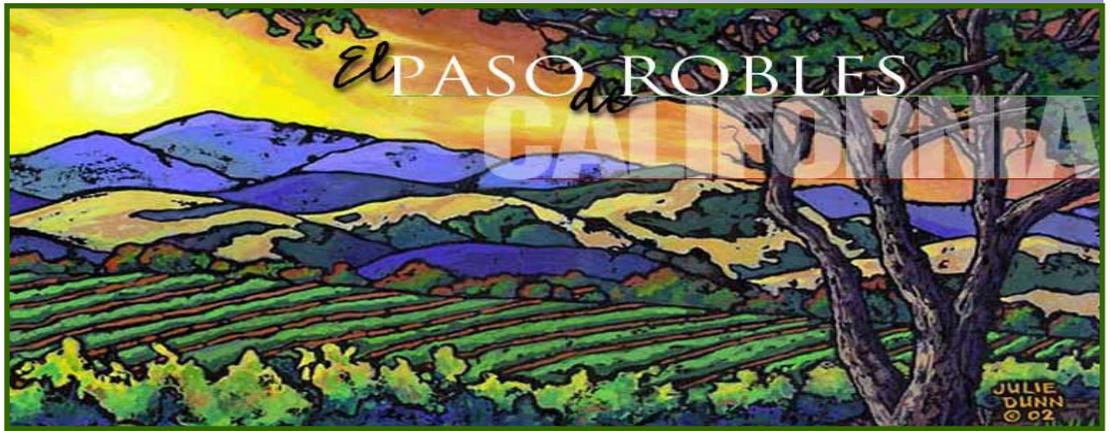


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Paso Robles City Library Selected to Receive New AWE Children's Computer Station

March 10, 2016, Paso Robles, CA—

The Paso Robles City Library has been chosen by the California State Library and the Califa Library Group, during a competitive process, to receive one of fifty new AWE station bilingual computers for the children's area of the Library. The Library currently has one AWE computer station which has received much use since its arrival in January of 2014. During the last year, the computer station was used over 1,500 times by library patrons usually under the age of nine. The new computer will join the existing AWE station on a shared carrel in the children's area of the Library.

The online public access catalog (OPAC) that had previously shared this space will be relocated to a new carrel to be purchased by the Paso Robles Library Foundation.

"We feel so very fortunate to have been chosen to receive a new AWE station through the generosity of the California State Library and Califa," com-

mented Julie Dahlen, Director of Library and Recreation Services for the City of Paso Robles. "The colorful keyboard, touch screen technology and engaging programs make the AWE station a popular destination in the children's section of our Library.

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Alexi Toscano, age 4 takes a turn on the AWE computer at the City Library., who has been selected to receive a second AWE station at a deeply discounted rate through the California State Library and Califa.

Airport Rehabilitation with Grant Funding from the FAA

In 2015, the City received grant funding from the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) for the rehabilitation of over 13,000 lineal feet of airport taxiway. For the most part, this project consisted of applying a slurry seal to the existing asphalt surface as shown below. The total project cost was just over \$1.2 mil with 90% of the cost being funded by the FAA and 5% coming from State Aviation fund sources. This project covered almost 2/3 of the airport taxiway system with a wearable surface that will extend the asphalt life for another 10 – 15 years.



The City has recently learned that approximately \$1.4 mil in federal grant funding has been allocated to the airport during this fiscal year for a similar treatment to the remainder of the taxiway system. More extensive reconstruction of specific sections of failed taxiway is planned. The completed project will render all of the taxiways serviceable to FAA standards for many years to come.

The firm of Tartaglia Engineering of Atascadero, CA, has been hired to develop the plans and specification for this project. Their work is currently underway. It is expected that the project will go out to bid within the next month. The work will then be completed during the summer months when weather conditions are most favorable.

AWE Children's Computer Station - *(Continued from Page 1)*

With an additional AWE station, our Library will be able to serve more children with this engaging technology that supports so many areas of important early learning.”

Especially designed for library patrons ages 2-8, the AWE station features over 4,000 localized learning activities available in both English and Spanish. Unlike other public computers, the AWE is designed specifically for younger children as a safe learning environment. The station is self-contained and does not need to connect to the internet to access programs. The content includes characters and stories familiar to young children. Program choices encompass all major curriculum areas including math, science and nature, social studies, geography, reading, art, music, writing, computer skills, and reference.



Six-year-old Yazmin Ruiz enjoys time using the AWE computer at the Paso Robles Library. The AWE computer uses touch screen technology, has a colorful keyboard and includes content featuring characters and stories familiar to young children.

With help from the Califa Library Group, the new AWE system will be provided to the Paso Robles City Library for \$500. This is a discount of approximately \$2850 from the usual price of the AWE bilingual system. The Califa Library Group is a non-profit membership cooperative serving libraries and information organizations throughout California.

Founded in 1850, the California State Library is the central reference and research library for the Governor's office, Legislature, state employees, and the general public. The State Library leads and promotes innovative library services by providing and managing state and federal funding programs to ensure all Californians have access via their libraries to information and educational resources.

