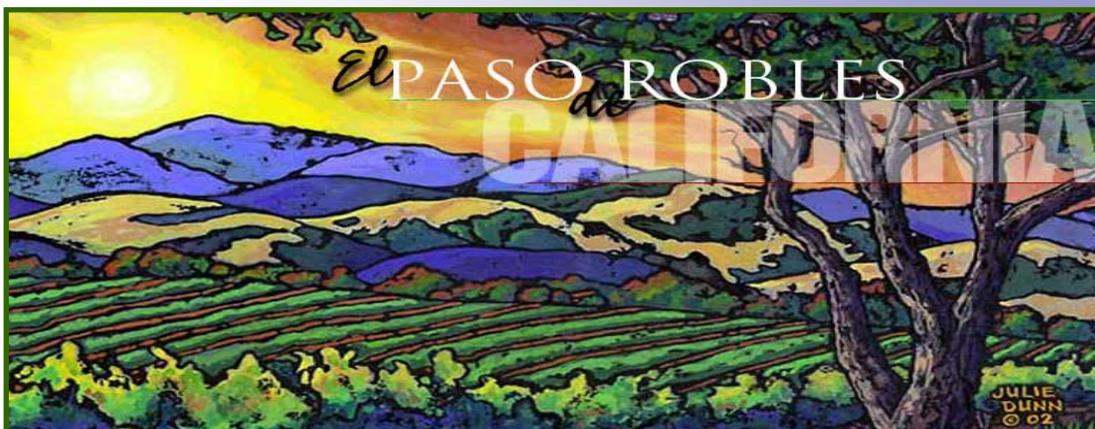


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## Wastewater Treatment Plant Tour

On a beautiful, clear February morning, Wastewater Supervisor Chris Slater was kind enough to spend a few hours with Building Technician Lori Wilson, Building Administrative Assistant Devon Vandergron and Deputy City Clerk Kristy Buxkemper giving a tour of the new Wastewater Treatment Plant. After hearing months worth of complimentary feedback about the improved plant, it was nice to finally see firsthand what a huge development this was for the City of Paso

Robles and the amount of work it takes to operate and maintain such a huge treatment plant.

After a few hours of breaking down the scientific and biological aspects of the entire operation, it was easy to see why Mr. Slater is such an integral part of the treatment plant. He was a wealth of knowledge and a very humble host giving credit to his hard working staff saying “they are

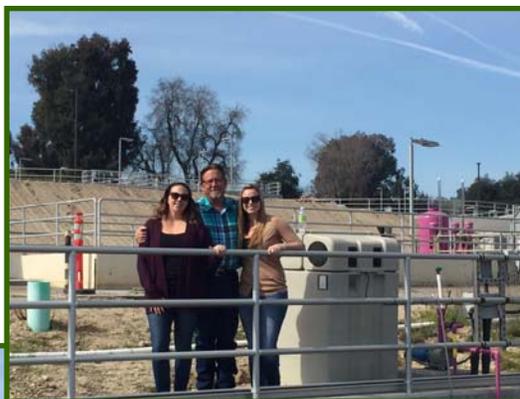
a great example of team work” and contributed the success of the operation to their efforts.

Though the plant is still a work in progress and not entirely finished, tours are available and can be set up by contacting the Public Works Department.

The entire process is educational and nothing short of fascinating. It is well worth seeing firsthand.

-Kristy Buxkemper

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## *Housing Opportunities and Constraints Committee*

The *Housing Opportunities and Constraints Committee* met for the first time on Wednesday, February 17<sup>th</sup> to discuss their goals and priorities for future meetings. The Committee was formed by the City Council in December 2015 to evaluate the impediments and/or opportunities that influence the creation of new housing stock within the City.

The Committee consists of two City Council members (Mayor Steve Martin and Councilmember Steve Gregory), two Planning Commission members (Commissioners Scott Brennan and John Donaldson) and nine public members (Chris Bausch, Marc Dart, Jeff Eckles, Al Garcia, Greg Haas, Julia Ogden, Beth Raphael, Vince Vanderlip, Larry Werner).

