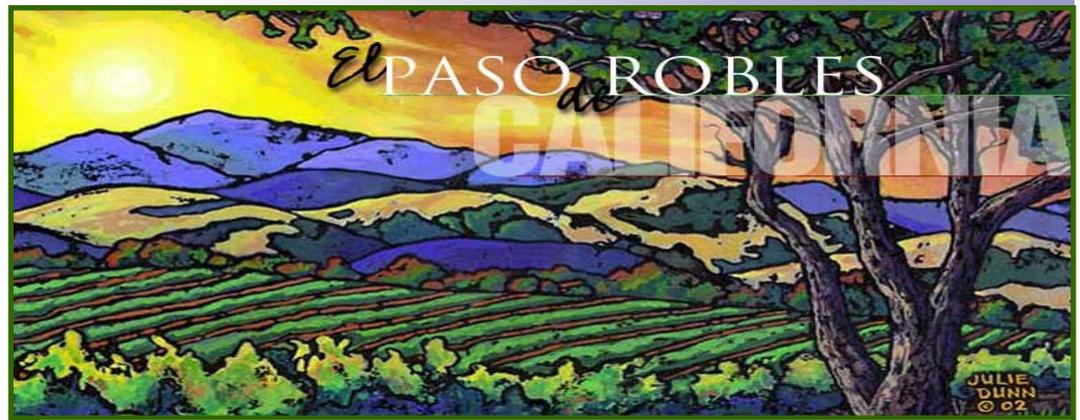


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2016 Sustainable Project of the Year Award

At the City Council meeting of March 15, 2016, the City Water Department employees were recognized for their outstanding contributions for the construction of the new Water Treatment Plant, which was awarded the 2016 Sustainable Project of the Year Award by the American Society of Civil Engineers.

Construction of the new Water Treatment Plant, which began in May 2014 and is designed to treat 2.4 million gallons of lake water per day, a direct offset to groundwater pumping. "Completion of the plant marks a milestone for the community and will greatly enhance the city's water portfolio and long-term sustainability," said City Water Manager Christopher Alakel.

Alakel is a licensed Civil Engineer who began his career with the City in 2008 and brought approximately 11 years of professional experience focused in water infrastructure design and construction. He possesses multiple degrees, including a BS in Civil Engi-

neering from Cal Poly San Luis Obispo, an MS in Engineering Management and an MBA with an emphasis of studies in Engineering Management, and Technical Project Management.

Christopher leads a great team that has provided crucial support for the new Water Treatment Plant.

Chief Plant Operator Mike Maaser, Water Treatment Plant Operator II Kelly Dunham and Maintenance Specialist III Aaron Borden "provided essential input throughout the planning, design, and construction of the Water Treatment Plant. They participated in all the design workshops, provided operational input and coordination during construction, start-up and testing. They spent countless hours reviewing plans, O&M procedures, and state regulations to ensure a smooth

project delivery," said Alakel. Also part of the team is Water Treatment Plant Operator I Jose Abarca and Maintenance Specialist II Kenn Roth who "provided much needed operational and maintenance support to the Chief Plant Operator. They proactively obtained the necessary training and certifications to assist in all aspects of running the new Water Treatment Plant," said Alakel.

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Housing Constraints and Opportunities Committee

Last December, the City Council appointed a 13-member Housing Constraints and Opportunities Committee consisting of nine public members, two Councilmembers and two Planning Commissioners.

At the first meeting the Committee had agreed to the following priorities:

1. Review of fees for Mixed Use / Studio Residential units.
2. Increase Workforce Housing Production
3. Review of City Development Impact Fees and Permit Fees
4. Review of Specific Plan policies

On Wednesday evening, the Committee met for the second time in the Council Chambers. David Taussig, who prepared the City's Development Impact Fee study in 2014, made a presentation to the Committee regarding the process and legal requirements for assessing development fees. Mr. Taussig answered the Committee's numerous questions and provided guidance on how adjustments to fees could be considered.

At Wednesday's meeting the Committee reviewed the Mixed Use / Studio Residential fee with Mr. Taussig. After a lengthy discussion, the Committee forwarded a recommendation to City Council that fees for studio and one-bedroom residential apartments be reduced based on a lower population factor. Staff will be preparing this recommendation for a future City Council agenda.

Bagpipes in the Park with Ed Gallagher

It is a Saint Patrick's Day tradition for former Community Development Director Ed Gallagher to bring his homemade soda bread to City Hall to share and to play his bagpipes in the City Park. Every year he plays traditional Irish tunes and invites his former colleagues to enjoy his music.

