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Save our neighborhoods!

WPRA sets date for 52nd annual WPRA meeting; you're invited!

The West Pasadena Residents' Association cordially invites you to its 52nd annual meeting on Wednesday, April 30 at San Rafael Elementary School, 1090 Nithsdale Ave. Parking is available in the parking lot behind the school, access it from San Miguel Road. Refreshments will be available.

At 5:30, the evening starts with a reception and guided tours of the school. Also, during the reception period, attendees can enjoy light refreshments, while visiting with the many community organizations that'll be exhibiting.

At 6:30, the main program begins. This year, the meeting will be dedicated to two of the most important issues facing our neighborhoods:

- The potential closure of San Rafael Elementary School, the last public school in west Pasadena. [Editor's note: It's no coincidence that the annual meeting will be held at the school.]
- LA Metro's proposal to extend the SR-710 freeway from Alhambra and Pasadena

San Rafael Elementary School: The last public school in west Pasadena

San Rafael Elementary is a shining light in the Pasadena Unified School District's (PUSD) constellation of public schools. Recently, San Rafael elementary has been invited to apply for California Distinguished School status, based on strong student academic performance and:

- A reinvigorated curriculum
- Dedicated and talented faculty and administrators
- A partnership with Pasadena Community College
- An active parent population
- The "Room 13" on-campus art studio
- The successful Spanish-English Dual Language Immersion Program
- The Student Enrichment program, sponsored by the WPRA, through which students have been inspired and informed over the past few years

Our point of view: The WPRA believes that other options are feasible to avoid closing the last public school in west Pasadena and encourages the PUSD Board of Education to give those options very serious consideration.

SR-710 freeway: A "solution" that will create more problems than it fixes

The construction of a five-mile underground traffic tunnel from SR-710 in Alhambra to the on-ramp of the 210 freeway at Pasadena Avenue in Pasadena would be an enormous expense, likely in excess of \$10 billion. It would also cause years of interruption to our daily lives, massive traffic congestion from automobiles and commercial trucks, irreparable harm to the health of our citizens (particularly children), and loss of our quality of life and property values. *For more information, see article on page 3.*

Save the date

What:

WPRA 2014 annual meeting

When:

Wednesday, April 30
5:30-8:30 p.m.

Where:

San Rafael Elementary School
1090 Nithsdale Ave.
*Parking lot at back of school
on San Miguel Road or
on nearby streets*

Cost:

Free

Our point of view: The tunnel proposal is a backward-looking idea. Transportation policy that only offers more surface or subterranean freeways and more lanes to existing freeways is outdated and lacks vision. We believe LA Metro and Caltrans should focus on developing other more progressive solutions, of which there are many. To date, Metro has shown interest only in either a surface or tunnel extension of the 710 freeway, giving lip service only to alternatives.

Last, but certainly not least

The WPRA will formally recognize individuals and organizations whose activities over the past year have materially improved the quality of life in West Pasadena, and members will elect 2013-2014 WPRA officers and directors.

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West Pasadena Residents' Association



YEARS
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We predicted a busy 2014 ... and here it is!

BY BILL URBAN
PRESIDENT, WPRA

As we predicted last year, 2014 is quickly becoming a year of challenges and opportunities for west Pasadena. Here are just a few of the issues in which we're engaged:

- 1. Correction of street safety issues on Avenue 64.** A three-quarter mile stretch of Avenue 64 in the Garvanza neighborhood is well-documented for motorist speeding and patently illegal maneuvers, such as passing in the median and in the parking lanes. Over the past 15 years, the situation has resulted in six deaths. The issue is complicated, however, because the street forms the boundary between Los Angeles and Pasadena, which means both cities must be involved. So far, Los Angeles has installed stop signs at a critical intersection, but the stretch of roadway is still very dangerous. The Avenue 64 Coalition, with WPRA's complete support, continues its work to make the avenue safer.
- 2. Designation of South Grand-Covington Place as a landmark district.** More than

80% of the property owners near the intersection of South Grand and Covington Place signed a petition requesting landmark designation for 23 contiguous properties. City Council recently granted the request. By establishing the district, residents will be required to follow design review procedures for new structures or changes to existing structures. The WPRA collaborated with residents seeking the designation and urged City Council to establish the district.

