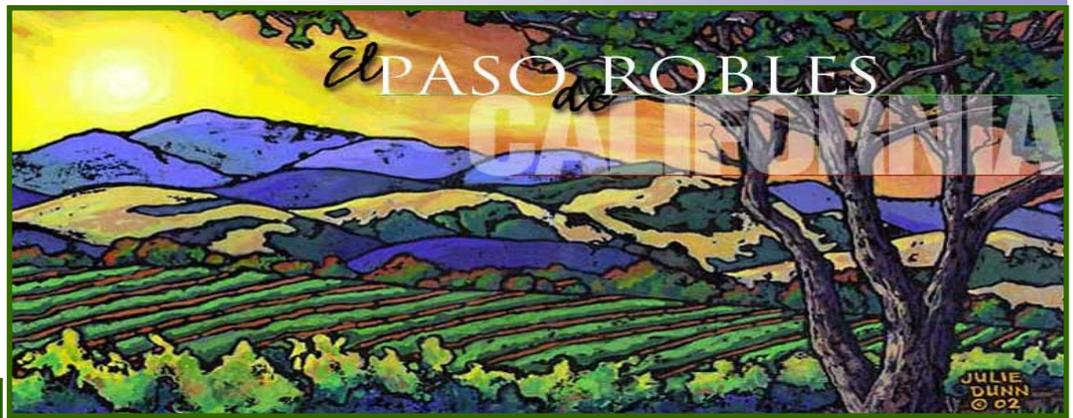




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Memorial Day weekend is almost here and that means it's time to celebrate the arts in Paso Robles!

PASO ARTSFEST 2016 will showcase world-class artists, award-winning wines and offer hands-on projects for all ages, entertainment, a costume kick-off party, a theatrical hair a makeup contest and much more.

More than 90 artists from across the United States will showcase paintings, photography, leather, jewelry, glass, wood and more during the one-day event on **Saturday, May 28**. This event, sponsored by Studios on the Park, invites the community of Paso Robles to partake in the festivities with a

portion of all donations and proceeds directly benefiting art education programming for local children and adults.

ARTSFEST activities will include the family friendly Kids Art Smart Zone, Imagination Playground, Rainbow Looming, Face Painting, Sand Castles, Dragon Knights Stilt Walkers, Chalk Art stations and so much more.

There will also be live music from Topsy Gypsies, Bear Market Riot and Proxima Parada, as well as dances and musical performances by local clubs and schools.

Local wines and beer will be available and of course the art exhibits and masterpieces will be available to view and purchase throughout the day. Don't miss this exciting event!

Please visit <http://pasoartsfest.com> for more information and see page 11 of the Weekly Summary for the ARTSFEST map and schedule of events.



Planning Commission Recommends Approval of River Oaks II General Plan Amendment

At its Tuesday meeting, the Planning Commission took action to recommend approval of the River Oaks II project proposed by Dick and Wes Willhoit. The project proposes 271 single-family residential units including 144 age-restricted (seniors) units, expansion of the existing Hot Springs Resort, and dedication of 17 acres along the Salinas River for public trails and recreation. The project creates a logical northern extension of the existing River Oaks neighborhood, located west of Buena Vista Drive. For the past 6 months, the applicant and staff have been meeting every two weeks to coordinate approval of project entitlements. At the meeting, Susan DeCarli, John Falkenstien and Dick McKinley provided a thorough overview of project issues including agricultural buffers, traffic impacts, water supply and extension of recycled water to the project. After a single public comment, the Planning Commission complemented the project and voted 6-0 to recommend approval by the City Council. The City Council is scheduled to hold a public hearing on the project on June 21, 2016.



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City Council Authorizes Summer Work Crews

As a creative way to increase street and parks maintenance during the summer months, the City Council has authorized Public Works to hire temporary work crews. Because these are summer crews only, the work can be performed at a much lower cost than adding full-time staff. Currently, there are only four people working to maintain 150 miles of city streets, alleys, traffic signs and signals, street striping, street trees and all other work in the rights-of-way. Doubling that staffing during June, July and August will be particularly helpful in taking on seasonal repair work rather than just patching problem areas. Many other cities use summer crews and have found them to be a successful.