Playing songs back-to-back for 20 minutes, every year Ed draws a more impressive crowd, from former co-workers, to people enjoying a stroll through the park who stop to listen as his pipes echo through the downtown area.

Children are often seen dancing along and by-standers are routinely found taking photos and videos.

A huge thank you to Ed for years of enjoyment listening to his beautiful bagpipes!



Soccer Field Turf Renovations - Barney Schwartz Park

The Parks Maintenance Division began their annual soccer field turf renovation at Barney Schwartz Park on March 7.

Each year the soccer fields are closed from the end of February through the end of June. During that time Parks Maintenance staff works to re-establish and renovate turf that in some cases has become bare ground due to heavy play over the past eight months. The fields are rototilled, aerated, seeded, fertilized and top dressed. This year, the maintenance crew - Supervisor Nate Wyatt, Lucas Abarca, James Taylor, Francisco Vasquez, Dusty Shores, Pedro Sanchez, Librado Vasquez and Lynelle Ramos - took advantage of the benefits of forecasted rain and completed a large part of the work prior to the first storm, maximizing the effect of all the work.

This annual maintenance allows the fields to remain in peak condition during playing season. The renovated fields will reopen for play in July.



Hot Spot Street Repairs - Ramada Drive

The Public Works Department has been working to complete Hotspot Street Repairs. One of the locations is Ramada Drive, which has been an ongoing temporary repair by the City's Street Maintenance staff. This location has finally been permanently repaired, and because the location is adjacent to the freeway and a heavily travelled road, work was done at night.



Ramada Drive before pavement repairs



Night work repairs



Ramada Drive after fully repaired

Street Rehabilitation: Spring to Fresno

Debris Basin retaining wall construction at west 12th street.



Irrigation system in progress



Contractor grading/excavating roadway to accommodate the Debris Basin at the west end of 12th Street before it becomes a county road.



Previous pavers in progress at sidewalks, curb ramps and driveway areas



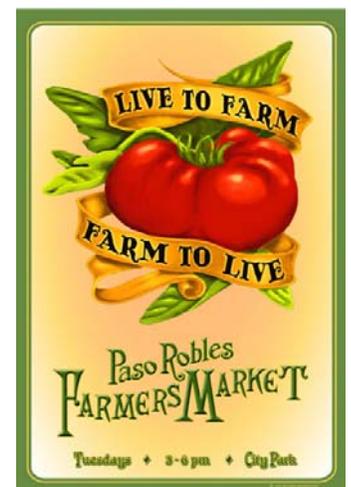
11th Street No Parking Signs



No Parking signs were just installed on 11th Street between Spring and Park.

The signs are to remind visitors and residents not to park in front of the library during the Tuesdays' Farmer's Markets and Saturdays' Country Farm & Craft Market.

Permanent signs were installed to reduce visual clutter, and to save time and resources of repetitive posting while keeping the spaces available for parking the remainder of the week.



Pickleball Club Hosts First Annual St. Paddy's Day Fun Tournament

The Paso Robles Pickleball Club hosted the first annual St. Paddy's Day Wee O' the Green Fun Tournament at Centennial Park's five permanent pickleball courts on Thursday, March 17. Forty intermediate skilled participants joined in a random draw, round-robin competition.

"This tournament is a great way for players from San Luis Obispo and neighboring counties to meet, have some fun and celebrate St. Patrick's Day," said Steve Sidwell, USA Pickleball Association District Ambassador. "The beautiful courts in Paso Robles are the perfect meeting place for this tournament that we hope will become an annual tradition."



The club will be hosting a Wine Country Spring Tournament, May 14 through 15, at the Centennial Park pickleball courts with over 150 players from California and Arizona expected to participate. Unique to this tournament will be a Saturday night tasting room dinner at Calcareous Vineyard.



The Paso Robles Pickleball Club hosts organized play Monday through Saturday at Centennial Park from 8:30 to 11 a.m. New player training is available every Thursday at 10 a.m. and skill development drills are scheduled every Tuesday and Thursday at 8:30 a.m. Special purpose clinics are hosted throughout the season. Equipment is available to borrow. For more information about joining the club, visit



www.prcity.com/recreation or contact Steve Sidwell at 452-5455.

Gift from Paso Robles Masons is Cause for Celebration

A \$1,000 donation to the Paso Robles City Library last summer from the Paso Robles Masonic Lodge 196 translated into over 70 brand new books for the children's area of the Library and lots of smiling faces during the Library's book selection celebration on Wednesday, March 16.

