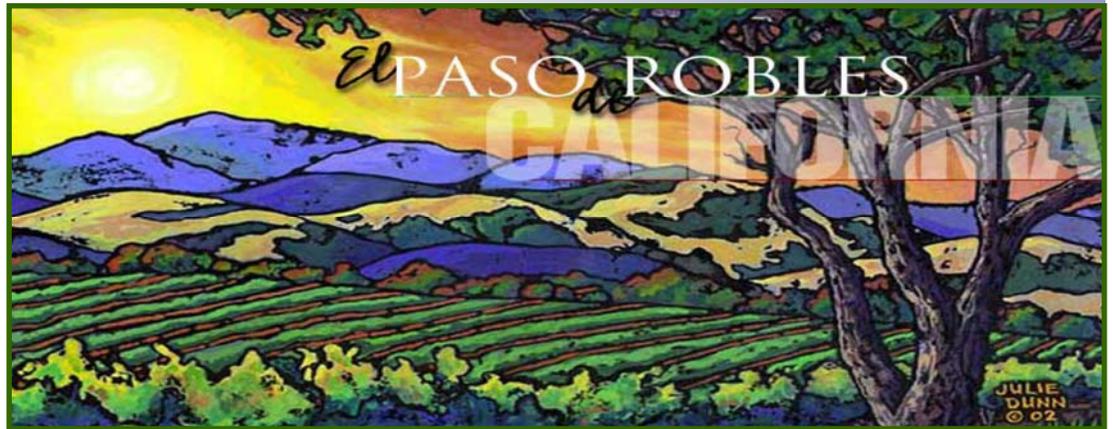


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Everyday heroes of Paso Robles were recognized at the Paso Robles Children's Museum Saturday, June 25.

Members of the Paso Robles Department of Emergency Services and Paso Robles Police Department participated in a daylong event to help kids make connections with local heroes.

Firefighters and Officers provided tours of the equipment, explained their job duties in our community, told stories, and answered questions from the children.

The Paso Robles Children's Museum is a wonderful place for children and their families to play and learn and is an important part of our community. One of their primary focuses is to serve all children and to give back as much as possible.

The museum, a non-profit organization, is located in the old Volunteer Fire Station on 13th Street. It was established as a public charity in 2003 and opened its doors in November 2007. Since then, they have welcomed over 140,000 visitors, including 12,000 elementary students who

participate in education programs provided by the museum.

"The Paso Robles Children's Museum engages children in a joyful learn-through-play environment to inspire educational curiosity while honoring the heritage of our volunteer firefighters," says staff. This includes all children in our community, including those with special needs.

The Children's Museum has partnered with the Central Coast Autism Spectrum Center and Jack's Helping Hands, two groups that provide services to kids with special needs and their families. The Museum opens once a month to provide free, private play-time for the children, which allows them to play in a judgement free

space and parents an opportunity to provide a safe learning environment for their kids.

The City of Paso Robles is proud to support this organization and, along with the Museum, honor our Firefighters and Police for their ability to serve and protect our community while still maintaining such important connections with the children and families throughout our city.

Police and Firefighters are essential role-models in our community and continually provide safety awareness to children of all ages through their public outreach and school visits.

Please visit the Paso Robles Children's Museum and join us in celebrating our local heroes.



Water Education: Investing in Our Future

They say that the “*youth of the nation are the trustees of prosperity.*” That being said, it’s vital that we instill good values, not only from one to another, but also good values in stewardship. We know that water is a precious commodity. Educating our youth about being good stewards will help in the long-term struggle to protect our precious water resources.

In an effort to educate our youth, the City contracts with Science Discovery to provide in-classroom programs on stormwater, water conservation, and wastewater to Kindergarten through 6th grade school children. The water programs are tailored to meet California Academic Standards and are a fun, interactive way to educate our youth. Science Discovery has been working with the City for approximately nine years.

One of the driving forces behind the implementation of such programs is the City’s requirement to implement stormwater Public Education and Outreach. Public Education and Outreach is one of the six required program elements of the City’s Municipal Stormwater Permit. In addition to the in-classroom education, the City also distributes educational brochures, provides workshops, performs special events, as well as numerous other activities.

The in-classroom school education is broken into four unique water programs:

“The Story of Your Water” – is an interactive in-class presentation that teaches students about the water cycle, water treatment, and water conservation in and around the home.

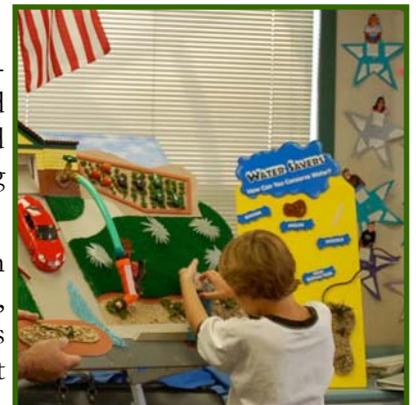
“Wastewater Treatment” – is a field trip to the City’s newly built Wastewater Treatment Plant where students will learn and observe first-hand about how wastewater from schools, homes, and businesses is treated. The field trip also educates students on the importance of water use, water conservation and pollution prevention.