After initial orientation, the Committee elected Committee member Steve Martin as its Chair and Committee member Al Garcia as Vice Chair. The Committee then rolled up their sleeves and set their work priorities as follows:

- Review fees for Mixed Use Residential (2<sup>nd</sup> floor residential over commercial)
- Work Force Housing (WFH) Development (including properly defining WFH in Paso Robles)
- Evaluation of Development Impact Fees and City Permit Fees
- Review best use of Specific Plans

The Committee identified various topics where expert speakers will be of value to the education of the group. Future meetings will include guest speakers from the League of Cities, from property owners and/or the building community, and other municipal agencies.



Housing Opportunities & Constraints Committee inaugural meeting

## *Wastewater Treatment Plant - Continued*

After several years of planning, design and construction on April 7, 2015 we seeded the new Biological Nutrient Removal (BNR) system for the wastewater treatment plant. The old trickling filter plant circa 1954 with a few upgrades over the years was what they refer to as a fixed biology treatment. Biological mass was grown on fixed film like plastic media or rock media and the waste stream was sprinkled over the top where the micro organisms removed the solids or as we refer to it BOD and Total Suspended Solids. Although the old process achieved partial nitrification (removal of ammonia) it did not remove all of it. It also discharged nitrates in the effluent which causes excessive algae growth in the receiving waters.

With the issuance of the new discharge permit in 2011 we are required to remove all the ammonia and remove the nitrates referred to as Total Nitrogen (limit 10 mg/l). The new BNR process is a suspended biological process meaning the micro organisms are suspended in water in what we refer to as theoxic zone. Air is also supplied to this zone for the microbiology with

the use of new high speed turbo blowers. Nitrification takes place in this zone and then the MLSS (microbiology) is recycled up front to three zones referred to as the anaerobic and anoxic zones where the de-nitrification or nitrate removal takes place.

Other new processes include secondary clarifiers, new headworks, new primary affluent pump station, RAS and scum pump station, DAFT for solids reduction, new Cogen and standby engines, and a new state certified Laboratory for daily process control and permit sampling. The new process has done extremely well in meeting our discharge limits. Besides achieving an average of 5 mg/l on the Total Nitrogen removal we are also achieving less than 10 mg/l on BOD and TSS removal and one of the added benefits that has been salts reduction which has been a long time problem at the plant. The plant is not actually designed to remove salts, but they are being reduced with all of the solids being removed. When new City Manager Tom Frutchey came out to visit the plant, we placed a bottle of plant effluent and a bottle of drinking water in front of him and you could not tell the difference!

I would like to acknowledge the Operations staff for all of their patience and hard work during this upgrade. It is extremely hard to build a new plant in and around the old plant and try to keep it running. They did a great job and have done the same in learning and developing the new process.

**-Chris Slater**  
Technical Supervisor II



## *The City of Paso Robles Plunges Into Preparations for Summer Aquatic Season*

### *Construction Commences at Both City Pools This Month and Recruitment for Aquatics Staff for Summer Employment is Underway!*

The city of Paso Robles has begun construction at Centennial Pool with plans to reopen the aquatic facility this June in time for the summer swim season. Additionally, construction at the city's Municipal Pool facility is slated to begin Monday, February 29 with a scheduled completion date of Friday, April 29.

Centennial Pool, which has been closed since 2011, will undergo needed repairs and be brought up to ADA code compliance in time for a June 2016 opening. Reopening Centennial Pool will allow the city to accommodate three times the number of swimmers into aquatics programs and at public swim times this summer. The pool is located in Centennial Park at 600 Nickerson Drive.

"The amenities at Centennial Pool create a wonderful aquatic playground for the Paso Robles community," commented Lynda Holt, Recreation Services Manager for the city of Paso Robles. "The large slide, expansive shallow area and wading pool all contribute to a family friendly pool experience. We are thrilled that Centennial Pool will once again be a great place for families to cool off this summer."

