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City Finances Better than Expected as Fiscal Year Ends

After struggling for close to a year to remain stable in the face of takeaways from the state, City officials are pleased to report unexpected one-time revenues for this fiscal year. Not only did the governor's plan leave the vehicle license revenue in place, South Pasadena property taxes are three percent higher than expected for the year.

In addition, adjustments directed by the City Council have been implemented to create additional efficiencies. The City hopes to be able to direct these one-time funds toward fixing streets and toward fair resolution of labor negotiations that were suspended in early 2003 due to huge uncertainties about the City's financial future.

New South Pasadena Chamber of Commerce Opens

The new South Pasadena Chamber of Commerce is open for business with offices at the Granite State Bank building, 901 Fair Oaks Avenue. For more information, please contact John Veenstra at (626) 441-2339, email sopashamber@sbcglobal.net, website www.southpas.org.

Local Sponsors Help Concerts Return to Garfield Park

As always, South Pasadena puts its money where its heart is. Summer will soon be here and Garfield Park will once again be home to the sixth annual Concerts in the Park series, which kicks off on Sunday, June 20th.

The City Council and the Parks and Recreation Commission are pleased to present the five-concert series on alternating Sundays from 5-7 p.m. in the north end of Garfield Park. Come and join us for a night of wonderful entertainment for the whole family. The best part is — it's free!

This is a unique opportunity to bring family and friends together for a Sunday afternoon of music and fun. Bring your own picnic or save time and buy dinner at the concert. Local restaurants and caterers will be selling dinner each Sunday. For those of you who want to spend a lazy afternoon, grab your lawn chair or blanket and join us on the lawn in the shade under the park's beautiful sycamore trees. These concerts provide plenty of toe-tapping music, so if you want to get a little dancing in, get your dancing shoes on, grab your partner and dance the night away. For more information, please contact the Community Services Department at (626) 403-7360.

These concerts are made possible through the generous financial support of the following businesses and individuals:

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Summer Concerts in the Park

Mark your calendars & join us on these Sundays:

- June 20thCrown City Dixieland Band
- July 11thJumpin Joz Band (Swing)
- July 25thThe Alley Cats (Doo Wop)
- August 8thHit Men (Motown)
- August 15thThe Answer (Classic Rock)



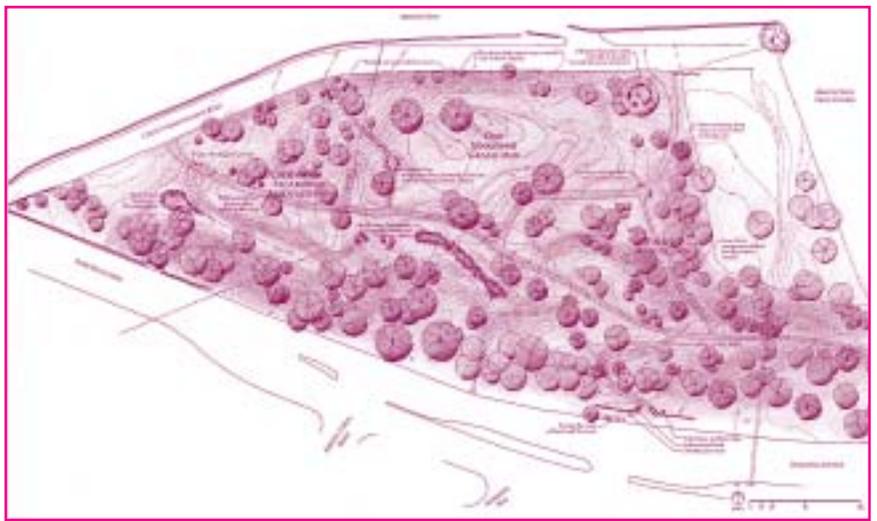
Show off Your Collectibles at the Library

Do you collect something fun and interesting? The South Pasadena Public Library would like to display your collection (no commercial exhibits please) in the library's secured exhibit case. If your collection is selected, it will need to be available for one month.

