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As part of October's National Fire Prevention Week, the Paso Robles Department of Emergency Services recently conducted fire safety presentations at all Paso Robles public schools. Students from kindergarten through second grade attended a "Sparky Fire Safety" presentation that included a visit from Sparky the Fire Dog himself. Students were also able to see firefighters in their protective gear and ask questions about firefighting. The students received edu-

cation on fire safety including topics such as: What is an emergency?, calling 911; matches and lighters; exit drills in the home; "get down, stay low, and get out;" and "stop, drop, and roll." Approximately 1200 children received the safety presentation. After each presentation all students received Paso Robles Fire Department "Junior Firefighter" badge stickers, fire safety pencils and coloring books with crayons. Sparky the Fire Dog is looking forward to next year's presentation and keeping our Paso Robles kids safe!

This year's Fire Prevention Week campaign, "Don't Wait – Check the Date! Replace Smoke Alarms Every 10 Years," represents the final year of a three-year effort to educate the public about basic but essential elements of smoke alarm safety. Why focus on smoke alarms three years in a row? The National Fire Prevention Association's survey data shows that the public has misconceptions about smoke alarms, which may put them at increased risk in the event of a home fire. For example, only a small percentage of people

know how old their smoke alarms are, or how often they need to be replaced.

As a result of these and related findings, we're addressing smoke alarm replacement this year with a focus on key messages such as: smoke alarms should be replaced every 10 years; make sure you know how old all the smoke alarms are in your home; and, to find out how old a smoke alarm is, look at the date of manufacture on the back of the alarm. Please be safe and replace your alarms every 10 years!



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50 New Trees at City Water Tanks

During the summer of 2014, Emergency Services Chief Ken Johnson declared the hillside around the City water tanks on Golden Hill Road to be a fire hazard requiring abatement. Trees and plant material on the hillside suffered significantly over the past drought years from a minimally-designed irrigation system, winter freeze and extreme heat.

To remedy the situation, City Council authorized funding not only to remove the dead plant material and restore an irrigation system, but to replant 50 screening trees around the water tanks.

The end of September marked the completion of the project with 15 Italian Stone Pine, 15 Coast Live Oak, 12 Chinese Pistache and 8 Deodar Cedar planted and irrigated.

Many thanks to Parks and Water crews who worked with Newton Construction & Management, ensuring that the project was completed safely.



“We want to thank you and City staff for completing the tree project on the hill, eliminating the fire hazard and fulfilling Council’s promise to homeowners. It took us four years, but we got it done. Our thanks to Nate Wyatt for personally selecting the trees for the project. They look great along with the state of the art underground irrigation system. We look forward to working with staff to complete future District rehabilitation priorities. Thank you!”

-Steve Rath
-Perry and Adele Destro
-Nan and John Moss



Pavement Condition Index (PCI)

At the September 26 meeting, the City Council authorized a contract to update the Pavement Condition Index (PCI) of all the City streets (approximately 150 miles total). The contract was awarded to Pavement Engineering Inc., of San Luis Obispo.

PEI staff are now on-site to gather data. Below are some graphs and charts that explain PCI ratings, and photos of what each PCI rating looks like. As the "Pavement Deterioration Curve/Graph" illustrates, it is more cost effective to perform maintenance of the road surface at the critical PCI stage before an overlay is needed.

Once the PCI update is complete, City Staff will use the data to create a new list of streets to be repaired, maintained, and re-surfaced, using the remaining Supplemental Sales Tax. As a reminder, the 1/2 cent Sales Tax will "sunset" (end), in 2024. If approved by the citizens of Paso Robles in a new vote, the 1/2 cent Sales Tax could be extended after 2024.

Pavement Evaluation

Evaluating Common Pavement Distresses

- Alligator cracking
- Block cracking
- Distortions
- Longitudinal / transverse cracking
- Patches
- Rutting / depressions
- Weathering / raveling

Pavement Condition Index

- 100 – 91 = Excellent
- 90 – 71 = Good
- 70 – 51 = Fair
- 50 – 31 = Poor
- 30 – 0 = Failed

Developed by the U. S. Army Corp of Engineers during World War II and standardized by ASTM, the PCI is an objective and rational basis for determining pavement condition and establishing maintenance priorities.



