

West Pasadena Residents' Association NEWS

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An Overview

Traffic, Development, City Finances and Quality of Life - Hard Decisions Lie Just Ahead for District 6

In this article we will try to outline and simplify some complex, important and interrelated topics which have great importance for our neighborhood and about which far reaching decisions are about to be made.

The immediate issue is the importance of your input on the choice between the original PLAN A and a revised PLAN B version of the Southwest Traffic Study.

Why is this important?

The Southwest Traffic Study

- In 1993 the city, partially at the urging of the WPRA, undertook the Southwest Traffic Study. The goal of the study was to find ways to immediately lessen traffic on our residential streets from traffic passing through Pasadena to other locations.
- The initial goal of the study was to move traffic from residential streets such as Orange Grove, Pasadena Avenue and St. John to Fair Oaks and underused commercial streets such as Raymond and Arroyo Parkway.
- Because this plan would move traffic both east and west, other neighborhoods became involved with the project, primarily the Madison Heights neighborhood in District 7.
- When the Southwest Traffic Study (Plan A) was presented at community meetings in Madison Heights, the conversation became focused on complaints about north/south traffic on streets such as Los Robles, El Molino and Oak Knoll, concern about overly invasive traffic-diverting strategies, and on the completion of the 710 Freeway.
- This negative response from parts of District 7 (Madison Heights and the Ritz Carlton neighborhood) caused the

plan to stall and be returned to the city for further consideration.

- The revised plan from the city (Plan B) was presented, along with Plan A at community meetings held in District 6 on May 2, 3, 7, 8 and 16.
- The most significant difference between Plan A and Plan B is that Plan B continues to channel large volumes of traffic onto Pasadena Avenue and St. John Street rather than trying to reduce traffic on all district residential streets.

Meanwhile...

- The city has been holding meetings about the proposed South Fair Oaks Redevelopment District. This proposed area for new biotech businesses would require redevelopment of the area south of California Boulevard, between Fair Oaks and Raymond. This development zone would bring new business, employment and tax revenue to the city, but has been controversial because of the ways in which it may displace long-time neighborhood businesses, change the character of the neighborhood and increase traffic on Fair Oaks.

On a seemingly unrelated topic...

- The city of Pasadena is about to experience the effects of utility

710 FREEWAY

"Speak now or..."

The 710 Freeway project may be approaching some kind of final decision at the federal level. Representatives from a group of San Gabriel Valley cities have met with Transportation Secretary Federico Peña in Washington to try to move the 710 Freeway to completion. District 6 City Councilmember Ann-Marie Villicana is involved in this action. The hotly debated City Council vote of May 13, in which the city of Pasadena renewed its commitment to the completion of the 710 Freeway (4 to 2 in favor, with 1 abstention), has been presented to Peña as a clear endorsement of the project. According to an article in the June 21 *Herald Tribune*, a "go/no go" decision will be made before the election in November.

If you support the completion of the freeway, your views are well represented in this process.

If you do not support the completion of the 710 Freeway, make your thoughts known to:

Councilmember Ann-Marie Villicana
100 N. Garfield, Rm 237, Pasadena, 91109
FAX (818)795-8606,

or, better yet, directly to:

Federico Peña
Secretary of Transportation
400 7th St. S.W., Washington, D.C. 20590
FAX 202/366-7202

A REPORT ON THE ANNUAL MEETING

Record high temperatures were set on April 30th, the day of WPRA's Annual Meeting. Fortunately, WPRA members and guests enjoyed an air-conditioned gathering at Ambassador College's Recital Hall. This venue, provided to the

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Earth Walk

The Arroyo Seco Foundation and the city of Pasadena hosted the 1996 Earth Walk and Festival on Saturday, April 20. The Walk, featured for the first time this year, provided a unique opportunity for participants to show their concern for the environment by walking through the Arroyo Seco. Walkers traversed Pasadena, South Pasadena and Los Angeles before arriving at the historic Lummis Home, built by local preservationist Charles Lummis, founder of the Arroyo Seco Foundation.

