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Volunteer Appreciation Reception

The City of Paso Robles held a reception to honor the many dedicated volunteers who do so much for our community on Tuesday, April 5th, prior to the City Council meeting.

A full house of volunteers enjoyed light refreshments in recognition of National Volunteer Week, which is celebrated annually each year in April. The Council personally recognized the

volunteers at the start of the City Council meeting where Volunteers were met with a round of applause for their combined 20,374 hours of professionalism, talent and public service.

The City is fortunate to have so many volunteer groups, ranging from Library and Recreation volunteers, to Advisory bodies and Police Department volunteers.

Volunteers are the backbone of many departments and give their time and labor for the better of our community.

The City of Paso Robles appreciates and thanks all of our volunteers for their hard work and continued dedication to our beautiful city!



CITY OF PASO ROBLES SURVEY

Please take a few minutes to read a message from City Manager Tom Frutchet and take a quick survey that will help us connect with the community and receive valuable input and suggestions from citizens. Please see [page 9](#) for more details about completing this important survey.

Thank you for your time and feedback!

Building Technician Lori Wilson Sworn-In as Central Coast International Code Council Vice President

The International Code Council (ICC) is a membership association dedicated to building safety and fire prevention. The ICC develops the codes used to construct residential and commercial buildings, including homes and schools. Most United States cities, counties and states that adopt codes choose the International Codes developed by the ICC.

In the February's issue of the International Code Council *Building Safety Journal*, a feature article was the swearing-in ceremony where City of Paso Robles Building Technician Lori Wilson was installed as the ICC Vice President.



From left to right: Outgoing Past President Tina Dye, City of Pismo Beach; 2015 Past President Bryan Spain, California Code Check; 2016 Vice President Lori Wilson, City of Paso Robles; 2016 President Elizabeth Szwabowski, County of San Luis Obispo; 2016 Treasurer David Muehlhausen, City of Atascadero; 2016 Secretary Ben Ross, County of San Luis Obispo

Lori's work with the Central Coast Chapter of International Code Council began as Secretary in 2014 and Treasurer in 2015 - both of which broadened her knowledge of codes and led her to be elected as the 2016 ICC Vice President.

Lori has been an integral part of the City of Paso Robles Building Department for over ten years and has played a key part in many critical transitions and changes for the Building Department. Congratulations on your appointment as Central Coast International Code Council Vice President!

21st Street Community Clean-up!



21st Street Community Clean-up!

Come along and join City Staff & the Cannon Relief Crew to help care for the 21st Street Green and Complete Street. 21st Street is two-years young this year and in need of some TLC. City staff and employees of Cannon will be on-site Saturday, April 30th from 9:00 am to noon to pull weeds, pick up trash, and apply mulch to the landscape.

This is a great opportunity to meet others from the community, learn about the functional design of 21st Street, and hear about other efforts taking place in Paso Robles. At 21st Street, volunteers will be gain insight to the connection between Green/Complete Streets, the larger watershed, and the community.

What to bring:

- Gardening gloves
- Work clothes you're willing to get dirty
- Gardening tools to help with weed removal (e.g. pruners, trowels)
- Reusable water bottle (drinking water provided)
- Sun protection

Note: Unfortunately, children under 12 are not permitted to join in the clean-up efforts.

