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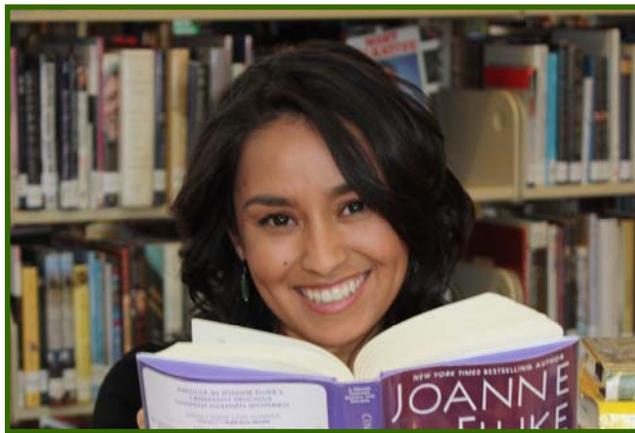
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City of Paso Robles Welcomes New Librarian

The City of Paso Robles announced today that following an extensive nation-wide search, Angelica Fortin has been named the new City Librarian. In her position at the helm of the Paso Robles City Library, Fortin will oversee the operations of the Paso Robles City Library, including strategic planning, personnel management, budget preparation, and marketing of library materials and programs.

Library system, most recently serving as the county's Program Services Manager, Volunteer Coordinator, Training Coordinator and Bookmobile Supervisor. In this role, she supervised critical support services to 33 branch libraries as

priority for me," she says. Empowering a community through Library service has been a driving force in Fortin's career. "Libraries open the world to people by providing resources that empower community members in so many ways," says Fortin. "Libraries offer a taste of something that can transform a life, from offering services to help our citizens become employable to opening the door for children



"We welcome Angelica's contemporary view of public library service," affirmed Library and Recreation Services Director, Julie Dahlen. "Not only will she aptly lead the Library in the digital age, Angelica is keenly prepared to meet the

unique information needs of our community." For the past 10 years, Fortin has worked for the San Diego County

well as two bookmobiles in the San Diego County Library system, an area that spans over 4,000 square miles. In 2012, the San Diego County Library was named Library of the Year by Library Journal. A native of San Diego, Fortin is looking forward to becoming an integral part of the Paso Robles community. "Getting to know this area and the people that our Library serves is a top

to a lifelong quest for knowledge and discovery." "This philosophy of library service and Ms. Fortin's genuine love of community make her the perfect fit for the Paso Robles City Library," commented Dahlen. Please stop by and give Angelica a warm welcome and visit the City Library!



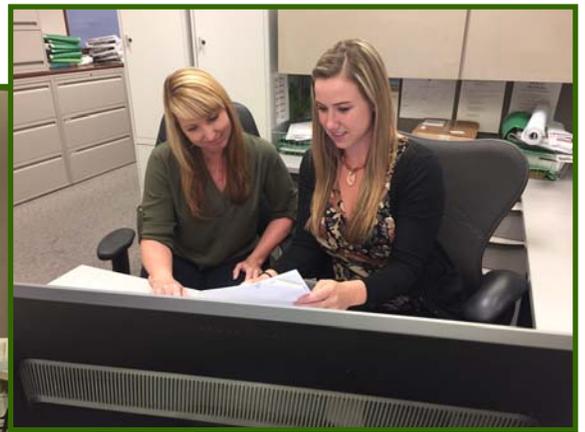
Planning Commissioner Shannon Agredano Shadows the Building Department for a Day

Newly appointed Planning Commissioner Shannon Agredano spent the majority of her day on Thursday, April 22 shadowing Building Department Administrative Assistant Devon Vandergon. Shannon has jumped right into her new role as Planning Commissioner and has attended Development Review Committee (DRC) meetings to stay involved in the progress of Planning projects and has tasked herself with learning the processes at City Hall to better understand the “big picture” of developments after they have been approved by the Planning Commission and begin their building permit process.

Devon was able to give Commissioner Agredano a first-hand view of her daily routine and demonstrated how busy the Building Department counter and phones are and how a small department of only six people can accomplish so much. The Building Department is made up of one Building Official, two Deputy Building Officials, one Senior Inspector, one Building Technician and one Administrative Assistant. Together they handle more than 900 permits each year and have streamlined their process to include a 3-day turnaround for all solar permits, as well as a shortened permit process for new homes and free plan check reviews each Thursday for simple residential permits.

