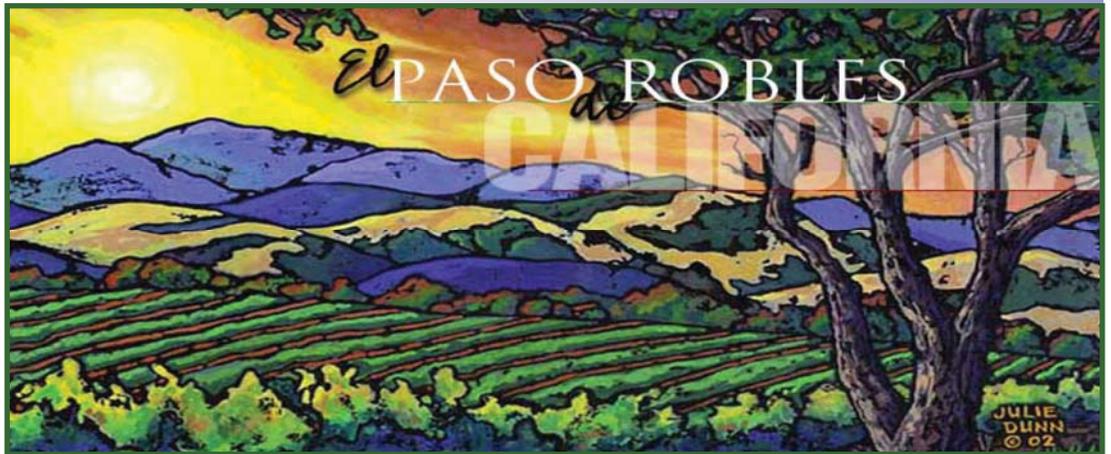


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## *12th Street Project Wins ASCE “Sustainability Engineering Project of the Year”*

The American Society of Civil Engineers San Luis Obispo Branch presented the City of Paso Robles’ 12th Street Project with the “Sustainability Engineering Project of the Year” award at a reception on June 16 at the ASCE branch meeting at Café Roma in San Luis Obispo. Capital Projects Engineer Ditas Esperanza, along with Public Works staff, attended the awards ceremony and accepted this award on behalf of the City of Paso Robles.

The 12th Street Project was honored for the decreasing the area of impervious surface; providing areas for storm water to filter before discharging to the Salinas river; providing areas for storm run-off to percolate the ground basin; providing safe passage for pedestrians; and for providing ways to control debris. The project, which was partially funded with a \$1.2 million dollar storm-water Proposition 84 grant, received top points for its innovation and preservation

of natural resources for future generations. The 12th Street Project will now move on to the next round and will be submitted to the Los Angeles Section for their upcoming Section Awards competition. Congratulations to Ditas Esperanza and the Public Works Department for this prestigious award and a successful 12th Street Project!

Please see page 2 for more Public Works Awards



## *Public Works Kelly Dunham Receives 30-year Service Award from NOAA*

Public Works Kelly Dunham, an Observer at the Paso Robles Water Department, received his 30-year Length of Service Award from NOAA. Kelly reports both temperature and precipitation and has been dedicated to the observation program. The award was presented by OPL Bonnie Bartling, NWS Los Angeles-Oxnard, CA.

To see the article on Kelly Dunham, more service awards and the entire newsletter from The National Cooperative Observer please visit:

<http://www.nws.noaa.gov/os/coop/newsletters/16coop-spring.pdf>



Kelly Dunham receives 30-year Service Award

## *Public Works JP Camsuzou Helps Repair Correction Officer's Bus*



JP Camsuzou helps repair a Correction Bus

Public Works Fleet Maintenance Department JP Camsuzou was on his way to lunch when he noticed a corrections bus having mechanical issues. The bus was loaded with 18 inmates and had stalled due to a leaking fuel pump, which had spilled diesel around the engine compartment and roadway leaving the bus stranded on the Pine Street off-ramp.

The corrections officers were trying to coordinate the difficult task of finding other available correction vehicles when JP came back with the tools necessary to make the repairs.

Both the CDC and CHP were quite happy with the exceptional service JP provided, which saved them being stranded for hours on the side of Highway 101.

