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Appreciation Rally for Chimney Fire Firefighters

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In true Paso Roblan style, hundreds from Paso Robles and the surrounding area showed up at Flamson Middle School on Saturday, August 27 to show their gratitude and support to the firefighters and first responders who have worked tirelessly to keep our community safe over the past few weeks.

Organized by long-time resident Trisha Butcher, chil-

children and families lined up early in the morning near Spring Street and 24th Street to show their appreciation by waving American flags and holding up handmade thank you signs for the Fire Departments to see as crews headed out to the lake after their morning briefing.

The community has responded overwhelmingly with food donations and hospitality to help make the Cal Fire and other responders from all over the country feel as comfortable as possible and to give hope and strength back to the

hardworking crews who have been fighting the wildfire around the clock.

Times like this show the true spirit of San Luis Obispo County as we are reminded of our ability to give, to take



Photo by Shelley Reeger

care of others, and to come together and show support for those protecting us, and for those who have been displaced by the fires.

In addition to the rally, numerous businesses within the City responded with incredible support. The Paso Robles Chamber of Commerce and local hotels created a hotline to help fire personnel and displaced resi-

dents find lodging. The Paso Robles Children's Museum gave free admission to residents while evacuation orders were in place. Head to Toe Salon offered free haircuts to fire personnel. SLO Stringer, a local freelance journalist with state and county press credentials, who has long been known for on-the-scene-reporting, assisted displaced homeowners with home status checks and coordi-

nated with local Sheriffs to help reunite evacuated residents with their pets.

The City of Paso Robles would like to thank the fire crews for their incredible efforts and is proud of the community for their overwhelming support during such trying times.

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Catherine Piatti Promoted to Administrative Services Coordinator

Catherine was born and raised on the Central Coast. She graduated from the University of La Verne with a Bachelor's Degree in Business Administration while working in the Financial Industry. In February of 2014, Catherine joined the City of Paso Robles in the Administrative Services Department. Her knowledge of banking and finance has proven helpful with her work on various financial reports, reconciliations, and daily accounting transactions.

Catherine will be taking on higher-level accounting duties in her new position, including assisting with the budget and CAFR, account reconciliation and analysis, preparation of various reporting and documents, monthly allocations, journal entries, and assisting with quarterly financial statements. In addition, Catherine will coordinate staff training and provide supervision.

"I am extremely thankful and excited for the opportunity to continue to learn and grow with the City. I sincerely enjoy what I do and am looking forward to the new challenges and tasks that this new position may entail," says Catherine Piatti.

When Catherine is not at work, she spends time with her husband, Jake and three-year-old son, Beckett. They enjoy family days at the lake, riding bikes, and simply spending time together.

The City of Paso Robles is proud to recognize Catherine for her achievements and for her well-deserved promotion!

PROMOTION



Spring Street Repairs - 1st to 10th Street



The contractor is working carefully around existing utilities to install new storm drain improvements, three new storm drain inlets and a manhole at the 6th Street intersection



Airport Commission Applications

The City Council of the City of Paso Robles is in the process of forming a new

AIRPORT COMMISSION

This seven-member Commission will replace the current Airport Advisory Committee and will take a more active role in matters pertaining to aeronautical activities, proposed uses and safety of operations of the Paso Robles Airport and the development of this valuable community asset. The Commission will have 4 members representing airport stakeholders, and 3 members from the community at large.

The City will accept applications for appointment to this Airport Commission until:

5:00 p.m. Friday, September 23, 2016

Applications may be obtained at City Hall, 1000 Spring Street, or at the Airport website, www.pasoairport.com

For more information, please contact the Public Works Director at (805) 237-3861 or the Deputy City Clerk at (805) 237-3960.

The City Council will conduct interviews and make appointments in early October.

Abandoned Bees

The Paso Robles Public Works Department found an abandoned water heater in their scrap pile that the streets department picked up in a ditch. It had hundreds of bees swarming in and around that had made a home out of the old water heater. The City contacted Sue Hulsmann of *The Queen Team* to see if she would be interested in saving them due to the national shortage of bees. She quickly met with staff at the yard and scheduled to meet at 5 am to pick-up the hive. The water heater was wrapped in a shade cloth so it would contain the bees as they were transported to her property. The bees were relocated 2 miles from where they were found and Sue was able to get all the bees into new hives and save the honey and comb to reuse in her other hives.

