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### ***Early Registration March 13-24 - Track Meet Founder Stuart Ross to Serve as Grand Marshal***

Kindergarten through fifth grade students are invited to register for the **32nd annual Taco Bell Track Meet** to be held at the Paso Robles High School track on **Saturday, April 8, from 8 a.m. until noon** with opening ceremonies beginning at 9:00 a.m. This annual event features run, jump, and throw competitions geared toward all ages and

form to their school or to the Paso Robles Recreation Services registration desk Monday through Friday between noon and 5 p.m. **All registrations**



**received by March 24 will receive a free event t-shirt.** Registration forms are available online by visiting [www.PRCity.com/Recreation](http://www.PRCity.com/Recreation). Please call Paso Robles Recreation Services at 237-3988 for more information.

The festivities will begin with a welcome from event grand marshal, Stuart Ross, who started the meet 32 years ago as the Director of Community Services for the City of Paso Robles. Watching the meet grow and change has been rewarding for Stuart who says he started the meet because

he saw a “huge need for this type of activity,” in the Paso Robles community. “I’m extremely proud to be honored as the grand marshal for this year’s meet,” said Ross. “I’m also very proud that the Taco Bell Track Meet has continued for the past 32 years.”

There will also be a student parade around the track and the traditional school mascot race which will be run, hopped or galloped by mascots representing the participating schools. During the meet parents and fans will have the opportunity to submit shout-outs to track meet participants to be announced periodically throughout the course of the event for a \$1 fee. Students are encouraged to wear their school colors.

We look forward to seeing you there!



abilities of elementary age participants.

Students can register to take part in several events including a long jump, turbo javelin throw, and 50, 100, 200 and 400 meter races. All participants are invited to enter three events during the meet. Prizes will be awarded for individual events as well as trophies for the winning school boys’ and girls’ relays.

Registration is \$10 per participant. **Early registration will happen Monday, March 13 through Friday, March 24 and includes a free Taco Bell Track Meet t-shirt.** Everyone who takes part in the meet will receive a collapsible water bottle and a ribbon for each event.

To register, students may return their completed

## New Public Safety Dispatchers take Oath of Office

On February 27, Assistant City Manager Meg Williamson gave the oath office to a group of new City of Paso Robles employees. Among them Public Safety Dispatchers Kayla Hughes (pictured top, far right) and Kate McKinley (pictured top, second from right).

Kayla Hughes, a former PRPD Police Explorer, grew up in the City of Paso Robles and recently moved back to her hometown to pursue a career as a dispatcher.

Kate McKinley brings many years of experience as a dispatcher in Washington and Arizona. She made the move to Paso Robles to be closer to her family. We are very excited to have Kayla and Kate join our communications team.



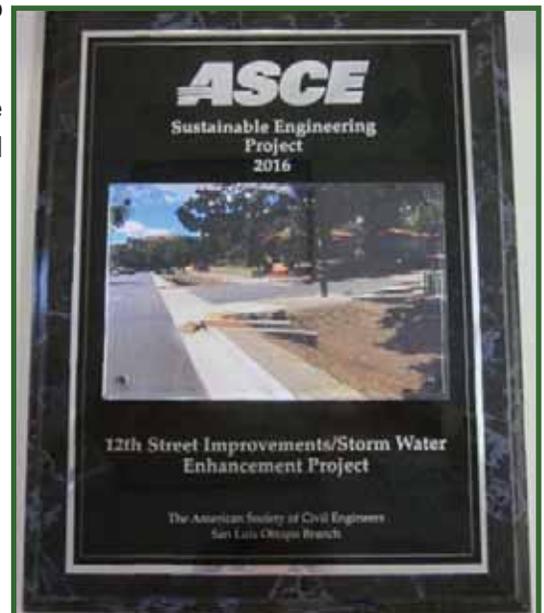
## Paso Robles 12th Street Project

The City's recently completed 12<sup>th</sup> Street Project has received awards from the American Society of Civil Engineers (ASCE) and the Central Coast Chapter of the American Public Works Association (APWA). The project received the award for design features that were included such as permeable pavers, storm water management sustainability and ground water recharge.

The project consisted of numerous bio-swales which act as a storm water conveyance system (see below photo of the bio-swale "in action"). When it rains, the run-off typically falls on the road surface, and as it flows, would pick up grime and debris which would end up in the Salinas River. In time, the grime and debris impacts the health of the River. Further, the run-off would be "lost" forever as it makes its way to the Ocean.

