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- cancer research with Race for the Cure on Sunday, March 15, starting at 7 a.m. at Area H south of the Rose Bowl. www.komenlacounty.org or ${\rm call}\ 577\text{-}2700.$
- ✓ Learn about the Arroyo Seco's rich history Friday, March 20, 7 to 9 p.m. at La Casita del Arroyo, 177 S. Arroyo Blvd., followed by an informative walk through the Arroyo on Saturday, March 21, 8 to 11 a.m. Both events are free. www.city of pasadena.net/arroyoevents or 744-4321.
- The Golden Badge Awards Dinner honors community leaders Cynthia Kurtz and Marilyn and Gene Buchanan on Thursday, March 26, 5:30 p.m. at the Pasadena Hilton Hotel. \$150 tickets benefit the Pasadena Police Activities League (PAL), a program that provides positive alternatives for middle school and high school students. www.cityofpasadena.net/police or (818) 787-8742.
- The Pasadena Heritage Spring Home Tour on Sunday, March 29, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. features 1920sand 1930s-era homes designed by Johnston, Kaufmann & Coate in the California style. Tickets are \$32-\$40. 441-6333 or www.pasadenaheritage.org.

- Make history and be a part of the inaugural Pasadena Marathon, half-marathon, bike tour, 5K and 3.1-mile fun run/walk rescheduled for Sunday, March 22. Register, learn about parking restrictions, road closures and more information at www.pasadenamarathon.org or
- Get the kinks out on a morning walk with Pasadena's mayor and special guest Michael Ross, CEO of Pasadena Center Operating Company, Wednesday, April 1, 7:30 a.m. Meet at Gate A at the Rose Bowl Stadium. 831-2980 or www.upandmoving.org.
- American Cancer Society's 25th annual Relay for Life is Saturday and Sunday, May 30 and 31, at Pasadena City College to raise money for research and education. 372-9456 or www.relayforlife.org/pasadenaca.
- "Moonrock and Lighter Fluid" (www.moonrockmovie.com) won the inaugural Pasadena Student Film Award, Deadline for submissions for the second annual competition is Aug. 1, 2009. Applications are available to film students who use Pasadena locations in their class-related projects and have valid filming

- permits. There is no entry fee. www.cityofpasadena.net/film/ student-film-awards.asp or
- ✓ Pasadena has been the location of many movies, from "Gone with the Wind" to "Changeling." Your property could be the next star of TV or film! www.cityofpasadena.net/ film/yourprop.asp or 744-3964.
- Watch out for official-looking **notices** from companies offering to help you file a "decline in value reassessment application" – in exchange for a hefty fee - to lower your property taxes. It's a scam! The L.A. County Assessor's Office provides such a service for free. Learn more at (888) 807-2111 or www.assessor.lacountu.net . Report suspicious mail to www.dca.lacounty.gov/contact.htm
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There's Something for Everyone During ArtNight Pasadena

HE STREETS OF PASADENA WILL COME ALIVE Friday, March 13, from 6 to 10 p.m. during the 21st semi-annual ArtNight Pasadena, an enchanting evening of art, culture and entertainment. Offering the perfect mix of traditional and trendy, this popular event will appeal to any taste!

Fourteen of Pasadena's renowned cultural institutions will offer free admission and complimentary shuttles will provide curb-to-curb transportation among the venues.

One Colorado and Pasadena City College will present videos by local artists, while members of the Pasadena Jazz Institute will perform at Paseo Colorado and the Orchestras of Pasadena will present "Rebirth!" at the

Pasadena Civic Auditorium. Side Street Projects will showcase art cars, contraptions and vintage travel rarities, while Pasadena Central Library is staging a Mexican fiesta celebrating the 2009 One City, One Story novel, "The Hummingbird's Daughter." Art lovers will tour the Alliance Française de Pasadena, Armory Center for the Arts, Art Center College of Design Williamson/Student Galleries, Pasadena Museum of California Art, Norton Simon Museum, Pasadena Museum of History, Pacific Asia Museum and Shumei Arts Council of America.

Start your night at your favorite attraction and then carpool, hop on a free bus, join a bicycle tour or walk to nearby venues.

ArtNight Pasadena is an ongoing partnership of the Planning and Development Department's Cultural Affairs Division and the community's many institutions to showcase Pasadena as an exciting cultural destination. The event is sponsored by the Arts & Culture Commission. For more information, visit www.artnightpasadena.org or call 744-7887. For information about accessibility or to request written materials in alternative formats, call 744-7249.

Culture Abounds Year-round

If your family or friends are visiting Pasadena this year, they have a long list of great weekend events to choose from!

