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On Monday, April 25 the City welcomed new Capital Projects Assistant Engineer, Kristin O'Quest.

Over the past several years, Kristin has specialized in developing pavement management plans, rehabilitation and maintenance plans and specifications for public agencies and private entities through her employment with Pavement Engineering Inc. (PEI).

Working with PEI provided Kristin extensive experience in assessing pavement for defects, developing rehabilitation options, measuring field quantities and preparing bid packages, including; plans, technical specifications and engineers' estimates and also preparing specifications for federally funded projects.

In addition, she assisted PEI's clients with grant money reimbursements and project and construction management.

Many of the paving projects Kristin worked on through her employment at PEI were located in Paso Robles, including; Rambouillet Road, Rolling Hills Road, Country Club Drive, Airport Road from Linne Road to Scott Street, Spring Street from



16th Street to 24th Street, Airport Road from Propeller Drive to Tower Road, Walnut Drive, Shannon Hill Drive, Jackson Drive, and most recently the currently-under-construction Scott Street, Hot Spots Repairs, Slurry Seal and Spring Street Rehabilitation from 1st Street to 10th Street projects.

"I've worked with many agencies throughout the state of California and have always enjoyed working with the City of Paso Robles," says Kristin. "The residents, City Council, and City staff are engaged, educated, and friendly, the City is proactive in maintaining and rehabilitating the roads, and there are plenty of interesting and challenging road projects ahead."

Pavement isn't Kristin's only specialty, however; prior to working with PEI Kristin spent a decade as an engineer and lab manager for a mechanical and chemical engineering firm, Diamondback Technology that specializes in materials testing and design of processing plant systems for bulk solids. She holds a degree in BioResource and Ag-

ricultural Engineering from Cal Poly with a concentration in Water Science.

"Another exciting part of joining the team at the City of Paso Robles is that I will get to be involved with water and wastewater projects and use my education and experience in water and systems to help with the management of these important resources. The water and wastewater projects Paso Robles is developing are really on the cutting edge of current technology."

Please give Kristin a warm welcome when you see her around the City!



Planning Commission Recommends Approval of Marriott Residence Inn

At Tuesday's Planning Commission meeting, the Commission reviewed a conditional use permit / planned development / height exception application for a new 119 room Marriott Residence Inn Hotel. The four story, Tuscan-themed hotel is proposed at 2940 Union Road, just west of Barney Schwartz Park in an existing C-3 zoning district.



The Planning Commission first reviewed the project on April 12, but continued the item so additional review of weekend traffic could be conducted. The Commission raised questions regarding the project's impact on existing traffic levels on Union Rd., Golden Hills Rd., and Highway 46 east.

In the end, the Planning Commission voted to recommend approval of the project to the City Council on a 4-2 vote. Due to the requested height exception, to accommodate architectural roof features, the project will require City Council approval. The item is expected to be on the May 17 City Council agenda.



View from Northeast Arrival

Recreation Offering New Summer Classes

With summer right around the corner, now is the time to start planning. Paso Robles Recreation Services has some wonderful activities for you and your family to choose from. Online registration for summer camps and classes begins **Sunday, May 1**. Sign up online at www.prcity.com/recreationonline. Look for the complete listings of all of our activities in the summer Activity Guide arriving in your mailbox by mid-May. Recreation Services is offering over 25 new classes or camps in many areas of interest including cooking, crafting, personal growth, business as well as improved health and fitness. Our preview below offers a glimpse at some of our new and exciting offerings. With a dozen new instructors joining our recreation team this summer, we're confident that you'll find something just right. Of course, we have some excellent returning favorites too.

**Get excited for
NEW CLASSES!**

Register Now!



L-R: Good Dog Kid's Kamp, Young Actors Studio, Magic Camp and Paper Crafts for Kids.