For parks maintenance, there are eight people maintaining more than 120 acres of parks. The addition of four staff members during the summer will significantly increase the amount of deferred maintenance that can be accomplished. Many park irrigation systems are old and need repairs or replacement to prevent leaks. With 120 acres of turf, trees and sports fields, there is significant work to keep up with maintenance.

Spring Street Repairs - 1st to 10th Street

Work is underway to repair Spring Street between 1st and 10th. The contractor is currently placing a temporary sewer by-pass system at 8th Street. Once the temporary system is in place, the existing sewer main will be disconnected from service, and new mains at manholes will be installed.

At the same time, video detection cameras are being installed at the traffic signals at 1st, 4th, 6th, and 10th. This is in lieu of in-road loop detectors. The pipeline work (sewer, water, storm drains) will take approximately 8-10 weeks to complete before the final paving repairs can be done.



Senior Volunteers and Senior Center Recognized for Outstanding Service

The Senior Volunteer Services and Central Coast Community Volunteers held their 44th annual recognition brunch at the Paso Robles Golf Club on Tuesday, May 17. During the ceremony, the Paso Robles Senior Center was named Station of the Year by Retired and Senior Volunteer Services (RSVP) of San Luis Obispo and Northern Santa Barbara County. Kooki Peters received the Carol Conway Spirit of Volunteerism Award from RSVP and was also named the Paso Robles Senior Center Volunteer of the Year at the annual Senior Volunteer BBQ on Saturday, May 14.

Volunteers numbering close to 100 perform important tasks to keep the Senior Center running smoothly, including leading classes, working in the Senior Center kitchen, delivering meals, working at the reception desk, overseeing the library, and conducting health screenings.

“It was an honor to be considered for the award, let alone to receive it,” Marty Durrett, Operations Coordinator said of the Senior Center being chosen as Station of the Year. “The Paso Robles Senior Center is one of the most active senior centers in Central California. We offer a wonderful variety of activities for many diverse areas of interest that promote personal growth and respond to a wide variety of interests for independent seniors.”

Kooki Peters has been involved with the Senior Center for many years, and has dedicated her time as a volunteer since her retirement as head cook for the Senior Nutrition Program at the Center in 2011. You may know Kooki from the Senior Center reception desk where she volunteers six hours each week. Kooki also tracks the attendance statistics for the Center, makes sure that necessary Center supplies are kept in stock, and cleans many of the Center’s linens. During tax time, the Center offers tax-preparation assistance and Kooki oversees the scheduling and follow-up of 850 reservations.

“Kooki is a tireless worker and supporter of the Paso Robles Senior Center in so many ways,” said Marie Brinkmeyer, Senior Volunteer Services Director. “During tax time she arranged for a shut-in to have tax preparation help in her home. Kooki also obtained a motorized scooter for a senior and had it delivered to the woman’s residence. Kooki’s dedication and commitment stand out among those who know and work with her.”

The Paso Robles Senior Center is located at 270 Scott Street in Paso Robles and is open Monday through Friday from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. For more information, call (805) 237-3880.



Left to Right: Councilman Steve Gregory, Senior of the Year Kooki Peters, Senior Volunteer Services Executive Director Marie Brinkmeyer and Senior Center Assistant Marty Durrett



Emergency Staff took part in traditional service of root beer floats to the seniors



Councilman John Hamon helped serve lunch at the Senior Volunteer BBQ

Chef Bruce - Summer Grilling Tips



City of Paso Robles Recreation Services

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Ask a Rec-xpert
This summer, Professional Chef Bruce Finch is joining Paso Robles Recreation Services to offer five unique demonstration cooking classes that will have you asking for seconds! In June he'll present one of his most popular offerings: The BBQ Class. In this season of grilling, Chef Bruce offers a few tips to help improve your BBQ skills:

- Don't cook anything cold. Always bring what you're grilling to room temperature to prevent overcook-



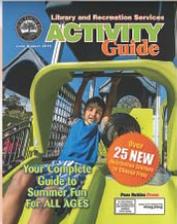
ing on the outside. Especially when grilling whole chicken and chicken breasts, pork loins and steak.

- Make sure your grill grates are hot (500-600°). If you add the meat to a cool grate, it will stick.
- Always leave space on the grill where there's no heat. If using briquettes, pile them on one side of the grill. If using a gas grill turn a burner off on the end.

Once everything is nicely seared, move it to the indirect heat area, close the cover or if you don't have a cover use a pan. Your grill becomes an oven...and we all know how to use that!