- 3. The Los Angeles County Flood Control District's plans for removing 5 million cubic yards or more of dirt and debris from Devil's Gate Dam over a five-year period.** The WPRA, among many other organizations, individuals and municipalities, formally objected to the County's aggressive remediation plan. The WPRA wrote: "The impacts [of the plan] are far too devastating to the environment and the surrounding communities. WPRA recommends that the plan be scaled down significantly and completed over a much longer period of time." The WPRA also commended City Council for taking a strong position opposing the County's

project Draft Environmental Impact Report. The WPRA appreciates City Council's thoughtful discussion and conclusion, and hopes that it will continue its vigilance in opposition to the Bill Urban sediment removal



plan proposed by the County. [Editor's note: See related article on page 7]

- 4. Review of greatly anticipated SR-710 Draft Environmental Impact Report.** The WPRA supported City Council's appropriation of \$50,000 for Pasadena's part in a multi-city consortium of like-minded cities to collaboratively review the draft EIR. Further, the WPRA also urged the City to:
 - Establish a process for Pasadena residents to submit comments to the City, as well

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About us

Mission

Founded in 1962, the West Pasadena Residents' Association is dedicated to maintaining the character of our community and enhancing the quality of life in West Pasadena.

Area

The WPRA service area is bounded on the north by Colorado Boulevard, on the east by Fair Oaks Avenue and on the south and west by the city limits.

Funding

All WPRA activities are funded through membership dues and contributions. The WPRA receives no public funding and has no paid employees. Since the WPRA is a 501(c)(3) non-profit public benefit corporation, contributions and donations are fully deductible to the extent permitted by law.

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Ambassador Gardens meets inclusionary housing obligation on and off site

Ambassador Gardens' (aka Ambassador West) inclusionary housing requirement will be satisfied by modification of a 20-unit South Orange Grove Apartments complex built in 1949, known as the South Orange Grove Apartments, to accommodate 25 income-restricted apartment units. Through a partnership between City Ventures and Heritage Housing Partners, the obligation for seven of the 25 inclusionary units will be satisfied off-site at Heritage Housing Partners' upcoming Summit Grove project, at the corner of Summit Ave. and East Orange Grove Boulevard. City Ventures will help underwrite the Summit Grove project as Heritage Housing Partners creates another high-quality affordable homeownership project that is sensitive to neighborhood values.

City spends \$64,000 for sidewalk repairs

To date, the City's Pilot Sidewalk Repair Program has cost the City \$64,375 for completion of sidewalk repairs of 87 properties covering 13,000 square feet of sidewalk. Property owners contributed about \$95,550, as their share for the repair. Under the terms of the program, the City will match 50% of the cost of sidewalk repairs in areas damaged by City street trees, up to a maximum of \$1,000 per parcel. Damages to sidewalks caused by privately-owned trees or other circumstances are not included in the project. — *Pasadena Now*

City opens new Citizen Service Center

Pasadena's new Citizen Service Center officially opened for calls on January 24. The Center serves as the primary point of contact for public requests for services and information about City programs and services. The Center's hours are 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday through Friday. Call (626) 744-7311, go to the City's website or use a mobile device.

Raising the alarm about Metro's proposed 710 Freeway twin tunnels

Opinion

BY SARAH GAVIT, WPRA
SR-710 COMMITTEE CHAIR

The progress of the latest proposal to extend the Long Beach (710) Freeway from Alhambra north into Pasadena, Los Angeles Metro's preferred twin-tunnel alternative, has low awareness among San Gabriel Valley residents. It's understandable, since the 710 extension into the heart of Old Pasadena has been batted around for more than 60 years.

The immediate cause for concern is that Metro/Caltrans' draft Environmental Impact Report will soon be completed. From there the ball will get rolling quickly while most of the San Gabriel Valley remains clueless to the impacts that the tunnels would have on freeway traffic, local street traffic, our businesses, our property values, our health and our way of life in this beautiful area.



Here are 10 alarming facts you should know about Metro's twin-tunnel alternative:

1. The tunnels would connect the ports of Long Beach and Los Angeles, and the freight trucks that come with them, to Old Pasadena and our neighborhoods.
2. The tunnels would bring 180,000 vehicles daily (freight trucks and cars) through Old Pasadena and onto our local freeways. Metro plans to charge a toll to use the tunnels; to avoid these tolls, vehicles would cut through on our local streets, increasing traffic.
3. The 4.9-mile tunnels would be the longest ever built in the U.S. and would cost \$1 billion, or more, per mile.
4. The tunnels would cross four earthquake faults and cut through two major aquifers.
5. The tunnels would have no intermediate entries or exits that might facilitate emergencies or serve local traffic.

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The lawsuit, the NFL and Rose Bowl events to fund renovations

Opinion

BY NINA CHOMSKY
PRESIDENT,
LINDA VISTA~ANNANDALE ASSOCIATION

The lawsuit: The Coalition challenging Pasadena's Environmental Impact Report for National Football League use of the Rose Bowl was disappointed when the Superior Court ruled against us, but will appeal the decision. Importantly, although new factual and legal issues cannot be raised, the Appellate Court will review the case de novo, that is, all over again. The Coalition sincerely thanks all supporters of the lawsuit up to now, including WPRA. This matter is not over, and the Coalition will keep you informed.