The City of Paso Robles is proud of Mr. Camsuzou and wants to recognize staff who take the time to help our community in such selfless ways!

## *Fun for All Ages at the Paso Robles Library*

On Wednesday, June 22, the Library presented two excellent programs as part of their Read for the Win! Summer Reading Program.

In the afternoon, children and their parents enjoyed Storyteller John Weaver in presentations at the Library Study Center and in the Library Conference Room. Weaver is a lively and engaging narrator, presenting traditional folktales from around the world. Children were involved in the stories, providing answers to questions about the plot and responding to cues from Weaver, and parents enjoyed the lessons taught in the tales.

It was a full house in the evening for Sheri Klein's Fused Glass Workshop, an adult art experience. Klein gave instruction on various techniques used in assembling pieces to be fused and firing techniques used in the kiln. Participants were given a choice of projects to complete including a picture frame, small dish, or a set of magnets.

Summer programming at the Library continues with the upcoming String Art program for teens and our all-ages Chrome Addicts Steel Drum Band concert on Friday, June 24; a Drop-In Craft for children and the first meeting of the Adult Coloring Club on Wednesday, June 29; and Zumba classes designed just for teens and seniors on Thursday, June 30. For more information on any of these programs, please call the library at 237-3870.



John Weaver gets animated!



Students planning their fused glass pieces.



Sheri Klein explains how glass fusing works



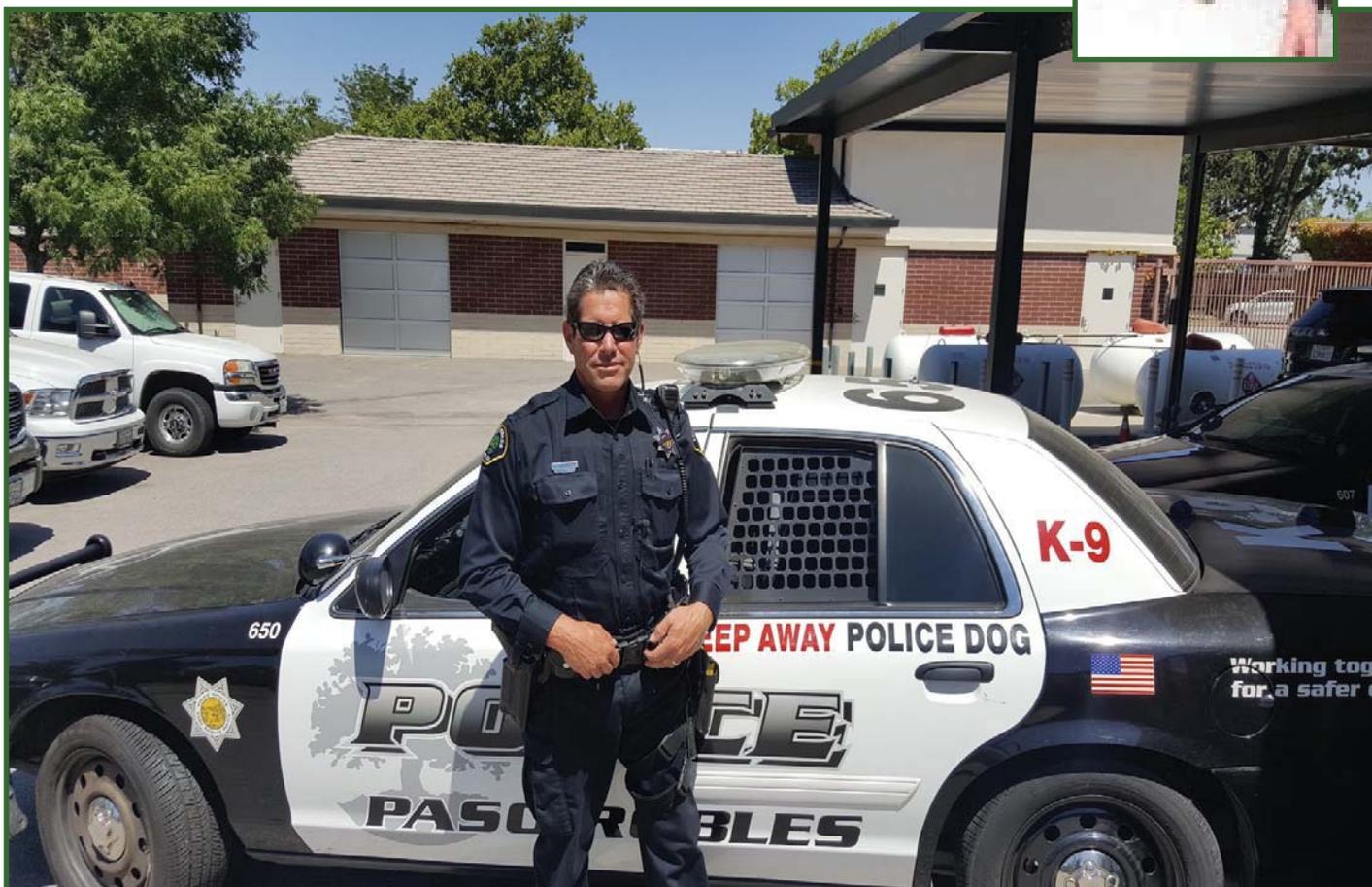
Finished projects ready for the kiln.