You can help them plan a memorable trip by stopping by the Pasadena Convention and Visitors Bureau's new information center at 300 E. Green St. for brochures, maps and discounts. You can also check out their website at www.visitpasadena.com and click on the artpass button for a new, simple way to buy tickets to multiple Pasadena venues online, or call 795-9311.

Upcoming events include Greening the Earth Day on Saturday, April 25; Museums of the Arroyo tour Sunday, May 17: Pasadena Chalk Festival on Saturday and Sunday, June 20 and 21; free summer concerts at the Levitt Pavilion; and the Rose Bowl Stadium fireworks spectacular Saturday, July 4.

Find these and other events at www.cityofpasadena.net/ calendar.

Noticias En Breve

ArtNight: Algo para Todos!

Las instituciones culturales reconocidas de Pasadena ofrecerán entradas gratis el viernes 13 de marzo desde las 6 de la tarde hasta las 10 de la noche, habrán autobuses gratis que irán de lugar en lugar entre los diferentes sitios Traiga a toda la familia para una noche divertida en la Alianza Francesa de Pasadena, el Centro para las Artes de Armería, el Centro de la Universidad de Arte y Diseño, El Museo de Arte de California de Pasadena, el Museo Norton Simon, One Colorado, Colegio Comunitario de la Ciudad de Pasadena, Auditorio de Centro Cívico de Pasadena, Instituto de Jazz de Pasadena, Museo de Historia de Pasadena, Museo Asiático Pacifico, Proyecto de Side Streets y el Consejo Americano de Artes Shumei

La Biblioteca Central de Pasadena tendrá una fiesta Mexicana celebrando Una Ciudad. Una Historia de Novela del 2009 "La hija del Chupaflor", (The Hummingbird's Daughter).

Para mayor información llame al 744-7887 o visite www.artnightpasadena.org.

Tenga Cuidado del "Matador Silencioso"

Cada año, victimas sin sospecha alguna mueren por respirar gases de monóxido de carbonó sin color y olor alguno.

- Nunca encienda un generador, una parilla de azar ni queme carbón
- dentro de su casa. No utilice la cocina o el horno para calentar la casa.

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Pasadena's General Plan: **For Generations to Come**

FROM ENJOYING THE NATURAL ENVIRONMENT TO HAVING ACCESS TO TRANSPORTATION OPTIONS, Pasadena residents, workers and visitors can trace their love of this community to the General Plan.

It is more than a document; it is a guide for future development and quality of life created by the people of Pasadena. Public works projects, zoning decisions and many other matters must be consistent with the General Plan if they are to be approved.

As we move forward with the updates of four elements, or chapters, of the General Plan, it is important to consider that they are not intended solely for present-day Pasadena, but for generations to come.

A committee will be appointed by the Pasadena City Council this month to ensure widely diverse public participation and work with staff and experts in the development of the Land Use and Mobility Elements of the General Plan.

A recently redesigned website will help keep you informed and engaged at www.cityofpasadena.net/generalplan. The site will be continually updated as we approach mid- to late-April. That's when community events will be scheduled and other education opportunities will be offered to help you participate in the General Plan updates.

For more information call 744-4009.



Free Activities at Your Local Library

Children

- Brush up on drawing skills with students from Art Center College of Design every Saturday at 10:30 a.m. at San Rafael Branch Library, 1240 Nithsdale Road. 744-7270.
- Follow the leprechauns Tuesday, March 17, from 4 to 5:30 p.m. for St. Patrick's Day crafts at Hastings Branch Library, 3325 E. Orange Grove Blvd. 744-7262.

- Join our official Anime Club, then watch and critique the latest releases Saturday, March 21, from noon to 2 p.m. at Pasadena Central Library, 285 E. Walnut St. (744-4066) or Tuesday, March 24, at 3:30 p.m. at Hastings Branch Library.
- Put your hands to good use during an "unplugged" gaming tournament Wednesday, March 25, at 3:30 p.m. at La Pintoresca Branch Library, 1355 N. Raymond Ave. 744-7268.

Adults

- Participate in events and activities related to "The Hummingbird's Daughter," this year's One City, One Story novel, through March and April. www.cityofpasadena.net/ library/OCOS_2009 or 744-4066.
- Get organized and save money, time and stress this spring with tips from a professional home organizer Tuesday, March 24, at 7 p.m. at Hastings Branch Library.

Celebrate the Opening of Our Newest Architectural Gem

CHECK OUT THE NEWLY EXPANDED PASADENA CONVENTION CENTER during a three-day grand opening celebration.

The eagerly awaited festivities will include live entertainment and refreshments:

Friday, April 3

Noon - Ribbon-cutting ceremony with local

dignitaries.

