



# SOUTH PASADENA NEIGHBORS

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## “Mission to China” launched by SouthPas Chamber



China and her wonders will be explored by South Pasadena residents this autumn on a group tour organized by the South Pasadena Chamber of Commerce. The SouthPas Chamber is partnering with an experienced travel company, CITSLINC of Monterey Park, to offer a trip to the Orient on October 30th for nine days. The low price of \$1,399 (per person, based on double-occupancy,) includes round-trip airfare, 5-star or 4-star hotel accommodation, deluxe tour bus, three full meals every day, fees for all attractions and any applicable taxes. A single room is available as an upgrade.

The tour group will visit memorable sites in China, both ancient and modern, and enjoy a multitude of unforgettable experiences.

A pre-tour briefing for all participants will be held in South Pasadena at the Community Room, located at 1115 El Centro Street on Monday, May 21, 5:30 - 8:30 pm.

Anyone interested in Mission to China 2007 can visit [www.southpaschamber.com](http://www.southpaschamber.com), or call Scott Feldmann at (626) 441-2339.

## Local Sponsors Help Concerts Return to Garfield Park

South Pasadena business owners and individuals have done it again! They have put their money where their heart is by sponsoring the annual Garfield Park concert series. Summer will soon be here and Garfield Park will again be home to the annual Concerts in the Park Series, with five concerts starting on Sunday, June 24th. The City Council and the Parks and Recreation Commission are pleased to present the five-concert series Sundays from 5-7 p.m. at the north end of Garfield Park.

Bring the whole family and enjoy this wonderful entertainment. This is a unique opportunity to bring family and friends together for an afternoon of music and fun. Bring your own picnic or buy dinner at the concert. Local restaurants and/or caterers will be selling dinner. So if you want to get a little dancing in, get your dancing shoes on, grab your partner and dance the night away.

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

- **Platinum Sponsors – \$3,000**  
Shaw, Moses & Mendenhall Insurance Agency
- **Gold Sponsors – \$1,500**  
Matthew, Mahvash and Daniel Bryant –  
The Bryant Group, Prudential California Realty,  
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- **Bronze Sponsors – \$500**  
Ed Marqytan, South Pasadena Optometric  
Group, Victor Griego Family, Pansky & Markle



### MARK YOUR CALENDARS AND JOIN US ON THE FOLLOWING SUNDAYS FROM 5 - 7PM

- June 24th ..... Swingsations
- July 15th ..... The Answer (Classic Rock)
- July 22nd ..... Louie Cruz Beltran Latin Jazz
- August 5th ..... The Grateful Dads
- August 12th ..... The Silverados (Country)

For more information, contact the Community Services Department at (626) 403-7360.



## Clean Air Car Show and Film Festival Coming to South Pasadena

Sunday, July 22nd • 11AM – 6PM • FREE!

- Come see the latest in **Alternative Fuel Vehicles**
- Visit **educational** booths and get informed about the harmful effects caused by air pollution on the **Environment, People and Pets**
- **Special Programs** in the **Historic Rialto Theater**
  - **Movies**
  - **Educational Presentations**
- **Fun activities** for the whole family
- **Healthy Snacks and Refreshments**
- **Free Raffle Prizes**

Mission Oaks parking lot area located behind the Rialto Theater and around Fair Oaks Avenue and El Centro Street. For more information call the Community Services Department at (626) 403-7380.

## 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.

## Household Hazardous and Electronic Waste Round Up

Saturday, June 23  
9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Pasadena Rose Bowl  
Parking Lot K



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).

# Public Works Improvement Project Updates

South Pasadena has recently begun or completed a number of significant public works improvement projects that will help improve the City's infrastructure:

**Mission Street Pedestrian Improvements** – A streetscape improvement project on Mission Street between the Gold Line Station and Fair Oaks Avenue began in March and is anticipated to soon be completed. The work involves improvements, such as brick pavers and curb bulb-outs and new trees, to make the downtown area more visually appealing and pedestrian friendly.

**Northwest Focus Area Street Improvements** – Pavement resurfacing work is continuing on portions of Orange Grove Avenue, Grand Avenue, Magnolia Street and Arroyo Vista Place. The project included grinding and resurfacing of the top layer of asphalt to reduce existing pavement cracks in these streets to provide for a smoother driving surface.

**Fair Oaks Signal Synchronization** – Work is complete on the traffic signal synchronization on Fair Oaks Avenue. Conduit and wiring has been installed along the entire length of Fair Oaks Avenue to synchronize the signalized intersections.

**Sidewalk Replacement Project** – Reconstruction of damaged portions of sidewalk on Fremont Avenue were completed this spring. The new sidewalk provides a safer walking path for pedestrians in the area.