PCI=100
Excellent 100-91



PCI=60
Fair 70-51



PCI=85
Good 90-71



PCI=38
Fair 50-31

Pavement Condition Index (PCI) - Continued



PCI=28
Failed 30-0



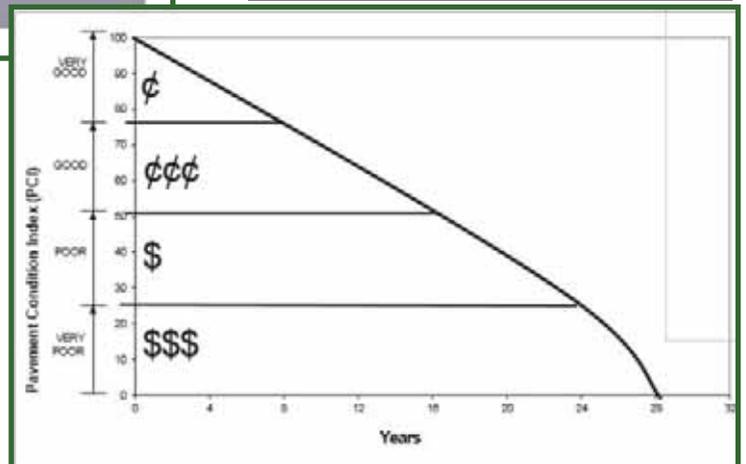
PCI=??
Enough said!

Good Pavement Management



Pavement Condition vs. Maintenance/ Rehabilitation Cost

Critical Pavement Management





City of Paso Robles Press Release - Pending Storm

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Rainfall amounts from anticipated winter storms could be significant, which may cause local flooding. City Staff has taken preemptive measures to mitigate and/or reduce the flooding potential where possible (i.e., drain cleaning, etc.).

Should you wish to make sand bags to protect private property, the City has sand available at the City Streets Yard located at 1220 Paso Robles Street (refer to the graphic below). Please make sure to bring a shovel.

Empty sand bags are available for purchase at the following locations:

American Builders Supply	1108 Paso Robles Street	805-239-4317
Lowe's	2445 Golden Hill Road	805-602-9051
Blake's Hardware	1701 Riverside Avenue	805-238-3934
OSH (Orchard)	2505 Theatre Drive	805-226-0604
Farm Supply	2450 Ramada Drive	805-238-1177



For guidance on disaster preparedness (i.e., Flood Safety Checklist), please visit the City of Paso Robles Emergency Services website:

<http://www.prcity.com/government/departments/emercyservices/disaster-prep.asp>

Important Emergency Contact Information:

Emergencies	Paso Robles Police Department	911 or 805-237-6464
Electrical/Power	PG&E	1-800-743-5002
Storm/Street/Drainage Questions	Department of Public Works	805-237-3861

Working Together



Virginia with 'Pip'



Jeanette, Virginia, Claudia and Karen from Pacific Wildlife Care with their long-eared owl, Oberon.

On Saturday, October 22, the Library presented a visit from Pacific Wildlife Care, the county's only licensed rehabilitation center for injured, sick, orphaned and pollution-damaged birds, mammals and reptiles, which are then returned to the wild.

Along with a short video, three winged animal ambassadors came to share their stories.

First, attendees met Korax the Raven. He is four years old and may live as long as 20 years. Ravens are very smart and can mimic the sounds of cats and dogs as well as humans. Korax already has a large vocabulary but only likes to "talk" when he wants to.

Pip the Kestrel, AKA a Sparrow Hawk, is just over one year old. In the wild he might live for three to five years but in captivity up to 17 years. He was brought in as a fledgling with a broken wing and cuts after being mauled by a cat. Once patched up by their on-site veterinarian, he was able to heal but unable to build the strength needed to live in the wild. Because of his limited ability, he is now a beautiful Animal Ambassador.

Oberon, the long-eared owl, is three years old. They get their name from the feathers that look like "ears" on the top of their heads. Smaller than the barn and screech owls, he also only calls out with one hoot.



According to Library staff member Darlene de la Vega, "attendees had an opportunity to explore what *is* in an owl pellet and handle feathers, feeling the fringe that makes them silent flyers."

The Library thanks Councilman Jim Reed for making this program possible.

For more information on upcoming library programs, visit www.prcity.com/library.