All children ages 2 to 12 who completed the summer reading program were entered to win a chance to participate in the celebration. After creating a personalized bookmark and meeting representatives from the Masons organization, the children had the opportunity to choose a new library book, purchased courtesy of the Masons. The book will be placed on the shelves of the Paso Robles Library with a special Masons book plate featuring the child's name inside.

"The Masons' Summer Reading Award is an important way for us to give back to our Paso Robles community," said Thomas Irwin, Master of the Thaddeus Sherman Lodge 196. "One of the missions of our organization is to focus on supporting literacy. What better way to do that than to reward these children for their reading accomplishments!"

Mayor Steve Martin welcomed the Masons to the celebration and congratulated the children for their accomplishment. Noting that they weren't actually in the Library, he told the group that it was OK to put their library voices aside for the moment and led them in a rousing cheer of "We love the Library!"

"The Masons are wonderful supporters of literacy in our Paso Robles community, and we are thrilled to continue this partnership," commented Martin. "To personally select a book for the Paso Robles City Library collection is such a source of pride for our lucky winners who persevered to finish the summer reading program. The book, with their name inside, will stay in the Library for many years to come and be a symbol of that accomplishment."



Salinas Riverbed Evacuation and Clean-up

This week the Police Department has been very busy working with Public Works to continue the Salinas Riverbed evacuation and clean-up effort. As of March 17th, nearly 1/2 of the Riverbed has been cleaned of trash and rubbish. A crew of California Conservation Corps workers and private contractors have been taking advantage of the rain-free weather to clear nearly 200 yards of trash (over 13,000 pounds).



Safety Reminder - Don't Drink and Drive

The Police Department would like to remind everyone to stay safe during this holiday week. Saint Patrick's Day is a popular day of celebration along the Central Coast. So, we take this opportunity to remind everyone not to drink and drive. From 2010 to 2014, almost three-fourths of the drunk-driving fatalities during this holiday period involved drivers who had blood-alcohol levels well above the .08 limit, with 266 drunk-driving fatalities nationwide. We encourage everyone to seek alternative methods of travel if they plan on celebrating with alcohol – drinking and driving puts you, and others, at risk.

To make 2016 a safe year, we have put together the following checklist:

- Designate a sober, reliable driver to get you home safely.
- Find the name of a taxi company (or two), and keep their numbers in your phone.
- The California Office of Traffic Safety DDVIP (Designated Driver VIP) mobile app is now available for free download on iOS and Android devices. Launched in 2014, the DDVIP app offers enhanced features, allowing users to “Map a Spot” with their current location to find DDVIP partnering establishments in their area or a “List of Spots” to search all participating bars and restaurants throughout California. Users will be offered free incentives at each bar to celebrate their life-saving role. They can stay up-to-date with the latest from DDVIP and see what other users are saying via its social tab. Also through the app, for those who want to imbibe but also make it a point to plan ahead, users can easily order a sober ride from Uber, Lyft or Curb – all from one screen.



Technical Rescue Training

Emergency Services employees occasionally respond to complex rescue operations that require a high level of training and expertise. We are fortunate to have not only the necessary equipment, but also the people skilled in how to use it.

Personnel train routinely on a variety of operations, one of which is high angle rope rescue. Examples of high angle include rescues for workers on top of a building, rescues from utility poles as well as confined spaces and trench collapse where the rescuer needs to drop straight down into a narrow opening. Utilizing the Public Safety Center, crews practiced these operations. These operations, although infrequent, require continuous proficiency training.



First 5 Preschool Public Education

Emergency Services crews visited the First 5 Preschool last week to provide fire safety and education to the class. The crew discussed fire safety and what to do if a smoke detector sounds, how to stop, drop, and roll and never to play with matches/lighters. They were also introduced to the 911 emergency line and told to never hide from a firefighter during an emergency.



- 1. Don't be scared
- 2. Never hide, go outside.
- 3. Have a plan!

- 4. If it's smoky, crawl on your knees.
- 5. Never stop, go outside quickly!

- 6. Sit and wait.



2016 Sustainable Project of the Year Award - Continued

All of their hard work has paid off as the City's Water Treatment Plant is fully operational and, after receiving the 2016 Sustainable Project of the Year Award, the Manager and operations staff were recognized by City Manager Thomas Frutchey and the Paso Robles City Council for the level of professionalism and dedication that warrants such recognition.

Congratulations to the Water Department for their accomplishments!



