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Doing Our Part for a Healthy, Happy Salinas River

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The City of Paso Robles recently organized its 10th Annual Creek Day event on September 24.

Creek Day is an annual event where volunteers of all ages join City staff to remove trash and restore the health of our precious Salinas River. Creek Day is not only an event to remove trash from our waterways, but

it's a day for community residents to show commitment to healthy waterways and to learn about the Salinas River.

The event also provides a great opportunity for citizens to come together,

Unfortunately, waterways that run through cities and other urbanizing areas have a tendency to



collect trash such as plastic bags, cigarette butts, and fast-food containers, and other large debris such as mattresses, appliances, bikes, shopping carts, and tires. Creek Day is a great way to bring community awareness of trash reduction within our urban environment and educating community members that littering and illegal dumping can harm our wildlife, ruin the aesthetics, and contribute to water pollution in

the Salinas River.

The Salinas River provides an important habitat for fish, amphibians, birds and many other forms of wildlife. A healthy water system is an abundant natural resource, but trash and debris can harm and even kill local wildlife. Fall is an important time to remove trash from our creeks, before rain from winter storms arrive and wash debris into our oceans. Thus, cleaning our waterways can improve our environment and keep us, our children, and wildlife safe.

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2016 Creek Day Clean-Up - Continued

The City currently implements a city-wide stormwater program that includes a public education and public involvement component. The stormwater program is state mandated that focuses to clean-up rainwater runoff moving through the City into the Salinas River. Creek Day is an event that provides both public education on the impacts of trash in our waterways as well as allows public participation in clean-up activities associated with trash pollution.

On average, approximately 200 volunteers help in the Creek Day effort and remove nearly 1 ton of trash and debris. The City of Paso Robles would like to thank all the volunteers who participated in this year's event and look forward to next year for a healthy and happy Salinas River!



Sherwood Vessel Rehab



The interior of two vessel tanks at the Sherwood Well Site are old and in need of re-coating. There are also old pipes that have corroded. The City Council authorized staff to re-coat the tanks and replace the old pipes with new ones.



The two vessel tanks will need to be removed and transported to Bakersfield where their interior will be blasted and re-coated to extend their useful life.



Once the coating is complete, they will be returned and placed in operation and continue to be part of the City's potable water distribution system.



Stormwater Education, Collaboration, and Coordination...

Recently, public works staff attended the 12th Annual California Stormwater Quality Association (CASQA) Conference. The CASQA conference is an opportunity for City staff to learn, collaborate, and problem solve in order to improve and develop an effective stormwater program for the City. CASQA is a statewide organization that includes multiple municipalities (cities and counties), regulatory agencies (federal and state), non-traditional agencies (Caltrans, School Districts, Universities), non-governmental organizations (Sierra Club, Surf Rider Foundation), contractors, and environmental consultants. The conference ran for three days and included over 100 technical presentations including asset management, stormwater program administration, water quality modeling, updates on federal and state policies, green infrastructure design, public education opportunities, stormwater program financing, and multiple lessons learned from case studies.

This is a unique opportunity for City staff to stay on the cutting edge of new technologies, innovative approaches to program development and effective implementation, as well as opportunities for funding. Staff plans to apply these new ideas to the stormwater program so that we continue to be a leader on the Central Coast.



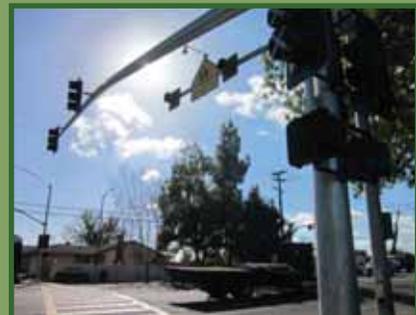
Stormwater Manager Dave LaCaro and Michael Hendry attended the CASQA conference in San Diego, CA.



California Stormwater
Quality Association

Creston Road Signal

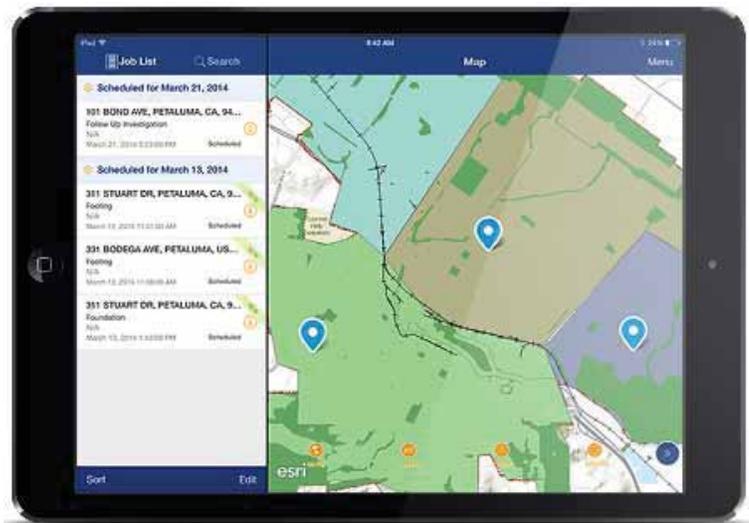
All four poles are now installed. The contractor will begin wiring the system and the signal should be operational in a few weeks.