The NFL: The National Football League will likely not announce a new team for

Los Angeles in 2014; the attention has shifted to 2015. Hollywood Park in Inglewood, which closed in 2013 and includes 238 acres of flatland, is still a possible location for the new team's stadium. Many believe the site is ideal for a stadium. It has easy freeway access, few residential neighbors and plenty of room for a typical NFL stadium, including adjacent above-ground parking.

Now, according to the LA Times, the owner of the St. Louis Rams, billionaire Stan Kroenke, has purchased the 60-acre parking lot between the Forum and Hollywood Park, possibly for a new stadium in a joint venture with the Hollywood Park owners. While relocating an NFL team is a complex process, the Rams' lease permits the team to leave St. Louis in 2015.

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GP update moves forward

By Vince Farhat, Member, Planning Commission, Former WPRA president

As most know by now, the City of Pasadena, as required by State law, is updating its General Plan. Here's what has been going on recently and what's to come.

- City Council late last year approved a land-use diagram and density caps that will be studied in an environmental impact report (EIR).
- The Planning Commission and City Council earlier this year discussed what alternatives should be studied in the EIR.
- City staff is now working with consultants to develop the draft EIR.
- City staff, during February and March, sought public input on the Draft Land Use and Mobility Element goals and policies. The draft policies cover topics such as growth, transportation, design, historic preservation, environmental sustainability, arts and culture, economic vitality, parking and education. The policies also give direction to future planning efforts for districts in the city such as the Central District, East Colorado, East Pasadena, North Lake, Fair Oaks and Orange Grove, Lincoln Avenue, Washington and Allen, and the West Gateway.

We expect the City to release the Draft EIR later this spring. Pasadena residents will have the opportunity to provide further comment this summer.

- For more information about the General Plan Update, call (626) 744-6710 or email generalplan@cityofpasadena.net.

Celebrating 130 years of reading

Pasadena Public Library has kicked off a year-long celebration with music, song, historical exhibits, slide shows and a special CAKE to commemorate 130 years of reading in Pasadena. Library Director Jan Sanders invites the community to join in this celebration to mark Pasadena's dedication to reading and the library system that supports it.

Preservation issues are abounding; PH phones ringing off the hook!

By SUE MOSSMAN
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PASADENA HERITAGE

Our phones are ringing off the hook with questions and concerns about myriad development projects on the drawing boards for locations all around the city.



- One batch of calls centered on Orange Grove Circle, a collection of mid-century apartment buildings in a lush garden setting just west of Orange Grove with several older historic homes mixed in. Apparently a developer has purchased a number of the buildings in the complex and is planning to demolish the existing apartments and replace them with new, larger condominium buildings. Pasadena Heritage is researching the buildings with help from residents who have been contributing personal knowledge and other information from the time the complex was built. Once we've gathered as many facts as we can find, we'll be able to define the issues more clearly and then meet with neighbors, the City and the developer.
- The large project that will surround the Parson's building north of Old Pasadena has been on people's minds as well. With several large new buildings planned – residential along Fair Oaks and office along Pasadena Avenue – this is a very significant project on the northern boundary of Old Pasadena.
- Also in the works for that area is a new hotel on the north side of Walnut at Fair Oaks and a residential building on the east side of Fair Oaks, next to the Marriott. This part of Pasadena is certainly bound for major change and increased density. Pasadena Heritage's first goal in reviewing these projects has been to have new construction sensitively connect to the Old Pasadena Historic District immediately adjacent to the east and south with small commercial buildings dating from the turn of the last century and before.

- Just to the west, the former Avery Dennison headquarters has been purchased by Legacy Partners. Changes have been proposed to the iconic 1980s building that will alter key design features of the original architectural and landscape design. Pasadena Heritage is urging the new owners to reconsider their plans to keep the character-defining features of this potential future landmark building intact.

Walk, learn & listen during National Preservation Month

Pasadena Heritage will host a preservation program every weekend during May as part of National Historic Preservation Month. An expanded Old Pasadena Walking Tour with an introductory slide show; an illustrated talk and then a walking tour of the old Busch Gardens area, once a lavish garden attraction; and a walking tour of the charming Rose Villa neighborhood will all be offered on Saturdays in May. A seminar on energy efficiency in historic buildings, with a focus on older homes, will be presented as the finale on May 31. There is something for everyone in this line-up, prices are reasonable but space is limited. Visit pasadenaheritage.org for more information on the schedule and how to make reservations or call (626) 441-6333.