Korax with Karen

Holiday Recreation Classes

Learn to Create One of a Kind Gifts and Decorations at Centennial Park

With the holiday season upon us, the City of Paso Robles is offering a chance for folks to create unique holiday treasures for gift giving this year. Look no further than these delightful holiday classes where participants will create hand-made and heart-felt gifts for most everyone on their list.



Make a Holiday Wreath

Get into the holiday spirit by creating your own beautiful wreath, perfect to hang on your front door or inside your home for some holiday cheer. This fresh wreath makes the perfect heart-felt holiday gift. During this class, you will make and adorn your very own 12" holiday wreath using fresh greenery. Step by step instructions will be provided.

A \$25 materials fee is payable to the instructor at the class.

Location: Centennial Park Live Oak Room
 Instructor: Skye Ravy
 Ages: 10Y+
 Time/Date:: 6:00 - 8:00 p.m., December 15
 Fee: \$25/class



Holiday Bead Bazaar

Gift giving season is here! Sign up for the Holiday Bead Bazaar and create three projects that you can give away or keep for yourself. Handmade and heartfelt is the theme for this class. Students will make a bracelet, bookmark and ornament. Instructions and supplies will be given in the first hour. Students will have the option to stay the full hour and a half as some will finish faster than others. Oh what fun! Questions? Contact Bohdi at 503-5019 or bohdi@cambriabeadstore.com. *Ongoing support is available for free at the instructor's bead store, Cambria Beads.*

A \$15 supply fee is payable to the instructor at the class.

Location: Centennial Park
 White Oak Room
 Instructor: Bohdi Hodges
 Ages: 12Y+
 Time/Date 6:00 - 7:30 p.m., December 7
 Fee: \$25



Soy Candle-Making

Hand-made candles make the perfect holiday gift for friends, family, co-workers and teachers. During this two-hour class you'll learn to create beautiful hand-poured and decorated natural vegetable soy candles. Learn about melting the wax, creating colors, choosing fragrances and selecting the right wick for your candle and container. You'll have a chance to personalize your creations by decorating your candle containers as well. Questions? Contact Becky at 239-8348.

Location: Centennial Park Kitchen & Live Oak Room
 Instructor: Becky Hallett
 Ages: 14Y+ (under 14 accompanied by an adult)
 Time: 6:00 - 8:00 p.m.
 Session 1: November 1
 Session 2: November 15
 Session 3: December 6
 Session 4: December 20
 Fee: \$24 / \$8 supply fee



Cooking Class: Holiday Side Dishes

It's time to start thinking about what side dishes you're going to be wowing your friends and family with during this holiday season. Most everyone has the specialties that they love to make, but this is the year to branch out a little, get creative and try something new that will be a hit with family and friends. This class will be all about new holiday side dishes. Chef Bruce will use ingredients that most participants are familiar with, and maybe some that are new. There will be a lot of new flavors to experience and Chef Bruce promises that there will be NO green bean casseroles at this cooking class! Questions, contact Chef Bruce Finch at 369-2043 or bruce@apartyforyourpalate.com

Location: Centennial Park Kitchen
 Instructor: Chef Bruce Finch
 Ages: 16+
 Time/Date 6:00 - 8:00 p.m., November 7
 Fee: \$35 class / +\$25 food and supply fee

Holiday Recreation Classes - Continued



Cooking Class: Comfort Food

It just seems to be that time of year when our thoughts turn to foods and meals that make us feel cozy inside.

Just in time for the holidays, this class is all about comfort foods. Beyond the recipe, Chef Bruce will talk about certain tricky ingredients, or the secrets to creating dishes we all love and crave. There may be foods you have come to know and love and perhaps something new to try, but either way, it's all about great home cooked food for you to share with friends and family. Come hungry to this class! Questions, contact Chef Bruce Finch at 369-2043 or bruce@apartyforyourpalate.com

A \$25 food and supply fee is payable to the instructor at the class.

Location: Centennial Park Kitchen
 Instructor: Chef Bruce Finch
 Ages: 16+
 Days: Monday
 Time: 6:00 - 8:00 p.m.
 Date: December 5
 Fee: \$35

Create your Own Digital Book Using Google Slides

This class makes the book-writing process easy as you learn how to create your own digital book using Google Slides. Perhaps you'll create a holiday story of your adventures during the past year. You can even write a personalized story for a family member to create a one of a kind present just for them. Try your hand at story telling or capturing that family history or recipe book you've been meaning to write. The possibilities are as endless as your own creativity! You can choose to create either a visual book or a text-based book. Enthrall your readers by adding video to your book as well. Share your book online or download and print it for all to enjoy. Interested? Join us for this exciting two-day class. All you need is a gmail account and a story to share. Experience with Google Slides is not a requirement. Google Slides is easy to use and customize. Google Slides is a part of Google Apps and is free! Questions? Contact Pat at 769-6806.