The Arroyo Seco Foundation is dedicated to restoring, enhancing and preserving the Arroyo Seco, one of Southern California's greatest natural treasures which extends for twenty miles from the San Gabriel mountains to the Los Angeles River. In recent years, a wide variety of efforts have been made to recreate the original wetlands and scenic woodlands. The Hahamongna Watershed Park project is revitalizing 300 neglected acres near the Jet Propulsion Laboratory. South of the Colorado Bridge, streams are being established again in the Lower Arroyo. Tree planting programs have sprouted along the Arroyo stream.

The Arroyo Seco was once a lush riparian woodland. Stately sycamores and willows flourished in the sediment washed down from the mountains. Majestic oaks climbed the hillsides. Hawks soared above while frogs frolicked in the streams that earned the area the name Brookside. Then the flood of 1938 hit with devastating impact, and the Devil's Gate area at the mouth of the Arroyo has never been cleared of the silt and debris which flowed through the Arroyo. When the engineers rushed in to pave the streambeds with concrete, the Arroyo Seco dried up. The birds and animals retreated, and the once fertile wetlands and woodlands disappeared.

The Arroyo Seco Foundation is actively involved in returning the original grandeur to this great natural system. If you want to contribute to or participate in the advocacy, education, or active restoration activities of the Arroyo Seco Foundation, you are encouraged to request membership forms by writing or calling:

Arroyo Seco Foundation
436 South Arroyo Boulevard
Pasadena, CA 91105-2460
(818) 577-6000
(818) 440-0031 FAX

Parking in Old Pasadena

Parking in Old Pasadena has been a source of controversy and frustration. But did you know that:

There is **ONE HOUR FREE PARKING** in the structures on DeLacey Street and the schoolhouse structure on Green Street between Fair Oaks and Raymond. The DeLacey Street garage is open 24 hours a day.

There are over 6700 parking spaces in the garages and lots within the Old Pasadena area. The Parsons parking structure and parking lot alone has 3700 spaces and is conveniently located on Union Street just west of Fair Oaks.

There are 721 metered spaces on Old Pasadena streets. The meters operate from 8:00 a.m. until 8:00 p.m. seven days a week. The meters in the central part of the district are \$1.00 per hour and the meters in the perimeter of the district are \$.50 per hour.

Every quarter from the parking meters goes back to Old Pasadena to make the area cleaner, safer, and more pedestrian friendly. The meters pay for:

- A five million dollar bond for the Streetscape and Alleyway Plan which will provide enhanced street lighting, alley walkway paving, trees, benches, and signage. All of this is to promote a pedestrian friendly "downtown,"
- The police that you see walking on Old Pasadena streets in the evening, and
- The maintenance personnel who sweep the sidewalks and empty the trash

containers in the peak hours. You will recognize them in their blue shirts that say "Your meter money at work."

Validated parking:

The UA Theater does not validate parking. The AMC Theater validates parking only at the One Colorado structure located at the corner of Fair Oaks and Union Street. Various merchants and restaurants validate parking at specific garages or lots. Be sure to check for which lots the business provides the validation.

The Old Pasadena Parking Commission is in the process of working out the details for providing:

- Universal Valet Parking: You will be able to drop your car off at one valet station and pick it up at another.
- Universal Validations (for the garages): The merchants and restaurants will be able to provide validations that could be used for any participating garage.
- Parking Meter Tokens: Merchants will be able to "validate" your parking meters by providing tokens. Pasadena residents will be able to buy tokens in bulk for a savings and convenience.

All of these programs are in the planning stage and the details are still to be worked out. For more information, call the City of Pasadena Parking Coordinator, Jennifer Jenkins at (818) 577-3553 or you can contact Carolyn Naber, Chair of the Old Pasadena Parking Commission and WPRA Board Member at (818) 795-7675. ◇

WEST GATEWAY SPECIFIC PLAN MEETINGS SCHEDULED

Following a well-attended community workshop at Ambassador Auditorium on May 23, the planning process for the West Gateway district is moving into its next stage. For each of the three sub areas within the project (Colorado/Orange Grove, Vista del Arroyo Bungalows, South De Lacey corridor), there will be a working group of property owners, neighbors and city commissioners. The purpose of these meetings is to discuss zoning, design standards and public improvements. Each group will meet approximately four times during the next three months. The meetings will be open to the public, but membership on the working team is limited to twenty.