Saturday, April 4

10 a.m. to 8 p.m. – Home Show and Real Estate Expo with distinctive vendors, cooking demonstrations and much more. Free admission and parking will be included.

Sunday, April 5

10 a.m. to 6 p.m. – Home Show and Real Estate Expo continues.

3 to 5 p.m. – Luis Urrea, author of this year's One City, One Story novel "The Hummingbird's Daughter," will speak about his experiences researching and writing the book, and answer questions from the audience.

Free admission and parking will be included for both events.

The center now offers 60,000 square feet of exhibit space and a new 25,000-square-foot ballroom. The conference building has been completely renovated and outfitted with a new façade. With help from Pasadena Water and Power, the center has met ambitious environmental goals and is expected to receive Silver Certification from the United States Green Building Council's Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) program.

In addition to conventions and conferences, the center will continue to host consumer shows and events as well as weddings, fundraisers and proms to appeal to residents of all ages.

The state-of-the-art center is also expected to draw more business to Pasadena's shops, restaurants and hotels.

Come join the celebration! For more information, visit www.pasadenacenter.com or call 793-2122.

Signs of the Season

SPRING IS JUST AROUND THE CORNER, bringing with it the annual itch to clean the house and clear out the cupboards. Garage sales will soon be popping up on every corner as homeowners get rid of the old and make room for the new.

Spring also means a fresh crop of garage sale signs cluttering city streets. That's a big no-no! With the exception of official public notices, the Pasadena Municipal Code prohibits the placement of signs on telephone poles, light standards or any other fixture on city streets, sidewalks and alleys.

You may place a sign on your own private property. Also, try advertising your sale on websites, in mailers or on bulletin boards at local shops – all great ways to reach diehard yard sale fans.

For more information on the city's sign ordinance, call 744-6777. Don't forget your yard sale permit, good for up to three consecutive days. Get yours at the Permit Center, 175 N. Garfield Ave., Monday through Thursday from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Friday from 8 a.m. to noon.

Visit www.cityofpasadena.net/yardsalepermit or call 744-4663.

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- Esté atento a señales de peligro, incluyendo la disminución del abastecimiento del agua caliente, calefones que no pueden calentar la casa o que están encendidos todo el tiempo, hollín en los artefactos y ventilaciones, olores y llamas no reconocidas, o el aumento de humedad en la parte de adentro de sus ventanas.
- Instalar alarmas de monóxido de carbonó (CO) por sus siglas en inglés que funcionan a pilas o alarmas (CO) eléctricas con reserva a pilas.
- Familiarizase con los síntomas de la intoxicación del monóxido de carbonó, que incluye dolor de cabeza, fatiga, falta de respiración, nausea y mareo. Si sospecha que está experimentando una intoxicación de CO, respire aire fresco inmediatamente y llame al 9-1-1.

Para más consejos e información adicional llame al 744-4668.

Salve su casa

Si usted está pasando por una ejecución hipotecaria, venga al taller gratis de "Salve su Casa" el sábado 21 de marzo desde las 9 a.m. hasta la 1 p.m. en la iglesia de la avenida Lake, 393 N. Lake Ave. El estacionamiento es gratis entrando por las calles Maple y Villa.

Usted recibirá una revisión de su préstamo hipotecario y consejos sobre deudas por expertos y también le serán contestadas todas sus preguntas.

Traiga copias (no los originales) de sus documentos de su préstamo y estado de su hipoteca actual; cuentas del banco y papeletas de pagos del trabajo por los últimos dos meses; declaración de impuestos de los últimos dos años; y contrato de arrendamiento o acuerdo con sus compañeros de vivienda, sí corresponde.

Para mayor información llame al 744-8331.

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Los de habla hispana pueden aprender lo básico de computación y Microsoft Word gratis, los viernes 13, 20 y 27 de marzo desde la 1:30 hasta 3 p.m. en la biblioteca La Pintoresca, 1355 N. Raymond Ave. 744-7268 o www.pasadenapubliclibrary.net/training.

Una platica en español sobre el libro de la novela de este año, Una Ciudad, una Historia de "La hija del Chupaflor", (The Hummingbird's Daughter). por Luis Urrea el jueves 19 de marzo, 11 a.m. a doce del medio día en la Sucursal de la Biblioteca de Villa Parke 363 E. Villa St. 744-6510.

La Agencia Gubernamental del Censo de los Estados Unidos, contratará a 2,000 personas desde ahora hasta mayo, y pagará salarios competitivos para trabajos de tiempo completo y medio tiempo. www.census.gov o (866) 861-2010.