Shannon was appreciative of the “time given to answer questions about the permit process, inspections, and zoning. Sitting with Devon gave me the opportunity to observe the procedures in detail and helped me to better understand how the entire process comes together.” Furthermore, Commissioner Agredano was “extremely impressed with the knowledge, professionalism and efficiency of all the building department employees exhibited. I admired how supportive they all are of each other to get tasks accomplished, while dealing with what seems like an overwhelming work load from my perspective.”

The Building Department is thankful to Commissioner Agredano for taking the time to learn about the permitting process and is appreciative and proud of the support she’s shown in her short time as a Paso Robles Planning Commissioner.



Watering Restrictions Remain In Effect

Due to continuing drought conditions and state conservation requirements, outdoor watering restrictions remain in place. Irrigation is limited to 2 days per week on the scheduled days for your Watering Zone (see map below). The cooperation of all customers in reducing water use is needed to achieve compliance with state conservation requirements.

2-Day / Week Watering Schedule

Zone 1 (North of 13th St., Creston, Sherwood, and Linne)

Water on Tuesday and Saturday.

Zone 2 (South of 13th St., Creston, Sherwood, and Linne)

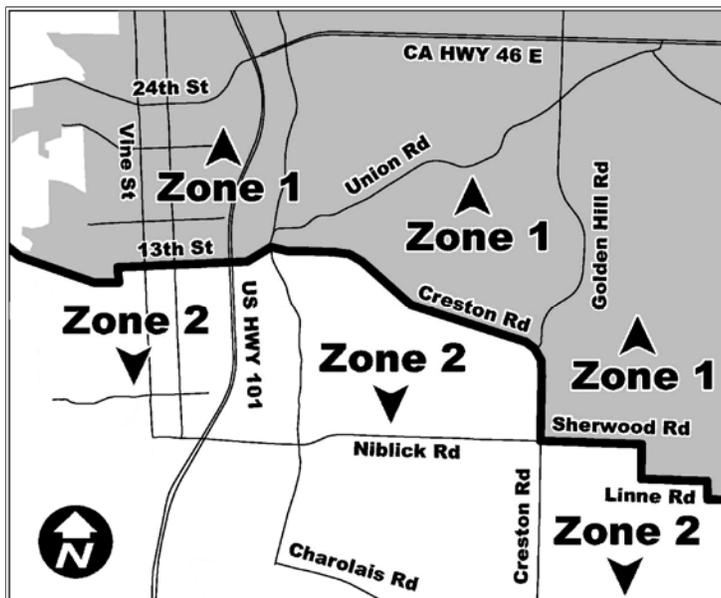
Water on Wednesday and Sunday.

Watering is permitted only before 9 AM or after 7 PM on your assigned days.

No Watering on Monday, Thursday, or Friday.

Additional Water Use Restrictions

- Runoff of irrigation water to the street is prohibited
- No washing down paved surfaces, unless needed for health & safety
- Car washing allowed only with a hose shutoff valve and bucket
- Repair of water leaks is required within five days of discovery or notification by the City
- Irrigating during or within 48 hours following rain is prohibited



For more information visit:

www.PasoWater.com

or call the City's water conservation office at 227-7250



31st Annual Taco Bell Track Meet A Huge Success

On Saturday, April 16 over 750 people, including close to 300 student athletes in kindergarten through 5th grade, participated in the 31st Annual Taco Bell Track Meet at the Paso Robles High School Track. Students from Paso Robles and surrounding areas including San Luis Obispo came to enjoy a day of fun and friendly competition featuring events such as running, jumping and throwing. The meet began with the parade of athletes accompanied by their school mascots. The parade was led by the Paso Robles High School bearcat mascot along with Recreation staff member Cindy Duff with her pugs Frank and Gracie dressed in taco costumes. Mayor Steve Martin served as the event's grand marshal, leading the Pledge of Allegiance as well as encouraging and congratulating the athletes. Fourteen-year-old student Rebecca Bradley performed the national anthem. A school mascot race and boys' and girls' school relays were additional highlights of the day. To see more photos of the event, visit the Paso Robles Recreation Services Facebook page.



Community Services Officers' New Fleet Vehicle

The Police Department recently put its newest fleet vehicle into service! Working closely with Bob Solway at Fleet Maintenance Services, the PD configured a Ford F-150 4X2 Super Crew pickup truck for use by our Community Services Officers, Alissa Reina and Ren Patenaude.

The PD has needed a truck for some time, due to the bulky items or volume of items collected during field operations, investigations bureau search warrant services, and the like. Oftentimes, those types of items simply will not fit into our patrol vehicles. This new truck replaces an outgoing marked patrol car so no fleet expansion was required to get this done.