Location: Centennial Park / White Oak Room
 Instructor: Patricia Judd
 Ages: 12Y+
 Days: Monday & Tuesday
 Time/Date: 1:00 – 2:30 p.m., November 21 & 22
 Fee: \$52



Create Your Adventure Story Using Google Forms

Have you ever read a *Choose Your Own Adventure* story and wished that you could write your own? Well, now you can! Using Google Forms, you will learn how to insert images

and video to make your story engaging for your readers. During this two class course you will map your story, create the Google Form and customize it. Once your story is finished you can share it with family and friends across the country or across the world. Imagine the excitement you will create when you design an adventure story for your family and friends. Think of the joy your readers will feel as they read a personalized story written by you featuring them as the main characters.

Interested? Sign up now and get ready to create an adventure of your choosing. The best part is, Google Forms is a part of Google Apps and it's FREE! Participants must have a Google account or create one in class. Questions? Contact the instructor Patricia Judd at 769-6806.

Location: Centennial Park / Live Oak Room
 Instructor: Patricia Judd
 Ages: 12Y+
 Days: Wednesday & Thursday
 Time: 2:00 – 4:00 p.m.
 Dates: December 21 & 22
 Fee: \$37



← **CLICK HERE**

To find out more about holiday classes!

Registration for all Paso Robles 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 be found online at www.prcity.com/recreation. For more information about Recreation Services programs and events please call (805) 237-3988 or visit online at www.prcity.com/recreation.

2016 Building Code Workshop

Monday, October 17, the Community Development Department hosted a public workshop to look at upcoming changes to the 2016 California Building Standards Code and draft updates to the City Building Ordinance. The 13 Workshop participants included contractors, design professionals, Building Liaison Committee members, elected officials, and staff.

The State updates the California Building Code every three years. The new code will become effective state-wide on January 1, 2017.

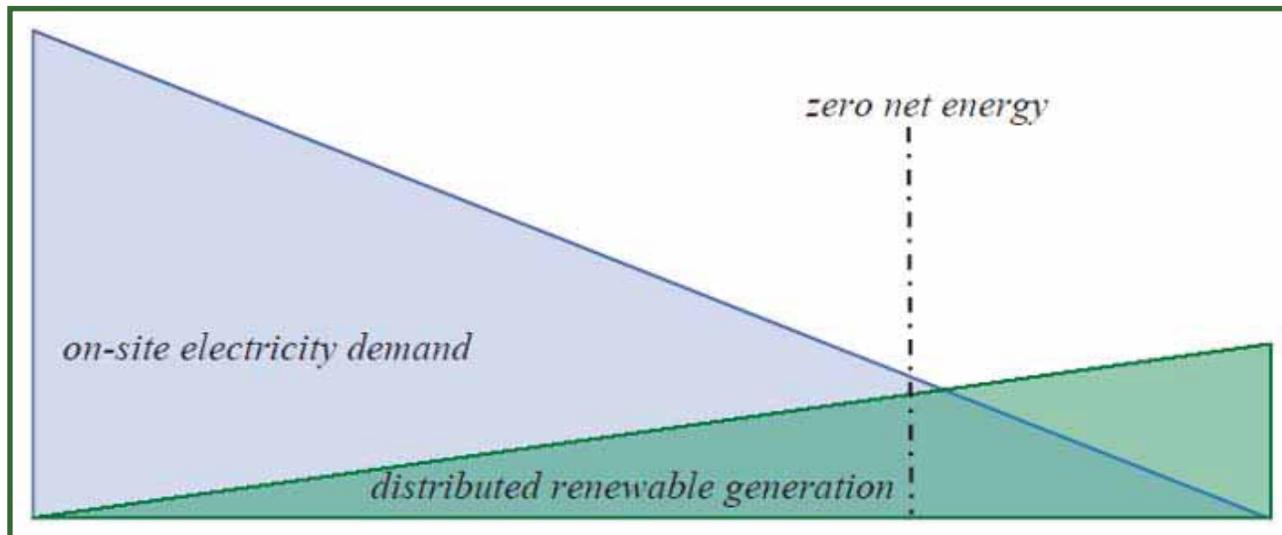
Significant changes include increased energy conservation requirements for building construction. In 2011, the State adopted the goal that all new residential construction will be “zero net energy” by 2020. Zero net energy is defined as when the amount of energy provided by on-site renewable energy sources is equal to the amount of energy used by the building. The new code requirements increase the efficiency requirements further as a step towards reaching this goal.