Tenga cuido con avisos oficiales de compañías ofreciendo ayudarlo a presentar una "solicitud de revalorización de la reducción del valor de la propiedad" - a cambio de un fuerte pago – para bajar el valor de los impuestos de su vivienda. ¡Es una estafa! La Oficina Tasadora de Impuestos del Condado de Los Ángeles proporciona dichos servicios gratis. Aprenda más sobre esto en www.assessor.lacounty.net o (888) 807-2111. Reporte cualquier correspondencia

sospechosa al (800) 973-3370

o www.dca.lacounty.gov/

contact.htm.



Beware the "Silent Killer"

Every year, more than 100 unsuspecting victims in the U.S. DIE from breathing colorless, odorless carbon monoxide fumes. The gas is produced whenever fuel is burned and it can fill your home in many ways.

Here some tips from the Pasadena Fire Department that could help save your life.

- Never run a generator or burn charcoal or a barbecue inside your home or in the crawlspace.
- Do not use your stove or oven to heat your home.
- Make sure any fuel-burning appliances are installed by a professional according to the manufacturer's instructions and local building codes, then keep them maintained.
- Watch for danger signs, including decreased hot water supply, a furnace that is unable to heat your home or that runs continuously, soot on appliances and vents, an unfamiliar or burning odor, or increased moisture on the inside of your windows.
- Never run a car or generator in an attached garage for long periods.
- Have your vents and chimneys inspected regularly.
- Install battery-operated carbon monoxide (CO) alarms or plug-in CO alarms with battery back-up.
- Be aware of the symptoms of carbon monoxide poisoning, including headache, fatigue, shortness of breath, nausea and dizziness. If you suspect you're experiencing CO poisoning, get fresh air immediately and call 9-1-1.

For more information call 744-4668.



City Budget Goes Online

EVERYTHING YOU EVER WANTED TO KNOW ABOUT THE GENERAL FUND and other city budget issues is available at www.cityofpasadena.net/budget.

- Budget 101: Where the money comes from and how it is spent
- Impacts on Pasadena as a result of severe state budget cuts
 A brief version of the current fiscal year's budget as well
- as the full document

 Public hearings workshops on the budget for the next
- fiscal year where you can provide your input
 Free video on demand of television programs about
- Free video on demand of television programs abou Pasadena's budget
- And more.

The site will be updated often. For more information about the budget call 744-4301.



Census Now Hiring

HERE'S GOOD NEWS IF YOU'RE LOOKING FOR WORK: 2,000 people in the greater Pasadena area are expected to be hired soon by the U.S. Census Bureau.

Hiring is taking place now to help pave the way for a complete count of residents in Pasadena and neighboring cities in spring 2010.

They're offering competitive salaries for regional office positions with various levels of responsibility and for actual Census takers out in the field. Full- and part-time jobs are available.

Conducted every 10 years, the Census is a count of every living person in the United States of America. Results are used to identify community needs and distribute billions of dollars in federal funding annually to cities to help support housing, education, health and transportation services.

Visit www.census.gov or call (866) 861-2010.



Save Your Home

WITH MORE THAN 2260 HOME MORTGAGES IN DEFAULT in Pasadena, the Housing Department is sponsoring the free "Save Your Home" workshop to help you prevent foreclosure.

Also sponsored by the Pasadena-Foothills Association of Realtors, California Association of Mortgage Brokers and Pasadena Neighborhood Housing Services, the event is Saturday, March 21, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Lake Avenue Church, 393 N. Lake Ave.

Participants will receive home loan reviews and debt counseling by representatives from IndyMac, Freddie Mac, Washington Mutual, Wells Fargo, Chase, GMAC, EMC Mortgage and American Home Mortgage Servicing/Option One Mortgage and other lenders, with additional assistance from Housing Rights Center and Los Angeles County Tax Assessor and Department of Consumer Affairs.

If you plan to attend, bring copies (not originals) of your loan documents for all existing loans and a current mortgage statement; bank statements and pay stubs for the last two months; tax returns for the last two years; and rental contracts or roommate agreements, if applicable.

The Housing Department works to make sure all Pasadena residents have equal rights to decent, safe and affordable housing for their long-term well being and the stability of our community.

For more information visit www.cityofpasadena.net/housing

or call 744-8331.

PASADENA Water&Power

PWP Workshops are Plentiful and Free

Spring is in the Air and shovels are in the ground! Gardeners across Pasadena are putting on their gloves and sprucing up their yards. PWP is helping them do it the water-smart way with its 2009 series

of free lawn and garden workshops at the Salvation Army Pasadena Tabernacle, 960 E. Walnut St.

