants. A Luminarias ceremony will be held to remember those who survived or succumbed to cancer. Contact Chair Marty Smith at (626) 786-0482 for information.



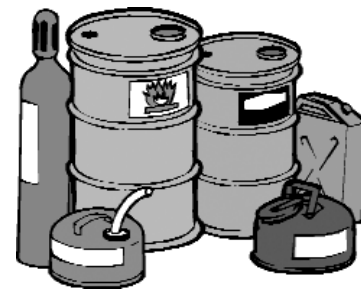
FARMERS' MARKET

Open 4-8 PM



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

Understanding Hazardous Materials



Perhaps you've been stuck in traffic on the freeway or watched on television as local responders have worked to remove spilled oil, acid, or other hazardous materials. Such incidents can affect hundreds, if not, thousands of people. The South Pasadena Fire Department would like to help the community have a better understanding of hazardous materials, especially as they relate to the household.

Hazardous materials are not restricted to the highway, local refinery, or manufacturing firms. In fact, consumer items such as motor oil, paint, pool chemicals, and other common household products are classified as hazardous materials as well. If the everyday hazardous material products that are kept in our home or business are not stored or disposed of properly, serious health and environmental issues can occur.

To avoid having a mini-hazardous materials incident in your home or business due to an earthquake or accidental spill, here's a brief check list:

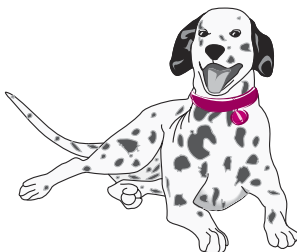
- Use original containers for storage
- Regularly check containers for wear and tear
- Place leaking packages into larger clearly marked containers
- Store materials in a cool dry place
- Separate incompatible products

Do not attempt to transport unused household hazardous materials to your local police or fire department. To dispose of household hazardous materials, you have several options. These options include the following:

- Using up the entire supply
- Recycling unused portions
- Taking the unused supplies to a household collection event more commonly referred to as Haz-Mat Round-Ups.

To obtain further information for the nearest household hazardous materials round-up and their requirements, please contact the Sanitation Districts of Los Angeles County at 1-888-CLEAN-LA (1-888-253-2652).

Rabies Clinic



Come one, come all!! Attention all dog owners!! The Annual Rabies Clinic is just around the corner. Please bring your dogs to the South Pasadena Fire Station located at 817 Mound Avenue on Thursday, April 17, between 6-8 p.m.

License your pet and have your dog vaccinated for a minimal fee. Charges are as follows: DHLPP+Parvo (5 in 1 shot), \$13.00; Rabies, \$9.00; Lyme, \$16.00 and Bordatella, \$11.00. Look for an insert in your February/March water bill.

"A Visit with Viktor Frankl" at South Pasadena Library

The South Pasadena Public Library, the Friends of the South Pasadena Public Library, and the Living History Centre are proud to present a free one-act play "A Visit with Victor Frankl" on March 13th at 7 p.m. in the Library Community Room.

The play will showcase the talents of actor Arnold Weiss and playwright Cliff Johnson. Weiss is currently literary manager of the West Side JCC Celebrity Play Readers Series. He has appeared with Ed Asner, Harold Gould, Theodore Bikel, and Doris Roberts. He has also appeared recently in projects of the West Coast Ensemble, Theatre 40, and The Greenway Court Theatre and been engaged in more than 200 staged readings for the First Stage Company. In addition to his acting credits, Weiss is an editorial consultant both for established and beginning playwrights.

Cliff Johnson has a 45-year history as a journalist, freelance writer, and book and magazine editor and playwright. His career has included editor and compiler of *Vedanta: An Anthology of Hindu Sculpture, Commentary, and Poetry* (Harper & Row, 1971) as well as numerous essays. In 2000, he ventured into play writing. Since then he has written five full-length and several shorter plays. "A Visit with Viktor Frankl" is his most recent play. Johnson is a member of the Alliance of Los Angeles Playwrights and the Lonny Chapman Repertory Theatre Company of North Hollywood. "A Visit with Viktor Frankl" has been performed to acclaim in 2007 at such venues as the Sherman Oaks Library and the Hollywood Methodist Church.

Born in Vienna, at the center of the crumbling Austro-Hungarian Empire, Viktor Frankl was witness to many of the great political, philosophical, and social upheavals of the 20th Century. After more than three years of suffering as an inmate of Nazi concentration camps, Frankl returned to Vienna where he continued his practice as a psychiatrist and continued to develop his theories of existential analysis and "logotherapy."

The latter came to be known as the "Third Viennese School of Psychotherapy," following those founded earlier by Freud and Adler. These ideas and his camp experiences were recorded in the now-famous book, "Man's Search for Meaning," which earned him a worldwide reputation. The book has been translated into 24 languages and sold millions of copies. During his long and storied career Frankl wrote 31 other books.