If you would like to be a member of one of the working groups, or to be included in the mailing list for future sub area meetings, call Laura Dahl of the City Planning Division at (818) 405-4206. ◇

The first meetings are:

Orange Grove/Colorado District
Thursday, June 27, 6:30 - 9:30 p.m.
at Ambassador Auditorium, 131 So. St John Avenue

Vista del Arroyo Bungalows
Tuesday, July 2, 6:30 - 9:30 p.m. at U.S. Court of Appeals, Courtroom # 1, 125 So. Grand Ave.

South De Lacey Corridor
Tuesday, July 9, 6:30 - 9:30 p.m. at Imperial School Gym, De Lacey & Del Mar

UTILITY DEREGULATION

What is it and what does it mean for Pasadena?

At the risk of over-simplification, here is an outline of utility deregulation and its implications for the city of Pasadena.

California's electric power is provided by two types of utilities; three corporate, investor-owned utilities, Southern California Edison, PG & E and San Diego Gas and Electric, which provide 70% of the state's power; and 32 publicly-owned utilities which provide 30% of the power. Pasadena Department of Water and Power is one of these publicly-owned utilities.

Utility deregulation was supported by the California Public Utilities Commission for investor-owned utilities beginning in 1998. Under the CPUC plan, customers would be free to purchase electricity from any seller by the early 2000s. Community-owned utilities such as Pasadena Water and Power are not directly named in this CPUC proposal, but, in practical terms, their customers will be affected.

During the 1980s, following the energy crisis, Pasadena Water and Power, along with many other electricity sellers, entered into long-term contracts with out-of-state vendors to purchase what was then considered to be inexpensive power. Pasadena has contracts to purchase power from Intermountain Power Authority in Utah, a coal burning plant; and Palo Verde, a nuclear power facility in Arizona. For a number of years, these sources proved a good investment, allowing Pasadena rates to remain below those of investor-owned utilities and also allowing Pasadena Water and Power to **transfer \$13 million to the City's General Fund each year.**

Now however, with changes in energy-producing technology and a drop in natural gas prices, the energy purchased under these long-term contracts is above the price of power purchased on the spot market. Pasadena Water and Power still owes \$400 million dollars against its long-term contract commitments. These remaining costs are called "stranded debt."

Many utility companies have "stranded debt," but investor-owned utilities expect to collect their "stranded debt" from their customers through a "competition transition charge." This means that customers who leave them for another power supplier must still pay a transition charge to the original supplier to help the utility retire its "stranded debt."

City-owned utilities have limited choices as to how they can collect this money. They can collect from utility customers or from city (Pasadena) taxpayers. They can accelerate collection or not.

To ensure that Pasadena is able to compete in the future, one possible plan is to collect Pasadena's \$400 million stranded debt within 8 years. This means the city could be responsible for an additional \$25 million annually or about 10% of the city's budget. The city would also lose the \$13 million per year contributed in the past to the city's General Fund by PDWP for a total of an additional \$38 million dollar annual expense for the city.

If Pasadena chooses to enact some kind of "competition transition charge" it would reduce the city's financial burden, but would increase energy costs for local customers. If the city does not do this, residents may be able to buy cheaper electricity, but other Pasadena services might disappear or their cost might increase dramatically.

The city of Pasadena faces a number of choices to cover this debt:

An exit fee to make it harder to leave the local system,

An increase in electrical rates (possibly 20%),

Decrease in city expenditures (reduction of city services),

Finding new sources of city revenue.

These options have been under review by the City Council already and rate increases may be considered as soon as July. The city has heard from Rufus Hightower of the PDWP and has asked also for a second staff opinion on its options.

Watch for notification of community meetings or City Council sessions where these decisions will be discussed in the near future. Final decisions will be made by the City Council in September.

(Sources, *Pasadena In Focus*, May/June 1996; *Herald Tribune*, March 22 and May 3, 1996; *Business Life Magazine*, May 1996.) ◇

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deregulation. (For more detail on this situation see article at left). For the city of Pasadena, the financial impact of deregulation is two-pronged. First, the city must raise \$25 million a year for the next eight years, to offset "stranded costs" and, secondly, it will lose \$13 million per year in a transfer which has been made annually to the General Fund from Pasadena Municipal Services. This leaves the city very pressed for revenue

What this means for you...