The honey and comb is dark fall honey and the comb was older, so it appears that these bees had taken over an old abandoned hive.





City Park Playground **Ribbon-Cutting Ceremony**

The City of Paso Robles will host a ribbon-cutting event on Wednesday, September 7 at 11:00 a.m. to officially reopen the newly renovated Paso Robles City Park Playground. City staff, elected officials, representatives from the Paso Robles REC Foundation, Parks and Recreation Advisory committee members, SSA Landscape Architects and Brough Construction will be on hand to celebrate this momentous occasion for the Paso Robles community. The play area is located near the corner of 11th and Spring Streets in Paso Robles.

Funding for the renovation was made possible through a State of California Housing-Related Parks Program Grant for \$804,450 as well as \$650,000 in city redevelopment funds.

The four-month project included a complete renovation of the existing play area in the park. Featuring two large play structure areas designed for varying ages and abilities, the playground includes a merry-go-round, teeter totter, swings, a play house, shade structures and much more.

A renovation of the entire park during this time also included a new entry plaza, pathway repairs, a rebuilt barbeque, and repairs to the gazebo and horseshoe pits. There have also been landscape upgrades throughout the park and repairs to the park's irrigation and electrical system.

"We commend everyone who played a part in seeing this major renovation project to fruition," commented Julie Dahlen, Library and Recreation Services Director for the City of Paso Robles. "Starting with the REC Foundation and the Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee who focused their attention on this crucial recreational need for our community, to donors who contributed to an endowment for ongoing park maintenance, this project illustrates once again that 'can-do' spirit of Paso Robles."

Funding for ongoing City Park playground maintenance will be supported by a \$100,000 endowment fund established by the Paso Robles REC Foundation. The funds were raised from community donations and proceeds from the city's popular summer Concerts in the Park series.

The mission of Paso Robles Library and Recreation Services is to connect the community through people, programs, places and experiences. For more information about Recreation Services programs and events please call (805) 237-3988, visit online at www.prcity.com/recreation or at Centennial Park, 600 Nickerson Drive in Paso Robles.



Fall Recreation Activity Guide

Registration for the City of Paso Robles fall recreation classes has begun with new classes and returning favorites for all ages offered for the community. Classes in candle making, seasonally themed acrylic painting, wreath and jewelry making, cooking, Zumba and a digital book creation class are new to the recreation schedule for the fall session. New classes for local youth include an after-school video game creation class and Halloween paper crafts for kids.

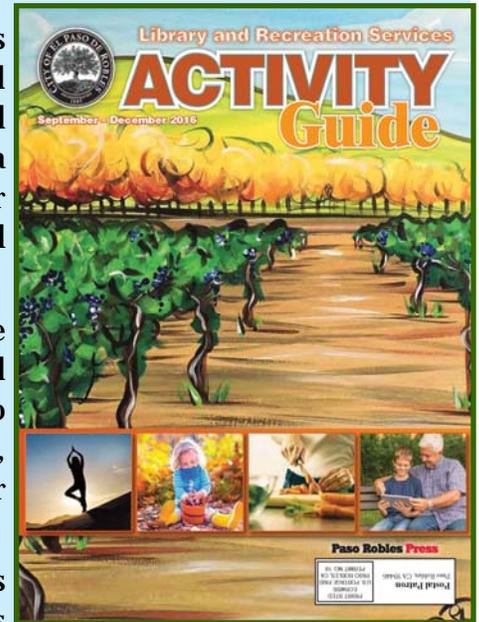
“We are thrilled to offer several new classes this season that provide an opportunity for folks to tap into their creativity,” commented Heather Stephenson, Recreation Coordinator for the City of Paso Robles. “These type of classes along with our sports leagues, dance, yoga, and personal improvement classes provide something for everyone.”

The Library and Recreation Services Activity Guide, which features all of the class listings, is mailed to each household in Paso Robles and is available for pick-up at various public locations throughout the city including the Paso Robles City Library, City Hall, Centennial Park and local businesses. The Activity Guide may also be accessed online at www.prcity.com/recreation.

The Activity Guide, published three times a year, features all of the new and returning recreation classes offered by the Paso Robles Recreation Services Division. The periodical also highlights the free library programs for all ages. Listings for opportunities through the North County YMCA as well as the Paso Robles Senior Center are also featured in the Guide.