The Library Community Room is located at 1115 El Centro Street. No tickets or reservations are necessary. Special thanks to the California Arts Council.

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City Hosts Third Annual 'Egg-stravaganza'

'Egg-citement' is in the air as the City of South Pasadena holds its third annual Spring 'Egg-stravaganza' on Saturday, March 22nd, noon to 2 p.m. at Garfield Park (north section, near the tennis courts). Cost is only \$5 per child.

Families will enjoy a smorgasbord of fun activities such as pictures with the Easter Bunny, face painting, balloon artist, sketch artist, entertainment, games, arts and crafts and a carnival ride. A thrilling highlight of this 'egg-ceptional' event is the popular egg hunt with a golden egg for a special prize. Kids will be grouped by age. Food and refreshments will also be on sale. Space is limited. Pre-registration is required by Wednesday, March 19th.

For more information or to pre-register, please call the Recreation Division at (626) 403-7380 or in person at the Orange Grove Recreation Center (815 Mission Street) Monday-Friday 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.



South Pasadena's Own Lawrence Clark Powell Saluted by Library in April

In 1906 Lawrence Clark Powell was born in Washington D.C. He and his family moved to South Pasadena in 1911. Throughout his boyhood he was an avid user of the South Pasadena Library, as was his best friend Ward Ritchie, who later became a legendary book designer and publisher. Lawrence, or Larry as he was known, earned a bachelor's degree from Occidental College in 1928 and a doctorate from the University of Dijon in 1932. The University of California at Berkeley awarded him his certificate in librarianship in 1937.

Powell joined the UCLA library staff in 1938 and headed the University Library from 1944 until his retirement in 1966. Powell also was founding Dean of the School of Library Service (now part of the UCLA Graduate School of Education and Information Studies) from 1959 until 1966. During his tenure, the Library's collection of 285,000 volumes increased to 2,000,000, the staff of 35 grew to 300, and UCLA became internationally known as a dynamic place of books and learning.

Throughout his career and after his retirement, Powell wrote acclaimed fiction, nonfiction, and autobiographical works including the first biography of Robinson Jeffers, widely considered California's greatest poet. He also produced serious examinations of the literature of California and the West. Both Powell and Ritchie were generous contributors to the magnificent "South Pasadena, 1888 to 1988: A Centennial History" by the highly accomplished historian Jane Apostol, published by the South Pasadena Library as a fundraiser. Understandably, the book quickly sold out.

During April all Library volunteers and other select VIPs will be called to the Library's "invitation only" Annual Volunteer Recognition Luncheon conducted by the Library Board of Trustees. The keynote speaker will be Gerald Haslam who has been called "The Prince of California Writers." Haslam has written the one and only biography of Lawrence Clark Powell and made a well-received presentation on him for UCLA in 2007. During April a special tribute to Lawrence Clark Powell will be displayed on the Library's website at www.cityofsouthpasadena.us/library featuring rare, unseen images, articles, letters, and more. Special thanks to The Huntington Library and Bissell House Bed & Breakfast for their valuable assistance.

Rotary Club and Library Continue "Golden State Collection" Partnership

The South Pasadena Rotary Club and the South Pasadena Public Library are proud to continue "The Golden State Collection," a cooperative project to expand the Library's collection of checkout books on California (particularly Southern California) related subjects.

Each Tuesday for its noon meeting at the South Pasadena YMCA, the service club honors its guest speaker by donating a Golden State Collection title in his or her name. Each book receives a signed custom bookplate featuring the guest speaker's name and signature. Titles purchased consist of attractive new books for all ages on California culture, history, description and travel, nature, and women.

All of the Golden State books are for the circulating collection. A descriptive brochure listing many of the books is available. The initial offering of books contained an appealing assortment of titles on Southern California history, travel, geography, and nature. The South Pasadena Rotary Club has recently purchased an attractive batch of books from Huntington Library Press and title on LA County subjects from the popular "Images of America" series.

SPRING CALENDAR

LIBRARY EVENTS

MARCH 3-8

Voting: "California Young Reader Medal"

MARCH 13

"A Visit with Victor Frankl" – Play
Library Community Room – 7 p.m.
Free

MARCH 16

Restoration Concert: Roberto Cani – Violin
Library Community Room – 4 p.m.

MARCH 23

Easter Holiday – Library Closed.

APRIL 12-MAY 8

"UCLA Read to Succeed"

APRIL 13

Restoration Concert: Angeli Duo – Two Violins
Library Community Room – 4 p.m.

APRIL 14-20

"National Library Week Program"

APRIL 21-27

"Turn Off the TV Week"

MAY 13

"National Children's Book Week Program"
– South Pasadena Strings
Library Community Room – 7:15 p.m.
Free

MAY 18

Restoration Concert: New Hollywood String Quartet
Library Community Room – 4 p.m.