- Given utility deregulation the city must be very conscious of ways to increase revenue to offset the losses caused by deregulation.
- Development of new income-producing areas such as the Fair Oaks Biotech area always require a traffic study before development can go forward.
- If moving current traffic from residential streets onto commercial streets increases present traffic on Fair Oaks, Raymond and Arroyo Parkway then new development which would draw more traffic into the area might be blocked.

Because of this concern, the city is showing reluctance to put in place traffic plans which move traffic from residential streets to commercial streets such as Fair Oaks.

To make your voice heard on this, contact District 6 City Councilmember, Ann-Marie Villicana at (818) 584-6620 or fax written concerns to (818) 795-8606. ◇

WHAT IS WPRA?

The West Pasadena Residents' Association is a nonprofit public benefit corporation devoted to charitable and educational purposes. All residents in the area bounded by Fair Oaks Avenue and Colorado Boulevard and the southern and western city limits are eligible for membership.

WPRA publishes a tri-annual newsletter and holds public forums and other events to keep its constituency informed on city issues. It is operated by a Board of

Directors elected at an annual meeting. If you are interested in becoming a member of the Board of Directors, please contact the president, Leslie Clarke Gray at (818) 799-1153 x244

Development of South Fair Oaks

Biotech Area Plans Need Thoughtful Consideration

A Committee had been formed to examine what directions development should take along South Fair Oaks and Raymond Avenue (south of California Blvd.). The General Plan called for this to be a "Biotech" area. Consequently, this is what the Committee is considering first. The plan for "Biotech" has been around for years, being promoted largely by commercial real estate developers. It has never really gone anywhere because the land costs are too high to support these types of businesses. What's different this time is that the city is pushing to designate this a "Redevelopment Area," directly affecting the planning process.

A Redevelopment Area basically means that:

1. Money is redirected from the State to assist in development that normally would not occur. It would not occur because the developers are unwilling to pay the land costs, which they feel are too high. Consequently, the State money could be used to "buy down" the land for the developer, or make other concessions. We already know that this project will require all of the State money, and even more. Often the redevelopment is costly to the taxpayers. The obvious concern here is that we not get into another highly publicized funding disagreement, which will cost the city, and therefore, the taxpayers millions of dollars.
2. "Redevelopment Areas" often allow for "short cutting" normal development standards. Thus, what we all agreed to

at the beginning is not necessarily what we get at the end, often costing more than anticipated, as well.

The Committee is comprised of representatives from Huntington Memorial Hospital, Cal Tech, JPL, HMRI, the Chamber of Commerce, a few business owners and two residence associations (Madison Heights and the WPRA).

The meetings over the past six months have made little progress. Most questions that the WPRA has put to the city have gone unanswered. These questions are:

- How much money, both from the State and from the city, will it take to make this Biotech area work?
- Will this money be in the form of large subsidies to developers such as occurred in the Fairgrove project?
- Through eminent domain, will the developers be able to force out neighborhood businesses like George's Plumbing and Bellefontaine Nursery, which occupy property in the way of the developers' plans?
- Will the traffic that is generated from the project spill over into the neighborhood? Will this be addressed before the project is started?
- Will high rise buildings destroy our view lines and be out of scale for our neighborhood?
- Is the project even necessary?
 - *The MTA is developing a station at Raymond and Fillmore for the Blue Line.*

- *The Post Office is developing a large facility on South Raymond.*
- *The Huntington Hospital is developing a large laboratory at Raymond and Fillmore.*

This all means that substantial redevelopment is already underway, without the stimulus of the Redevelopment Area that is being pushed. With the completion of these current projects, very few parcels are left for Biotech development.

The city has finally agreed to take up these subjects so that we can intelligently evaluate the costs and merits of the proposal. Until these questions are answered, the benefits of this project to the taxpayers and neighborhoods are unknown.