The outdoor pool, diving well and indoor therapy pool at the Municipal Pool located at 534 28th Street have been the city's primary aquatics facility for the past five years. The pools and surrounding area of this facility will be brought up to ADA code compliance to ensure a safe and enjoyable experience for the community. The Municipal Pool is scheduled to reopen on Tuesday, May 2.

Summer employment opportunities are available with Recreation Services with recruitment underway for several seasonal positions. Certified lifeguards and water safety instructors are needed for the 2016 aquatics season and are encouraged to apply by the Friday, March 4 deadline. Additionally, the city has an open position for an assistant pool manager with applications for this position due by Friday, February 26.

Applications and additional information for all aquatics positions can be found on the city's website at [www.prcity.com/jobs](http://www.prcity.com/jobs)



Lifeguards, water safety instructors and an assistant pool manager are all needed for the 2016 summer aquatics season.

Pictured is the 2015 Paso Robles aquatics staff at Municipal Pool.



Mason Wicks of Newton Construction works at Centennial Pool on Thursday, February 18. The pool, which has been closed since 2011, will undergo needed repairs and be brought up to ADA code compliance in time for a June 2016 re-opening.

## Police Department Safety Tips and Education



*Officer Joe Leonard, Paso Robles Police Department*

### School Education

On Friday, February 19th, Officer Joe Leonard is participating in a Community Helper Day at Pifer Elementary School.

Officer Leonard will be talking to students about his job as a police officer, as well as, providing safety tips.

### Public Safety Center Tours

Tours of the Public Safety Center, home of the Police Department and Emergency Services, are available by appointment. If scheduling permits, introductions to the Police K-9 Officers and other "specialized" units are available. Tours take approximately 1 hour and can be scheduled by calling Mary Sponhaltz at the Police Department at 227-7520.

Stranger Danger - Sheet 7

### Simple Rules To Stay Safe

There are some very simple rules that you can follow to help you stay safe when you are not with a trusted adult .....

1. **NEVER** go anywhere with somebody that you don't know or don't trust. Stay well away from strangers' cars.
2. **NEVER** take anything from a stranger even if it is something personal that belongs to you.
3. **NEVER** talk to strangers even if they know your name. If they try to start a conversation with you it's OK to just ignore them and not look at them. Keep walking or run away if you feel scared.

4. **ALWAYS** stay with a friend or a group of friends if at all possible. There is safety in numbers !

5. **ALWAYS** follow rules about places that you are not allowed to go. Make sure somebody knows where you are going and when you will be back.

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### A police officer...

- teaches people about the law
- protects
- drives a police car
- solves problems
- teaches kids how to stay safe

## *Fire Staff Physical Testing*

Emergency services is proud to recognize Firefighters Phil Magri and Charles Brown on their physical performance scores during this year’s physical fitness testing. The tasks related to firefighting can be very physically arduous and challenging. Both Phil and Charles exceeded the 1800-point mark performance which places them both in top physical condition. All department members completed the extensive testing, meeting or exceeding testing parameters.

The process is a comprehensive assessment of tests which include: strength, endurance, cardiovascular performance, body composition and vital signs using physiological parameters based on their age groups.



## *Power Outage Tips*

As the El Nino season continues over the next few months it is important all of our residents understand the need to be prepared for power outages caused by storm related incidents. Below are some tips you and your family can follow to better prepare for such events:

**Power Outage Tips**

**BEFORE**

- Follow directions from local officials
- Check flashlight and radio batteries
- Charge mobile devices
- Add warm clothes and blankets to emergency kit
- Keep gas tank full
- Take cash out (ATM’s may not work)

**DURING**

- Conserve energy
- Go to community warming shelters & check on neighbors, family, seniors and homeless
- Only use generators in open areas away from windows and home to prevent carbon monoxide poisoning