City Council Highlights

- Recognized six City Water Division employees for an award recently received by the City's Water Treatment Plant project. The Project was the recipient of a 2016 Sustainable Project of the Year Award given by the American Society of Civil Engineers (ASCE), recognizing the Water Treatment Plant's innovative design and contribution to improving economic, social and environmental sustainability. City Manager Tom Frutchey spoke briefly about the valued contributions and unique backgrounds of each of the following employee team members: Christopher Alakel, Mike Maaser, Aaron Borden, Kelly Dunham, Jose Abarca, and Kenn Roth. The combined knowledge and technical expertise of this team was critical in successfully shepherding the design and completion of the City's first Water Treatment Plant that is now delivering high quality drinking water to our community, sourced from Lake Nacimiento.
- Received a status update on the Salinas River evacuation and cleanup project, where it was reported that the effort was successful in removing homeless campers prior to last weekend's storms and rising river waters. Sheltering services remained available through *Paso Cares* who are helping to match homeless individuals with appropriate resources and services. Personal belongings of evacuated individuals are being tagged and stored to be retrieved at a later date, and a 15-member work crew began riverbed camp debris cleanup on Friday, March 10th. Approximately 6.5 tons of trash/debris (three 40-yard bins) had been removed over the course of 3 days, representing approximately half of the identified camps within the city limits. At the City Council's direction, the City will proceed with forming a North County Homeless Advisory Group to continue the dialogue on longer term homeless sheltering solutions.
- Introduced a new Water Rate structure that will go into effect on January 1, 2017. The rate structure ordinance was introduced for first reading on a unanimous vote of the City Council after they listened to public comment and then determined that the number of written rate payer protest votes (639) were a non-majority of the total number of current rate payers (5,314). The new rates will support the ongoing operating costs of the City's water delivery system, including the replacement of a storage reservoir on the west side of town.
- Adopted an update to the City's Local Hazard Mitigation Plan (LHMP) that includes strategies for reducing impacts from possible future disasters such as earthquakes and flooding. Having the plan in place will qualify the City for competitive grants and is a prerequisite of eligibility for future disaster relief funding.
- Directed the formation of a Vacation/Short Term Rental Advisory Panel who will be made up of both vacation rental operators and neighbors. The growing popularity of short-term rental websites such as Airbnb and VRBO has grown this market in Paso Robles to an estimated 200-300 units. Only about 60 of these have City business licenses and pay Transient Occupancy Tax (TOT) to the City. The need to manage the impacts on neighborhoods and to create a level playing field among all operators has come to the forefront. The Advisory Group's mission will be to work collaboratively with City staff to find common ground on some of the issues related to short-term rentals ~ helping to balance the need to protect residential neighborhoods while promoting tourism and economic development. The work of the Advisory Panel is expected to last approximately 4 months, at which time they will make policy recommendations to the City Council for their consideration. Note: The Council vote on this item was 4-0 since Councilman Steve Gregory recused himself based on his ownership of vacation rental property in Paso Robles.

Annual CPR/AED/First-Aid Certification Training

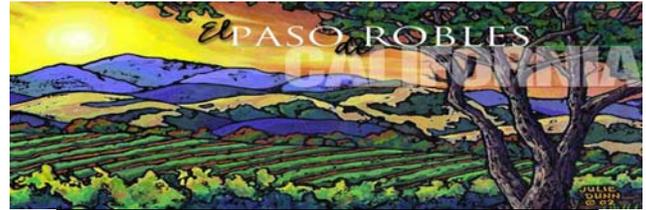
On March 16, the Human Resources Department organized our annual CPR/AED/First Aid certification training through the California JPIA. Instructors Steve and Michelle Finch with OC CPR Training, presented the full-day training to 30 of the City’s employees and volunteers. The workshop taught participants how to recognize when a person is in need of medical aid, how to perform adult, child and infant CPR, how to use an AED (Automated External Defibrillator), and how to render basic first-aid.

Additionally, the workshop reviewed the types of medical, environmental and injury emergencies one might encounter. These tools will help City staff identify and attend to co-workers or customers undergoing a medical emergency until Emergency Services arrives.



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• VINTAGE PASO: ZINFANDEL WEEKEND

March 18-20, 2016: 10:00am to 5:00pm

All weekend long, guests are invited to enjoy special discounts on wines by the case as well as taste the new release of Vina Robles' limited production 2013 Zinfandel - Estate.

Complimentary live music will be offered in the Tasting Room on Saturday from 1-4pm as part of their ongoing Saturday Live series.

No reservations are required.



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