The real impetus behind redevelopment is money . . . the State money that the developers want. We at the WPRA feel that the real issues should be what are the pluses and minuses for the citizens and neighborhoods of Pasadena?

We encourage all of you to contact the city and community-oriented Committee members such as Huntington Memorial Hospital, Cal Tech, or WPRA's representative, Pete Ewing at (213) 243-3557. Please urge them to support a development plan that includes our neighborhood businesses and examines more closely the actual benefits to our neighborhoods and the city at large. ◇

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SOUTHWEST TRAFFIC STUDY

On May 2, 3, 7, 8, and 16 the city of Pasadena held a series of community meetings in District 6 to receive community input of PLAN A and PLAN B. PLAN A was the result of a three-year traffic study initiated partially at the urging of the WPRa as a way to lessen traffic on residential streets immediately, without waiting for the resolution of the 710 Freeway question. PLAN B was a second city-generated plan created after neighborhood meetings in District 7. (See article on page 1.)

There was good attendance at all meetings and certain themes emerged again and again.

- Residents of all major north/south residential streets wanted speed reduced on their streets. They were not necessarily asking for reduction of traffic volume, but rather simple measures such as ticketing or adjustment of traffic signals.
- Most attendees felt all residential streets should receive equal attention in terms of traffic reduction and/or slowing.

At some meetings a specific topic emerged as a major concern:

- The PLAN B widening of Columbia (10 ft. on each side) with the subsequent increase in traffic and loss of street trees.
- Residents of the Avenue 64 area were concerned that speed on Avenue 64 made the street virtually uncrossable, especially for children.

Plan A and Plan B...What's the Difference?

Plan A and Plan B are the same in that they both:

1. Introduce signage to direct traffic to Arroyo Parkway, Raymond Avenue and Fair Oaks
2. Reduce Orange Grove Blvd. to 2 lanes from 4 lanes
3. Introduce speed reduction measures on Avenue 64, La Loma Road and Arroyo Blvd.
4. Restrict westbound traffic at the Del Mar and California exits from the 710 Freeway
5. Modify signals to discourage traffic on north/south (residential) streets and encourage movement on east/west streets to commercial (north/south) streets

The Differences:

1. Los Robles/ El Molino area

PLAN A: Diverts traffic from Marengo, Los Robles, El Molino, Oak Knoll to other north/south streets

PLAN B: Calms traffic on Marengo, Los Robles, El Molino, Oak Knoll (Traffic calming slows traffic, rather than actually diverting it to another route.)

2. Pasadena Ave/St John

PLAN A: Diverts and slows traffic on Pasadena Avenue and St. John by returning both to being two-way streets.

Plan A also closes eastbound ramps from the 134 and 210 to the southbound 710 and reduces the size of westbound 210 ramp to the southbound 710 to reduce traffic exiting onto Pasadena Avenue and St. John.

PLAN B: No provision to divert or slow traffic on Pasadena or St John. Plan B increases capacity (widens) Columbia which increases access to Pasadena Avenue. ◇

The Blue Line Horns: Finally No Problem

Tests have been concluded and the report that followed states that there will be little material adverse impact to our West Pasadena neighborhoods from the horns that will be used on the Blue Line.

WPRa thanks Cynthia Kurtz and the staff of the Department of Public Works for their cooperation in conducting the tests. WPRa has followed this issue since 1993, and through our (often vocal) urging, Public Works contracted for the tests to determine if horns would have any audible impact on our neighborhoods. (You may recall that the WPRa was concerned because of what we knew, i.e., the noise from the old Santa Fe Railroad horn and the projected three-minute frequency of the Blue Line.) The Metropolitan Transit District was very polite, but largely ignored our concerns; however, the city finally took this issue seriously and contracted for tests. The final report concludes that there would be little audible impact over 200 yards from the Blue Line path. This took into consideration elevated neighborhoods, weather, and other issues that may have affected the audibility of the horns.

WPRa is pleased that the city would listen to the neighborhoods and take action on what was of obvious concern to the residents. ◇



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P.E.R.T.