21st Street Community Clean-Up
Saturday, April 30th, 2016
9:00 am to 12:00 pm



12th Street Debris Basin

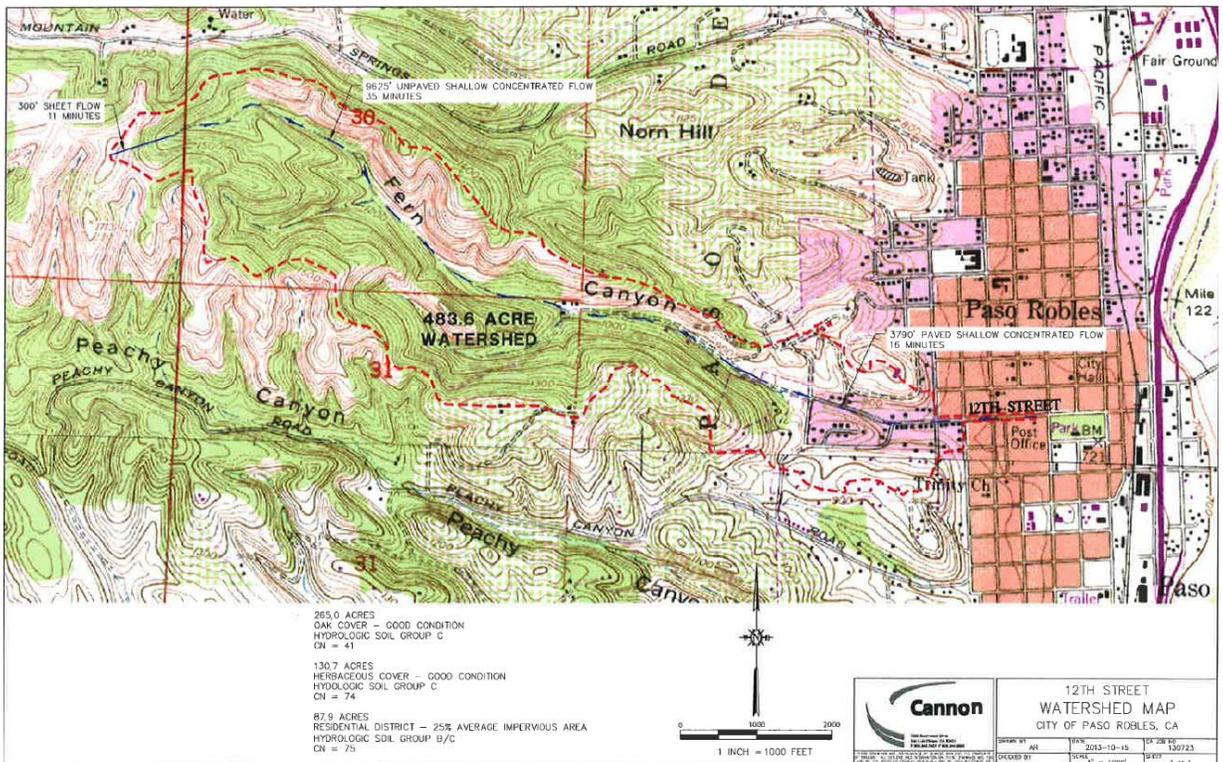
12th Street is at the downstream end of the Fern Canyon Watershed. This watershed comprises of over four hundred acres located in the County. (see watershed map). This watershed is primarily non-urban and has the potential for run-off - leaving the area with debris and silt as it makes it way towards 12th Street. Residents along 12th Street have experienced this first hand. When it rains, silt and debris remain on the street surfaces and gutters.

To protect the City’s investment in the re-surfacing of 12th Street from Spring to Fresno, and to minimize further deterioration of the road surface west of Fresno, the City Council directed staff to install a Debris Basin as part of the 12th Street Project. These basins typically require a large area of property and part of the construction cost is to purchase and acquire the property. However, City staff arrived at a solution to minimize cost by using the existing road right-of-way to install the Basin!

As designed, the Basin is part of the roadway and residents can continue to use the road for access. The Debris Basin located at the west end of 12th Street (as it becomes the County) consists of a “low concrete road” and a “high asphalt road.” Residents will use the “high road” going east and the “low road” going west.

When it rains, the water will flow into the low concrete road and pond. As it ponds, any debris or silt would remain and as the water rises, only “clean” water would leave the Basin and flow into 12th Street. After the storm, City Maintenance crew can easily remove all the silt and debris left behind in the “low concrete road”.

The design of the Basin included the installation of a drain inlet at the bottom of the concrete road. When there is only a small amount of water, it will drain into the inlet and percolate below the surface.



	12TH STREET WATERSHED MAP CITY OF PASO ROBLES, CA		
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Children’s Garden at Uptown Family Park

Nestled behind the Uptown Family Park and the Library Study Center on 36th and Oak Streets, lies a Children’s Garden cared for by children and staff from the Library Study Center, First Five Preschool and Georgia Browns’ Head Start Program. The garden was constructed as a component of the Uptown Family Park, a project completed in 2014 courtesy of a \$2.5 million State grant. Six raised beds were recently planted with an assortment of fruits, vegetables and flowers with the assistance of Tom Taylor, a well-known community volunteer who has initiated several garden projects for local school children.

“The garden is a great learning tool,” explained Taylor, “and the kids love it.”



The gardening project is in keeping with the outdoor classroom design of the entire park, and a point of pride to neighborhood families. “We are hoping to make the garden a family affair with help from parent volunteers who can work with us in the garden,” commented Marilu Gomez, School Readiness Site Coordinator for the Paso Robles Joint Unified School District.