What we learn with
pleasure
we never forget.

- ALFRED MERCIER

The Paso Robles City Library is located at 1000 Spring Street and is open Monday – Friday 10 a.m.-8 p.m., and Saturday 10 a.m.-5 p.m.

For information about additional library programs, please visit www.prcity.com/library.

Increased Property Crimes in Paso Robles

The City of Paso Robles and other cities across California have seen a significant rise in property crimes due to the passage of Proposition 47 in November of 2014. The measure, also referred to by its supporters as the **Safe Neighborhoods and Schools Act**, re-categorized some nonviolent offenses as misdemeanors, rather than felonies, as they had previously been categorized. These offenses (such as shoplifting, writing bad checks, and drug possession) no longer send these criminals to jail, but rather back out onto the streets to commit more crimes.

For this reason, the Paso Robles Police Department and our community need to work together to deter any criminal behavior. Below is an article that will help residents protect their home while away on vacation.

10 Ways to Protect Your Home While You're Away/On Vacation

by **Erin Raub** | Last Updated Feb. 18th, 2016

When you leave your home, whether for a quick weekend getaway or a vacation extravaganza, in addition to making sure to bring along **the best travel safety products for your family**, you'll want to take some basic safety precautions to keep your house and belongings as safe as you can. This makes most of us think about burglarproofing, but preparations extend beyond locking your doors or setting timers for your lights. Here are a few things I always do before leaving my home for an extended period. To me, that's 24+ hours. What does extended mean to you? What's the threshold that propels you from your normal locking-up routine to more detailed preparations?

1. Hold Your Mail: A huge pile of mail on the front doorstep, or envelopes pouring out your mail slot is an instant tip-off that no one's home. If you'll be gone for more than a few days, go to the post office to place a hold on your mail. Put a hold on your daily paper, too. If you don't have the time or inclination, ask a trusted neighbor to collect the goods daily.

2. Create the Illusion of Someone Home

Beyond setting your lights on a timer, you can also set the television and radio on a timer to create the typical noise and flickering lights of an average family home at night. But wait, that's not all! Leave a car in the driveway. Arrange for someone to mow at least once a week (an unruly lawn is as bad as a pile of mail). During the winter, arrange for snow removal in case of a storm (neighborhood kids are great for this, if you get their parents' word that they'll remember). If you normally leave toys outside, or keep a hose unrolled, or do anything that shows signs of a home being lived in, don't tidy up too much before you leave.

3. Mum's the Word

Never, ever announce your departure or vacation dates on social networks. Sharing settings are not foolproof and with new security updates it's always hard to tell what's public and what's private. Stay on the safe side, and don't mention your trip – until you're back, with tales to tell and photos to upload!

4. Trust a Friend

Give your vacation contact info and a spare key to at least one friend or neighbor. That way, they'll know how to contact you in case of emergency.

5. Advertise Your Security

Especially when you're away, it can be a great idea to advertise your security measures. If you're worried that alarm company signs will clue thieves in to how to break in, buy signs from a different company. Install fake security cameras (the kind that look authentic). Do whatever it takes to get across the message, "This is not the home you are looking for."

6. Unplug

Unplug all unnecessary appliances (except those on timers, of course) to protect your home from an electrical fire or power surge. This goes for the big stuff, like TVs, but also for your toaster, your coffee maker, and other small appliances.

7. Hide the Hide-a-Key

It's impossible to forget your key if you're not even home, so go ahead and take any hidden spare keys out of commission. Just don't forget to re-hide them when you return!

8. Keep Your Cool

Turn down (or up) the thermostat to save on electricity while you're gone. In the winter, set the heat to about 55° – warm enough to keep the pipes from freezing, but cool enough to save – and during the summer, set your air-conditioning to 85°. You can also lower the temperature on your water heater.

9. Safe-Keep Your Valuables

Lock up jewelry, the deed to your home, wills, and any other valuables or sensitive documents in a fire-proof safe.

10. Alert Your Alarm Company

Call your home security company to let them know you'll be away. Make sure all of the door and **window alarms** are set and working when you leave.



Elevator Training

Elevators occasionally malfunction and require emergency personnel to respond and gain access quickly. Our city has a variety of elevator types that each pose different challenges. As such, Emergency Services and CAL FIRE employees carried out joint training this week on elevator rescue. Personnel received in-class and field training from an elevator rescue expert.

Crews learned various types of elevators components, initial troubleshooting, techniques to lower cars, gain access, elevator key use and forcing entry. They also learned techniques to gain access from the tops of the cars and use of specialized tools to open the doors without causing damage. The specialized training was conducted over several days to include all ES staff.



California Conference of Arson Investigators

This last week, Paso Robles Fire Investigator's Jason Cox and Ross Porter attended the Annual California Conference of Arson Investigators (CCAI) training seminar in San Luis Obispo. The focus of the training was burn pattern analysis, using four large buildings at Camp San Luis as the testing site.

Individual field-burn tests were also performed at the site that involved electrical activity, high resistance heating, over-current faulting, arcing caused by fire damaged conductors, smoke pattern analysis, and fire bomb tests.