Pasadena Emergency Response Training A Neighborhood Self Help Program

Southern California has experienced some of the most significant disasters in the history of our country during the past few years. The Northridge Earthquake, the 1993 Firestorms, and the 1995 Floods have each had a severe impact on emergency response capabilities. We must be prepared to deal with emergency situations and to provide for ourselves until professional assistance is available.

To teach us just how to do that, the Pasadena Fire Department has developed the P.E.R.T. program which is a neighborhood self help program. Mr. Art Madison will come to a home in your neighborhood, and with a minimum of 20 residents, conduct a program which will include basic skills that are important to know in a

disaster when emergency services are not immediately available. You will learn to work as a team and the program will include disaster preparedness, disaster medical, fire suppression and search & rescue. For individuals (without a group of 20), the Fire Department has scheduled two upcoming sessions at the Las Casitas del Arroyo. The sessions are from 7:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. on July 23rd and then again on August 20th. For information and scheduling the P.E.R.T. program, please contact Art Madison, Disaster Training Coordinator, The Pasadena Fire Department, 199 S. Los Robles Avenue, Suite 550, Pasadena, CA 91101, (818) 405-4226. ◇

ANNUAL MEETING *from page 1*

Association through the generosity of the Ambassador Foundation, proved to be the ideal setting to conduct WPRA's business and absorb a fascinating presentation by keynote speaker and former Mayor of Pasadena, Rick Cole.

New executive officers are elected at the Annual Meeting. I am proud to announce the WPRA will be guided for the rest of 1996 and part of 1997 by new President, Leslie Clarke Gray, ably assisted by John Martin, incoming Vice President; Carolyn Naber, Secretary, and Priscilla Taylor, Treasurer for a second term. The team has the experience and dedication to represent your views and our neighborhoods well, as WPRA continues its pro-active involvement in a very full agenda of community development and "livability" issues.

Speaking on the topic of "livability," Rick Cole presented a slide show demonstrating a fresh approach to community development. Rick now serves as the Southern California Director of the Local Government Commission, a group that is looking at making the regional area more livable. Using case studies throughout his slide show presentation, Rick showed how older communities have reversed elements of decay and decline to become sparkling, vibrant centers where people can work, shop, play, and live together. A key component to turning around older, declining commercial areas and for planning brand new cities as is now occurring in Southern Orange County is to design public areas on a human scale. More specifically, Rick showed pictures of new concepts in

malls and refurbished neighborhoods where walking and outdoor activities are encouraged. He stressed the need for a balanced approach making cities and neighborhoods more "user friendly." This approach includes providing for a wider range of transportation alternatives.

One theme throughout Rick's presentation is the de-humanizing aspects of Southern California's automobile-dependent society. The car provides mobility — at a very high cost to family life and city beauty. He demonstrated how public transportation alternatives can be integrated into our pervasive desire for enhanced mobility, contributing to the development of a more "livable" urban and suburban environment. Rick pointed out that citizen involvement early in the planning process is a crucial component to addressing "livability" issues. Pasadena is a model, Rick stated, and that our own Association has been a long-time leader in community participation. Many of the ideas and concepts Rick discussed have been implemented right here in West Pasadena already, the most widely known example being the successful redevelopment of Old Pasadena.

Those of us involved in WPRA and other aspects of civic life in Pasadena can be proud of our past contributions; however, there are many new challenges facing us right now as we shape how Pasadena will look in the 21st Century. I encourage you to share your views on that vision with WPRA board members and with our City Council Representative, Ann-Marie

Thank You

We appreciate the above and beyond financial support of our Benefactors and Patrons for 1995 - 1996. With these contributions, the WPRA can continue to print our newsletters and provide public forums to discuss the issues that affect our neighborhood. A great deal of thanks go to these generous donors:

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Villicana. Through public participation and consensus-building lively discussion, we will continue to be a model the rest of the region and the nation can look to as a leading "livable" city.

Robert M. Stebbins
Out-going President, WPRA ◇

SOUTHWEST TRAFFIC STUDY QUESTIONNAIRE

Please mail us your comments and ideas about the Southwest Traffic Study Alternatives presented this evening and any proposals discussed that weren't included in either plan. The final plan will be based on your input.