“Stormwater Pollution Prevention...You’re the Connection” – is an interactive presentation that educates and uses two interactive story boards designed by the contractor to help inform students on potential pollutants found in and around the home and how they can prevent these pollutants from entering storm drains, creeks, and the river.

“Stormwater Quality” – is a field trip that allows students to gain hands-on experience with water quality. The students study water through microscopes, learn about typical water characteristics, and water chemistry. The students learn about the characteristics of healthy water and understand the actions that help prevent pollution.

For 4th through 6th grade students who have completed all four water programs, the City provides “Water: Our Future – Conserve it and Keep it Clean” t-shirt. Students in Kindergarten through 3rd grade that have completed the stormwater presentation will receive a free copy of the “All the Way to the Ocean” book. We are pleased that 12 classrooms completed all four water programs and approximately 390 student received t-shirts in 2016!

The City is committed to continuing the stormwater, water conservation, and wastewater treatment message to our youth, not only as an obligation to meet state requirements, but also to instill strong values in tomorrow’s future.



Creative Options at the Paso Robles City Library

Creative expression has been the focus of programming in the Library this past week.

On Friday, June 24, teens created String Art initials, using retro techniques popular in the 1960's. Teens sanded boards to make them smooth, then using a pattern, hammered a double row of nails to outline their selected initial. Finally, colorful embroidery floss was wrapped around and among the nails, creating the finished string art initial that teens could display at home or give as a gift.

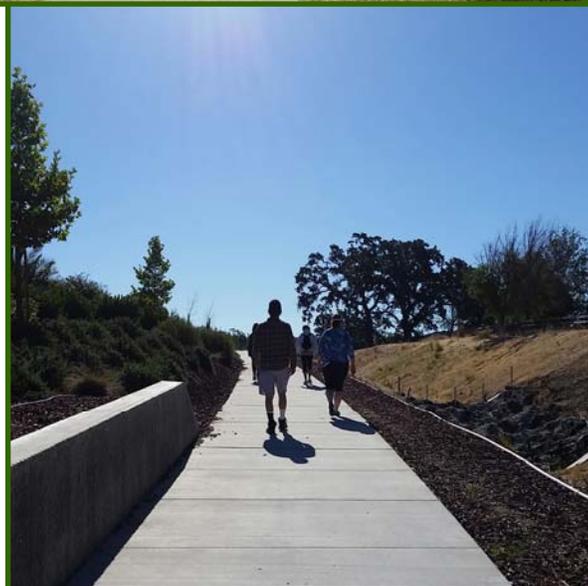
On Wednesday, June 29, adults participated in the first of monthly adult coloring experiences. This session was all about the use of coloring to become more mindful, achieving more by focusing on one thing to completion. Each participant colored a mandala while listening to Mozart – the perfect combination of brain enriching and relaxing activity with a bit of social fun too. Join us for our next adult coloring experience on Wednesday, July 20, 6-8 pm in the Library Conference Room.



Summer programming at the Library continues with the upcoming children's music concert by Melissa Green on Wednesday, July 6, and a sure-to-fill-up-fast visit from our local Conservation Ambassadors – Zoo to You – on Thursday, July 7. For more information on any of these programs, please call the Library at 237-3870.

Open Space - Open Mind Peditation Class

Explore some of the many trails of Paso Robles during the Open Spaces • Open Mind Peditation class being offered by Mary Uebersax through Paso Robles Recreation Services. What are you waiting for, lace up those sneakers, and let's hit the trails!



June 28th this class walked through the neighborhood of the Sneed-Rambouillet Trail to visit a natural path made for strolling. This was a perfect setting for the Mindful Walking group. Traversing the path in early morning allowed for shady and cool time to watch the wildlife – dove pairs, squirrel cliff-dwellings and remark on the old river bed including tracks from a raccoon.

These paths have been revealing how a little peace in the middle of neighborhoods are signs of calm. New residents are connecting to the landscape and meeting people. Retired attendees are breaking new ground by getting onto the paths they've driven passed for years, and, adventurous, seasoned hikers are exploring how mindful walking (Peditation) can help develop form, balance and conserve energy.

There is a whole month of trails ahead and we're looking forward to the journey.



PRPD Makes a Special Day...Special!

On Wednesday, June 29, Officer Michael Rickerd arrived at St. Rose School unannounced. His visit wasn't the typical safety, or work related, visit officers usually make.

Instead, Officer Rickerd surprised 4-year old Nathan Flores by attending his noon-time birthday party. Nathan's mom had contacted the PRPD several weeks prior via the Department's *Nextdoor* website and had explained that Nathan loves police officers and that his birthday was just around the corner.

Based upon this information, Officer Rickerd made time between community calls for service to attend Nathan's birthday bash at St. Rose. Nathan's mom sent us some great pictures of the party and thanked Officer Rickerd with the following message:

"Our family would just like to say 'thank you' to Officer Rickerd of Paso PD. He made our son's birthday extra special by his presence. Our son adores police officers and would like to be one when he grows up. Our family believes that teaching respect to our hardworking police officers starts at home."