## Officer Hackett K9 Handler for Ar Mex

Officer Dan Hackett has been selected to be the next K9 handler for Police K9 Ar-Mex. Officer Hackett has been with the Paso Robles Police Department since 1997. During that time, he has worked a variety of assignments including: Patrol, Detectives, Motorcycle Traffic Enforcement, and SWAT. This will be Officer Hackett’s first K9.

The new team will travel to Menlo Park to Witmer-Tyson kennel for a one-month training program. The K9 training will afford Officer Hackett the knowledge and skill to be able to work with Ar-Mex in a variety of ways. During the training program, Officer Hackett will learn how to utilize Ar-Mex while on patrol including: officer protection, suspect apprehension, searching, and tracking. More importantly, the team will learn how to work together and create the important bond that exists between the handler and his K9 partner.

K-9 Ar-Mex is 3 years old and is from the Czech Republic. Ar-Mex began his career with the Paso Robles Police Department on November 11, 2013, and is now being re-trained with a different handler. Ar-Mex is trained in protection, tracking and searching, apprehension and narcotics detection.



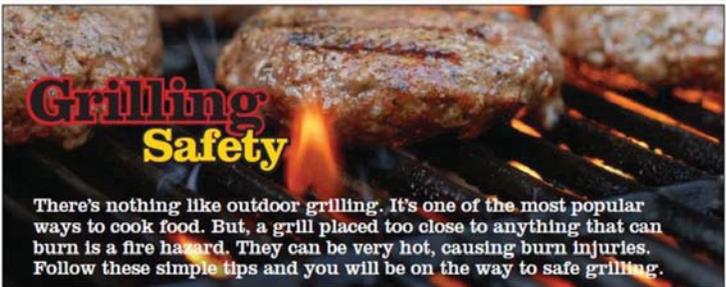
# Trench Rescue Training

The Paso Robles Water Division and Emergency Services Department participated in joint training this week for trench safety and rescue operations.

Personnel from both departments worked jointly to develop the "Excavations, Trenches, and Earthwork Policy" draft. The policy establishes safe procedures for all excavation, trench, and earthwork scenarios that personnel from each department may encounter during normal to emergency operations.

The Water Division provided a large open trench at the water treatment plant yard for practical training purposes. Crews trained over two days to hone their set-up and specialty equipment skills and practice advanced technical rescue techniques. This training is invaluable to deliver best rescue services under emergency circumstances.

# Grilling Safety



**Grilling Safety**

There's nothing like outdoor grilling. It's one of the most popular ways to cook food. But, a grill placed too close to anything that can burn is a fire hazard. They can be very hot, causing burn injuries. Follow these simple tips and you will be on the way to safe grilling.

