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CERT Program Helps Prepare for Disasters

The South Pasadena Public Safety Commission and the Rotary Club of South Pasadena are joining forces to help prepare the community for disasters. The Public Safety Commission, under the leadership of current Chair Elisa Mann, has been working on revising the Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) Program. CERT includes a manual that assists neighborhood groups organize to become better prepared to support each other as a team following a disaster.

The Rotary Club plans on helping the Public Safety Commission spread the word about CERT and assist in developing and delivering a training program for neighbors. Both organizations are planning on offering a variety of community training programs on topics such as CPR, First Aid, and emergency preparedness.

Rotary President Althea Bassett said, "Rotary's motto is 'Service Above Self.' We want to help serve our community by helping the City help residents become better prepared for whatever disasters face us."

Public Safety Commission Chair Elisa Mann said, "The power of the Rotary Club adds immeasurably to our local disaster preparedness efforts. The Rotary Club has the people, enthusiasm and resources to make a difference in community preparedness, and the Public Safety Commission is pleased to have this invaluable help."

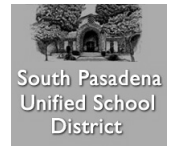
Anyone interested in learning more about the CERT Program should access the Public Safety Commission's website at www.ci.south-pasadena.ca.us/government/publicsafety.html. A copy of the CERT Manual can be found at www.south-pasadena.ca.us/government/pdfs/commissions/certmanual.pdf.

Municipal Elections to Consolidate with School District Elections



Starting in 2009, municipal elections will move from March to November of odd-numbered years. Next year, the city will hold its regular election with the South Pasadena Unified School District and the Pasadena Area Community College District on November 3, 2009.

Consolidating the elections will achieve cost savings for South Pasadena and preserve scarce resources as the election will be overseen by the Los Angeles County Registrar-Recorder/County Clerk. Current officials will remain in office eight more months from March to November.



Return of Concerts in the Park Made Possible Through Local Sponsors

The popular summer Concerts in the Park are returning once again thanks to South Pasadena business owners and individuals who have generously sponsored this family event.

The City Council and the Parks and Recreation Commission are pleased to present the annual Concerts in the Park series, with five concerts starting on Sunday, June 29th. Bring the entire family and enjoy fantastic entertainment at Garfield Park. Bring your own picnic or buy dinner at the concert provided by local restaurants and/or caterers. And don't forget to bring your dancing shoes and dance the evening away.

These festive 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

- South Pasadena Oral & Maxillofacial Surgery

Dr. Stephen Goei

- Los Angeles County Arts Commission

Silver Sponsor- \$800

- The Bryant Group - Prudential California Realty

- Transtech Engineers

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- Athens Services

- Ellens Silkscreening

- Pansky & Markle

- South Pasadena Optometric Group

- The Heritage Binders

- Mamma's Brick Oven Pizza- Steve & Jamie Inzunza

Mark your calendars and join us at Garfield Park on the following Sundays from 5-7 p.m.

June 29 The Answer

July 13 Golden State Pops Orchestra

July 20 Moonlight Express Big Band

August 3 Son Mayor

August 10 Surfing Safaris

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

Think Green

City Hall has information available for residents and businesses who wish to reduce energy consumption and help the environment. The city's web site has links to the various rebate programs offered by Southern California Edison and The Gas Company (<http://www.ci.south-pasadena.ca.us/planning/thinkgreen.html>).

Brochures are also available in the Planning and Building Department at City Hall. Details of upcoming events, such as the 2008 Clean Air Car Show, toxic waste collection events, and low-flow toilet exchange programs, will also be posted on the web site, along with information on the implementation of the City Council's Three-Year goal to "Preserve and Improve the Environment."

Shakespeare in the Park

The Fourth Annual Shakespeare in the Park returns to Garfield Park. Come experience a captivating performance of "A Mid Summer Night's Dream" presented by the theater group Shakespeare by the Sea. This free family event will take place on Thursday, July 17 at 7 p.m. with a pre-show at 6:30 p.m.

Bring the entire family and friends, and don't forget your blanket. To make your evening more enjoyable, coffee, hot chocolate, and a variety of sweet treats will be available for purchase. For more information about this free community event contact the Community Services Department at (626) 403-7380.