This is just one more example of local heroes making time to connect with the children in our community and

recognize their ability to make a powerful impact on local families. We applaud the efforts of our Police Department to not only make the safety of our city a priority, but to also make time to share in special moments like these.

Happy 4th Birthday to Nathan Flores!

The PRPD Nextdoor website can be accessed at : <https://nextdoor.com/>



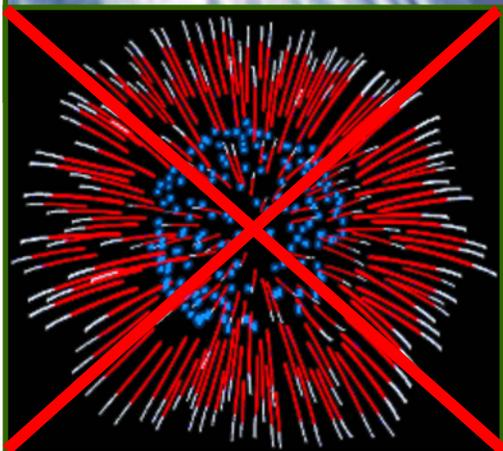
Fireworks Prohibited in Paso Robles

The Paso Robles Department of Emergency Services is urging Paso Robles residents to observe a safe, legal and fire free holiday. Due to the drought conditions, high temperatures, predicted low humidity and the threat of fire, we must all do our part to be fire safe.

Residents are advised that Fireworks are illegal in the City of Paso Robles and Officials warn that anyone caught lighting or possessing even “safe and sane” fireworks in the City may be cited and fined. Misdemeanor violations are punishable by a fine. In addition, anyone found responsible for setting a fire using any type of fireworks may be responsible to pay for property damage, suppression costs and may be charged with a felony. This liability also applies to parents of juveniles found responsible for causing a fire.

The opportunity to observe fireworks displays in a safe manner will be available at some of the surrounding communities. Please check with them for times.

The Paso Robles Department of Emergency Services wishes the community a memorable 4th of July and requests a common sense, safe celebration. We further encourage anyone possessing fireworks to turn them in to their local fire department, without fear of penalty or prosecution, so that they may be disposed of safely.



For additional information or assistance, please contact the Paso Robles Department of Emergency Services at 227-7560 or your local fire agency.

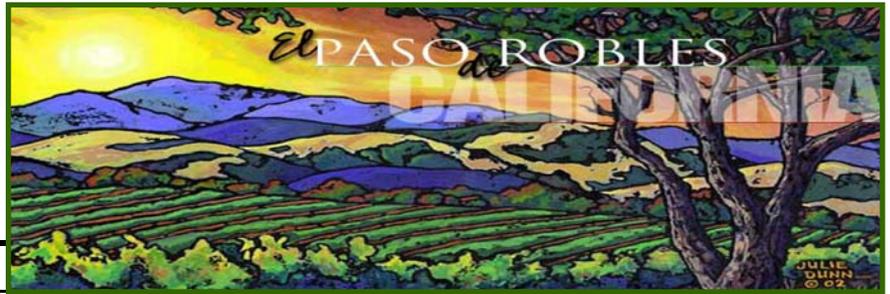


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EVENTS

CAYUCOS 4TH OF JULY CELEBRATION

Enjoy Independence Day with your family, Cayucos style! The streets of this charming beach town come alive with a hometown parade while sand sculptures cover the beach as a result of the annual sand sculpture competition, perfect for all ages! The grand finale comes with a spectacular show of fireworks, which are shot off the famous Cayucos pier. Find that special spot on the beach and enjoy the show. Cayucos rocks on the Fourth of July!

Sand Sculpture Contest 5am-8am by the pier Annual Parade 10am, Ocean Ave. Cayucos Lion's BBQ/food 11am-3pm, Vet's Hall Cayucos Lioness Bingo 1pm-4pm, Vets Hall Fireworks 9pm, from the Cayucos Pier



<http://www.visitcayucosca.com/event/cayucos-4th-july-celebration/>

JULY 4TH WEEKEND ART IN THE PARK

Morro Bay celebrates independence with local art. This free event is open to everyone. Attendees will have the opportunity to see art in action and purchase beautiful, local art. Visit the Morro Bay Art in the Park website for more information.

<http://www.morrobayartinthepark.com/PUBLICSIDE/showdates.html>



ANNUAL 4TH OF JULY FIREWORKS CELEBRATION

Celebrate our nation's independence with music, food, and a Grand Fireworks Display from our famous 1,200 foot Pismo Pier! Event is free for the family and friends, unless you want to reserve a VIP spot on the pier for \$25.

<http://www.pismochamber.com/>



CAMBRIA 4TH OF JULY PICNIC IN THE PARK AND FIREWORKS

<http://www.cambriachamber.org/jul.php>

Fireworks are back! Bring the family to Cambria's old-fashioned July 4th Celebration Monday, July 4 at Shamel Park. Fun, food, prizes, live music, dancing and more! Events begin at 11am. All day enjoy a bounce house for the kids, swimming from 11-6pm, all day concessions and face painting.