**Citywide ADA Ramps** – Construction of sidewalk access ramps were completed this spring at various intersections along Magnolia Street and Grand Avenue. A ramp was also constructed at the Senior Center. These ramps provide an accessible travel route for individuals in wheelchairs.

**Wilson Well No. 2 Deepening** – A project will soon be underway to clean out and possibly deepen Wilson Well No. 2. If the well can be successfully deepened, this project will start the process of putting back into service a City well that has been out of service for approximately five years.

**Graves Well No. 2 Rehabilitation** – A project to rehabilitate Graves Well No. 2 is currently under design. The project will involve cleaning the existing well and replacing the pump. This will increase water production capacity for the City's water system. If you have any questions regarding these projects, please call the Public Works Department at (626) 403-7240.

## Serving the City: Your City Council

Michael A. Cacciotti is currently serving as the City's Mayor, and Philip C. Putnam is Mayor Pro Tem. Councilmembers rotate the office of Mayor and Mayor Pro Tem among the five councilmembers, serving for one-year terms, beginning in March.

Mayor Cacciotti is a deputy attorney general with the State of California Department of Justice. Previously, he was a deputy state attorney with the California Department of Transportation. He possesses a United States Soccer Federation National "B" license and has been active as a soccer coach for more than 30 years. He is serving his second four-year term as a councilmember, with his term ending in 2009.

Mayor Pro Tem Putnam, who was elected in 2005 for a four-year term, is a senior partner at the Law Offices of Monteleone & McCrory, LLP. He is also a Certified Public Accountant. He serves as a Judge Pro Tem in the Los Angeles Superior Court, and is Past President of the Wilshire Bar Association. Mr. Putnam and his wife have three children, all of whom attend or have attended South Pasadena schools. He has been a South Pasadena resident since 1980.

At the March 6 Municipal Election, Mike Ten was re-elected for a second term. He is currently serving as the Chair of the Community Redevelopment Agency. He served as Mayor Pro Tem 2003-2004 and Mayor 2004-2005. Councilmember Ten is an industrial engineering supervisor for United Parcel Service and has been a resident of South Pasadena since 1966. He and his wife have three children, all of whom attend or have graduated from South Pasadena schools.

At the March election, voters elected two new members to the City Council—Dr. Richard D. Schneider and David Sifuentes. Prior to being elected, Dr. Schneider served as a member of the City's Design Advisory Group, which oversees special funds dedicated to construction of traffic improvements. He also served on the City's Transportation Commission from 1996-2004.

A graduate of Yale University and Case Western Reserve University, where he obtained his medical degree, Dr. Schneider is a diplomate, American Board of Pathology, and has been a partner, Clinical Laboratory Medical Group, since 1979. He is married and has four children.

David Sifuentes is a Fire Captain for the Los Angeles City Fire Department, where he has worked for 22 years. Prior to being elected to the Council, he chaired an ad hoc safety committee with the 110 Freeway Preservation Group, the California Highway Patrol, and Caltrans. In addition, he served as trustee for one of the largest fire department employee benefit trust agencies in the United States. He participates in youth soccer and is a member of several neighborhood-based organizations. He and his wife have a seven-year-old son.

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# Library Offering Wide Array of Summer Reading Programs



Mark your calendars for the annual Summer Reading Program, June 11-August 11, an eight-week, parent-supervised program for children. It is designed to encourage reading and/or listening to reading throughout the summer. Children may read as many or as few minutes as they wish. They are encouraged to participate for fun. Register at the Library beginning Monday, June 11.

Children may participate in the many different parts of the program, from reading, recording minutes, and returning to pick out a weekly incentive to enjoying the "Wonderful Wednesday" specials. They may also create crafts, attend storytimes, and enter the essay contest.

By reading, listening to reading and visiting the Library each week, children will be joining the other 2,000 happy readers discovering the pleasures and adventures of books.

In addition to activities for children, the library also offers a free reading program for teens, ages 11 - 18. Registered Teen Readers earn three tickets per week for reading at least 150 minutes each week. Then they can choose to spend their tickets on paperback books or small incentives (courtesy of the Friends of the South Pasadena Public Library, Inc., the South Pasadena Chinese-American Club, and the National Charity League) or drop their tickets into raffle jars for opportunities to win fabulous prizes donated by community members. By participating, South Pasadena Middle and High School students can earn extra credit for their Language Arts and English classes.

All programs are funded by the Friends of the South Pasadena Public Library, Inc.

For more information about upcoming Summer Reading Program events, please visit the library at 1100 Oxley Street in South Pasadena or call (626) 403-7358. Information is also available on the City's website at [www.ci.south-pasadena.ca.us](http://www.ci.south-pasadena.ca.us).