- To prevent food from sticking, clean your grill grates thoroughly by scrubbing them. Get the burners really hot and use non-soap based scrub pads (available at any hardware store).

Do you know why chefs don't recommend using extra virgin olive oil when grilling? Register for the BBQ Class now and find out! Come hungry, we'll be tasting everything Bruce prepares. Look for Bruce's Appetizer, Salad, International Street Food & Farm to Fork classes this summer too.

For a complete list of Recreation offerings, scan the QR code or visit www.prcity.com/recreation.

Register now for Chef Bruce's BBQ Classes on June 13 or June 27 at Centennial Park! Click here for more details about all of Chef Bruce's classes:

CLICK HERE 

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Two of Chef Bruce's Favorite Recipes

Grilled Guacamole

- 4 avocados, cut in half, pit discarded
- 1/2 bunch cilantro, minced
- 1/2 white onion, cut into 1/4" slices
- 1 T salt
- 2 T garlic powder
- 2 T green tobasco
- juice of 4 limes
- 2 T tequila
- 2 T sweet and sour mixture

Cut avocados and immediately place in bowl with tequila, lime juice and sweet and sour. Toss to coat avocados. Cover with plastic wrap until ready to use.

Place onion slices on a grill over direct high heat. Grill until onion is cooked through and soft, about 5 minutes per side. Remove from heat and dice.

Place avocados on the same grill, round side up. Reserve marinade. Grill for about 5 minutes or until avocado has a little char on the skin. If the avocado is not totally ripe, turn over and grill another 5 minutes.

Place avocados, cilantro, garlic, onions and salt in a medium bowl. Using a fork, mash guacamole.



Grilled and Smoked Tomato Salsa

- 6 beefsteak tomatoes, peeled and seeded
- 1 bunch cilantro
- 1 medium onion
- 3 cloves garlic
- 2 T sugar
- 1 T fresh thyme
- 1 T salt
- pepper to taste
- 1 jalapeno, minced (optional)
- Tabasco (optional)

Bring a large pot of water to a boil. Cut the core out of the top of the tomatoes, and cut a very shallow x on the bottom. Place tomatoes in boiling water for about 30 seconds, until skin begins to peel. Place tomatoes in an ice bath to prevent further cooking. When cooled peel tomatoes.

Place tomatoes in a smoker, away from heat for 30-60 minutes (depending on how much smoke flavor is wanted).

Slice the onion into 1/4" slices and place on a hot grill until onion is soft, about 3 minutes per side.

Quarter tomatoes and remove membranes and seeds. Put all ingredients in a food processor and blend until smooth or rustic, depending on preference.

Serve at room temp.



Try these recipes Memorial Day Weekend to impress at any cookout you attend!!

Paso Robles Bridge Christian Church Beautification Project

30 volunteers from Paso Robles Bridge Christian Church participated in beautification projects around Paso Robles on Saturday, May 21. Volunteers pruned bushes, painted curbs and cleaned debris from the parking lot at Centennial Park. The church's adopted street is on Union Road and several church volunteers participated in a trash pick-up along that stretch of road. At the Paso Robles Boys & Girls Club facility on 26th Street, volunteers purchased paint and sanded and repainted all six of the club's outdoor picnic tables as well as pressure washed the front of the building. The Bridge Christian Church youth group meets on Wednesday evenings at the Boys & Girls Club.

"One of the core values of our church is to serve," said Tim Mensing, Pastor of Bridge Christian Church. "We encourage our members to serve not only in the church but also in the community. It's in the DNA of our church to love our community and serving through these types of projects is a wonderful way to express that love."

The Bridge Christian Church will volunteer again this weekend at the PASO ARTSFEST.



Our Library Celebrates Art Year Round!

Each month, the Library features the work of a local artist or a group of local artists. Currently on the display wall along the ramp is the work of the Pastel Artists of the Central Coast. The group began meeting on a regular basis a number of years ago, brought together by a shared passion for the pastel medium. While they paint, they share inspirations, practical tips, news about new products, and discuss venues for showing their work. About three years ago, the five artists decided to create a website together and came up with their name--*Pastel Artists of the Central Coast*.



Award winning Carolyn Braun brings striking colors to the walls with bright, representational pastel paintings of San Luis Obispo County. A signature artist of the Sierra Pastel Society (Placerville, CA), her paintings can be found in collections throughout the US.