Registration for recreation classes can be accomplished at www.prcity.com/recreationonline, in person at the Centennial Park Registration office at 600 Nickerson Drive, Monday through Friday from noon until 5:00 p.m., or via mail or fax. Registration forms can also be found on page 66 of the fall Activity Guide.

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Paso Police Department Making a Difference

Last week the Paso Robles Police Department partnered with the San Luis Obispo County Department of Social Services to make a difference in a child's life.

Each year the Department of Social Services puts together a Youth Calendar that connects the county's foster youth with local community partners. The intent of the calendar is to raise awareness about the needs of foster youth and express to the community how they can make a difference in the lives of foster children. The calendar features professional photos of the youth and information about their special interests and career aspirations. Since one of the youths expressed an interest in learning more about police work, and what it is like to be a police officer, we jumped at the chance to assist.

Last Friday Officer Michael "Smokey" Rickerd gave a hands-on tour to a foster child from the North County. The foster child had an incredible visit and I think the visit made a positive difference for both the foster child and Officer Rickerd!!



SLO County Social Services

Become an everyday Hero fostering children and helping families who need it most.

For more information on becoming a Resource Family, fostering youth or adoption please contact the San Luis Obispo County Social Services Department.

Phone: (805) 781-1705

Website:

www.slofostercare.com/





CAL FIRE - Chimney Fire News Release

Date: 9/1/2016 Time: 10:00AM

Fire Information Line: 805-543-2444

Media Line: 805-242-3640

www.readyforwildfire.org

Paso Robles, CA - Fire crews will remain throughout the fire perimeter in the coming weeks to provide fire suppression repair, remove firefighting equipment, mop up and patrol. Please drive slowly and use caution as emergency crews and equipment are still working in the area. CAL FIRE urges those that see significant smoke to call 9-1-1. As fires continue to threaten our communities, resources are being effectively appropriated to battle wildland fires across the State of California.

CAL FIRE Incident Management Team #2 appreciates all the community support in battling the Chimney Fire. The Team will transition management of the Chimney Fire back to the local CAL FIRE SLU unit Friday, September 2, at 9:00 AM. For additional information please call (805) 242-3640.

All residents are asked to be **READY**: Create and maintain defensible space and harden your home against flying embers. Get **SET**: Prepare your family and home ahead of time for the possibility of having to evacuate. Be **Ready to GO!** Take the evacuation steps necessary to give your family and home the best chance of surviving a wildfire.

We encourage the public to remain prepared year-round for wildfires by visiting the www.readyforwildfire.org website. The best show of support is having your home and property "fire-ready".

Paso Robles Emergency Services

The City of Paso Robles and the Emergency Services Department would like to thank the Community for their support over the past few weeks and throughout the year.



City Council Candidate Briefing



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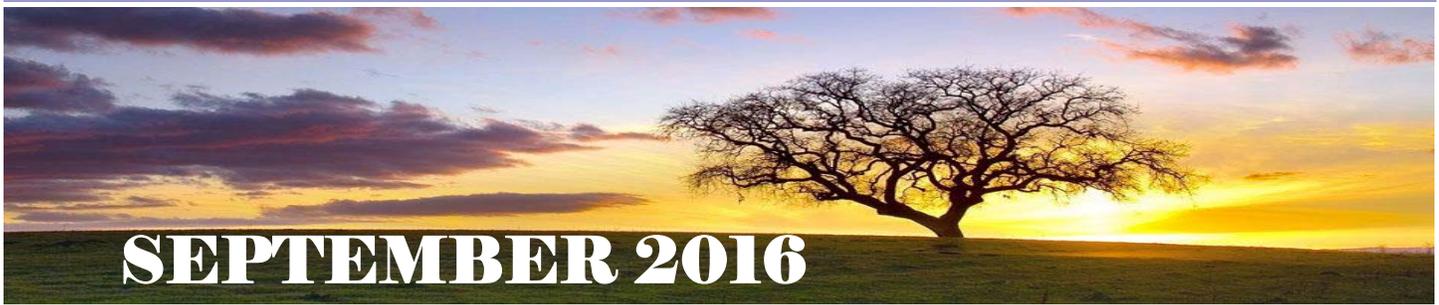
Open to Advisory Committees and the Public

PASO ROBLES, CA – The city will be hosting a candidate briefing on Wednesday, September 7, 2016 from 6:00 - 8:00 PM in the City Hall/Library Council Chamber, 1000 Spring Street, Paso Robles, CA. Each city department will provide an overview of their operations and current priorities; they will also be available to answer questions. Members of City advisory committees are invited to attend as well as the general public.