Examples of past exhibitions from local residents include: memorabilia and collectibles on the Olympics, local history, antique toasters, historical newspapers, baseball, Disney souvenirs, fashion, the Canadian Mounties, postcards, medical equipment, pop-up books, the Wright Brothers and the Arroyo Seco.

The exhibit case is prominently located directly across from the library's Circulation Desk in a high-traffic area. The interior of the exhibit case measures 76" long, 36" high and 19" deep with adjustable glass shelving. The case is well lit and there is an outlet available if additional electricity is required.

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



Arroyo Seco Woodland and Wildlife Park to Open Soon

South Pasadena's Arroyo Seco Woodland and Wildlife Park will welcome visitors this summer. Visitors will be able to enjoy the native sycamore, walnut and oak savannah grassland areas, improved trails, information kiosk and benches. This project was made possible by a grant to the Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority.

\$5,000 Grants Available For Home Repairs

The City of South Pasadena is accepting applications for the Home Improvement Grant Program, which provides free home rehabilitation for residents with low-to-moderate incomes. If you own a home and fall within the program's income limit, you may be eligible to participate in this program.

If your application is accepted, you could receive up to \$5,000 for approved home rehabilitation repairs. Approved repairs include new roofs, installation/repair of heating appliances, termite pest control, new windows/doors, exterior painting, plumbing repairs and many more. For more information, please contact Veronica Velarde at (626) 403-7225.



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Community Redevelopment Commission Plans for Your Downtown

The Community Redevelopment Commission meets the second Wednesday of each month in the City Council Chambers, 1414 Mission Street. For more information, contact Gay Forbes or Marc Castagnola in the City Manager's office, at (626) 403-7210.

Business License Required For All Contractors

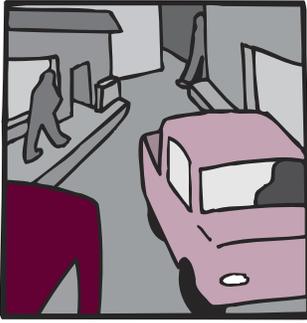


The City makes every effort to ensure that all contractors have valid city business licenses while conducting business in the city. This applies to all landscapers, pool cleaners, painters, electricians, plumbers and other contractors. Business licenses provide a valuable source of revenue for the City.

Please make sure that the companies and people you hire have a city business license. To verify a city business license, call (626) 403-7257, providing either a company name or individual's name.

Also, you can ensure that the contractor you hire meets state and safety regulations by obtaining building permits for all electrical, plumbing, roofing, mechanical and interior and exterior building work. For more information, please call (626) 403-7220.

Complying with Parking Regulations



The South Pasadena Police Department enforces parking regulations throughout the City with the goal of achieving voluntary compliance. When someone receives a parking citation, that person has 21 days from the citation issuance date to pay for or contest the citation. After that, a delinquent penalty is added, significantly increasing the fine. A lien is also placed on the vehicle with the DMV and the vehicle's registration cannot be renewed until the parking citation has been paid.

While there are hundreds of parking regulations, here are a few that often raise questions:

Parking on a three-percent grade: There are no requirements that signs must be posted to enforce this code. When you park downhill on any grade that meets or exceeds three percent, turn your front wheels into the curb or toward the side of the road. When you park headed uphill, turn your front wheels away from the curb and let your vehicle roll back a few inches until the rear of one front wheel gently touches the curb. If there is no curb for either uphill or downhill parking, turn the wheels toward the side of the road so the car will roll away from the center of the road if the brakes fail.

Failing to display a current registration tab: This is not a citation for expired registration; it is a citation for failing to display the current year registration tab. The penalty is \$77, which is reduced to \$10 when proof of correction is shown within 21 days of the citation issuance date. An \$11 inspection fee is also charged.

License plates: The DMV issues two license plates to motor vehicles other than a motorcycle which must be attached — one in the front and the other in the rear.

White (loading) zone: A white curb means no stopping, standing or parking for any purpose other than loading or unloading of passengers, which shall not exceed three minutes.

Parking on a sidewalk: Parking on any portion of a sidewalk, or with the body of the vehicle extending over any portion of a sidewalk, is prohibited.