Virginia Guffey says, "I am primarily a self-taught artist preferring to paint outdoors or in plein air whenever possible. Many a memorable painting day has been spent with friends in the hills near Paso Robles and on the Pacific Ocean cliffs of Cambria and San Simeon."



Shelley Snow became fascinated with the rich and vibrant qualities of the pastel medium in the late 1990s. While in Colorado, pastels were well-suited to Snow's favorite early subjects: the intense colors of storms, sunsets, and dramatic vistas of the Utah canyon lands and Western Colorado. After moving back to California, Snow also became interested in portraiture and people in everyday activities.

Ginger Toomer attributes her love of art in part to heredity, and in part to her beautiful surroundings--the inspiration for many of her paintings. She feels the pastel medium allows for a spontaneous direct approach, and lends itself well to a variety of subject matter including pet/wildlife portraits, nature studies, landscapes and portraiture.

Priscilla White, who divides her time between California and Idaho, is a mostly self-taught artist who says she has received lots of help from friends and various classes, especially Evie Ingram's weekly painting class and the pastel workshop given by Liz Hayward-Sullivan. Priscilla says, "Pastel is my medium of choice. I love the bright colors and finger painting is just too much fun."



Enjoy more of these artists' works and the works of other talented artists at the 8th Annual PASO ARTSFEST, May 28, 10-4 in the Downtown City Park.

Next month, the library will host the Senior Center Art Group. Be sure to stop by the library and check it out!

To Protect and Serve - Tip A Cop Fundraiser

To protect and *SERVE!* Paso Robles police officers gave a whole new meaning to this well-known motto when they participated in this year's Tip a Cop fundraiser. On May 24 PRPD officers, along with the California Highway Patrol, Atascadero Police Department, San Luis Obispo County Sheriff, and Atascadero State Hospital, participated in the annual Special Olympics fundraiser.

Officers, deputies, police chiefs, and the Sheriff happily waited on 650 North County community members, hand and foot, as they served their customers dinner. 100% of the proceeds raised at the dinners will benefit Special Olympics athletes.



Masonic Lodge Honors North County Officers and Deputies

TOP COP! On May 25 the Thaddeus Sherman Masonic Lodge honored North County officers and deputies and presented the prestigious "Top Cop" award to the PRPD's own Officer Brady Cox. Officer Cox was presented the award, in part, due to his outstanding work related to reducing the number of people driving under the influence in our community. Officer Cox was also the department's Mothers Against Drunk Driving top DUI enforcement officer for 2016. After only 3 years on the job, Officer Cox is making a great name for himself, the PRPD, and the City. A job well done!



Paso Robles High School Forensic Class



On Wednesday, May 18, Emergency Services Fire Investigators Ross Porter and Jason Cox completed a Fire Investigation presentation and live-burn demonstration for the Paso Robles High School Forensics Science class.

Fire Investigators Porter and Cox have presented this class each semester to PRHS Science Teacher Anthony Overton's Forensics class since 2014. The students learn about the field of Fire Investigation as well as basic investigation techniques and procedures. The in-class presentation was followed with a live-burn exercise in a small scale burn room where students saw first-hand the fire and smoke patterns left behind after a fire. The class was well received and demonstrates the good working relationship Emergency Services has with Paso Robles High School.

Substance Abuse Prevention Workshop

On May 25, the Human Resources division organized training through the California JPIA for 28 of the City's safety sensitive employees, supervisors and managers on substance abuse prevention. The workshop provided participants with an overview of the effects of controlled substances in the workplace, types of controlled substances, drug testing, reasonable cause protocols and rehabilitation. Additionally, managers and supervisors learned how to identify and respond to substance abuse in the workplace.



City Employees Participate in Bike to Work Day

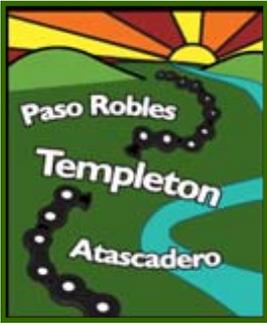
Friday, May 20, City Planner Susan DeCarli and Community Development Administrative Assistant Monica Hollenbeck participated in "Bike To Work Day," an occasion that was celebrated with dozens of events throughout San Luis Obispo County.

