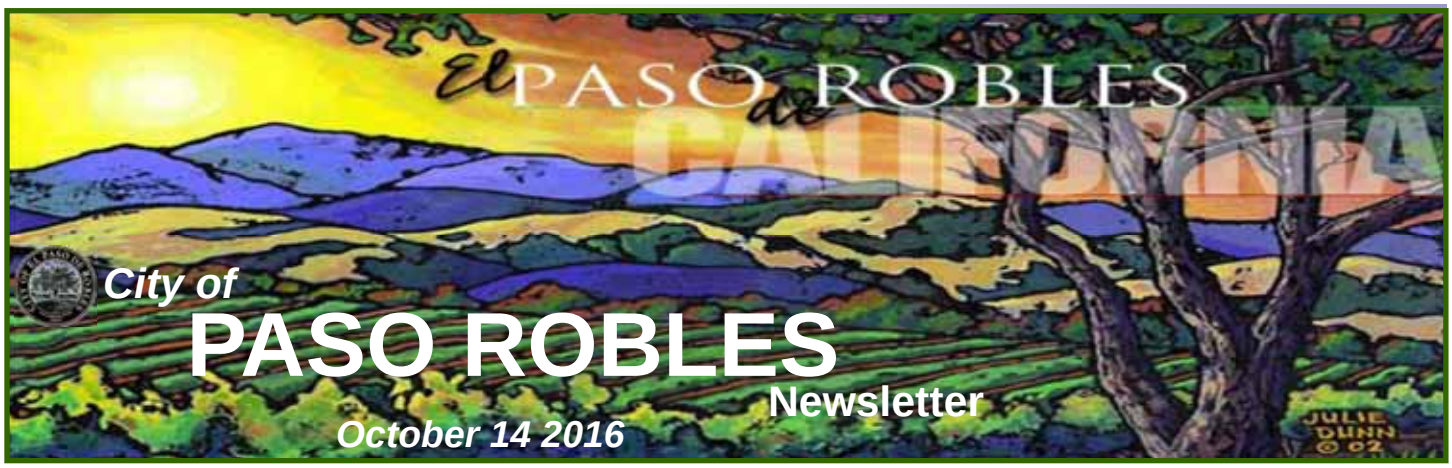

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Police Volunteer Marion McKie Retires After 29 Years

Marion McKie started volunteering for the Paso Robles Police Department in 1987. Marion handled the filing for the Community Services Office, monitored fire alarm activity for the City, which included billing, updates, issuing new permits and notifications of alarm activity. She provided dispatchers with important updates of business and residential contact information, tracked PRPD volunteer hours and submitted monthly reports to RSVP and annual reports to Human Resources. Marion also assisted with mass mailing for Neighborhood Watch and collating program guides for numerous Community Service programs and classes. She volunteered for many PRPD special events handing out information, distributing flyers and assisting with event registration.

Marion never hesitated to say yes to assist; her volunteer service was a priority. She loved serving and being the extra hands to get the work done. It was important to her to give back to the community in which she lived. Marion volunteered an average of 400 hours per year! She recently received the California State Assembly Certificate of Recognition from Assemblyman Katcho Achadjian for contributing over 11,000 hours to the community.

On September 28, the Police Department hosted a pot-luck luncheon for Marion to express thanks and appreciation for her years of service. At the City Council Meeting on October 4, Marion was presented with a certificate of recognition for her 29 years of volunteer work at the Police Department. The City would like to thank Marion for her dedication to our community!

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Emergency Preparedness Exercise

City of Paso Robles staff recently participated in a week-long Emergency Preparedness Exercise at the FEMA Emergency Management Institute (EMI) in Emmitsburg, Maryland. Brian Cowen and Susan DeCarli from the Community Development department, Dave LaCaro from Public Works, and Lynda Plescia from Recreation Services, along with a total of 75 other local stakeholders, were invited by the City of Atascadero to participate in the exercise, which was funded by a FEMA grant.

The exercise included classroom discussions, facilitated by a number of subject-matter experts, and a presentation from Union Pacific, reviewing response and recovery efforts relating to the June 3, 2016 Union Pacific Derailment near Mosier, Oregon, in which a total of 16 tank cars derailed, spilling Bakken Crude adjacent to the Columbia River. The capstone of the exercise was an all-day simulated emergency, in which the City of Atascadero Emergency Operations Center (EOC) was activated in response to the derailment of a Union Pacific train, transporting crude oil, adjacent to Atascadero State Hospital.