1. Are there any recommendations in **Plan A** (Ad Hoc Committee Plan) that you are opposed to?

2. Are there any recommendations in **Plan B** (City Staff's plan) that you are opposed to?

3. Are you in favor of widening Columbia Street by 20' as suggested by the City Staff's plan? ☐ Yes ☐ No

4. We would like to know how you feel about other suggestions that are not included in either plan:

a. Extend Raymond Avenue through public land at the Water & Power Plant to connect with the #110 Freeway and/or State Street on the South Pasadena side of Raymond Hill.

b. Close or restrict movements to the 110 Pasadena Freeway ramps at Orange Grove Boulevard

c. Make Arroyo Parkway and Raymond one-way streets (one northbound, one southbound).

d. Make Raymond and Fair Oaks one-way streets (one northbound, one southbound).

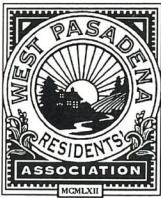
5. Do you have other suggestions not covered in the plan or discussed at the meeting?

6. If you had to vote for Plan A or Plan B now, which one would you prefer?

☐ Plan A ☐ Plan B

Other comments

Please mail to: West Pasadena Resident's Association
Traffic Committee Chairman
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Calendar of Events for Our Neighborhood

JULY

- 8 Pacific Animal Production, 4:00pm,
San Rafael Library, 818-795-7974
- 8 Children with Disabilities Camp,
(continues through August 23, Monday
thru Friday), Brookside Park, contact:
Jackie Arnett, 818-398-1257
- 10 Colorful Crafts from Around the World
(kids), 11:00am, San Rafael Library,
818-795-7974
- 10 **WPRA Board Meeting, 7:30pm, all are
welcome!** contact: Leslie Clarke Gray
818-799-1153x244
- 11 Summer Videos, 11:00am,
San Rafael Library, 818-795-7974
- 13-14 Old Pasadena Jazz Festival, Central Park,
818-795-5952
- 14 Flea Market, Rose Bowl, 818-577-3100
- 15 Storytime for Children, 3:00pm, San
Rafael Library, 818-795-7974
- 17 Colorful Crafts from Around the World
(kids), 11:00am, San Rafael Library,
818-795-7974
- 18 Summer Videos, 11:00am, San Rafael
Library, 818-795-7974
- 21 Galaxy vs. NY/NJ MetroStars, 4:30pm,
Rose Bowl, 818-577-3100
- 22 Storytime for Children, 3:00pm,
San Rafael Library, 818-795-7974
- 23 Pasadena Emergency Response Training
(a neighborhood self-help program),
Las Casitas, 7pm, call Pasadena Fire Dept.
Art Madison to register, 818-405-4226
- 24 Colorful Crafts from Around the World
(kids), 11:00am, San Rafael Library,
818-795-7974
- 24 Colorama Drama, 3:00pm, San Rafael
Library, 818-795-7974
- 25 Summer Videos, 11:00am, San Rafael
Library, 818-795-7974
- 29 Summer Reading Party "Magic Camp",
4:00pm, San Rafael Library, 818-795-7974

AUGUST

- 4 Galaxy vs. Columbus Crew, 4:30pm,
Rose Bowl, 818-577-3100
- 5 Storytime for Preschoolers, 3:00pm,
San Rafael Library, 818-795-7974
- 8 Galaxy vs. New England Revolution,
6:00pm, 818-577-3100
- 11 Flea Market, Rose Bowl, 818-577-3100
- 12 Storytime for Preschoolers, 3:00pm,
San Rafael Library, 818-795-7974
- 16-17 New Windows on Old Pasadena,
(large scale art event), from dusk to
11:00pm, 818-398-9277

- 17 Basketball Tournament, Brookside Park,
contact: Pam Garcia, 818-794-5737
- 19 Storytime for Preschoolers, 3:00pm,
San Rafael Library, 818-795-7974
- 20 Pasadena Emergency Response Training
(a neighborhood self-help program), Las
Casitas, 7pm, call Pasadena Fire Dept. Art
Madison to register, 818-405-4226
- 21 Galaxy vs. Kansas City Wiz, 7:00pm,
Rose Bowl, 818-577-3100
- 25 Galaxy vs. Dallas Burn, 4:30pm, Rose
Bowl, 818-577-3100
- 26 Storytime for Preschoolers, 3:00pm,
San Rafael Library, 818-795-7974