MAY 26

Memorial Day Holiday – City & Library Closed.

JUNE 16-AUGUST 9

"Summer Reading Program"
Sign-ups begin on June 16.

For more information about Children's Services Library programs, please call (626) 403-7358; for Restoration Concert ticket information, call (626) 799-6333.

CITY EVENTS

MARCH 19

City Council Reorganization
Council Chambers, 7:30 p.m.

MARCH 22

Spring Egg-stravaganza, 12-2 p.m.
Garfield Park (by tennis courts)

APRIL 17

Rabies Clinic, 6-8 p.m.
Fire Station, 817 Mound Avenue

APRIL 19-20

American Cancer Society Relay for Life
9 a.m. Saturday – 9 a.m. Sunday
South Pasadena High School Track & Field

APRIL 26-27

Mission West Street Festival, Sat. & Sun. 10 a.m.–6 p.m.
Located at Mission & Fremont

MAY 5-11

Public Service Recognition Week

MAY 26

Memorial Day
City Hall, Library, Community Services Closed

New Businesses Open

There are new businesses in South Pasadena!

- ★ **Anchor Management Co.,**
property management
1260 Huntington Dr. #104, (323) 349-0865
- ★ **Heritage Bindery,**
restoration of rare books
636 Mission St., (626) 799-2730
- ★ **Institute for the Redesign of Learning,**
services for at risk youths and families
205 Pasadena Ave., (323) 341-5580
- ★ **Long Hing, Inc.,**
house developer
1134 El Centro St., (626) 564-0011
- ★ **My Escape,**
skin care and hair salon
1132 Fair Oaks Ave., (626) 533-0521
- ★ **Pontrelli, Timour & Associates, Inc.,**
insurance sales & service
1039 Hope St., (626) 795-4138 x250
- ★ **Rejuva You Inc.,**
health product sales, medical office
1024 A Mission St., (626) 441-8968
- ★ **Sati Medical,**
medical office
1730 Huntington Dr., #204 (626) 376-4486
- ★ **The Cycle Annex,**
indoor cycling studio
1017 Mission St., (323) 767-6558
- ★ **Wine Styles,**
retail wine boutique & tasting room
1007 B Mission St., (818) 749-0317

Library Story Times

There are lots of fun activities happening right now at the library! Here's a snapshot:

STORYTIMES (January 15 - March 21, April 8 - May 31, June 24 - August 8)
Family Storytimes (all ages) Tuesdays 7:00 p.m. – 7:30 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.
Librarians read age-appropriate stories, share songs, fingerplays, flannelboard stories, and book-related videos with children in a group setting.

GRANDPARENTS AND BOOKS READ-ALoud
(January 17 – March 20, April 16 - May 29, Wednesdays and Thursdays 3 - 5 pm)
Volunteer Grandma Kaytie shares her enthusiasm for books by reading aloud to children of all ages in one-on-one or small group settings.

BARKS AND BOOKS (Mar. 24 and April 28, 3-4 pm / June 23 and July 28, 2-3 p.m.)
Children ages 5-10 years 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.

UCLA READ TO SUCCEED (April 12 – May 18)
UCLA Athletics encourages good reading habits among the children in Southern California. Children and teens who visit the South Pasadena Public Library Children's Room can pick up a flyer and have the children's librarian validate the form, which is valid for four free general admissions to UCLA Athletic events, including, track and field, baseball, and women's tennis.

VOTING: CALIFORNIA YOUNG READER MEDAL (March 3 - March 8)
While parents are exercising their right to vote in March, the Library will have voting booths set up for children and teens to cast their ballots to select the California Young Reader Medal (CYRM) Award winners. Check out the CYRM website at <http://californiayoungreadermedal.org/nominees> to see the nominees.

NATIONAL LIBRARY WEEK PROGRAM (April 14 – April 20)
Children may bring a paperback book to the Children's Room to trade with other kids. Look for the special blue "Kids' Book Swap" book cart for trading options.

TURN OFF THE TV WEEK (April 21 – April 27)
The South Pasadena Unified School District elementary schools and the South Pasadena Public Library challenge children to turn off the TV for one week and discover many other activities to share with their families.

NATIONAL CHILDREN'S BOOK WEEK (May 13, 7:15-7:45 p.m.)
Local South Pasadena Strings children's orchestra will perform in the Library Community Room.


SUMMER READING PROGRAM (June 16 – August 9)
Sign-ups for this popular program will begin June 16th. Special weekly programs will be on Wednesdays, beginning June 25th at 2 p.m. in the Library Community Room. The Friends of the South Pasadena Public Library, Inc., and other community-spirited businesses and individuals sponsor the Summer Reading Program.

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- Sally Kilby, **City Clerk**
- Victor Robinette, **City Treasurer**

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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