South Pasadena also has a preferential parking district surrounding the Gold Line Station. To discourage Gold Line users from clogging residential and business areas, many streets were designated as three-hour time zones.

To enable residents and business owners to park in these areas, preferential parking permits were provided exempting them from the three-hour time zone restriction. This permit, a yellow rear-view mirror hanger, is only valid in a three-hour time zone. It does not exempt the holder from the provisions of any other Vehicle Code or City Ordinance.



Here Comes Flash Pay!

The City of South Pasadena is now offering a direct debit program for convenient payment of your utility bill. A brochure explaining how the program works has been sent to all utility users.

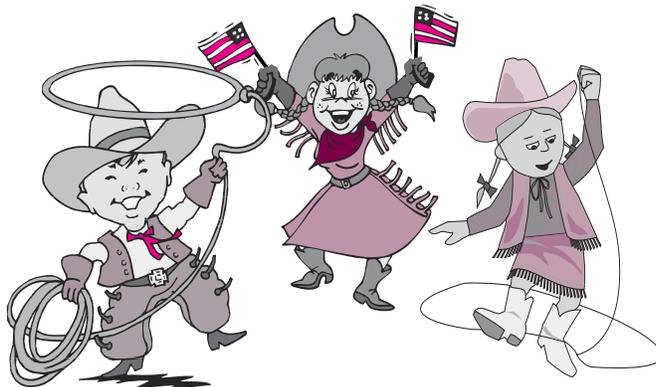
Flash Pay is a way to pay your water/sewer/rubbish bill automatically with a monthly deduction from your checking or savings account. If you have not received this information, please be sure to call the Finance Department at (626) 403-7259.

You may also still pay your bill by check, cash or credit card.

Ride the Wild West Fourth of July Parade!

Hey library partners! March in the annual Fourth of July Parade with the library's Summer Reading Program! Children are encouraged to wear their cowhand getups and walk with the library group to motivate others to read. Bring your water bottles, sunscreen, wagons and strollers. Other wheeled vehicles are not allowed. All children must be accompanied by an adult.

For more information, please call (626) 403-7358 or visit the library at 1100 Oxley Street.



CITY EVENTS

JULY 5

Independence Day Observed
City Hall, Library, Community Services Closed

SEPTEMBER 6

Labor Day
City Hall, Library, Community Services Closed

FESTIVAL OF BALLOONS

JULY 4

7:30 a.m.Kiwans Pancake Breakfast
11:30 a.m.Opening Ceremonies
Library (El Centro Street side)
12 p.m.Parade starts
Immediately following parade,
festivities at Garfield Park.
5:30 p.m.Gates open at high school
6:30 p.m.Live entertainment, dancing, food, drinks
8:45 p.m.Parade awards presented
9 p.m.Fireworks display

LIBRARY EVENTS

JUNE 14-JULY 31

Summer Reading Program (SRP) Signups Begin
Library - Children's Dept.
Registration open to all children and teens
Call (626) 403-7358 for more information.

JUNE 22

SRP Kickoff, Library Community Room - 2 p.m.

JUNE 28, JULY 3, JULY 12, JULY 17

JULY 26, JULY 31, AUGUST 9

Wild West Crafts
Create your own Wild West crafts between 11 a.m.
and 3 p.m. Library Community Room

JUNE 29

SRP: Broken Horn Trick Roper Felix Lopez
Library Community Room - 2 p.m.

JULY 6

SRP: Drawing Horses
Presented by Barnsdall Junior Art Center
Library Community Room - 2 p.m.

JULY 10

Parents' Internet Class
Library - Children's Dept., 10-11 a.m.
Pre-registration required by July 2.
Call (626) 403-7358 for more information.

JULY 13

SRP: How the West Was Sung
Presented by Craig Newton
Library Community Room - 2 p.m.

JULY 20

SRP: Magic of the Old West - Rootin' Tootin'
Mysteries. Presented by Mark Wurst
Library Community Room - 2 p.m.

JULY 24

Kids Chess Programs-Get Acquainted with Chess
Lisa Robinson - Instructor
Call (626) 403-7358 for more information.

JULY 27

SRP: Native American Lifeways
Presented by David Valdiviez
Library Community Room - 2 p.m.