South Pasadena Goes Energy-Efficient

With the unprecedented energy challenges resulting from increased dependency on imported oil, concerns over the supply of fossil fuels worldwide, and an undoubtedly discernable climate change, it is clear that action needs to be taken. The City of South Pasadena is committed to address these challenges and take environmental leadership in producing a sustainable future.

Last fall, South Pasadena became one of the first cities to join the San Gabriel Valley Energy Wise Partnership (SCE and Southern California Association of Governments) to seek model city status for energy-efficiency. A series of energy audits followed and the city is currently developing an Energy Action Plan.

The city has recently completed replacing incandescent bulbs in all city facilities with CFL's, or compact fluorescent lamps. Not only does the city receive incentive money for the energy-efficiency retrofits that are implemented, but also significant savings on monthly energy bills. It is estimated that the CFLs alone will save the city approximately \$12,000 annually.

Dave Ford, local public affairs manager for SoCal Edison said, "The City of South Pasadena is doing a great job toward saving money and energy by upgrading their equipment to more energy efficient products."

If you have any questions regarding energy efficiency measures in your home or business please call SCE at (800) 736-4777, or visit their website at: www.sce.com.

City to Host the Clean Air Car Show & Film Festival 2008

Back by popular demand, the City of South Pasadena is proud to announce the return of the Clean Air Car Show & Film Festival. Last year's event drew enthusiastic crowds to see next-generation technology vehicles as well hybrid, electric, and CNG cars that are already commercially available. Mini-seminars in the Program Tent and movies in the historic Rialto Theatre rounded out the activities.

With gasoline prices at record highs and still climbing, interest in alternative fuel vehicles is increasing. This year's event will build on last year's to provide a family-friendly opportunity to also learn about other important environmental issues like global warming, health effects of air pollution and the latest in solar-energy advancements.

This free event will be held on El Centro Street between Fair Oaks Avenue and Mound Avenue on Sunday, July 20, from 11 a.m.-6 p.m. For more information call the Community Services Department at 626-403-7380.



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4th of July Festivities Returns to South Pasadena High School

The Festival of Balloons Committee is planning a full day of fun and family entertainment as South Pasadena celebrates our nation's independence.

ACTIVITIES

- Kiwanis Club Pancake Breakfast:** 7 a.m. South Pasadena Fire Department
- Parade Opening Ceremony:** 10:45 a.m. corner of Mission and Diamond
- Parade Begins:** 11 a.m.
- Activities following the parade:** Food booths, games, music for all ages at Garfield Park

FIREWORKS

The day's events are a prelude to the Festival of Balloons fireworks extravaganza at the new South Pasadena High School field. Special rules will be in place to ensure the new track and field is not damaged: Only water bottles, blankets and "beach style" chairs that are rounded will be allowed. Chairs with legs will not be allowed. NO spike heels - Only tennis shoes & flat sandals will be allowed on the track & field.

Advance tickets are \$5 and will be available for purchase at the pancake breakfast or at Garfield Park. Gates to the High School Field will open at 5:30 p.m.

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Wildfires Can Strike Anywhere – Be Prepared

Last October, more than a dozen wildfires raged across Southern California, forcing the evacuation of hundreds of thousands of residents. Fires burned in Malibu, Lake Arrowhead, Irvine, San Diego, and many other places. California governor Arnold Schwarzenegger declared a state of emergency in Los Angeles, Orange, Riverside, San Bernardino, San Diego, Santa Barbara, and Ventura counties. This was the worst series of wildfires Southern California has ever experienced.

Although the South Pasadena Fire Department was out on the frontlines with at least two of these major fires, the City of South Pasadena avoided becoming a part of those horrible statistics. A significant factor in avoiding this disaster was the citizenry's eagerness to uphold regulations regarding the removal of dry and dead vegetation near and around homes.

Therefore, the South Pasadena Fire Department once again encourages residents to continue with fire prevention efforts. Residents were mailed brush removal flyers providing required compliance information. If you did not receive this information, or if you have any questions, please feel free to call the fire department at (626) 403-7300.