“I am excited to work with Marilu and the rest of our neighbors to make this garden a fun place for the children to explore and learn,” said Melissa Bailey, lead staff of the Library Study Center. “This collaboration will continue into the summer and allow the children to reap what we sow over the hot summer months.”

“The flowers are out and the strawberries are almost ready,” notes young Jennifer Sanchez, a budding gardener. Jennifer, like her friends at the Library Study Center, is anxious for the berries to ripen, “I can’t wait to try one of our strawberries!”

Lifeguards and Water Safety Instructors

Take the Plunge! Become a Lifeguard



Certified Lifeguards & Water Safety Instructors are needed for the 2016 Summer Season

Look for employment applications at www.prcity.com or call (805) 237-3988

For WSI & Lifeguard Certification classes contact the American Red Cross or visit www.RedCross.org

The City of Paso Robles currently has positions open for Lifeguards and Water Safety Instructors. Click on the link below for more information.

The application deadline is Friday, April 22, 2016 at 5:00 pm.

www.prcity.com/jobs

National Public Safety Telecommunicators Week *April 10-16, 2016*

During the April 5th City Council Meeting, Mayor Steve Martin presented the Paso Robles Public Safety Dispatchers with the Proclamation for National Public Safety Telecommunicators Week. Dispatcher Shikira Brehm accepted the proclamation on behalf of her fellow dispatchers.

Every year during the second week of April, the telecommunications personnel in the public safety community are honored during National Public Safety Telecommunicators Week, or “Dispatch Appreciation Week.” Initially set up in 1981 by Patricia Anderson of the Contra Costa County Sheriff’s office to raise public awareness of the hard work and dedication of public safety dispatchers, this week long event is a time to celebrate and thank those who dedicate their lives to serving the public and being the voice on the other end of the line.

The Paso Robles Police Department Communications Center proudly serves the community with the highest degree of professionalism. The Communications Center is staffed with eight full-time Public Safety Dispatchers and one Dispatch Supervisor who are responsible for taking calls and dispatching for both Police and Emergency Services. The Communications Center is staffed 24 hours a day, including holidays. Our dispatchers not only answer 9-1-1 calls, but are also responsible for answering all business calls as well as after-hours calls for other City Departments.

Public Safety Dispatchers are the first to respond to the needs of the public when they call in for assistance. They deal with stressful situations that involve life and death, and they are expected to handle these situations with compassion, empathy and professionalism. They must be at their best while dealing with people who may be at their worst. The callers may be threatening and belligerent, or in some cases, not able to communicate at all. The Paso Robles Public Safety Dispatchers take great pride regarding the welfare of our community members and keeping the Officers and Firefighters of the City of Paso Robles safe, and we are very appreciative of all they do.



Dispatchers Shakira Brehm, Melissa Garcia
and Lori Morgan



Mayor Martin and Dispatcher Shikira Brehm

2016 Firefighter of the Year

The Paso Robles Masonic Lodge recognized North County Fire Agencies, and more specifically their Firefighter of the year honorees, at a special dinner reception. The Department of Emergency Services was pleased to announce this year's firefighter of the year, Firefighter/Paramedic Robbie Smith. Firefighter Robbie Smith is



a North County Native initially starting his fire service career as a Reserve Firefighter in Atascadero and Seasonal Firefighter for CAL FIRE before becoming a full-time member with the Emergency Services Department in 2003.



Robbie is a Driver Operator, an Acting Captain, a member of the North County Technical Rescue Team and most recently Robbie became a Paramedic. Robbie decided to improve his emergency medical capabilities attending the intensive year long program on his own time and expense. His commitment and dedication to our organization has been unwavering. Please congratulate Robbie when you see him out and about for this recognition.

Weed Abatement Specifications

The Department of Emergency Services has established guidelines for weed abatement to assist property owners in complying with the City's weed abatement ordinance. Listed below are the minimum acceptable standards for abatement procedures on property located within the city limits of Paso Robles. Failure to meet abatement specifications shall constitute non-compliance. Said abatement shall be maintained from **June 1 through November 1**, without further notification.