Round-table discussion included common-sense approaches to meeting the new state requirements as well as strategies and tools that we can all use as we work together to get up to speed on the new requirements.

The draft ordinance contains no new local amendments and proposes to delete existing local amendments that are no longer relevant or are otherwise redundant to the 2016 California Building Standards Code.

First reading for adoption of the new state code and updated local amendments is scheduled for the November 1 City Council meeting. The draft ordinance, as well as information on significant changes to the state code, are available on the City website at <http://www.prcity.com/government/departments/commdev/building/> under “Hot Topics”. Please contact the Building Division for more information.



Dealing Successfully with Customers Workshop

On October 12, the Human Resources division organized a *Dealing Successfully with Customers* training through the California JPIA for 59 of the City's employees. The workshop taught participants the importance of customer service in the public sector and how personal values and attitudes influence contact with both customers and co-workers. Additionally, instructor Forrest Story provided communication techniques to resolve customer problems and concerns, methods to strengthen the relationship with customers and how to keep discussions open and focused on problem solving.



Flu Vaccinations

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) recommends a yearly flu vaccination as the first and most important step in protecting against flu and its potentially serious complications. As a public agency, the City is here to serve the needs of the citizens. Our ability to do so is hindered if employees are absent from work due to the flu. To help protect employees, and their immediate family members from getting sick, the Human Resources division organized a flu clinic through the County of San Luis Obispo on October 5. According to the CDC, benefits of receiving a flu vaccine include the reduction of flu-associated hospitalization, a milder illness if one does get sick, and the protection against illness for those around you.



City Council Highlights - October 18, 2016

Police Department Report on Gangs –

Received a presentation from the Paso Robles Police Department (PRPD) on gang related statistics in our City and surrounding communities/regions. Gangs are present in Paso Robles and we continue to experience encroachment from our surrounding neighbors. The PRPD shares intelligence with local and county agencies to enhance local efforts. The Paso Robles Special Enforcement Team has been especially effective in reducing gang crime since its 2013 formation, and according to 2015 FBI Violent Crime statistics, Paso Robles is the safest large city in SLO County.

Hot Spot Repairs Bid Documents –

Authorized the preparation of bid documents to initiate “hot spot” street repairs for failing portions of Creston Road, along with several other public streets.

Street Abandonment referred back to Planning Commission –

Referred a request by St. Rose Church for the abandonment of a portion of Tucker Avenue back to the Planning Commission to resolve concerns over the timing of installation of a trash enclosure and related landscape and setback needs.

Parks Field Rental Fees –

Approved adjustments to City Parks’ Field rental fees to more fully recover costs from adult use of playing fields. The rates for adult use will be transitioned over 2 years, going from \$6/hour to \$12/hour for field use on January 1, 2017; and to \$16/hour on January 1, 2018. Youth sports and youth club team rates were also adjusted, but to a much lesser degree. The City will continue to subsidize youth sports and youth club field use.