Accela Land Management System (LMS) Software

At the meeting of September 20, City Council voted 4-0 to enter into a contract with Accela for new Land Management System (LMS) software. The LMS system will coordinate and track Building, Planning, Engineering, Stormwater, and Code Enforcement functions. The Accela system will facilitate real-time workflow management and inspection results, include a user-friendly public portal, provide flexible reporting capabilities, utilize GIS capabilities for managing a variety of activities from a geospatial platform, and allow for future integration of other City functions. The new system will improve efficiency, provide transparency for the general public and development community with improved access to information, and track staff time for real-time billing.

Implementation is scheduled to begin mid-November 2016, with a 15 to 18 month timeline. Award of the LMS contract to Accela is the result of a lengthy and exhaustive process, which has included input from the public and City Council, needs assessment, Request for Proposal (RFP), vendor demonstrations, and negotiations. The antiquated system that Accela will replace is almost 18 years old and is no longer sold or supported by the vendor. The Community Development Department is excited about the new system and eager to move forward with the implementation stage of the project.



Library's "Californians: Community Conversations about Immigration" Program

Congratulations to the Library for being selected to participate in the California Center for the Book's "Californians: Community Conversations about Immigration" program. Designed to spark community discourse and foster tolerance, meaningful conversation and understanding around the theme of immigration, our library will receive a shelf of 20 items exploring immigration/migration of various racial and ethnic groups. Titles include films such as *A Better Life* and *El Norte*, and books such as *The Walking* by Laleh Khadivi, *My Name Is Aram* by William Saroyan, and *The Buddha in the Attic* by Julie Otsuka, all of which depict the struggles of immigrants as they make their journey to the United States and their struggles when they arrive. Library staff will receive special training in identifying community assets, needs and partners; program development; and outcome-based planning and evaluation. This will allow them to create insightful and educational public programs including book and film discussions, displays, lectures, and maker experiences. Community members will not only enjoy the materials provided through the program, but will have the opportunity to attend library programs in Fall 2017.



How to Choose a Household Fire Extinguisher

Fire extinguishers put out, or at least suppress, fires before firefighters arrive. Emergency Services recommends every Paso Robles household have at least one fire extinguisher available. But how do you choose the right fire extinguisher? Here is some information to help ensure a good purchase:

- Extinguishers are classified A, B, or C (or a combination of the three) on the label to indicate which types of fires you can use them on.
 - ◊ Class A extinguishers are capable of handling paper, wood & plastic fires.
 - ◊ Class B extinguishers are capable of handling combustible & flammable liquid fires.
 - ◊ Class C extinguishers are capable of handling electrical equipment fires.

The main distinctions to consider are the type of fires you may encounter and the size and weight of the extinguisher. Bigger may seem better, having more extinguishing capacity, however bigger means heavier and may be difficult to maneuver. When purchasing for your home, we recommend a mixed use extinguisher, such as a 2A10BC. You'll also need to consider single-use disposable vs. rechargeable extinguishers. The initial purchase of disposable extinguishers may be less expensive over rechargeable ones, however rechargeable options may be refilled at a lesser cost than purchasing a replacement disposable extinguisher.

Emergency Services recommends an extinguisher for each floor of the residence and more importantly a family emergency plan. Make sure everyone knows how to get out and where to meet in the event of an emergency.

KNOW YOUR FIRE EXTINGUISHER				
CHOOSING THE RIGHT EXTINGUISHER CAN PREVENT PROPERTY DAMAGE AND SAVE LIVES				
Extinguisher Type →	Water	Foam	CO ₂	Dry Chemical
Type of Fire ↓				
A Paper, Wood & Plastic	✓	✓	X	✓
B Flammable & Combustible Liquids	X	✓	✓	✓
C Electrical Equipment	X	X	✓	✓

Even if you think you've put the fire out completely with your extinguisher, don't cancel that emergency call the Fire Department. Leave it to the fire crews to decide if the fire is truly contained.