Presented by SLO Regional Rideshare, this program is part of the San Luis Obispo Council of Governments and encourages local residents to commute to work on their bicycles. There were 12 Bike to Work Day stations across SLO County that offered free breakfast, giveaways and more to those who participated.

Susan and Monica rode approximately 13 miles from Atascadero to the Paso Robles City Hall!



Cycle de Mayo Event



Approximately 60 children participated in the Bike Rodeo for kids, and about 225 attended the BMX show. The BMX show weaved in a strong emphasis on bicycling safety, teaching hand signals, helmet use, rider awareness, and more. There was also a lot of interest in reviewing trail displays, and County plans for the bridge connection in Templeton, as well as future improvements in Atascadero on Hwy 41 and funding options.



The volunteer support was exceptional, and included folks from the local bike community, REC Foundation, and Troop 434 Scouts. Special thanks to Steve and Carol Fleury, Amanda Ross, K-Man bike shop, the SLO County Bike Coalition, and our event sponsors. The generous donations of time and funds to put this event on help make this a wonderful community!



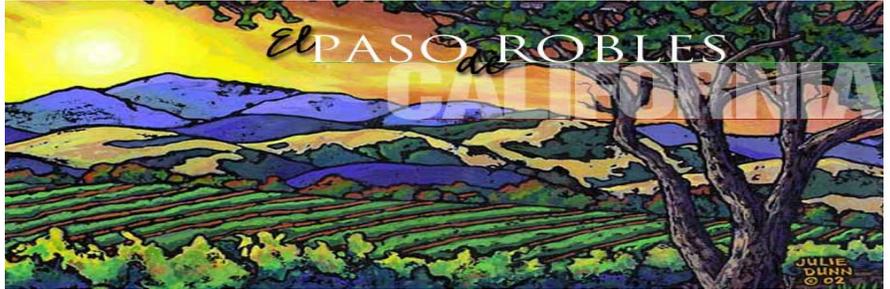


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P A S O ARTS FEST



10:00 am
PASO ARTSFEST BEGINS!
Local Stars Quick-Draw
Location: Gazebo & Throughout Downtown
Signature Exhibition & Studios Open
Location: Studios on the Park
PRHS Jazz Band
Location: Kids Art Smart Zone Stage

10:15 am
Cantinas Dance Workshop
Location: CREATEspace

10:30 am
Tipsy Gypsies
Location: Pine Street Stage
PRHS Dance
Location: Kids Art Smart Zone Stage

11:00 am
Dragon Knights Stilt Walkers
Location: Throughout Downtown City Park
Masterpiece Hair & Makeup Contest Begins
Location: CREATEspace
Singing Hands Choir
Location: Kids Art Smart Zone Stage

11:15 am
Cantinas Dance Workshop
Location: CREATEspace

11:25 am
Cal Poly Lion Dance Team
Location: Kids Art Smart Zone

11:30 pm
Assorted Dances by Paso Robles Youth Art Foundation
Location: Kids Art Smart Zone Stage

12:00 noon
Artist Demonstrations: Margrete Koreska & Kate Moldauer
Location: Gazebo
Beer & Wine Bar Opens
Location: Bar & Lounge
Local Stars Quick-Draw Exhibition & Sale Opens
Location: Gazebo

12:15 pm
Cantinas Dance Workshop
Location: CREATEspace
TMS Ukulele Club
Location: Kids Art Smart Zone Stage

12:30 pm
Bear Market Riot
Location: Pine Street Stage
Assorted Dances by Artistry in Motion
Location: Kids Art Smart Zone Stage

1:00 pm
Artist Demonstrations: Christine Cortez & Sheryl Knight
Location: Gazebo
Dragon Knights Stilt Walkers
Location: Throughout Downtown City Park

1:15 pm
Cantinas Dance Workshop
Location: CREATEspace
Sounds of Ancient Mexico
Location: Kids Art Smart Zone Stage

1:45 pm
Assorted Dances by Class Act Dance
Location: Kids Art Smart Zone Stage

2:00 pm
Artist Demonstrations: Larry Kappen & Lynn Kishiyama
Location: Gazebo
Masterpiece Hair & Makeup Contest Judging & Awards
Location: CREATEspace

2:20 pm
Assorted Dances by The God Squad
Location: Kids Art Smart Zone Stage

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