The exercise challenged participants to remain calm in the midst of a developing emergency and highlighted the importance of working together to coordinate and document the wide range of operational, logistics, and planning considerations that accompany response to and recovery from an emergency. Takeaways included an appreciation for just how connected we are on the Central Coast and how dependent upon one another we become in the event of an emergency.

The City of Paso Robles is grateful to FEMA and the City of Atascadero for the opportunity to participate in this outstanding emergency preparedness exercise.

FEMA | Emergency Management Institute

Fall Water Conservation Update

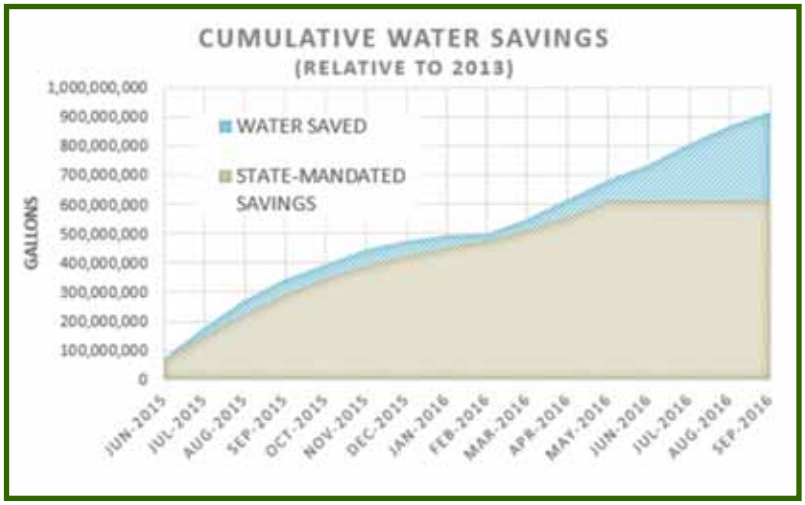
This summer the City's water customers continued conserving and maintained water use well below the state-mandated 2013 use target—we used approximately 50 million gallons fewer this September than in September of 2013.

Month	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep
Conservation Achieved (relative to 2013)	21.2%	26.0%	21.6%	21.0%

Overall, City customers have continued to be responsive to conservation requirements including changes to the City's watering schedule. The majority of water conservation reports and observations throughout town have resulted from broken or leaking irrigation systems. However, there have been some persisting non-compliance issues. The City's water conservation staff continues to provide outreach and notifications to water customers to alert them of irrigation system issues and to help them comply with the current watering schedule.

Participation in the City's rebates programs has remained high, and 61% of the 16/17 fiscal year rebate budget has been issued or is committed to active projects.

The City's combined water conservation efforts have resulted in the City saving nearly 1 billion gallons of water since June 2015.



Leaves Press Release

With the change in season and wet weather quickly approaching, residents are reminded to collect and properly dispose of the leaves from trees on their private property and the sidewalk bordering their property. Leaves left in the street can clog our storm drains, resulting in street flooding when it rains. To prevent potential flooding issues in your neighborhood, residents are encouraged to collect and dispose of yard waste in the green waste bins for collection on regularly scheduled waste collection days. City crews will provide cleanup of leaves associated with City street trees. Please keep in mind the following items:

- Blowing or raking private property leaves into the street (gutter or storm drain) does not constitute proper cleanup or disposal.
- If possible, mow over your leaves to create mulch. This will greatly reduce the amount of fallen leaves to cleanup and your lawn will love it!
- Residents that have yard service are asked to remind landscaping service companies and yard care providers that leaves must be placed in the green waste bin.

If you have any question regarding proper disposal procedures, please call Public Works Department, Maintenance Services at 237-3873.

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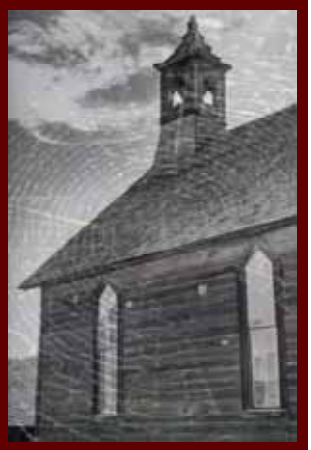
Melinda Martin to Display Art in Library

Melinda T. Martin was born and raised in Los Angeles and has lived in Paso Robles since 1984. She first learned photography in high school but began a more serious effort in her late 30's. She has never studied art, but has a natural talent for composition and enjoys trying new concepts in digital photography. Recent efforts include work in digital art, which allows her to combine her photographs with her imagination. Martin views her photographs as successful if the viewer can experience her feelings and those of the environment at the moment the image was captured. She states, "when viewing my digital artwork, I like when each viewer creates their own story based on the image."