**SAFETY TIPS**

- Propane and charcoal BBQ grills should only be used outdoors.
- The grill should be placed well away from the home, deck railings and out from under eaves and overhanging branches.
- Keep children and pets at least three feet away from the grill area.
- Keep your grill clean by removing grease or fat buildup from the grills and in trays below the grill.
- Never leave your grill unattended.
- Always make sure your gas grill lid is open before lighting it.

**CHARCOAL GRILLS**

- There are several ways to get the charcoal ready to use. Charcoal chimney starters allow you to start the charcoal using newspaper as a fuel.
- If you use a starter fluid, use only charcoal starter fluid. Never add charcoal fluid or any other flammable liquids to the fire.
- Keep charcoal fluid out of the reach of children and away from heat sources.
- There are also electric charcoal starters, which do not use fire. Be sure to use an extension cord for outdoor use.
- When you are finished grilling, let the coals completely cool before disposing in a metal container.

**PROPANE Grills**

Check the gas tank hose for leaks before using it for the first time each year. Apply a light soap and water solution to the hose. A propane leak will release bubbles. If your grill has a gas leak, by smell or the soapy bubble test, and there is no flame, turn off both the gas tank and the grill. If the leak stops, get the grill serviced by a professional before using it again. If the leak does not stop, call the fire department. **If you smell gas while cooking, immediately get away from the grill and call the fire department. Do not move the grill.**

If the flame goes out, turn the grill and gas off and wait at least 5 minutes before re-lighting it.

**FACTS**

- July is the peak month for grill fires.
- Roughly half of the injuries involving grills are thermal burns.



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## *City Council Highlights - June 21, 2016*

Election: Called for a general municipal election, and consolidated the City's election with the state General Election on November 8, for the purpose of electing two members of the City Council, the City Treasurer, and the City Clerk.

Landscape Maintenance and Water: Introduced and held first reading of an ordinance that would ease restrictions on local water use, in response to a new state water conservation mandate. The ordinance, if adopted at second reading on July 19, will allow the City Council to authorize watering of landscapes up to three days per week, compared to the current two-days per week maximum. This will provide greater flexibility to home and business owners whose landscaping has been badly stressed by the current mandate.

Approved a two-year agreement for landscape maintenance services for the City's Landscape & Lighting District with Martinelli Landscaping, for \$599,848. The funds for this work are contributed through assessments on the benefiting residences, organized in a series of separate districts and zones throughout the City.

Tourism: Approved a one-year renewal of the City's Tourism and Lodging Promotions Business Improvement District (BID), which continues a special 2% transient occupancy assessment on persons staying in any of the 21 hotels throughout the City, first approved in 2009. Since its approval, the revenues generated by the assessment have increased by an average of 6.6% annually, due to increases in occupancy, the number of rooms available, and the average daily rate charged per room.

Authorized a one-year extension of an agreement with AugustineIdeas for marketing services for the Travel Paso Robles Alliance (TPRA), for \$350,000.

Authorized a one-year extension of an agreement with Big Red Marketing for administrative support for the Travel Paso Robles Alliance, destination management services, and sales management services to generate leads, for \$65,000. The funds for both agreements are generated by the special 2% transient occupancy tax.

Honoring Norma Moyer: Declared July 2, 2016 as Norma Moyer Day in the City of Paso Robles, honoring the woman who founded and has been the guiding force behind Downtown Paso Robles Main Street for the last 30 years, since she founded the organization in 1986.

New Housing: Approved the River Oaks II project, a master development plan featuring 271 single-family units, expansion of the Paso Robles Hot Springs Spa, and the River Oaks neighborhood development. The 129-acre development, proposed by Dick and Wes Wilhoit's Estrella Associates, is bounded by the Salinas River on the west, River Oaks I to the south, and Buena Vista Drive to the east. Among other notable attributes, the development will be donating 18 acres along the Salinas River for public uses, including trails and recreational fields. The project will be built in four phases, starting with 144 market-rate homes on the west end, which will be incorporated into a homeowners' association (HOA).

The City needs to have an average of 250 to 350 homes built each year, to keep abreast of new household formation and other demands. During the Great Recession, fewer than 50 homes were built each year on average. The River Oaks II project will help get housing production back on track for the community.