The South Pasadena Public Library is open on Sunday, 1-5 p.m.; Monday through Wednesday, 11 a.m.-9 p.m.; Thursday and Friday, 10 a.m.-6 p.m.; Saturday, 10 a.m.-5 p.m.

## Shakespeare in Garfield Park

Come experience a captivating performance of Taming of the Shrew by the theater group Shakespeare by the Sea. This free event will take place on Thursday, July 19 at 7 p.m. at Garfield Park, with a pre-show at 6:30 p.m. Bring the entire family and friends, and don't forget a blanket and snacks. To help you make the most of your evening, coffee, hot chocolate, and a variety of sweets will be available for purchase. For more information about this special family event, please contact the Community Services Department at (626) 403-7380.



## Dry Brush Can Become A Life Threatening Emergency

In October 2003, Southern California experienced the most devastating wildfire disaster in the state's history. The facts speak for themselves:

- 739,597 acres burned
- 3,731 homes lost
- 24 people killed (including one firefighter)



At the peak of the fire, over 15,000 fire-fighters battled to save lives and property from more than a dozen major fires.

Southern California is primed for another major fire disaster due to a persistent drought, urban sprawl of communities encroaching into areas of wildland, and millions of acres of vegetation that have not burned in many years. Preparedness is the key to surviving wildfires.

South Pasadena residents have been mailed brush and vegetation removal requirements. If you have any questions or did not receive this information, please contact the fire department at (626) 403-7300.

## Keeping Cool During a Heat Wave

Heat wave emergencies can strike very quickly. During an average summer, some 200 people across the country die due to heat injuries from exposure to high summer temperatures.

Overexposure to heat or excessive exercise in the heat can cause the following injuries:

- Heat cramps, Heat exhaustion, Heat stroke

Several steps can be taken to keep cool during a heat wave and help prevent heat injuries:

Try to stay in an air-conditioned room. If you do not have air-conditioning, you can go to facilities such as the public library, community center, or shopping malls.

- Reduce physical activity
- Stay indoors from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.
- Drink plenty of fluids even if you are not thirsty. Eight to 10 glasses of water a day is recommended. Drink even more if you are exercising or working in the hot weather.
- Do not drink alcohol or caffeine.
- Use a sunscreen with a sun protection factor (SPF) of at least 15 if you need to go out in the sun.
- Wear a wide-brimmed hat and light colored, lightweight, loose-fitting clothes.

# SUMMER CALENDAR

## LIBRARY EVENTS

### JUNE 11

First day for children & teens to sign up for Library's Summer Reading Program (SRP). Call (626) 403-7358 for more information.

### JUNE 20

SRP: "We Tell Stories - Let Them Eat Books" Library Community Room - 2 PM

### JUNE 27

"Art Workshop with Patty Sue Jones" Oxley Street side of Library - 2 PM

### JULY 4

July 4th Holiday - Library Closed  
4th of July Parade for Children & Parents - 10:30 AM  
Call (626) 403-7358 for more information.

### JULY 11

SRP: "Rudy's Radical Science" Library Community Room - 2 PM

### JULY 17

Library Author Night: Brent Hatch Library Community Room - 7 PM  
Call (626) 403-7350 for more information.

### JULY 18

SRP: "Musical Mystery Tour" with Craig Newton Library Community Room - 2 PM

### JULY 22

Clean Air Car Show and Film Festival Mission Oaks parking lot - 11 AM

### JULY 25

SRP: "The Magic of Reading" with Magic Wayne Library Community Room - 2 PM

### JULY 31

Last day for children & teens to sign up for Library's Summer Reading Program.

### AUGUST 1

SRP: Mark London Williams, author of Danger Boy series Library Community Room - 2 PM

### AUGUST 8

SRP: "Lifestyles of the Slimy & Squishy" Library Community Room - 2 PM

### AUGUST 11

Summer Reading Program ends

### AUGUST 17

Library Safety Day - Library Closed

### SEPTEMBER 3

Labor Day Holiday - Library Closed

## New Businesses Open

There are new businesses in South Pasadena!