She is a member of the Paso Robles Art Association and credits her involvement with their Photography Guild in helping her expand her vision and improve her technical skill. She is also enthusiastically encouraged by her husband, who participates in her travels to capture new images and carries her equipment up the trails.

The Last Painting of Sara de Vos

In *The Last Painting of Sara de Vos*, Dominic Smith deftly bridges the historical and the contemporary, tracking a collision course between a rare landscape by a female Dutch painter of the golden age, an inheritor of the work in 1950s Manhattan, and a celebrated art historian who painted a forgery of it in her youth. Join the lively discussion November 17, 7:00 p.m. in the Library Conference Room.

Pacific Wildlife Care to Visit Library

Bring the whole family to the Paso Robles City Library for an exciting program on wildlife rehabilitation and meet three of the Pacific Wildlife Care's success stories on **Saturday, October 22, at 3:00 pm** in the Library Conference Room.

Pacific Wildlife Care is San Luis Obispo County's only licensed rehabilitation center for injured, sick, orphaned and pollution-damaged birds, mammals, and reptiles, which are then returned to the wild.

The Way We See It

Check out the monthly art displays in the Children's Library

In late July, City Librarian Angelica Fortin met with Jeanne Serge from Almond Acres Charter Academy and LouAnn McKinley from the Paso Robles Joint Unified School District to explore ways to showcase student artwork. From that collaboration came *Art: As We See It.* Each month, local student artwork is displayed on the wall above the children's Internet computers. According to Fortin, "Throughout the year, children will be able to come in and see their masterpieces on display. Not only does this encourage them and their families to visit, but also it allows the rest of the community to appreciate the perspective our youngest members of the community share with us." Fortin adds that some of the upcoming art may include: chalk drawings, silhouettes, mandalas, cubism, faux stained glass, Kadinsky tree paintings, and landscapes.

This month's display is brought to you by the Bauer-Speck Art Academy. Check it out!

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Volunteers and Donations Needed for Thanksgiving for Paso Robles

Annual Community Event to be Held at Centennial Park Thursday, November 24

Thanksgiving for Paso Robles will once again host a free Thanksgiving dinner for the community on Thursday, November 24 from 12 to 2 p m in the banquet room at Centennial Park. The traditional sit down dinner event, now in its 32nd year, is made possible solely from the support of community donations and volunteers.

Each year the Recreation Services lobby, banquet room and kitchen are transformed into a large restaurant for a single day. Chef Ryan Messina will serve as the lead chef for the event this year. In addition to the sit down dinner, volunteers deliver meals to those who are homebound.

“Thanksgiving for Paso Robles is a true expression of our community, bringing diverse people together to share the day with one another,” said Dave Kudija, Director of the Thanksgiving for Paso Robles steering committee. “Whether people come because of financial considerations or just the desire to be with others on this day, all are welcome. It’s a lot of work but it has been fulfilling to see so many work together to serve the Paso Robles community.”

Monetary donations and volunteers are crucial to this large event. The funds for the annual dinner are raised solely from private donations from individuals, churches, students, and businesses.

Thanksgiving for Paso Robles is now accepting monetary donations. Over 250 volunteers are also needed to assist with activities including set-up, food preparation, serving, delivery, and clean-up. Volunteers are required to sign-up ahead of time and are scheduled for specific tasks prior to Thanksgiving.

Thanksgiving for Paso Robles began in 1984 when Mildred Wilkins organized an event to feed families and those in need. Over the years the number of dinner guests has increased significantly from about 90 guests each year to over 1,000 people served in 2015.

For more information about Thanksgiving for Paso, visit www.thanksgivingforpasorobles.com. To volunteer, donate or register for the event, click here.

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Youth Commission Meets and Sets Yearly Goals

Established in 1999, by then Mayor Frank Mecham, the Paso Robles Youth Commission serves as a formal advisory body to the Paso Robles City Council and is comprised of twelve high school students (three of whom are alternates).

On Wednesday, October 5, the Youth Commissioners met with City Council, School Board and City representatives to discuss and set their yearly goals. The group agreed that the goals they'd like to work to achieve this year include performing community service, attending a conference, supporting team-building and advocating for teen issues in the community. This final goal will be accomplished through the regular attendance and participation of Youth Commissioners at City Council meetings and voluntary attendance at School Board meetings throughout the school year.

During the October meeting, the students also had the opportunity to meet with and discuss current plans for the Paso Robles High School with new principal Mr. Eric Martinez. Martinez shared his personal goals for the high school with the group and talked about his past experience as a school administrator at Sanger and Fresno Unified School Districts.