**AFTER**

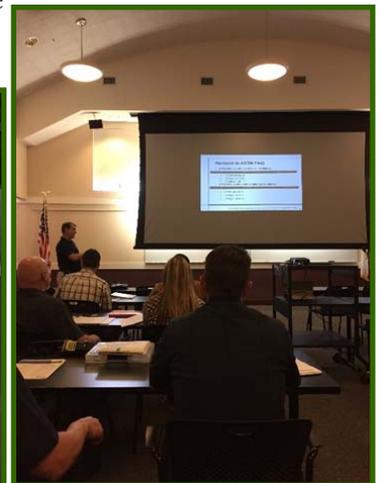
- Throw out unsafe food

[www.Ready.gov/blackouts](http://www.Ready.gov/blackouts)

Who to Call → Where to Meet → What to Pack

## *Fire Sprinkler Training*

Members from both the building department and emergency services have been participating in a 13D residential sprinkler design training presented by long time ES plan reviewer Dan Peterson. The course runs from January through May focusing on one and two family dwellings and manufactured home sprinkler systems. The intent is to provide a better understanding of the sprinkler system design, materials permissible to use and inspection techniques. The intent is to have a stronger understanding of the systems installed in new and remodel construction by all building department and emergency service inspectors.



## **Budget Process for Fiscal Year 2017 and 2018**

The City implemented a new finance system in April 2014. It replaced the legacy system that was purchased in 1989. This new Enterprise Resource Planning (ERP) system, is in use throughout the private sector, and is designed to encompass a wide range of City needs, with complete integration of all our core functions including finance, budget, general ledger, accounts payable, accounts receivable, payroll, human resources, and more. This is the first year that the City will be using the budget module to its full capabilities, including a four-year fiscal forecast and a two-year budget.

All departments have now entered their budget proposals electronically (no longer are paper copies shuffled around), based on the Council's priorities and other requirements. Simultaneously, based on economic forecasts, the projected state budget, and other resources, we have been developing the revenue forecast. Next, the preliminary budget will be prepared, fully integrating the revenue expectations and the department's service proposals. The City Manager will then forward the budget proposal to Council, for its comprehensive review. The proposed budget will include options for Council consideration, in one or more meetings, in the Council's preferred setting (such as a study session or regular Council meeting), providing for extensive community input. Adoption by the Council of the City's budget is scheduled for June 21.

A long-range goal the system makes possible is implementation of an "Open Gov" module, which will allow citizens to view the entire budget online, during consideration and throughout the budget year. This is one more tool the City is adopting to increase openness and participation.

## **Comprehensive Annual Financial Report (CAFR)**

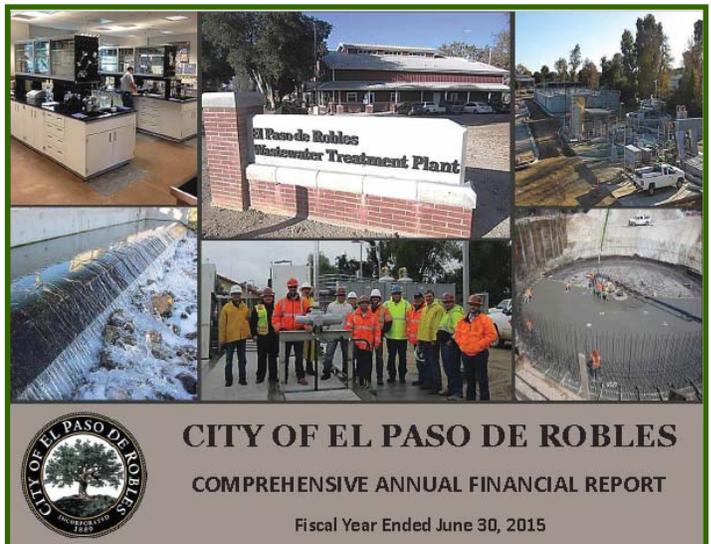
The CAFR presents the results of financial operations for the fiscal year and is prepared by the City's Administrative Services Department. Responsibility for the accuracy of the presented data, the completeness, and fairness of the presentation rests with this department. The data fairly reflects the financial position and the results of the City's operations as measured by the financial activity of its various funds; it includes statistical information of a general interest about the Paso Robles Community. The City's General Fund is the primary source of funding for most municipal services such as Police and Fire, Library and Recreational Services, Parks, Streets, Maintenance and Operation of governmental buildings/facilities, Planning and Building services, and other governmental activities such as City Council, City Manager, and Administrative Services.