With the construction of the bio-swales, storm water run-off "filters" the water (via the plant materials in the bio-swales) before it leaves the area. Also, a majority of the run-off can now percolate into the ground to surcharge the groundwater, and only a small amount is "lost" to the ocean for eventual discharge.

It was because of these sustainable designs and multiple benefits to the environment that the 12<sup>th</sup> Street Project received an award.



## Fire Chief Ken Johnson



Top: At the City Council meeting on February 21, Mayor Steve Martin presented Emergency Services Fire Chief Ken Johnson with a Proclamation commemorating his contributions and dedication to the City of Paso Robles on the occasion of his retirement.

## Planning Commissioners take Oath of Office



Right: Returning Planning Commissioners John Donaldson, Bob Rollins and Doug Barth were joined by new Commissioner Roberta Jorgensen to take the Oath of Office and officially be sworn-in. The City's Planning Commission prepares and recommends City Council consideration of the General Plan and Zoning Ordinance and performs duties related to the review and approval/denial of development applications and subdivision maps. Congratulations to our returning and newly appointed Commissioners.



# March is National Craft Month!

## Celebrate & Create with These Crafty Recreation Classes



### Make a Succulent Wreath

Monday, March 20 • 6-8 PM

\$27 + \$40 supply fee • Ages 16+

### Soy Candle Making

Thursday, March 23 • 6-8 PM

\$24 + \$8 materials fee Ages 4+ (under 14 accompanied by an



### Stitch & Stuff Mini Felt Animal • Moxie the Fox

Wednesday, March 22 • 6-8 PM

\$20 • Ages 7+

### Balloon Twisting Fun

Friday, March 31 •  
3:30-5:30 PM

\$27 + \$8 materials  
fee Ages 8+

### Learn to Make Duct Tape Accessories

Thursday, March 16  
• 3:30-6 PM

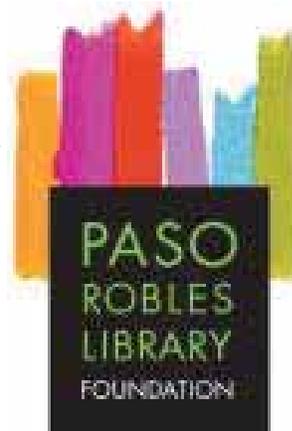


Register online at [PRCity.com/RecreationOnline](http://PRCity.com/RecreationOnline) or in person at the Recreation Services Registration Desk  
600 Nickerson Drive Monday-Friday from noon– 5 PM. Call 237-3988 for more information.

# A New Way to Check Out What's Happening @ Your Library



As we prepare to say goodbye to the printed Paso Robles Activity Guide, the Library welcomes a new, greener way to keep up-to-date with library happenings. The online calendar of events, launched in February, allows you to view, share and register for library programs and events. Available 24-hours a day, the calendar generates automatic event reminders for classes requiring registration and provides the



option to subscribe to receive automated alerts for your favorite type of events. The calendar has been made possible through the fundraising efforts of the Paso Robles Library Foundation, a non-profit organization dedicated to supporting the Library's commitment to excellence in library service. Please visit [www.prcity.com/library](http://www.prcity.com/library) to learn more and to check out the exciting programming happening this Spring.

## Volunteers Needed: Mondays

### Opening Duties, 8:30-10:00 am

- Collecting items from book drop
    - Checking-in materials
  - Sorting materials onto shelving carts
- Required: Strong back, 18 or over



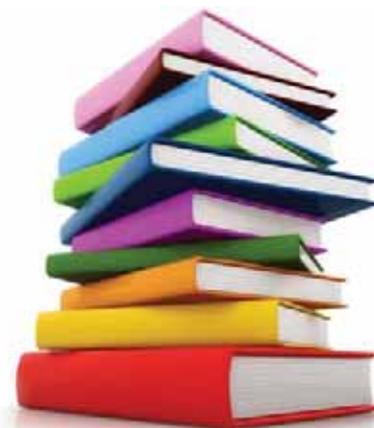
### Circulation Desk, 10:00 am-1:00 pm

- Checking-in/out materials
  - Shelving around desk area
  - Assisting with print, FAX and photocopies
- Required: Great Customer Service, 18 or over

### Shelving (shifts available throughout day)

- Returning items to proper locations
- Keeping shelves neat and clean

Required: Ability to file alphabetically/numerically; ability to stoop and reach; physical stamina  
18 or over



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## Paso Robles Tourism Summit

### Tourism Summit

On February 23, 2017 the City of Paso Robles hosted 75-80 tourism partners for a facilitated meeting on tourism. A major takeaway was that in order for Paso Robles to differentiate itself as a tourism destination, we need systems, new ideas and a focus on culture. Complete findings are attached. {Link} (Can you have Caryn put them up on the interwebs and link to them here?)