L-R: Sport Yoga, Open Spaces • Open Mind Peditation, 21 Day Cleanse, Acrylic Painting,

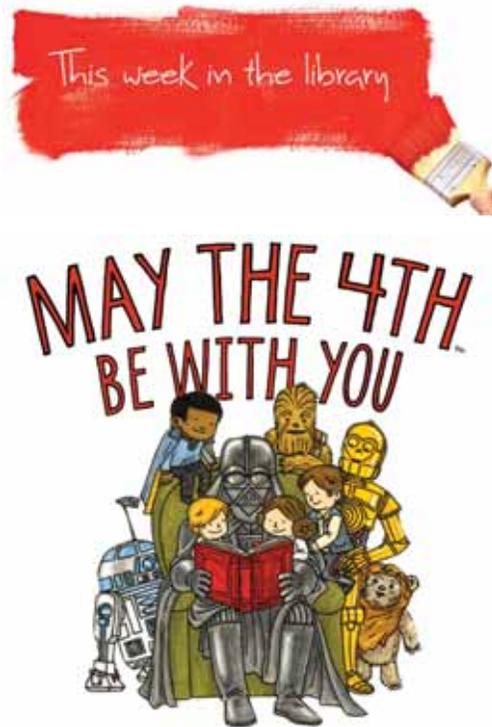


**Refuse
To Be A Victim.**



L-R: Earrings 101, Create a Sea Glass & Driftwood Mobile, Refuse to be a Victim, Google Forms Not Just For Surveys Anywhere, Rocking 'Round the Docs, Improving Yourself with Hypnosis.

The mission of Library and Recreation Services is to connect our community through people, programs, places and experiences.



May the 4th Be With You

Calling Star Wars fans of all ages! The Paso Robles Library invites you to come and celebrate May the Fourth Be With You, a day dedicated to all things Star Wars on Wednesday, May 4 from 2:00 to 5:00 p.m. Take pictures with a life size Darth Vader and R2D2 in front of the Star Wars photo backdrop at the entrance to the children's area of the library, view an extensive display of star wars collectables (throughout the entire month) and watch the Star Wars film that was voted on by Library patrons at a special screening in the Library Conference Room at 4:00 PM.

Costumes are optional but highly encouraged! Star Wars activity and coloring pages will be available for children.

**May the Fourth
be with you!**



Mother's Day Crafternoon

Mother's Day Crafternoon, Thursday, May 5 from 3:00 to 5:00 p.m. in the library story room. With Mother's Day just around the corner, join local author and artist Beryl Reichenberg and make a card for your mother, grandmother or other special person in your life. Colorful paper, punches, pens and markers for children will be available to use to decorate the provided card. This is a drop-in activity for ages two and older. No registration is necessary. We hope to see you there!



Police Department Collaboration on 'The Reality Tour'

Beginning in February, the Police Department collaborated with the Kayla Peach Memorial Foundation and the Paso Robles Joint Unified School District on a drug awareness program titled 'The Reality Tour.' This program is designed to educate parents and children on the dangers of drug and alcohol addiction, and takes the program attendees through phases of addiction from first encounter, to use and arrest, to overdose.

The program was held last weekend at Daniel Lewis Middle School, attended by over 100 community members and their children. The Police Department participated by conducting a mock arrest of a high school student during the assembly, followed by the showing of a film of the student being booked at the Department's temporary holding facility. Department personnel also participated in a Law Enforcement panel during the program, where they provided drug awareness information and answered questions from parents and children on the realities of drug abuse. The Police Department collaborated with the San Luis Obispo County Probation Department and Office of the District Attorney to round out the law enforcement presence for the program.



Detective Azarvand and mock arrestee, Ryah Taylor
Photo courtesy of the *Paso Robles Daily News*

The filming of the booking was produced by students in Mr. John Rucker's 'Film Production' class at the Paso Robles High School. Mr. Rucker was contacted to see if the students in his class would participate in this worthwhile program, and 12 members of the class agreed to help out. This group of students, along with their teacher and other school district personnel, filmed the mock booking on April 13. The students had a rough draft ready by April 18 and a final cut ready on April 20.

After attending the program on Friday night Chief Burton commented, "It was great... I think it will make an impact on the parents and children involved."