South Pasadena's Film Library

Are you interested in hosting a film shoot at your house? 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 creepy basements, untouched mid-century modern homes, and homes with deep grassy backyards. All it takes is supplying some photos of your property and a little paperwork and voila, you will be listed.

We've had more than 600 residents/property owners register their properties but not all have sent in photos. If you 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 our film liaison, Joan Aguado, at (626) 403-7263 or e-mail the information to: jaguado@ci.south-pasadena.ca.us.

Something Historical to Anticipate

The Friends of the South Pasadena Library and the South Pasadena Library are collaborating again with historian Jane Apostol, whose masterful, and now scarce, *South Pasadena: 1888 to 1988, A Centennial History* is still the definitive book on the City's illustrious history.

An all-volunteer committee of talented and dedicated leaders from the library community is hard at work on an updated edition, slated to be released in time for the 2008 holiday gift buying season. The content and quality of the original edition will be retained and a chronology covering highlights from 1989 to 2008 will be added, with appropriate photos.

In a preliminary announcement, the book will be a fundraiser of the Friends of the South Pasadena Library. Further details, including pricing and ordering information will be released later.

Park Facilities Impact Fee Helps Fund Park Projects

A new Park Facilities Impact Fee went into effect on May 19. It applies to all new residential development and renovations.

The fee will help fund new park projects and can also be utilized to expand and improve existing park facilities in South Pasadena. Rates are \$4.00 per square foot. The first 250 square feet for remodels or renovations are exempt. The new fee does not apply to affordable senior housing.

For more information regarding the Park Impact Facilities Fee, please contact the Planning and Building Department at (626) 403-7220. For inquiries regarding park projects, please contact Community Services Director Sergio Gonzalez at (626) 403-7362.

Household Hazardous and Electronic Waste Round Up

Saturday, June 14

9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Pasadena Rose Bowl Parking Lot K



For more information, call L.A. County Department of Public Works, 1-888-CLEAN-LA (1-888-253-2652) or Diana Harder, South Pasadena Public Works Assistant, (626) 403-7243.

SUMMER CALENDAR

CITY EVENTS

JUNE 29

Concert in the Park – The Answer
Garfield Park, 5-7 p.m.

JULY 4

4th of July Festival of Balloons Parade and Fireworks Extravaganza
Parade Opening Ceremony -10:45 a.m. at the corner of Mission & Diamond
Parade - Begins at 11 a.m.
Fireworks Show at South Pasadena High School- Gates open at 5:30 p.m.

JULY 4

Independence Day
City Hall, Library, Community Services Closed

JULY 13

Concert in the Park – Golden State Pop Orchestra
Garfield Park, 5-7 p.m.

JULY 17

4th Annual Shakespeare in the Park
Pre-show at 6:30 p.m., Show at 7 p.m.
Free event held at Garfield Park

JULY 20

Clean Air Car Show and Film Festival, 11 a.m.-6 p.m.
Event on El Centro Street between Fair Oaks and Mound

AUGUST 3

Concert in the Park – Son Mayor
Garfield Park, 5-7 p.m.

AUGUST 10

Concert in the Park – Surfing Safaris
Garfield Park, 5-7 p.m.

SEPTEMBER 1

Labor Day
City Hall, Library, Community Services Closed

LIBRARY EVENTS

JUNE 16-AUGUST 9

"Summer Reading Program for Children & Teens"
Sign-ups begin on June 16.

"Wonderful Wednesday Programs (WWP)" for Children begins on June 25.
No sign-ups needed for WWP.

JUNE 25

WWP: "Six-Legged Songs" by Dave Kinnoin – 2 p.m.

JULY 2

WWP: "Drawing and Painting Insects"
Oxley Street side of the Library – 2 p.m.

JULY 4

Festival of Balloons Parade – Summer Reading Program Group
Diamond Street side of the Library – 10:30 a.m.

JULY 9

WWP: "Space Bugs Puppet Show" – 2 p.m.

JULY 16

WWP: "Don't Bug Me" with David Skale, Magician – 2 p.m.

JULY 23

WWP: "Rebecca Martin, Storyteller" – 2 p.m.