- Parcels one acre or less may be mowed.
 - Parcels greater than one acre must have firebreaks around the perimeter and cross breaks at intervals as directed by the Department of Emergency Services. Fire breaks will be a minimum of 50 feet in width at perimeters and cross breaks, and 50 feet minimum around structures. Down slope clearances from structures shall be a minimum of 100 feet. Clearances around and under oak trees shall be a minimum of 50 feet.
- Exemptions:** Fenced pastures are exempt where existing livestock will significantly reduce weeds and grasses.
- Orchards/vineyards will be mowed to a distance 50 feet from any roadway. The remaining parcel may be disced one way only.
 - Growing hay and grain must be cut at harvest time, as hay and grain left uncut will be subject to abatement.
 - When lots are mowed, the mower height must be set at a maximum height of three inches, unless conditions require a greater height which will be determined by the Department of Emergency Services.
 - All equipment used for weed abatement work shall be equipped with proper spark arresters, mufflers, etc. Also, a pressurized water fire extinguisher or back-pump type shall be required on equipment, or must be immediately accessible.

*Discing is permissible, however, not recommended due to erosion considerations of top soil during heavy storms.



Employee Recognition Awards

At the April 5th City Council meeting, Administrative Coordinator Theresa Variano and Payroll Specialist Martha Cowan were recognized for their dedication and commitment for the successful implementation of the City's new payroll system. Their hard-work and determination in completing this very long, detailed project has significantly benefited the City and improves the efficiency in multi-departmental operations. Thank you to Martha and Theresa for your contributions!



City of Paso Robles Job Openings

Current Full-time Openings

Maintenance Specialist I/II - Parks

Job Objective

Under direct or general supervision, incumbent performs a wide variety of work to ensure that the City facilities and infrastructure are maintained in a safe and effective working condition. Responsibilities include performing all operational and routine maintenance activities in the assigned area, depending upon the immediate needs of the City. Weekend shifts may be required.

Application Deadline:

Tuesday, May 3, 2016 at 5:00PM

[Apply Online](#)

Police Officer - Experienced Lateral Transfers, Police Academy Enrollees & Graduates

Job Objective

Under general supervision and in cooperation with the community, perform law enforcement and crime prevention work to provide for the safety of the public.

Application Deadline:

Open Until Filled

[Apply Online](#)

Current Part-time Openings

Lifeguard / Water Safety Instructor 2016 Summer Aquatics Season

Job Objective

Under direction of the pool management team, performs lifeguard duties and/or conducts swimming classes for the City's 2016 Summer Aquatics Program

Application Deadline:

Friday, April 22, 2016 at 5:00PM

[Apply Online](#)

In Process

Assistant Planner (Technician III) - Community Development Department

Closed: April 1, 2016

[Download the Full Job Description \[PDF\]](#)

Assistant Pool Manager (Staff Assistant III) Recreation Division

[Download the Full Job Description \[PDF\]](#)