The following Police Department personnel participated in the program:

- Officer Lance O'Brien and his K9 partner, Armex
- Reserve Police Officer Bob Velasquez
- Detectives Ricky Lehr and Eric Azarvand
- Community Volunteer Patrol Program members Lynn Rogers, Kaye Kamphefner, and Jim Walters



PRHS Teacher John Rucker with his film class students during filming of mock booking, along with actress Ryah Taylor, Officer Lance O'Brien, and Detective Azarvand



Paso's Bright Future

James Fallows, a national correspondent for *The Atlantic Monthly*, and his wife have been traveling from city to city throughout the United States over the last five years, seeking to understand America's likely future from a local, granular perspective. Their latest dispatch, which appeared in the March issue of *The Atlantic*, provided a checklist of the cities that were performing well and appear to have a bright future. Mr. and Mrs. Fallows identified eleven shared attributes of the cities likely to have long-term success, listed below. I don't know if the Fallows will visit Paso Robles anytime soon, but they would surely agree Paso Robles deserves high grades in all areas:

1. Divisive national politics seem a distant concern—We can take pride in the respectful tone of our Council meetings, our School Board meetings, and the respect the candidates for 1st District Supervisor evidence for each other and the decorum they exhibit at the candidate forums.
2. One can quickly learn who makes the town go—There are so many people in Paso Robles who are consistently willing to stand up and be counted upon when leadership is needed.
3. Public-private partnerships are real—We have so many business owners and employees who donate time, energy, and resources to our community.
4. People know the community's story—Every October our agricultural and pioneering spirit is celebrated on Pioneer Day by a community who is proud of our fascinating and variegated history.
5. The community has an active downtown—Ours is the only downtown in the world that has Norma. She has harnessed the energy of many and created a central heartbeat that is undeniable.
6. The city is near a research university—Our ties to Cal Poly are deep and strong.
7. The community has and cares about a community college—Cuesta College is already a vital force in the north County, and its building program is just one more sign of its commitment to students in the north county far into the future.
8. The community has unusual schools—From academics and sports, through VAPA and universal pre-school, the current energy and drive for excellence of our beloved Paso Robles Bearcats is an unstoppable force.
9. The community is open and welcoming to newcomers—I can attest, from recent personal experience, how welcoming this community is to newcomers. I feel like I have come home.
10. The city has big plans for the future—Paso's can-do attitude is known far and wide. We have done big things in the past and stand ready with big plans for the future.
11. The community has craft breweries and distilleries—We lead the entire county, and maybe the Central Coast, in both categories.



You can read the entire article here: <http://www.theatlantic.com/magazine/archive/2016/03/eleven-signs-a-city-will-succeed/426885/>



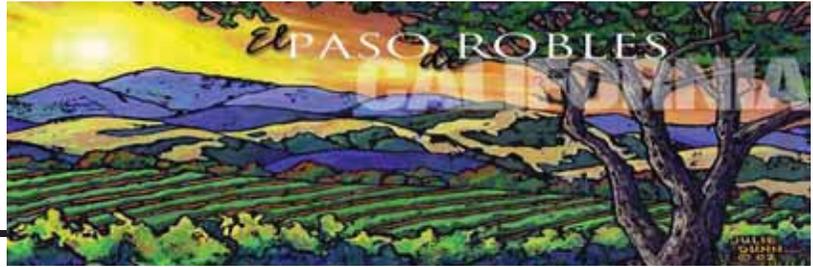


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CMSF OFFERS "2-FER TUESDAY" SEASON PASSES

PASO ROBLES – The California Mid-State Fair is pleased to announce that once again, Season Passes will be offered through our "2-Fer Tuesday" promotion.

During the month of May – on each Tuesday only, and between 9:00am and 4:00pm – Season Passes to the 2016 California Mid-State Fair will be sold as follows: Two (2) Adult Season Passes will be sold for \$50 and two (2) Child's Season Passes will be sold for \$20. Season passes allow for entry into the 2015 Fair each of the twelve days. The Season Passes can be purchased at either the California Mid-State Fair box office,

at 2198 Riverside Avenue in Paso Robles, or by phone by calling 1-800-909-FAIR. Box Office hours are 9:00am to 4:00pm.

The specific Tuesdays in May that the "2-Fer Tuesday" is being offered are May 3, 10, 17, 24 and 31. The promotion is not good in conjunction with any other offers or discounts.

The "2-Fer Tuesday" promotion is being sponsored by the American General Media group of radio stations, KKJG 98.1 FM, KZOZ 93.3 FM, KIQO 104.5 FM and KKAL 92.5 FM. American General Media is the "Official Voice of the California Mid-State Fair."

The 2016 California Mid-State Fair runs July 20 through July 31. This year's theme is "The Adventure Continues..."

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