Phillips 66 Rail Spur Project Briefing –

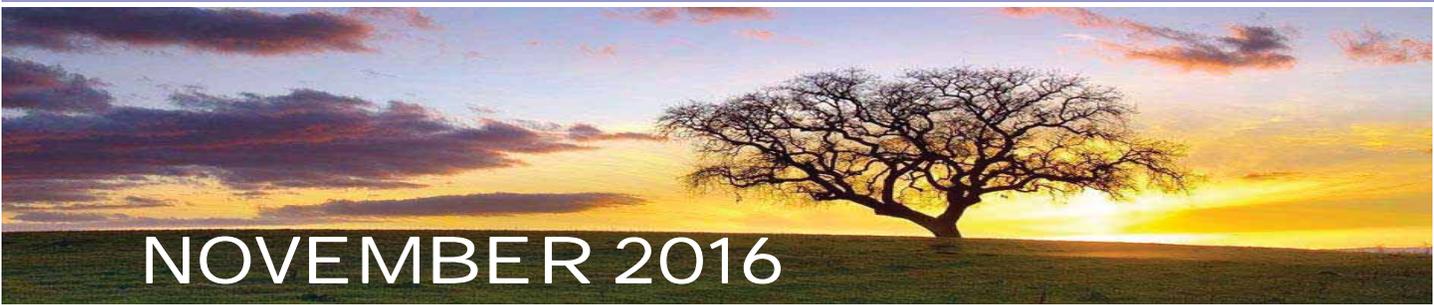
Received a briefing of the status of San Luis Obispo County’s consideration of the proposed Phillips 66 “Santa Maria” Refinery project. While the project itself is not in the City limits, multiple speakers expressed concern over the potential safety risks associated with an increase in oil train-car transportation on the rail system through Paso Robles to the proposed new plant. The Council gave direction to send a letter to the County Board of Supervisors expressing their concerns with oil train safety needs in general, and also to send a letter to Union Pacific Railroad requesting verification of the safety of an existing railroad trestle bridge located near 4th and Pine Streets.

Airport Commission Bylaws –

Adopted a set of Bylaws that establish the role, responsibilities and membership composition of the newly formed Airport Commission.

Fixed Cameras Pilot Project –

Authorized the Paso Robles Police to proceed with a public safety fixed camera pilot program utilizing State Grant funding. The fixed camera project is expected to deter calls for service in problematic areas such as Pioneer Park, and to be useful as both an investigative and evidentiary tool in law enforcement efforts. If the system is proven to be successful as in other communities, it is easily scalable to expand into other areas of the city.



MONDAY

TUESDAY

WEDNESDAY

THURSDAY

FRIDAY

	1 6:30pm City Council Meeting	2 Central Coast Fall Classic Equestrian Event	3 Central Coast Fall Classic Equestrian Event Paderewski Festival	4 Central Coast Fall Classic Equestrian Event Paderewski Festival
7	8 6:30pm Planning Commission Election Day	9	10	11 Veteran's Day City Offices and Library Closed
14	15 6:30pm City Council Meeting	16	17	18
21	22 6:30pm Planning Commission	23	24 Thanksgiving Day City Offices and Library Closed	25 City Offices and Library Closed Downtown Holiday Lighting Ceremony Holiday Craft Bazaar
28	29	30	1	2

Weekend Activities:

October 31 - Fun and Safe Halloween Downtown

November 2-4- Central California Fall Classic Equestrian Event

November 3-6 - Paderewski Festival

November 6 - End of Daylight Savings Time

November 12 - Elegant Evening Downtown

November 12 - Garagiste Festival

November 25 - Downtown Holiday Lighting Ceremony

November 25 - Holiday Craft Bazaar



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

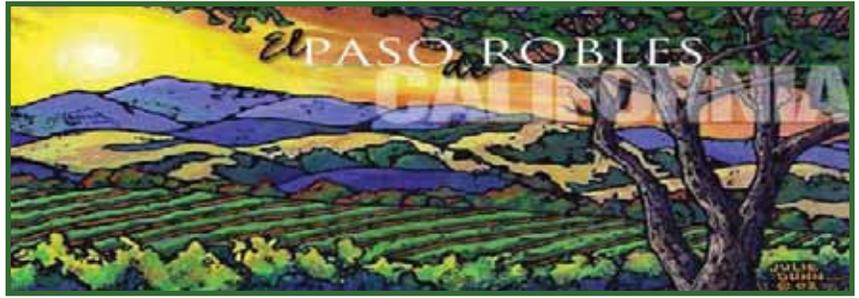


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Main Street Merchants
(238-4103 for Info)
www.pasoroblesdowntown.org

TRICK OR TREATING

4 - 7 pm
Downtown

"Thriller" 4:30 & 5:30pm
"Freak Like Me
Needs Company"
at 4:45 & 5:45 pm
(Performed by
Paso Robles
Youth Arts Foundation)

Class Act Dance
Performance at 6 pm

MONDAY
OCT. 31
4 - 7 PM



**PHOTO
WITH THE
WITCHES!**
4 - 7 pm
12th & Park St.

BARBECUE
4-7 pm
City Park
(By Historical Society)



Come Downtown to See ALL The
Great Scarecrows! Vote for your fa-
vorite and win a prize by 10/28.