City Budget: Adopted the City's FY 2016-17 and FY 2017-18 Operating and Capital Budget. Adoption of the budget, which will go into effect on July 1, 2016, authorizes the receipt of revenues and the expenditure of monies to accomplish the goals for the community, as adopted by the City Council. As a result of state law and other regulations, the City is required to separate the moneys it collects in taxes and fees in different "funds." The largest fund, which can be used for almost all city activities, is called the "General Fund." Total projected General Fund revenues for FY 2016-17 are \$37.5M and total projected General Fund expenditures, including all operating expenses, capital expenses, and debt service, are \$37.4M. For FY 2017-18 total projected General Fund revenues are \$39.1M and total projected General Fund expenditures, are \$38.2M. Resulting surpluses would be added to City reserves at the end of each fiscal year.

The City also has four Enterprise funds: Water, Sewer, Airport, and Transit. The Enterprise funds are each run like a private business, with no tax support; all costs are recovered from users through fees for service. Other funds include the Landscape and Lighting District Fund, the Traffic Development Impact Fund, and others. Total revenues for all City

### City Council Highlights - Continued

funds for FY 2016-17 are projected at \$78.7M.

The budget includes funds for the continuation of existing services, as well as some major new initiatives. The budget document can be found on the City’s website at:

<http://www.prcity.com/government/departments/adminservices/budget.asp>.

As part of its adoption of the budget, the Council also approved four upcoming study sessions, on key topics, designed to examine those topics in depth and elicit comprehensive community input. The four topics are:

- ◇ The future of fire and emergency services
- ◇ Development and circulation proposals for the northeast quadrant of the city, with special attention on the problems and opportunities of Highway 46 East;
- ◇ Staffing levels and compensation, with special attention on CalPERS; and
- ◇ The City’s reserves (i.e., the City’s invested funds), their appropriate size, and how to best invest them for the benefit of the community.

Dates have not been set yet for each session, but they are targeted for August and September.

Transportation Funding: Approved a resolution requesting the County Board of Supervisors to place a measure on the November 8, 2016 ballot, asking the voters if they want San Luis Obispo County to become a Self-Help County for transportation, by authorizing a half-cent sales tax on sales of goods and services throughout the County over the next nine years, for the purpose of improving roads, highways, bike trails, and transit services. The Board of Supervisors is scheduled to consider this measure on July 12. If approved by the voters, Paso Robles would receive \$13.9M over the nine years; more than half of this money would be contributed by visitors to Paso Robles.

Details on these and other actions by the Council can be found in the packet prepared for the meeting, which is available on the City’s website at <http://www.prcity.com/government/citycouncil/agendas.asp>.

### Mary Baron Recognized for Kindness



At the City Council meeting on June 21, Emergency Services Administrative Assistant Mary Baron was recognized for her kindness and generosity.

A female transient, who had been living in the neighborhood for a few months (sleeping at a nearby church), approached Mary and asked her if she could arrange for a vet to see her dog. Mary determined the animal had been struck by a vehicle and was injured, and the stranger was seemingly unable to contact or afford care for her companion. Mary understood the dire situation the woman was facing, called her vet for an immediate appointment, and authorized payment for x-rays and surgery out of her own pocket. Mary later received word from the vet that the dog was out of surgery and was doing fine.

Mary was recognized by the City of Paso Robles for unselfishly placing this woman’s needs before her own. Her genuine compassion and generosity towards the community, especially those in need, is the ultimate example of human kindness.





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## 8th Annual Lavender Festival

**Date:** July 9, 2016

**Time:** 10am-5pm

**Location:**

Paso Robles Downtown City Park



Downtown is teeming with purple during the Paso Robles Lavender Festival. Free to the public, meet with the lavender producers from across the Paso Robles region, learn of its many uses, enjoy free samples, and much more!

Vendors, food, refreshments, displays, and activities— it's all about lavender! This event is in part sponsored by the Paso Robles Downtown Main Street Association and the Central Coast Lavender Growers Association.

**Look for:** The Honey Bee  
(handing out restaurant guides)

**Gazebo:** Steve Cichorsky— Music and Announcements

**For more information:**

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