How to Use a Fire Extinguisher

Now that you have picked out the right extinguisher, it is time to familiarize yourself with proper operation. First, read the operating instructions provided by the manufacturer. Install the extinguisher in an open and readily accessible location, near the rooms exit.

To remember how to use an extinguisher, use the acronym **PASS**:

- **P** Pull the extinguisher safety pin.
- **A** Aim the extinguisher nozzle at the source of the flames rather than at the flames themselves, standing at least 6 feet from the fire.
- **S** Squeeze the trigger and hold it, keeping the extinguisher upright.
- **S** Sweep the source of the flames until the extinguisher runs dry or the fire is thoroughly extinguished.

Be sure to replace the extinguisher or refill as soon as possible.



For more information, please review the NFA video at the link attached: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=2qPAH0NGqv0>

Emergency Services Responds Quickly to Residential Fire

At approximately 12:34 a.m. on Tuesday September 27, Paso Robles Department of Emergency Services was dispatched to a single-family residential structure fire. The initial fire crew reported a single-car garage of a duplex unit to be fully involved with fire that was extending into the interior living area of one home.

The sole occupant, an elderly male, was awakened by a working smoke detector. He attempted to fight the fire in the garage with an extinguisher, but was quickly driven out by smoke.

Firefighters from Paso Robles, Atascadero, Templeton, and SLO County Fire Department worked diligently to limit fire spread to one-half of the duplex. An extensive amount of items stored in the garage, along with exploding ammunition and a leaking propane cylinder, hampered firefighting efforts. In total, 16 firefighters operating from 6 engines and 3 chief officers worked to contain the fire. Additional assistance was provided by Paso Robles Police Department and San Luis Ambulance Service. The American Red Cross responded to tend to the victim's immediate needs.

The fire's cause was not readily apparent and is under investigation. The resident sustained minor injuries, was evaluated on scene and released. Property damage to one of the duplex units was extensive. The second duplex unit sustained minor smoke damage and was reoccupied later that morning.



My Friend the Mayor: A Tale of Two Cities

Mayor Steve Martin of Paso Robles and Mayor Tom O'Malley of Atascadero were recently featured in an article in Western City Magazine and online at Public CEO highlighting their friendship that dates back to childhood. Their incredulous at being Mayor at the same time in neighboring cities is something they laugh at and "look at each other and shake our heads in amazement," says Mayor Martin. The friendship is an attribute to both communities as it increases their ability to work together for the better of both cities regarding important issues such as economic development, managing water resources, collaborating with the many community services groups in both cities, managing homelessness, and many more of the issues our community and San Luis Obispo County face today.

Both O'Malley and Martin participate with their respective Chambers of Commerce and many other businesses and organizations to enhance current business as well as attract new companies to the Central Coast. Both leaders are attuned to the needs of their constituents and they "model the type of cooperation that would benefit all levels of government," says Paso Robles Chamber of Commerce CEO Gina Fitzpatrick.



Earlier this year, in an effort to encourage water conservation due to the mandates set forth in the Sustainable Groundwater Management act, the two Mayors worked together to record a public service announcement urging citizens to conserve water and help protect California's resources.

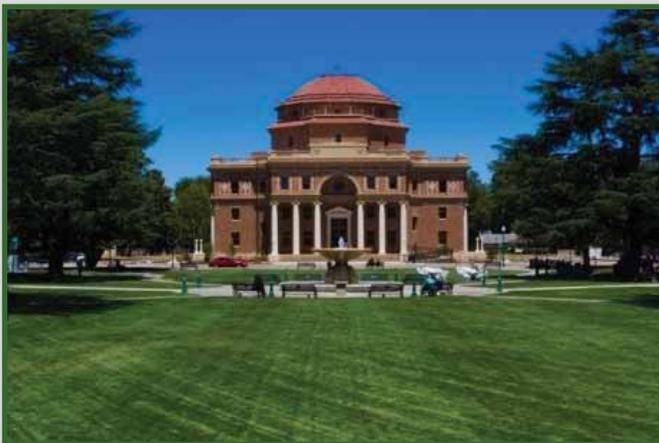
They have also both invested time to focus on the emerging priority of homelessness - each volunteering at shelters and supporting the Mobil Assistance and Services Addressing Homelessness (MASH) event. Their desire to help solve the problem of homelessness is commendable and a key focus issue in both cities.

The Mayors' strong partnership benefits everyone in Paso Robles and Atascadero as they make every effort to align on various issues and can call on each other to provide insight, collaborate on effective ideas and work jointly to bring people and organizations together.

Both are committed to "leaving our cities better than we found them," says Mayor O'Malley, and strive to lead by example.