Discover the best choices for Pasadena's dry climate at the new Trees and Shrubs Workshop. Learn effective ways to prune, water and develop healthy root gratema on April 4 and May 20 from 0 a.m. to need

develop healthy root systems on April 4 and May 30 from 9 a.m. to noon. Get professional instruction on the latest water-saving irrigation technology, including smart-sprinkler controllers and drip irrigation systems, at our Efficient Irrigation Workshop on March 12, April 9, May

7, June 18 and July 16, from 6:30 to 9 p.m.

At the new Water-Smart Garden Workshop, learn how to choose and maintain native and drought-tolerant plants for a beautiful, easy-care garden that requires minimal watering. Sessions are set for June 27 and July 25 from 9 a.m. to noon

And don't miss the "California Friendly" Landscaping Workshop, a great class that covers the basics for beginning to intermediate gardeners and for those considering re-landscaping with drought-tolerant plants. A certified professional will give you an overview of sprinkler systems, types of soil and fertilizers, and garden design on May 2 and June 13 from 9 a.m. to noon.

Reserve a spot today at www.cityofpasadena.net/savewater.



You're Invited to a Groundbreaking Ceremony

You're invited to Join PWP, NASA, civic leaders and neighbors for a groundbreaking ceremony celebrating the start of construction of the Windsor Reservoir Groundwater Treatment Plant on Tuesday, March 17, at 10 a.m. at 2696 Windsor Ave. near the Jet Propulsion Laboratory.

The groundbreaking festivities will include a tree-planting, refreshments and remarks by Pasadena's mayor, PWP's general manager and NASA officials.

Four city-owned wells near JPL have been shut down for many years due to the presence of perchlorate, a salt used as an oxidizer in rocket propellants, and volatile organic compounds in the groundwater. When construction of the treatment plant is completed late next year, the treatment plant will remove those chemicals.

PWP will then have an additional supply for delivering clean and safe water to the community that will meet or exceed all state and federal water quality standards. As we face long-term challenges to Pasadena's water supply as a result of drought and other issues, the timing couldn't be better for bringing these wells back into our vital stock of natural resources.

Construction and operation of the plant are being funded by NASA, which has worked closely with the city of Pasadena on development and design of the facility with support from the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, California Department of Toxic Substances Control and Los Angeles Regional Water Quality Board.

In the event of rain, the ceremony will be in the main auditorium at Five Acres School, 760 W. Mountain View St. in Altadena.



"Power of 10 Challenge" Continues



THE NUMBERS ARE IN: More than 15,000 Pasadena households took advantage of PWP's offer for \$75 in free energy-saving light bulbs. In all, 222,000 compact fluorescent light bulbs (CFLs) were ordered by 29 percent of our residential customers, who together will see a savings of up to \$1.5 million on their energy bills this year alone. When all those bulbs make it out of their boxes and into sockets, 48,300 tons of carbon dioxide emissions will be avoided over the bulbs' lifetime. Thank you, Pasadena! Your switch to CFLs lets us all breathe a little easier.

The free CFL offer expired on Jan. 31 but the goal remains to get 100 percent of Pasadena to participate in the "Power of 10 Challenge".

Switch 10 bulbs, tell 10 Pasadena friends to do the same, and together we will cut 10,000 tons of CO2 emissions every year. Visit www.cityofpasadena.net/CFL to learn more.



Have Your Say on Pasadena's Energy Plan

PWP WILL PRESENT ITS 20-YEAR ENERGY RESOURCE PLAN to the Pasadena City Council in late March or early April. The plan is strategically balanced to provide our customers with electricity in a reliable, environmentally sensitive manner, while minimizing costs.

Specifically, the plan calls for:

- Reducing coal power purchases from a Utah plant by at least 35 MW by 2016;
- Replacing old technology at our local plant on Glenarm Street with a more efficient and reliable natural gas combined cycle plant;
- Implementing aggressive energy efficiency and load reduction programs;
- Increasing the proportion of green power in PWP's mix to 40 percent by 2020;
- Achieving 19 MW of local owned solar photovoltaic power by 2024;
- Purchasing 10 MW of renewable energy from sources within Pasadena, ie. private solar installations;
 Cutting earlier dioxide emission by 40 percent by 2020.
- $\bullet\,$ Cutting carbon dioxide emission by 40 percent by 2020.

The estimated cost increase to PWP customers would be six percent more than what is already projected if PWP resources remain the same.

Visit www.cityofpasadena.net/IRP to read the full 2009 Integrated Resource Plan and check for the exact date and time of the public hearing.

Visit www.cityofpasadena.net/waterandpower or call the PWP AnswerLine at 744-6970.