- ★ **City Dental, Inc.,**  
711 Fair Oaks Ave, Suite B, (626) 799-9909
- ★ **Falafel Dips and Chips, LLC, food consultants**  
630 Mission St., #C4 (626) 399-6788
- ★ **Gallery Yume, Japanese arts and crafts**  
1011-A Mission St. (626) 844-8816
- ★ **LTD. Travel Agency**  
2130 Huntington Dr. #211, (626) 799-1250
- ★ **Organic Essential for Life, sale of nutritional products**  
630 Mission St. #C4 (626) 799-7700
- ★ **Professional Respiratory Network Inc., temporary staffing agency for respiratory therapists**  
1010 Sycamore Ave., #102 (626) 576-0084
- ★ **Roels Pediatric Development Services, in-home early intervention services**  
1151 El Centro, Suite B (626) 441-4445
- ★ **South Pasadena Nail Salon**  
1310-B Fair Oaks Ave. (626) 307-8809
- ★ **The Chocolate Box, retail store**  
1504 Mission St. (626) 864-4446

# Safeguarding Your Home While on Vacation

Although everyone looks forward to a summer vacation, so do burglars, since more unoccupied homes mean more opportunities for break ins! Here are some tips to keep thieves out so you can relax and enjoy your well-deserved break:

- Have good locks on all doors and windows and use them!
- Ask a neighbor to watch the house while you're away. It's a good idea to leave your vacation address and telephone number with a neighbor so you can be reached in case of an emergency.
- Never leave your house keys hidden outside your home.
- Stop all deliveries, or arrange for a neighbor to pick up your mail, newspapers and packages.
- Arrange for someone to mow your lawn, rake leaves and maintain the yard to give the home a lived-in look.
- Plug in timers to turn lights and a radio or television on and off at appropriate times. This helps to disguise the fact that you are away.

- Turn the bell or ringer on your telephone down low. If a burglar is around, he won't be alerted to your absence by a ringing phone.
- Don't announce your absence on answering machine messages.
- Leave your blinds, shades and curtains in a normal position. Don't close them unless that is what you do when you are home.
- Close and lock garage doors and windows. Ask a neighbor to occasionally park their car at your home as you normally would. Vehicles parked outside should be moved occasionally to appear that they are being used.
- Secure storage sheds, attic entrances and gates.
- Tell the South Pasadena Police Department you plan to be away. This can be done by calling the Police Department business line at (626) 403-7270.

## Library Bookstore Celebrates Silver Anniversary



Twenty-five years ago, when the Friends of the South Pasadena Library opened their bookstore for business on the second floor of the rebuilt library, it was hoped some day to achieve sales of \$12,000 a year, or roughly twice as much as the Friends' traditional annual lawn sale had netted.

Looking forward to its silver anniversary in July, the Friends Bookstore volunteers can take great satisfaction not only in the 2006 revenues of \$56,389, but also in the fact that their total efforts since 1982 have generated an approximate \$750,000 benefiting the library. It takes between 60 to 65 volunteers to process donations and staff the Bookstore seven days a week.

Congratulations and thank you to every volunteer!

## Author Brent Hatch to Appear at Library

The South Pasadena Public Library and the Friends of the South Pasadena Public Library are proud to present local resident and best selling author Brent Hatch for a free, fun Author Night Program on Thursday, July 19th at 7 p.m. in the Library Community Room at 1115 El Centro Street. Brent and his wife Phelicia are the co-authors of *Raising a G-Rated Family in an X-Rated World: A Survival Guide From a Family of Nine and the proud parents of seven children ages 5 to 19.*

The book has also sold more than 35,000 copies. Brent's dynamic presentation style has been described as fun and enlightening. Brent and the book have been featured on 10 television shows and more than 80 radio talk shows. No tickets are required. Doors open at 6:30 p.m.



## Garfield Park Youth House Now Open for Reservations

Are you thinking about having a birthday party? Then why not rent the newly constructed Garfield Park Youth House! Amenities include tables, chairs, a kitchenette, rest-room and beautifully landscaped grounds. For availability and reservations contact the Community Services Dept. at (626) 403-7360.



## Rotary and Library Introduce Golden State Collection

"The Golden State Collection," a cooperative project spearheaded by the South Pasadena Rotary Club and the South Pasadena Public Library, is now on display at the Library. The project greatly expands the Library's collection of checkout books on California-related subjects. The initial offering of 21 books consists of an assortment of titles on Southern California history, travel, geography, and nature.

The Rotary Club's weekly lunch meetings are held at the South Pasadena YMCA on Tuesdays at noon. After each week's meeting, the guest speaker will be able to select a Golden State Collection title and sign the custom bookplate that features the Rotary logo and motto, "Service Above Self." The book will then be donated to the Library in his or her honor.

During March and April, The Golden State Collection selections were on display in the large bookshelf in the middle of the Library by the reference desk. The books are now interfiled into the Library's regular nonfiction collection. Each title can be checked out for three weeks.

## CITY COUNCIL

Michael A. Cacciotti, **Mayor**  
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Richard D. Schneider, **Councilmember**  
Michael Ten, **Councilmember**  
David Sifuentes, **Councilmember**

Sally Kilby, **City Clerk**  
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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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