After the base vehicle was purchased, it was taken to San Luis Obispo where *Linson Signs* applied the PD graphics and *Drive Customs* completed the up-fitting process to get this truck ready for use by the CSOs. This included adding emergency lighting equipment, along with mobile audio/video, computer and radio equipment. Aaron Lewis from IT completed the computer connectivity and got the mobile audio/video equipment up and running.

The truck has already been put through its paces by officers and CSOs working on the riverbed project, and this long awaited valuable asset will undoubtedly serve a vital role in PD operations moving forward. Don't be surprised to see this new truck rolling around town, and give the CSOs a wave when you see them.



Chief Burton, IT Technician Aaron Lewis, PW Fleet Supervisor Bob Solway,
CSO Ren Patenaude and CSO Alissa Reina

**The Paso Robles Police Department is located at 900 Park Street
(805) 237-6464**

Every Fifteen Minutes

In the early 90's every fifteen minutes someone in the United States died as a result of alcohol-related traffic accidents. Nationwide, a program was developed to alert high school aged students to the dangers of drinking and driving.



On Wednesday, April 14, ES Firefighters, Paso Police, CHP, San Luis Ambulance and students at Paso Robles High School participated in the "Every 15 Minutes" program.



This two-day program forces students to think twice about the dangers of drinking and driving.

On the first day of the program, one student is removed from class every 15 minutes by a CHP Officer and their obituary is read. Obituaries are written by the students' parents explaining the circumstances surrounding their son or daughter's death.

On the second day, students witnessed a simulated car crash involving some of their classmates. ES Firefighters and San Luis Ambulance personnel were called to the scene to examine the patients and treat them for injuries. The coroner was also called to the scene to handle fatalities. The dramatic re-enactment is to highlight the dangers of impaired driving and the responsibilities each student has to themselves and one another. ES personnel were thankful to be part of this invaluable program.

Earthquake Safety

ES Would like to remind all community members to talk to your family about what to do if there is an earthquake. In the event of a widespread emergency, local government resources may be overwhelmed and unable to respond immediately to all requests for assistance.

Prepare and communicate your plan. After an earthquake, assess the situation inside and out. Secure necessary utilities and determine the need to evacuate or shelter in place. Communicate to your neighbors, friends and family your location and condition. You can help us by helping yourself and being prepared!

WHEN IT HITS
Where will you be?

BACKWOODS
Move away from cliffs and steep embankments where there might be falling debris or a landslide.
After the quake, get away from river beds, which may be carrying debris or surges of water and mud.

ON FOOT
If you're among high-rises, duck into a lobby. In other areas, move away from buildings. Falling bricks, debris and glass pose the greatest risks.

IN TRANSIT
If you are driving, stop your vehicle away from buildings, bridges and utility lines. Set your parking brake. Stay inside the car until shaking stops.

OUTSIDE
Move to an open area, away from buildings, streetlights and utility wires.

COASTLINE
If you are near the water, move to high ground immediately to escape a potential tsunami. If the epicenter is near, you could have only a few minutes before the first wave hits.

INDOORS
Avoid objects that could fall.
Don't go outside, or use stairs or elevators, until the shaking stops.
In crowded public places, such as a store, do not rush to the exit. Move away from shelves and other objects that could fall. In an auditorium or stadium, crouch down between the rows and cover your head and neck.
Duck under a sturdy table, desk or counter, and cover your head and neck to prevent injury from glass and debris. Hang onto a furniture leg and move with it if the shaking is severe.
If there's no table, go to an inside wall, a corner of the room or lie down next to a couch.

Steps For Earthquake Preparedness	
1	Identify potential hazards in your home and begin to fix them!
2	Create a disaster preparedness plan.
3	Prepare disaster supply kits.
4	Identify your building's potential weaknesses and begin to fix them.
5	Protecting yourself during earthquake shaking— DROP, COVER AND HOLD ON
6	After the earthquake, check for injuries and damage.
7	When safe, continue to follow your disaster preparedness plan.