Please see the following link to read the article in its entirety:

<http://www.publicceo.com/2016/09/my-friend-the-mayor-a-tale-of-two-cities/>.





City Council Highlights - September 20, 2016

24th Street Bridge Design – Approved a professional service contract with AECOM for final design to rehabilitate the 24th Street bridge that spans the Union Pacific Railroad tracks. The new bridge design will include pedestrian sidewalks and bike lanes on both sides. Much of the funding for the design work is provided to the City via a Highway Bridge Program Grant (approximately \$700k). The City’s cost will be approximately \$100k.

Airport Taxiways Construction Contract – Awarded a construction contract to Papich Construction for the rehabilitation of multiple Taxiways at the municipal Airport utilizing a \$1.7 million grant recently awarded to the City by the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA). The City’s costs are estimated to be approximately \$100k.

Marijuana Regulations – Approved the first reading of an ordinance that would amend local regulations for personal, medical and commercial use of marijuana in response to the potential passage of Prop 64 on the November Ballot. The ordinance would continue to allow medical marijuana delivery services within the City limits. Additionally, the City Council authorized the formation of a community Task Force on Medical Marijuana to further evaluate and make recommendations to the City Council that will best serve the entire Paso Robles community. The Task Force will focus on the following key areas: a) personal medical cultivation; b) mobile medical dispensaries; c) brick and mortar medical dispensaries; d) the licensing, inspections and fees related to medical marijuana, among others. Applications for the Task Force on Medical Marijuana are available on the City’s website: <http://www.prcity.com/government/advisorybodies/>

Airport Commission – Heard testimony from multiple individuals, but took no action on the formation of the Airport Commission. Consideration of this item was continued to the October 4, 2016 City Council meeting to allow all five members to be in attendance for a decision.

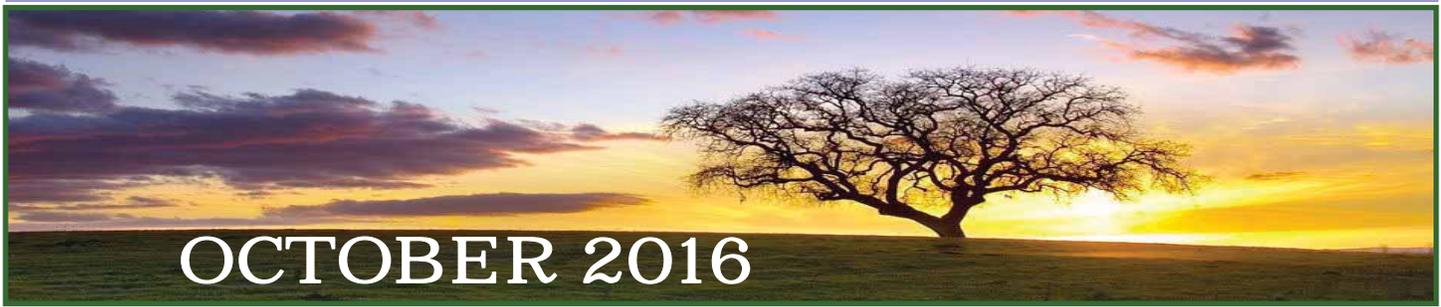
Building Permit Software – Authorized the purchase and installation of a new Land Management System (“Building Permit System”) that is designed to improve the City’s building and planning permit process efficiency and to enhance customer service through citizen access to property and permit information. There will be integrated mapping capabilities as well as mobile system applications for city workers to increase efficiencies in the field. The new system will also serve multiple other city departments including Police (code enforcement) and Public Works.

Wastewater Supplemental Environmental Project – Appropriated approximately \$240k to settle regulatory penalties imposed by the Regional Water Quality Control Board for “exceedance violations” incurred prior to the upgrade of the current Wastewater Treatment Plant. The payment toward the Supplemental Environmental Project will enable productive use of the penalty fees for the Bay Foundation of Morro Bay to undertake valuable research for the Paso Robles Groundwater Basin.

Forklift Operator Certification

On September 28, the Human Resources division organized a Forklift Operator Certification training through the California JPIA for thirty-four of the City’s employees. The workshop taught participants how to identify workplace hazards and reviewed operating rules and safety procedures. After the informational lecture, participants had to pass a written test and demonstrate driving proficiency to obtain forklift operator certification.