Worldwide leading Fire Investigators from as far away as the United Kingdom were on hand conducting the live-fire training, as well as a Deputy District Attorney who covered ever-changing arson prosecution law.

At the conclusion of the interior fire training, the old buildings were burned down completely.



City of Paso Robles Job Opportunity



CITY OF PASO ROBLES **ASSISTANT PLANNER (Technician III)** Community Development Department

APPLICATION DEADLINE:

Friday, April 1, 2016 at 5:00pm

SALARY:

\$4,631 - \$5,883 per month

THE POSITION:

Under general supervision prepare current and advanced planning projects, conduct planning research, data collection and evaluation, interpret, planning regulations and codes, prepare staff reports, work with the public and conduct presentations. Perform other duties as required.

TYPICAL DUTIES:

- Provides front counter planning information to the public with the focus on excellent customer service, and responds to general inquiries and public agency requests by phone and through correspondence regarding planning regulations, standards, policies, and procedures related to the submission of plans, processing of applications, and environmental review processes and requirements.
- Plans, organizes, and conducts research studies; maintains, updates, and analyzes demographic and other data required for community planning.
- Assists with the City's Community Development Block Grant program and housing programs.
- Performs technical review of planning applications. Collects and evaluates information related to the planning application process and determines conformity with applicable laws, regulations, policies, and procedures; conducts project site checks and field inspections.
- Prepares staff reports, resolutions, ordinances, environmental notices, plan approvals, and file closeouts upon project completion; monitors conditions of approval after project completion.
- Researches, compiles and analyzes information for drafting and reviewing City ordinances.
- May attend and present information to Planning Commission, Development Review Committee, City Council and citizen groups.
- Reviews building and sign permits for development code compliance.
- Conducts building/site plan review for residential, commercial and industrial development.
- Process/plan check building permits for zoning clearance and business licenses.
- Organize and manage the City's Vacation Rental licensing and transient occupancy tax collection program.

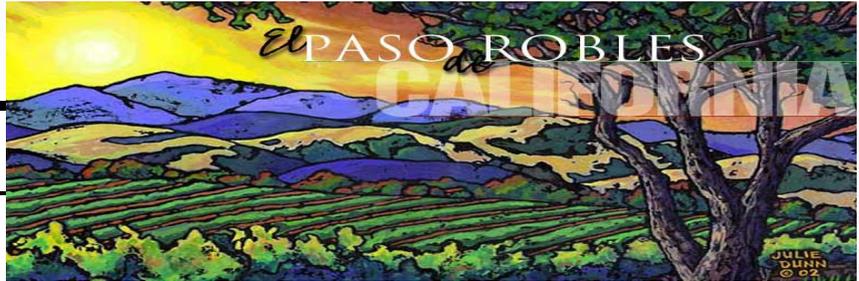
Persons interested in applying for this position can download the application at www.prcity.com/jobs or contact Human Resources at (805) 227-7234



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COALITION OF SAN LUIS OBISPO COUNTY



Services in Our County

General Services:



Paso Cares

Paso Cares links those in need with a wide variety of services available including a warming station. For information, call 712-7067 or visit <http://www.pasocares.org/>

Shelters:

All shelters clean and sober. No pets allowed.



Prado Day Center Homeless Shelter

43 Prado Rd., SLO; 786-0617

Restrooms, Showers, Laundry, Employment Listings, Health Screenings, Breakfast, Lunch.

Maxine Lewis Memorial Shelter



750 Orcutt Rd., SLO; 781-3993 ext. 12

50 beds + additional shelter for families, Dinner, Breakfast, Showers, Mail



ECHO Homeless Shelter

6370 Atascadero Ave., AT; 462-3663

Public services: Dinner, Phone, Showers Tuesday/Thursday.

Shelter: above plus 50 beds including family housing, Laundry and Clothing Vouchers, Bus Passes, Food.

Mental Health:

Suicide Hotline

800-783-0607

North County Clinic

5575 Hospital Dr., AT; 461-6060

Outpatient mental health counseling for youth and adults.

Food Distribution:

Second Baptist Church



1937 Riverside, PR; 238-2011

Monday-Friday, Lunch (11:30-12:30) & Dinner (5:00-6:00). Also Tuesday & Thursday, Showers & Clothing (10:00-1:00).



St. James Episcopal Church

514 14th St., PR; 238-0819

Saturday, Lunch (11:30-12:30)

Loaves and Fishes

2650 Spring St., PR; 238-4742

Mon-Tues-Wed-Fri 2:00-4:00

& Thurs 5:30-7:00, Emergency Food for Three Days. ID Required.



Food Bank



The Food bank provides food for distribution from

several different sites throughout the north county. For a listing of these sites, visit

<http://www.slofoodbank.org/get-help.php>

Other Services:

Paso Robles LINK Family Resource Center

1802 Chestnut St., PR; 238-2775

Assists students and their families with academic, emotional/behavioral, and physical/material needs.

Drug and Alcohol Services

3556 El Camino Real, AT; 781-4275

Provides a variety of treatment options.