1 **DROP!**

2 **COVER!**

3 **HOLD ON!**

City Council Highlights - April 19, 2016

- Recognized four individuals from the City's Public Works Department for their exemplary contributions to serving the community of Paso Robles. Jose Castro, John Nicolds, Lynelle Ramos, and Jesus Romero, each were congratulated on recently obtaining specialty Licenses & Certifications relative to their areas of maintenance service expertise. These certification achievements represent many hours of training and study. The City is in good hands!
- Received a presentation from the San Luis Obispo Council of Governments (SLOCOG) reminding the public that May is Bike Month. The Rideshare program has many special activities planned around bicycling, including Bike to School Day on May 4th and Bike to Work Day on May 20th. For event information and a chance to win a bicycle, the Rideshare website is: www.iRideshare.org
- Amended the City's Municipal Code to include Alternate positions on the recently formed Building Code Board of Appeals. This Appeals Board hears and makes decisions relative to any appeal of the Building Official's interpretation of the Uniform Building Code. This change to the Board's structure will allow the City Council to appoint two additional (alternate) Board members to the current regular panel of five. The Board meets only when needed and has yet to convene since its formation.
- Established new policies for parking Recreational Vehicles (RV), Trailers & Campers on City streets. The old policy allowed these larger vehicles to park on any City street for indefinite periods of time, provided the vehicle was moved every 72 hours. This resulted in the Police Department receiving frequent complaints from residents about nuisance conditions created by extended RV parking in neighborhoods and in front of businesses. The new policy will allow short term RV parking (up to 72-hours) but will require the RV owner to first obtain a (free) Parking Permit from the Police Department. This permit requirement applies to both residents and non-residents of Paso Robles, and no more than one 72-hour Parking Permit can be obtained in any given month. To provide adequate time for RV owners to find appropriate accommodations/storage, the new policy will not go into effect until August 3, 2016. Questions about RV Parking Permits should be directed to the Police Department.
- Decided to participate in a Joint Powers Agreement that will make the voluntary California HERO Program available to all property owners in Paso Robles. The HERO Program makes financing available for permanent property improvements which, by their nature, will reduce energy and water consumption. Investment in projects such as solar panels, heating and cooling energy efficient retrofits, and electric vehicle charging stations will generate utility bill cost savings for that property owner over time. The HERO program is completely voluntary and allows repayment of the project cost via their individual property taxes. This is not a City run program, but it will benefit City residents who choose to take advantage for projects that qualify. HERO representatives will be making more information about this program available in the future.
- Recommended that the San Luis Obispo Council of Governments (SLOCOG) move forward with placing a ½ cent sales tax measure on the November 2016 Ballot. The tax measure, if approved by a 2/3 vote of countywide residents, could generate about \$12 million in local Paso Robles projects over a 9 year period. In addition, there would be approximately \$1.4 million of additional regional project funding each year that SLOCOG could program for things like freeway interchange enhancements and bicycle/pedestrian connection projects. If approved by voters, SLO County would become a "Self-Help County" and would compete better for State level transportation funding. This funding measure would provide significant regional and local benefit.
- Modified the City's pool entrance fees from \$3 to \$5 for daily swim. This revised fee will apply to both the Municipal Pool on 28th Street, and Centennial Pool that will reopen in May this year. Daily entry fees had remained unchanged for more than 10-years. The City's fees have been well below the average in the County, and this change will help defray some of the operational costs associated with running both pools. Youth scholarships remain available for children who might otherwise not be able to afford the pool entry fees. Happy swimming everyone!
- Adopted a reduced development impact fee for small Studio Apartments and One Bedroom Units, based on their likeliness to house only one individual (as opposed to a single family residence that is statistically assumed to house more than two people per unit). With fewer people living in each unit, the assumption is there will be lesser impacts to City services. The City's Economic Strategy supports the development of residential units that accommodate all income levels and lifestyles; this fee reduction is one method of encouraging smaller scale and presumably more affordable housing stock. Another result of this action is a reduction in the amount of impact fee revenues collected and used to make physical improvements to the City's infrastructure. The City Council asked that the Housing Constraints and Opportunities Committee should develop recommendations on how to address the revenue shortfall created by this fee reduction. .
- Authorized a contract to install a new traffic signal light at Lana and Creston Road, and to upgrade the traffic signal on Creston and Golden Hill Road to add a dedicated left hand turn from Creston onto Golden Hill Road. The cost of the work will be covered by funds generated by the Supplemental Sales Tax, and work is expected to begin this summer.

The Council adjourned in honor of past local resident, Joe Benson who recently passed away.

-Meg Williamson

Employee Recognition Awards

At the City Council meeting of April 19, the City of Paso Robles Public Works Department had four individuals recognized for their exemplary contributions to serving the community of Paso Robles. Jose Castro, John



Nicolds, Lynelle Ramos and Jesus Romero were each presented with awards congratulating them on recently obtaining specialty licenses and certifications relative to their areas of maintenance service expertise. Each certification achievement represents

many hours of training and study and shows the dedication these hard working individuals have to the City and to improving their knowledge so they can maintain their high level of excellence within their department. The City is in good hands and congratulates each award recipient on a job well done!