### New Idea Stew

Following the City tourism consultant's news that if Paso Robles wants to differentiate itself from other destinations in California we will need to "be interesting," tourism partners scheduled a follow-up brainstorming session to get the ball rolling and dubbed it "New Idea Stew." It was hosted by Allegretto Vineyard Resort on March 2, 2017.

This meeting of tourism minds was facilitated by the City and consisted of two exercises – one to get the 35-40 partners in the room aware of the varied offerings that currently exist in Paso Robles by creating a guest itinerary that could be adapted to a mid-week hotel package. The second exercise had the group recalling their fondest childhood vacation memory, then asking to suggest ways to create experiences in Paso Robles that would make visitors come away with the same feeling. Participants left knowing more about the various tourism partners and tourist offerings in Paso Robles, the City came away with a better idea of what values and visions exist among local tourism partners. One attendee remarked: "I learned a lot and it was overall the best brainstorming session I've seen with a big group." The resulting ideas will be posted in the next City newsletter.

The next tourism brainstorming session will take place on Friday, April 7 from 9-11 at Vina Robles Winery & Amphitheatre and all Paso Robles tourism partners and interested parties are encouraged to attend. For more information, email [shonna@prcity.com](mailto:shonna@prcity.com).

## Respirator Certification Training



On February 22, the Human Resources division organized Respirator Certification training through the California JPIA for nineteen of the City's water and wastewater employees. The participants gained an understanding of respiratory hazards they might encounter in the workplace, the types of respirators and their limitations, and respirator care and maintenance procedures. At the conclusion of the lecture, a qualitative fit test was conducted for each employee to ensure competence in proper donning of their respirators.



## City Council Meeting - February 21, 2017

**Fire Chief Retirement** – Honored long time employee Ken Johnson through a proclamation that highlighted his many career accomplishments.

**Smoking Ordinance Finalized** – Had second reading of an ordinance amending the City's Municipal Code that will expand smoking restrictions and expressly prohibit smoking marijuana in public places. The ordinance includes a broad range of smoke-generating devices/delivery methods (e.g. cigarettes, electronic smoking devices/"vaping," pipes). These rules will go into effect in 30-days.

**Tourism BID Restructuring** – Received a report on the efforts of the Travel Paso Robles Alliance (TPRA) to modify the assessment collection structure for the 2% per room night assessed from each hotel that, in turn, funds a significant marketing effort for Paso Robles as a tourism destination. The TPRA is a group of hoteliers who currently act as an advisory body to the City Council on marketing matters, but who are considering changing their structure to a 501(c)6 non-profit organization. The restructuring is in its early stages of planning. A formal recommendation will be presented to the City Council in May 2017.

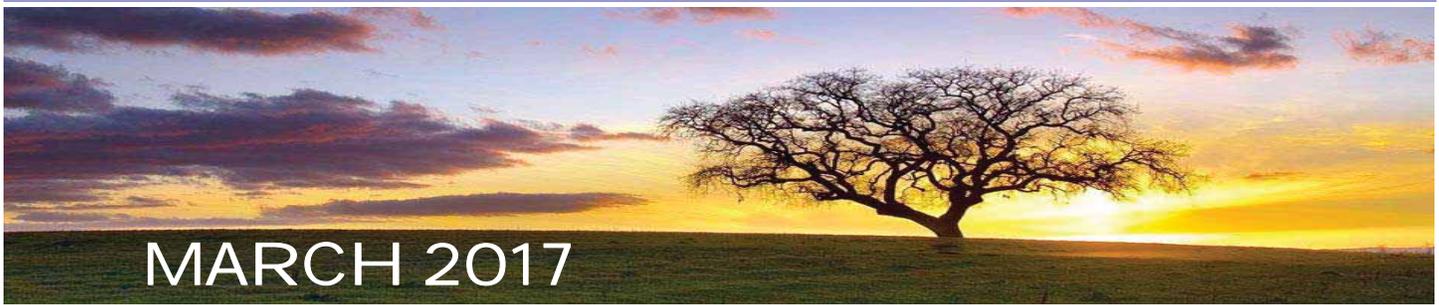
**Interim Fire Chief and Battalion Chief contracts** – Approved contracts to temporarily engage the services of qualified (retired) fire career professionals to act as Fire Chief and Battalion Chief until the City can recruit for and permanently fill these two key management positions that would otherwise both be vacant after March 3, 2017.