JULY 30

WWP: "Fire and Ice" with Mad Science – 2 p.m.

AUGUST 6

WWP: "It's a Bug's Life" – 2 p.m.

AUGUST 15

Training Day – Library Closed

Unless otherwise noted, all Children's Services "Wonderful Wednesday" Library programs are at 2 p.m. in the Library Community Room. For more information, please call (626) 403-7358.

For more information about upcoming Adult Services Library programs, please call (626) 403-7350.

New Businesses Open

There are new businesses in South Pasadena!

- ★ **BG Nurse Consultants**
1101 Fremont Ave #103 (626) 799-8605
- ★ **Davies Gate, LLC**
retailer of branded beauty products
815 Fair Oaks Ave., (626) 338-0608
- ★ **Far East Holistic Health Care Center, Inc.**
acupuncture
2130 Huntington Dr. #214 & 216 (626) 441-6639
- ★ **Gracie's Market**
upscale convenience store
954-956 Mission St., (626) 441-4111
- ★ **Jean-Vier**
kitchen and bathroom accessories
950 Mission St., (626) 230-1556
- ★ **Jeri Singer LAC**
Chinese medicine, acupuncture
1151 El Centro, (626) 321-6130
- ★ **Mi Vida**
clothing and gifts
1325 Huntington Dr., (626) 233-1085
- ★ **Persona Neurobehavior Group**
psychological services
625 Fair Oaks Ave., Suite 390 (626) 449-2484
- ★ **Papa Don's Deli**
303 Pasadena Ave., (626) 799-8397
- ★ **Sew Joe Stitch Lounge**
apparel design studio & sewing machines
634 Mission St., (626) 799-3739
- ★ **TED (Triple Excellent Diamonds)**
diamonds wholesale
2130 Huntington Dr., (626) 201-1345
- ★ **The Ivory Suite Bridal Boutique**
bridal retail
803 Meridian Ave., (626) 329-2558

Library Offers Wonderful Wednesday Programs

The South Pasadena Public Library is launching its Wonderful Wednesday Programs this summer, funded by the Friends of the South Pasadena Public Library. All programs start at 2 p.m. and will be held in the Library Community Room. Here's what you can expect:

June 25..... **Six-Legged Songs by Dave Kinnoin**

Dave gets kids buzzin' like bees with his award-winning collection of songs. This is a joyful show supporting reading. Switching from guitar to piano to a cappella to music tracks, Dave pours boundless energy, 30 years of experience, and a sparkling love for kids into every song. This award winning performer and songwriter for Disney, Nickelodeon, and Sesame Street provides audiences large and small with a wonderful musical experience. It's fun for the whole family.

July 2..... **Drawing and Painting Insects**

Artist Patty Sue Jones encourages the children to catch the reading bug at the library with this art workshop. Children will have an opportunity to experiment and explore the mediums of oil pastels and watercolor. This program will be held on the Oxley Street side of the library.

July 9..... **Space Bugs Puppet Show**

Swazzle presents Space Bugs, a puppet show starring a swarm of colorful insects, including Alpha and Zeta. This wacky group of intergalactic insects goes on exciting adventures in the far reaches of outer space.

July 16..... **Magician David Skale presents 'Don't Bug Me'**

Bugologist Dave leads kids on a magical adventure to find Fangoria, Queen of the Spiders. She's big, white, fuzzy, has long ears, only four legs, and looks a lot like a bunny. Where could she be hiding? This show features tons of magic, loads of audience participation, lots of comedy, and even a live bunny.

July 23..... **Rebecca Martin, Storyteller**

Take a wild and inspiring trip with storyteller Rebecca Martin, who shares international stories taken from literature about beautiful butterflies, creepy caterpillars, bustling bees & silly spiders, including Anansi.

July 30..... **Mad Science presents Fire and Ice**

Mad Science examines the three states of matter and creates a giant bubbling potion and the same smoke illusions used in the movies.

August 6..... **It's A Bug's Life**

Explore the wild, wacky, wonderful world of bugs with Wild Wonders. Children meet with large hissing cockroaches, mantids, ladybugs, millipedes, butterflies, and more.

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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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