AUGUST 3

SRP: Thumbelina
Presented by Puppets & Players Little Theatre
Library Community Room - 2 p.m.

AUGUST 7

Kids Chess Programs - Chess in the Library
Lisa Robinson - Instructor
Call (626) 403-7358 for more information.

AUGUST 10

SRP: Blues for Beginners." Presented by Brother Yusef
Library Community Room - 2 p.m.

AUGUST 20

Library Safety Day. Library Closed to Public



New Businesses

South Pasadena continues to attract a wide variety of businesses. Here are a few new businesses that recently opened their doors:

- Starbucks Coffee, 1318 Huntington Drive
- Rachelle Hair Cutting Salon, 1522 Mission Street
- Impression Hair Salon, 711 Fair Oaks Avenue, Suite P

Mission/Meridian Village Update

Courtyard 'A' of the Mission Meridian Village is scheduled for completion in mid- to late summer 2004. This phase consists of lofts and courtyard homes located on the south end of the site, above the retail space. The uses anticipated for the retail space are a café, flower shop, newsstand, small market and a bike station or other pedestrian-friendly uses.



FARMERS' MARKET

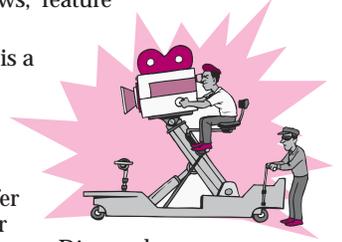
The expanded market not only includes a fresh, seasonal offering of fruits, vegetables and citrus, but also musicians to entertain and food vendors for a quick dining-out experience. Enjoy a picnic at Heritage Park located between the Goldline Station and Farmer's Market.

Thursdays, 4-8 p.m. Located at the intersection of Mission Street and Meridian Avenue.

Scene Around Town

You may occasionally see film company trucks and movie production personnel about town. South Pasadena hosts some of your favorite television shows, feature films and high-profile commercials:

- ★ Some television shows including "Fear Factor" and "My Life is a Sitcom," and The Food Network's "Everyday Italian" starring Giada DeLaurentiis (second season in South Pasadena).
- ★ Television pilots including "Revelations" starring Bill Paxton, "Dark Shadows" and "Wanted."
- ★ The feature films "Thirteen Going on 30" starring Jennifer Garner (again!), "Heart of Summer" starring Hilary Duff (her 2nd movie filmed in town!), and "In Her Shoes" starring Cameron Diaz and Toni Colette.



Would you like to host a film shoot? The City has a "Location Library" (a group of files with photos of local properties), which is free for all South Pasadena locations to join. Any property may be of interest as the film companies are always looking for something different. Some recent examples of film company requests include a large grassy backyard, a tennis court, a mid-century modern home decorated from the 1960s, and a white colonial home.

If you are 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. An informational packet will be sent to you immediately.

When you click the "ask now" button you may receive assistance from a librarian from any of our participating libraries in California or other libraries throughout the US. This makes it possible for us to offer you assistance 24 hours a day 7 days a week.

CONTACT INFORMATION FOR SOUTH PASADENA PUBLIC LIBRARY:

South Pasadena Public Library	(626) 403-7263 Monday - Wednesday 11:00 am - 6:00 pm Thursday & Friday 10:00 am - 6:00 pm Saturday 10:00 am - 3:00 pm Sunday 1:00 pm - 3:00 pm	626.603.7263	2100 Friday Street South Pasadena, CA 91030
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24-Hour Online Reference Service

AskNow is a live online interactive reference service, available to users 24 hours a day, seven days a week. Thanks to the support of the California State Library and the Metropolitan Cooperative Library System, the South Pasadena Public Library is now offering this innovative reference service.

Do you have a burning question that just can't wait? All you need is your home computer and an Internet connection. Go to the library's website and click on the AskNow icon. When you connect to AskNow, you will be connected to a live librarian, who will be from one of the more than 100 participating public libraries nationwide.

AskNow is a service of the nationwide cooperative 24/7 Reference. Call (626) 403-7350 or check the library website at <http://library.ci.south-pasadena.ca.us> for more information.

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