"The Youth Commission is a strong and positive voice of teens in our community," said Lynda Plescia, Recreation Services Manager. "Commissioners bring forth issues, work on a variety of community service projects, offer the Recreation division ideas for youth programs in Paso Robles and do advocacy work. In the process, they learn a great deal about how city government works."

Below: Youth commissioner Ricardo Bolanos (right) was sworn in by Library and Recreation Services Director Julie Dahlen during the October 5 meeting.

Attendees at the October Youth Commission meeting included (L-R) City Councilman Steve Gregory, Ricardo Bolanos, Samuel Collins, Sofia Moses, Taylor Hargrave, Mason Seden-Hansen, Brian Morales, Councilman John Hamon, and School Board Representative Dave Lambert.

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City of Paso Robles Recreation Services

Come Out and Play!

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Phone: 237-3988
Find us on: facebook
www.facebook.com/prcityrecreation

October is filled with plenty of opportunities for hands-on fun through Paso Robles Recreation classes. Here are just a few of the activities we have planned this month.

Fall is all about comfort

food, so in October and November we have two cooking classes that will make you feel warm and cozy inside. Join Chef Bruce Finch for his very popular Soup Class on October 10 and Holiday Side Dishes on November 7 (no green bean casseroles here!).

Many of you may have begun to think about holiday gifts,

especially if you're planning on giving handmade presents this season. Paso Robles Recreation has a couple of classes this fall to help you learn to create many unique treasures perfect for gift-giving. Becky Hallett of The Sisterhood of the Traveling Pots will teach you how to create beautiful hand-poured and decorated natural vegetable soy candles during her two-hour classes in October through December.

You'll also be able to learn to create striking one-of a kind jewelry with instructor Bohdi Hodges this fall. Tasseled necklaces (called malas) are very trendy this season, and you can learn to create one on

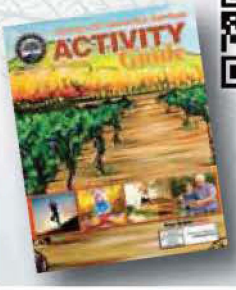
October 5. Or make a bohemian crocheted bracelet featuring freshwater pearls and Czech glass beads with Bohdi on November 2.

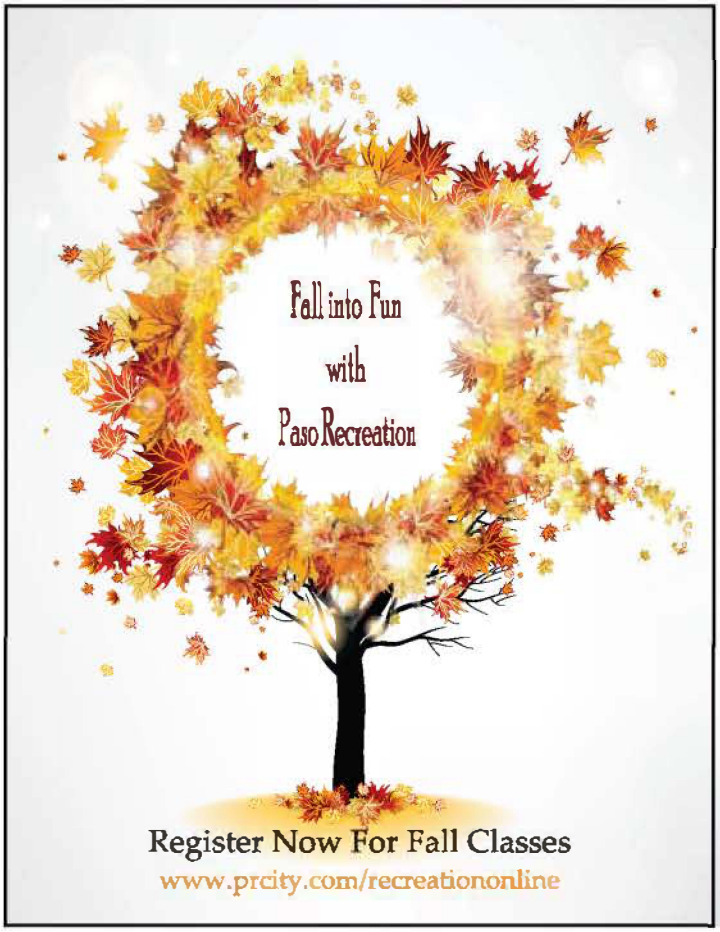
Artist Skye Ravy's acrylic painting classes are so much fun as she imparts tips and techniques to help you create the Fall Lake Tree (October 6) or the Funky Pumpkin (October

20) in an upbeat and encouraging environment.