The California Society of Municipal Finance Officers awarded its Certificate for Outstanding Financial Reporting to the City for the 2014 CAFR. This was the sixteenth consecutive year that the City has achieved this prestigious statewide award. To receive the award, the City must publish an easily readable and efficiently organized CAFR that must satisfy both accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America and all applicable legal requirements.

Special acknowledgment to Deanne Purcell, the City's Finance Manager who worked many weeks and week-ends on preparing the CAFR, while at the same time implementing a new finance system.

To view the full Comprehensive Annual Financial Report please visit the link below:

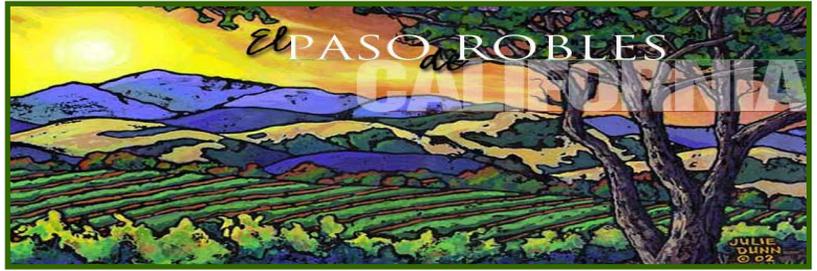
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## Inspired Home, Garden and Gourmet Expo

Would you like to recreate the wine country lifestyle at home? Come and meet face-to-face with SLO County home and garden experts all while enjoying gourmet food and wine!

### Date and Time:

Saturday, February 20, 2016 - 10:00am - 5:00pm  
Sunday, February 21, 2016 - 10:00am - 4:00pm

### Location:

Paso Robles Event Center  
2198 Riverside Avenue, Paso Robles

- Over 100 home and garden professionals
- FREE to all attendees
- Cooking demonstrations
- Wine and gourmet food garden with local wineries and restaurants



**WARBIRDS, WINGS AND WHEELS 8**  
MAY 7, 2016

ENTRY INCLUDES:  
T-SHIRT, GOODIE BAG, DASH PLAQUE,  
PICTURE OF YOUR CAR W/ WARBIRD PLANE,  
EVENT POSTER & ENTRY INTO:

**LIVE MUSIC**  
FREE ADMISSION TO SPECTATORS  
ALL MUSEUM & AUTO DISPLAY BUILDINGS OPEN

**CAR SHOW HOURS: 10AM - 4PM**  
RAFFLE PRIZES - KID ZONE - T-SHIRT SALES  
50/50 CASH DRAWING - FOOD COURT - VENDORS  
FIRESTONE WALKER BEER GARDEN

**FRIDAY NIGHT DINNER & DANCING**  
MONTE MILLS & THE LUCKY HORSESHOE BAND

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## WARBIRDS, WINGS AND WHEELS 8

The Estrella Warbirds Museum presents the 8th Annual event planned for Saturday, May 7, 2016.

10:00am - 4:00pm

- Barn Dance and Dinner Mixer
- Great Prize Drawings
- Cloud Clippers
- Live Music
- Kid Zone
- Firestone Walker Beer Garden
- Free Admission to Spectators



**Register now at:**

<http://www.ewarbirds.org/www/autoregistration.html>