City Employee Training Workshops

On April 18, the Human Resources department organized our annual Hearing Conservation/Heat Stress and Bloodborne Pathogens/Fire Extinguisher/Aerosol Transmissible Diseases workshops through the California JPIA. Instructor Steve Damewood, with Damewood Consulting Group, presented the two 2-hour trainings to 98 of the City’s employees. The hearing conservation portion of the first workshop taught participants the sources of noise in work environments, the use and care of personal protective equipment, and the physical dynamics of sound energy. In the heat stress portion of the workshop, geared toward employees who work in temperatures of 80° or more, Steve Damewood reviewed the types and hazards of heat stress, signs and symptoms of over-exposure, heat illness first-aid and control measures, and prevention of heat stress injuries. The Bloodborne Pathogens/Fire Extinguisher/Aerosol Transmissible Diseases workshop provided participants information on the symptoms, risks and methods of protection against bloodborne pathogens and zoonotic and aerosol transmissible diseases, how to handle and dispose of needles and sharps, what to do if employees are exposed to an accidental needle stick or sharps, and the various types of fire extinguishers and their proper use. These tools will help City staff identify and prevent these hazards in the workplace and the proper way to react if presented with them.



How To Use Fire Extinguisher

Remember the **PASS** word (**P**ull - **A**im - **S**queeze - **S**weep)

P	A	S	S
Pull Pull The Pin	Aim Aim At The Base Of Fire	Squeeze Squeeze The Operating Handle	Sweep Sweep From Side To Side
↓ Break seal and test extinguisher	↓ Ensure you have a means of escape	↓ To operate extinguisher and discharge the agent	↓ Completely extinguish the fire

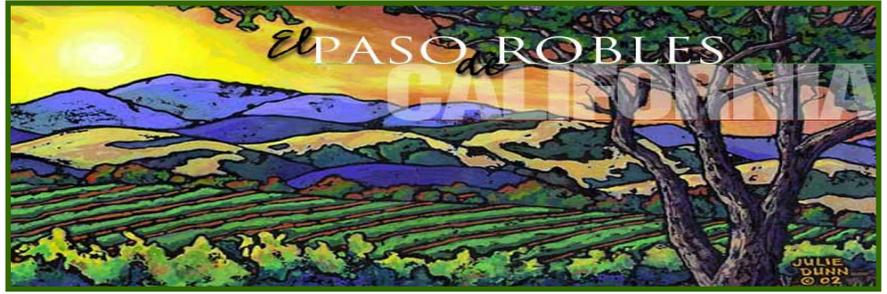


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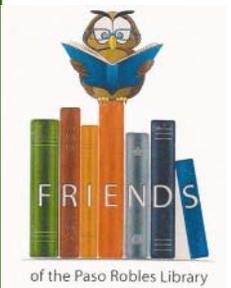
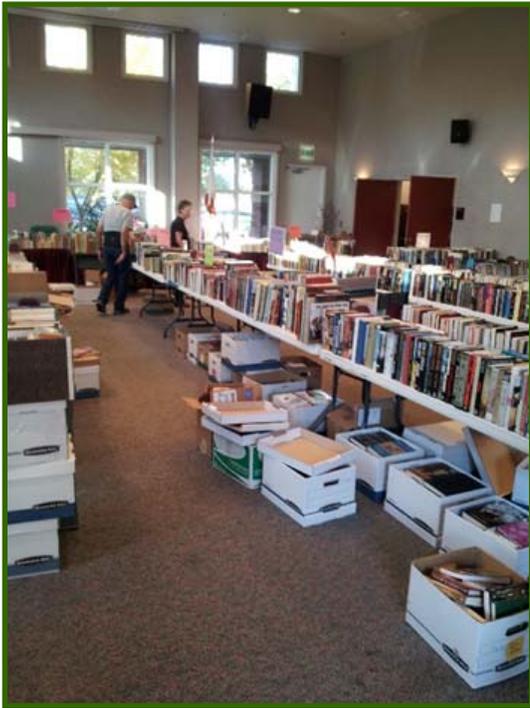
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Friends of the Library's Annual Spring Book Sale Going On Now!

Don't miss the Friends of the Paso Robles Library's huge sale going on right now in the conference room until 6:00pm and tomorrow, Saturday, April 23, 10:00am-3:00pm. Books, CDs, DVDs, and rare vinyl records all at ridiculously low prices!



City Survey Results

The City would like to thank each and every citizen who took the time to complete our survey and convey their satisfaction, concerns and suggestions to help improve our community. We value and appreciate your opinions which will help the City better serve the Citizens and make it easier to acknowledge and respond to top concerns. Please watch for future surveys as we continue to communicate and involve the Paso Robles community as much as possible!