Looking for a Halloween craft activity for the kids? Local artist and author Beryl Reichenberg will offer Halloween Paper Crafts October 19 and 26. During this two session class, kids will learn to make an exploding box with a Halloween surprise inside as well as a spooky bat book.

For more information about all of these offerings and many more this fall through Paso Robles Recreation, please visit www.pricty.com/recreation online or scan the QR code to get started.





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City Council Highlights - October 4, 2016

Volunteer Recognition –

Acknowledged Marion McKie for her 29 years of volunteer service to the Paso Robles Police Department. Over those years, Marion's service would total over 11,000 hours of community contribution. Thank you Marion!

Streets to be Slurry Sealed –

Approved a construction contract with Souza Engineering Contracting Inc. to crack fill and slurry seal multiple road surfaces throughout the City. The slurry seal will occur on 19 separate stretches of mainly residential roads, with the intention to extend their useful life and improve their drivability for residents. This is expected to be a multi-year project. A full list of roads to receive the work can be found at this link:

http://www.prcity.com/government/citycouncil/agenda-items/2016/10_October/2016_10-04_cc_itm_07.pdf

Marijuana Regulations – 2nd Reading of Ordinance –

Approved 2nd 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.

Airport Commission – 1st Reading of Ordinance –

Took the first step in forming a new Airport Commission that would assist the Council in the long term development plans, policies, practices and standards for the municipal airport. The Council also provided direction on a set of draft bylaws that will establish the Commission's makeup of stakeholders, at-large citizens, residency requirements and the specific purview of the Commission's responsibilities. The City Council is scheduled to consider a revised version of the bylaws at their meeting of October 18, 2016.

Oak Tree Removal Request –

Referred the oak tree removal request back to City staff to obtain additional analysis of the 44-inch Valley Oak's structural integrity before making a decision to allow removal of the tree. The tree is located on a vacant portion of the former Hometown Nursery site located at 1803 Spring Street.

The next City Council meeting will be on Tuesday, October 18, 2016.

Council agendas can be found at:

http://www.prcity.com/government/citycouncil/agendas.asp.

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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 **6:30pm** **Airport Commission Interviews**	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

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

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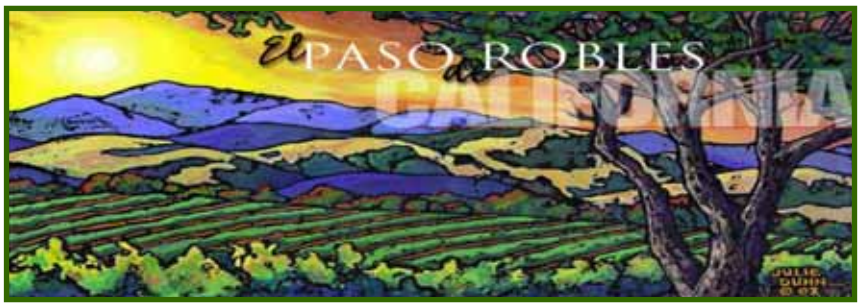

Harvest Wine Weekend

Love wine, but not all the fuss that sometimes goes along with it? In Paso Robles Wine Country, you'll discover award-winning wines, exceptional restaurants and breathtaking views all without tension or pretension.

Harvest in Paso Robles Wine Country is a time of excitement and celebration! The changing colors of the vines, crisp autumn air, and the promise of a new vintage create a wine country experience not to be forgotten.

During Harvest Wine Weekend, experience a "Celebration of Cabernet Sauvignon & Red Bordeaux Varietals, Perfected in Paso Robles" at the **CABs of Distinction Grand Tasting** on October 14 from 4 - 6 p.m. Taste critically-acclaimed Cabernet Sauvignon and red Bordeaux-style wines from over 75 wineries as you come face-to-face with winemakers. CABs of Distinction will be held at the picturesque Allegretto Vineyard Resort in Paso Robles and is presented by the Paso Robles CAB Collective. This event is the ultimate way to start your Paso Robles Wine Country Harvest Wine Weekend! Tickets are $65/pp and available here.

3rd Annual Golden Oaks Honey Festival

Date: October 22, 2016

Time: 9am-3pm

Location: Paso Robles Downtown City Park

Free Admission

Bring the entire family to the City Park for the Annual Golden Oak Honey Festival featuring antiques, collectibles, arts, crafts, food and bee keeping seminars and more!