**Urban Greening Grant Application** – Authorized City staff to apply to the state Natural Resources Agency for a \$1.8 million grant to improve 8<sup>th</sup> Street between Oak Street and Pine Street. If the grant is successfully secured, the improvements would include new pavement, pedestrian walkways, natural drainage swales, and new street trees. The project would also provide an opportunity for additional angled parking spaces in the City's downtown commercial district.

**South Chandler Ranch Specific Plan** - Authorized the initiation of the process to separate an approximate 154-acre (southern) portion of the Chandler Ranch Specific Plan Area so it may move ahead in the planning/development process separate from the remaining (northern) 672-acres. The Chandler Ranch area is located on the eastern edge of the City and has been challenged to develop since its annexation in 1980. The Council's action will begin the process of a new Specific Plan (Master Plan) being created for the southern portion of Chandler Ranch (up to 560 residential units) where there will be opportunity for public participation and input on the project.

**Animal Services Shelter Agreement** – Approved a contract with San Luis Obispo County Animal Services Division to participate in the proportional capital costs of the County constructing a new replacement structure for their obsolete 1975 facility on Oklahoma Avenue in San Luis Obispo. The City currently contracts with the County to provide Animal Control field services within Paso Robles city limits. The City's proportional costs for constructing a new County shelter are an additional \$155K-196K per year over the next 25-years, but which take advantage of the economy of scale associated with working with other jurisdictions, and which were determined to be the most cost effective way of providing required animal shelter services.

*The City Council will meet again for regular business on March 7, 2017.*



MONDAY

TUESDAY

WEDNESDAY

THURSDAY

FRIDAY

		1	2 <b>9:00am Paso Robles Tourism Summit</b>	3
6	7 <b>6:30pm City Council Meeting</b>	8	9	10
13	14 <b>6:30pm Planning Commission Meeting</b>	15	16	17 <b>7:00am City Council/ Planning Commission Breakfast</b>
20	21 <b>6:30pm City Council Meeting</b>	22	23	24
27	28 <b>6:30pm Planning Commission Meeting</b>	29	30	31

**Weekend and Upcoming Activities:**

- March 5 - Wedding and Special Events Expo**
- March 7 -12 - PCCHA Coyote Rock Ranch Roundup**
- March 8-19 - Paso Robles Horse Park:  
Central California Equestrian Series**
- March 14-15 - WiVi Central Coast**
- March 17-19 - Vintage Paso: Zinfandel Weekend**
- March 24-26 - Cattlemen's Western Art Show**



Please visit  
[www.travelpaso.com](http://www.travelpaso.com)  
 for more information  
 about weekend events.

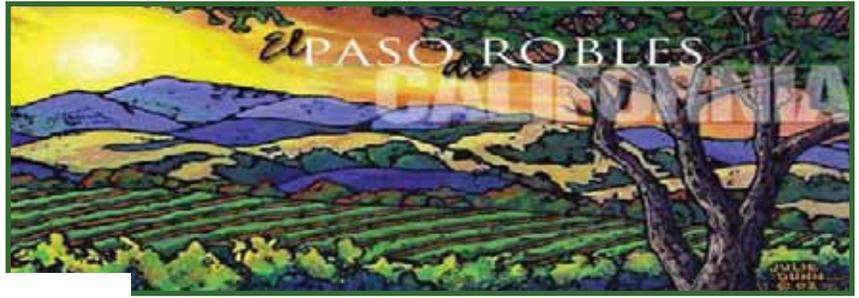


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## Paso Robles

## Zinfandel Weekend



Celebrate Zinfandel Weekend and Vina Robles Hospitality Center's 20th Anniversary on Friday, March 17 - Sunday, March 20.

They are kicking off the weekend with their 20th Anniversary Winemaker's Dinner toasting to the winery's past, present and future. All weekend long, guests are invited to enjoy special discounts on wines by the case and taste the newest releases.

Complimentary live music by Amy Estrada will be offered in the Tasting Room on Saturday from 1:00-4:00pm as part of our ongoing Saturday Live series.

No reservations are required. For more details please visit:

<https://pasowine.com/events/vintage-paso-zinfandel-weekend/>