SEPTEMBER

- 2 Storytime for Preschoolers, 3:00pm,
San Rafael Library, 818-795-7974
- 5 Galaxy vs. Colorado Rapids, 7:30pm,
Rose Bowl, 818-577-3100
- 8 Flea Market, Rose Bowl, 818-577-3100
- 9 Storytime for Preschoolers, 3:00pm,
San Rafael Library, 818-795-7974
- 11 **WPRA Board Meeting, 7:30pm, all are
welcome!** contact: Leslie Clarke Gray
818-799-1153x244
- 14 Open House, San Rafael Library,
818-795-7974
- 14 UCLA vs. NE Louisiana (tentative),
Rose Bowl, 818-577-3100
- 15 Galaxy vs. San Jose Clash, 4:30pm,
Rose Bowl, 818-577-3100
- 16 Storytime for Preschoolers, 3:00pm,
San Rafael Library, 818-795-7974
- 21 Open House, San Rafael Library,
818-795-7974
- 22 Galaxy vs. Dallas Burn, 1:00pm,
Rose Bowl, 818-577-3100
- 22-27 Brubaker Used Car Sales (Lot F & K),
Rose Bowl, 818-577-3100
- 23 Storytime for Preschoolers, 3:00pm,
San Rafael Library, 818-795-7974
- 28-29 Oktoberfest in Old Pasadena,
Mercantile Place, 818-795-5952
- 30 Storytime for Preschoolers, 3:00pm,
San Rafael Library, 818-795-7974

ACTIVITIES OPEN TO THE PUBLIC EACH WEEK IN OUR AREA

Mon - Fri Major League Softball for Teens of all
playing categories at the #2 & #3 baseball diamonds
at Brookside, contact Dave Johnson 818-500-9480

Mon/Tue/Thu/Fri

Rusty Miller Tennis Academy,
Brookside Park, 818-446-0015

Mon - Fri Senior Fitness Water Workout,
Rose Bowl Aquatics Center, 8:30am,
818-564-0330

Mon/Wed/Fri/Sun

Water Aerobics, Rose Bowl Aquatics
Center, M,W 6:30pm, M-W-F
11:30am, Sat 9:30am, 818-564-0330

Mon Story Time for Pre-schoolers,
3:00pm, San Rafael Public Library,
818-795-7974

Wed pm & Sat am

Pasanita Dog Obedience Club,
Brookside Park, contact Cathy Jahelka
818-797-7070

Wed (2nd) WPRA Board Meetings, 7:30pm,
contact: Leslie Clarke Gray
818-799-1153 ext. 244

Thu Knitting Group, 2:00pm, San Rafael
Public Library, 818-795-7974

Thu & Sat Water Polo (Adult), Rose Bowl
Aquatics Center, Thu 7:00pm/
Sun 3:00pm, 818-564-0330

Sat Synchronized Swimming
(Age Group & Masters), at
Rose Bowl Aquatics Center,
3pm-5pm, 818-564-0330

Sat & Sun AYSO Soccer in grassy area around
Rose Bowl, 8am - 6pm

Sun Roller Blading Classes, 2:30pm-
5:30pm, Brookside Park, contact:
Gravity Research, 310-455-2523

Sun Pasadena Redbirds Baseball,
(players are 18 years and up) at
Brookside Park's Jackie Robinson
Stadium, 11am - 4pm, contact
Ed Panick 213-582-2406

Sun (2nd) Flea Market at the Rose Bowl,
818-577-3100

Sun (3rd) Radio Controlled Sail Plane Club
(model airplanes) in grassy area
around Rose Bowl, 9am - 4pm,
Pasadena Soaring Society, contact
Richard Burns 818-812-0491

Sun Adult Soccer, meets most Sundays
8am-5pm but check schedule, in grassy
area around Rose Bowl, contact Victor,
818-792-3657

Some of these programs are free to the public
and others charge fees. Some you can just watch
the "goings on", others you can participate.
Please call for the details, cost information and
to confirm times & dates for the programs you
are interested in.