“This will be a great opportunity for the candidates, as well as anyone interested in future public service, to get a flavor of some of the key challenges the city faces, and the important initiatives that are being undertaken.” stated City Manager, Tom Frutchey.

About the Organization, Event or Project: *The City of Paso Robles has two City Council seats up for public decision on the November 8th ballot. Three candidates have qualified for that City Council race. The positions of City Clerk and City Treasurer are also on the ballot, with only the incumbents running for those seats.*

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| 5 Labor Day | 6 6:30pm City Council Meeting and Study Session - Marijuana Ordinance | 7 11:00am City Park Playground Ribbon-Cutting 6:00pm Candidate Briefing | 8 | 9 |
| 12 | 13 6:30pm Planning Commission | 14 Friends of the Library Book Sale | 15 Friends of the Library Book Sale | 16 Friends of the Library Book Sale |
| 19 | 20 6:30pm City Council Meeting | 21 | 22 | 23 Airport Commission Applications Due |
| 26 | 27 6:30pm Planning Commission | 28 | 29 | 30 |

Weekend Activities:

September 2-3—Paso Robles Classic Car Weekend

September 11—Pajama Party Movie

September 17—Arte de Tiza

September 24—Creek Clean Up Day

September 24-25—Airport Day

September 25—HOB Fun Run



Please visit www.travelpaso.com for more information about weekend events.

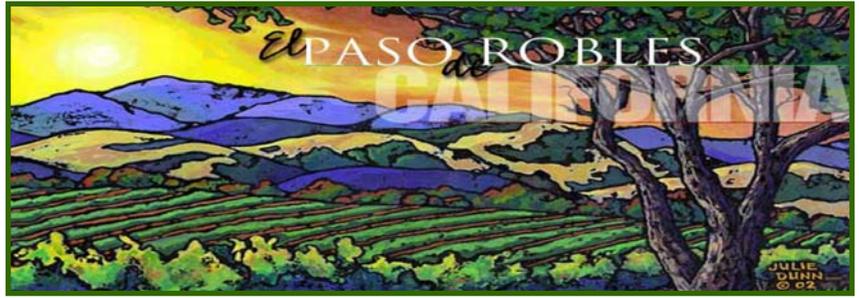


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Paso Robles Classic Car Weekend

This year **Golden State Classics Car Club** is organizing the weekend cruise night and car show on Labor Day weekend. There will be pre-1979 classic cars cruising Friday night and showing in the park on Saturday. Participants are invited to tour our city's entertainment spots on Sunday.

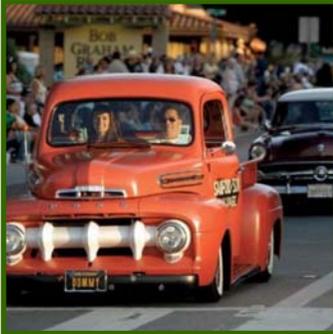
We are expecting over 300 cars for this event.

September 2nd and 3rd, 2016.

All net proceeds from the car show will be donated to local charities.

WEEKEND EVENTS:

- **Cruise** – Cruise down Spring Street a Paso Robles tradition. You will see all classic cars hit the pavement on Friday night for an old-fashioned cruise from 6:00-8:00 p.m.
- **Car Show** – The Classic Car Show happens Saturday in the downtown City Park from 9:00-4:00 p.m. and featuring classic cars 1979 and older. All cars must be finished, licensed and insured to take part in the show.



Travel Paso Robles Alliance Community Partnership Applications

The Travel Paso Robles Alliance (TPRA) is calling for applications for their 2017 TPRA Community Partnership Program. This program is designed to help support the marketing efforts of new and existing community programs that align with the TPRA's mission to promote Paso Robles as a travel destination, increasing demand for overnight visitation. For more information on this program and to apply, please contact Destination Manager Lauren Tognazzini at ltog@travelpaso.com or [click here](#).