Closed: February 26, 2016

For more information please visit

www.prcity.com/jobs

City Council Highlights - April 5, 2016

- Showed their appreciation to the many dedicated volunteers who do so much for the community of Paso Robles. In recognition of National Volunteer Week on April 10-16, the Council celebrated the contribution of its many Volunteers with a brief reception prior to the Council meeting, where a full house of volunteers enjoyed light refreshments. At the start of the meeting those Volunteers were heartily applauded for their combined 20,374 hours of professionalism, talent, and public service. We are so fortunate to have such thriving civic engagement in our community!
- Received the preliminary results from the Paso Robles Wine Country Alliance of a recently completed countywide fiscal impact study of the wine industry. That study is expected to be available in the coming weeks from the PR Wine Alliance.
- Proclaimed April as Sexual Assault Awareness month, noting the upcoming “Walk a Mile in Her Shoes” events taking place in SLO County.
- Proclaimed April 10-16 as National Public Safety Telecommunicators Week. City of Paso Robles Dispatcher Shikira Brehm accepted the proclamation on behalf of her fellow dispatchers.
- Recognized two City employees for their skill and dedicated contributions to implementation of new Finance System software that improves the City’s efficiency in multi-departmental operations. City Manager Tom Frutchet presented Theresa Variano and Martha Cowan with certificates of recognition and highlighted their career contributions to the City.
- Modified the City’s Transient Occupancy Tax (TOT) and Business Improvement District (BID) Assessment provisions so that they are internally consistent. There was no change in the collection rate for either the TOT or BID.
- Repealed outdated language in the City’s Municipal Code relative to the structure and oversight of the Paso Robles Pioneer Museum, at the request of the Pioneer Museum. The City no longer owns the property on which the Museum is located, and this action is a reflection of the October 2015 restructuring of the underlying ownership of the Museum site. The community will continue to receive public benefit from the operation of the Museum now and into the future.
- Directed staff to prepare a Zoning Code amendment that will embody the recommendations of the Grading Ordinance Advisory Committee. The “blue ribbon” Grading Committee was appointed by the City Council in September 2015 and consists of a combination of City Councilmembers, Planning Commissioners, and development industry technical experts (e.g. engineers and architects). The Committee has met five times since their formation and their work concluded with a consensus for a comprehensive rewriting of grading standards. The grading code amendment will be prepared by City staff and first reviewed by the Planning Commission before returning to the City Council for their consideration.
- Received an Annual Report on the status of the City’s progress towards implementing its General Plan. The actions and goals reported on are broad in range, but include such items as: public service levels, public art, pedestrian and bicycle access, and water source and supplies. Additionally, the reporting includes a Housing Element Report to assess progress towards meeting the City’s share of Regional Housing Need Allocation (RHNA). These are all items that are reportable to the State.
- Received a 30-Day Status Report on the homeless shelter crisis response where it was reported that the effort was successful on several fronts. First, in meeting the primary goal of preventing loss of life in the riverbed under storm conditions, and also that the immediate sheltering needs during adverse weather appears to have been met through available community resources. Over the course of 2 weeks, a 15 member work crew removed over 20 tons of debris from the remains of approximately 30 camp sites and related trash sites. The City continues to make contact with individuals returning to the river corridor in order to deter reoccurrence of camping activity. This effort will be ongoing.
- Confirmed their desire to work towards creation of a North County Homeless Coalition who will consist of individuals knowledgeable and involved in homelessness issues. The work of the coalition could help unify the “voice” and focus of north county needs and solutions, as well as build better trust and understanding of those working towards those solutions. More detail on the formation of this coalition will be presented to City Council in the near future.
- Authorized additional work scope for the Centennial Pool rehabilitation project to replace the pool’s coping. This project is still scheduled for completion in May, 2016.

The Council adjourned from business a little after 9:00 PM.

-Meg Williamson, Assistant City Manager

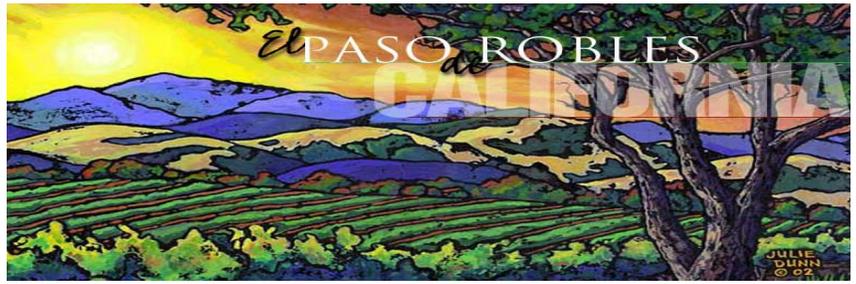


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Notes from the City Manager's Desk...

To Paso Robles Citizens—

This weekly summary is founded in the belief, first enunciated by Thomas Jefferson, that an informed citizenry is indispensable for the proper functioning of democratic government. The sole purpose of this newsletter is to share with you, the citizens of Paso Robles, the actions of your City government and other information of value to you. We welcome your ongoing suggestions on topics of interest and how we can make this newsletter of even greater value.

To be fully effective over the long run, communication between a City and its citizens needs to go both ways. One of the incredible advantages of local government, in comparison to state and federal government, is that we are all neighbors. We see each other at the grocery store, at school events, and while walking on the street. You can also call, write, or e-mail us at any time (the Council's e-mail addresses are on our web site, you can e-mail me at tfrutchev@prcity.com). You can stop by City Hall at any hour of the work day or address the Council at a Council meeting (6:30 p.m. the first and third Tuesday of the month, at City Hall).

It is also helpful if we reach out to you, to learn your views on key topics of general interest. To that end, we have set up a free survey on Survey Monkey, with just 3 questions, so that it will take no more than a minute or two to answer. The focus of this brief survey is finding out your views on how the City is doing overall. To take the survey, please go to the following link: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/8R8FC72>. You can answer anonymously or provide your contact information, entirely your choice. Subsequent surveys, on selected topics, will also appear from time to time.

Thank you for your help.

Take good care,

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Tom Frutchev
City Manager