MONDAY

TUESDAY

WEDNESDAY

THURSDAY

FRIDAY

3	4 6:30pm City Council Meeting	5 League of California Cities Annual Conf. - Long Beach	6 League of California Cities Annual Conf. - Long Beach	7 League of California Cities Annual Conf. - Long Beach
10	11 6:30pm Planning Commission	12	13 6:30pm Airport Commission Interviews	14
17	18 6:30pm City Council Meeting	19	20 6:30pm Airport Commission Interviews	21
24	25 6:30pm Planning Commission	26	27	28
31 Safe & Fun Halloween Downtown				

Weekend Activities:

- October 1 - Paso Robles AirFest 2016**
- October 1 - Art After Dark**
- October 1-2 - Three Speckled Hens Antiques Show**
- October 8 - Pioneer Day**
- October 14-16 - Harvest Wine Weekend**
- October 22 - Golden Oak Honey Festival**
- November 2 - Central California Classic**
- November 2-6 - Paderewski Festival**



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

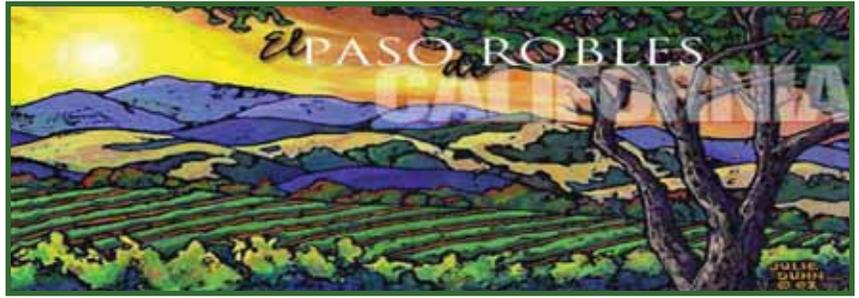


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October 8th, 2016

7:00 am - Traditional Bean Cooking
Begins: Paso Robles City Park

8:00 am - Children's Pet Show:
14 years and under Paso Robles City
Park Gazebo

**8:30 am - Little Cowboy /
Cowgirl Contest:** Paso Robles City
Park Gazebo

10:00 am - Pioneer Day Parade:
Starts at 16th & Spring Street

12 Noon - Free Bean Feed:
Paso Robles City Park

**12 Noon - Carnegie Library & His-
torical Museum:** Opens in City Park

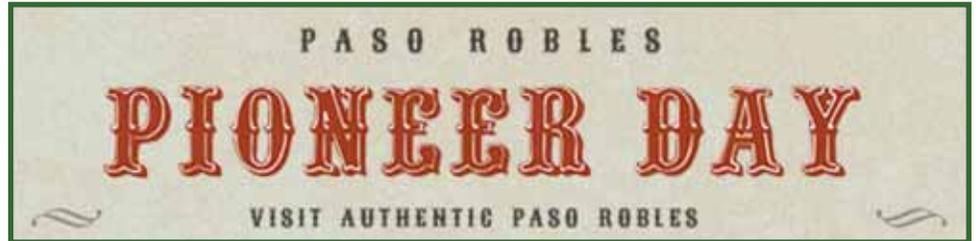
12 Noon - Pioneer Park/Museum
Activities: 2010 Riverside Ave - An-
tique Tractor & Wagon Display and
Vintage Engine Show

12:30 pm - Concert in the Park
Gazebo: The Carolyn Sill Combo

1:00 pm - Horseshoe Pitching Contest:
Paso Robles City Park

1:00 pm - Whiskerino Contest:
Paso Robles City Park

1:00 pm - Gymkhana is Back!
Paso Robles Event Center



The Pioneer Day Parade starts promptly at 10 am on Saturday, October 8th in downtown Paso Robles. The parade route starts at 16th and Spring Street and ends surrounding the Paso Robles City Park.

It is fun for the entire family. Bring your favorite lawn chairs, hats and sunscreen and plan on a memorable experience.

You can expect to see Antique Tractors, Horse- drawn Wagons, Marching Bands, Mounted Equestrian Groups, Youth Groups, Church Groups, Civic Groups, Floats, vintage cars, fire engines, military vehicles and more. Oh - and did we mention tractors?!?

The first Pioneer Day was held on October 12, 1931. It was organized by community volunteers working with generous donations of time, materials and money from individuals, businesses, churches and service

organizations. Their goal was to provide a day of community friendship and a commemoration of the heritage of the Paso Robles area. It would also become a day set aside to say "Thank You" to all of the people who support the business and professional community of the area throughout the year. Most businesses closed so that their employees could enjoy and participate in the activities and family reunions. There were to be no charges for any of the events, no commercial concessions and lunch would be provided at no cost.

It's Unique... THE WHOLE DAY IS FREE and entirely funded by the business people and dedicated citizens of our area who say: "Leave Your Pock- etbook at Home" Come, celebrate in friendship!