Pasadena earns an A+ for preservation

Every five years, the Los Angeles Conservancy creates a Preservation Report Card for communities throughout the LA basin. This is a very comprehensive and thoughtful evaluation of the commitment to historic preservation and the programs and tools that communities have in place to encourage and enforce historic preservation goals. We are very proud that Pasadena earned an A+ on the Conservancy's latest report card, one of eight communities to win top marks. Congratulations to our neighbors in South Pasadena for also making the list. Visit the Los Angeles Conservancy website to see the complete report.

Save the Date! The Colorado Street Bridge Party returns on July 12

Major west Pasadena planning applications

This table identifies major commercial and residential development plans submitted to the City through February 18 that are relevant to west Pasadena. We've included detailed information about each and

noted the City planner who has been assigned to each proposal. The information is also available on the City of Pasadena's website. We offer it only for information.

Type/Case # Address	Description	Current status (as of 2/18/2014)	City planner phone #
PPR / 2013-00025 415 Orange Grove Circle	Multi-family: Demolish 13 buildings containing 64 existing residential units clustered along a private street (Orange Grove Circle) and construct a new 90-unit complex of 2-3 story buildings clustered along two private streets. The site is approximately 5.75 acres with the front portion zoned for multi-family and the rear portion zoned for single-family with a hillside overlay. The project would develop the entire site for multi-family. Two covered parking spaces would be provided for each unit, along with some guest parking areas.	Initial filing: 12/24/2013 Comments received from various city departments. Staff coordinating a meeting with the applicant. Will go to City Council as an informational item in spring 2014.	Jose Jimenez: (626) 744-7137
MP / 2010-00291 169 S. St. John Ave	Maranatha High School: To build out the physical facilities needed to serve the 800 students and 120 full-time faculty positions with a total of approximately 29,000 sf of new construction and 15,500 square feet of remodeled or converted space. The project scope also calls for the installation of a perimeter fence around the campus and a master sign program.	Initial filing: 8/5/2010 Historic Preservation Commission recommended approval on 11/18/13. Went to Design Commission on 12/17/13 and 01/14/14. Project tentatively scheduled to go to the Planning Commission on 03/26/14.	Vicrim Chima: (626) 744-6791
MP / 2009-00461 100 W. California Blvd.	Huntington Hospital: The hospital is proposing to amend its master plan, which includes reconfiguration of the plan's boundary area, rehabilitation, demolition and new construction in phases over the next 20 years.	Initial filing: 12/3/2009 Draft EIR will be released in winter 2014.	Laura Dahl: (626) 744-6767
PD / 2013-00015 100 W. Walnut St.	Lincoln Property (Parsons Site): New large scale 2-phase project with up to 475 residential and work/live units, 620,000 sf of office and a 10,000 sf restaurant space. The existing office buildings will be maintained, as well as the parking structures along Union St. The project calls for residential at the northwest corner of Fair Oaks Blvd. and Holly St., with work/live on the ground level facing Fair Oaks Blvd. The office and other non-residential uses will be at the southwest corner of Fair Oaks Blvd. and Walnut St. and along Pasadena Ave. Holly Street will extend west and connect Fair Oaks to Pasadena Avenue with a large open space area proposed along Holly St. A total of 1,100,000 sf of new construction is proposed for the 22.67 acre site.	Initial filing: 1/15/2013 Draft EIR is being completed. Scheduled to go to Design Commission for Preliminary Design Consultation on 02/25/14.	Jason Mikaelian: (626) 744-6754
PPR / 2013-00021 25 W. Walnut St.	Walnut mixed-use: Demolish an existing commercial building and construct a new 5-story mixed-use project with 10,000 square feet of retail and 201 residential units. The site is 2.33 acres. The project also includes 395 parking spaces (provided at grade and in one subterranean level).	Initial filing: 12/2/2013 Met with the applicant on 02/04/14. Went to the Design Commission for preliminary consultation on 02/11/14. Will go to City Council as an informational item in spring 2014.	Mark Odell: (626) 744-7101
PPR / 2013-00010 78 N. Marengo Ave.	Kimpton Hotel Project (YWCA Building): Rehabilitate the historic YWCA building and construct an 88,740 sf, 4-6 story addition for a 180-room hotel. The proposed hotel will also include 7,200 sf of meeting space, 5,625 sf of ballroom, a 2,350 sf restaurant and a subterranean parking garage with 42 spaces.	Initial filing: 7/22/2013 Met with the applicant on 09/30/13. Project went to Design Commission for Preliminary Design Consultation on 12/10/13. Applicant submitted revised plan on 02/03/14. Scheduled to go to City Council as an informational item on 03/17/14.	Beilin Yu (626) 744-6726
PD / 2013-00440 655 Westminster Dr.	Desiderio: The reuse of the 5.1-acre Desiderio US Army Reserve Center (USARC) site. The proposed project includes two primary components: a 3.87-acre City Park and 9 single-family detached bungalow housing units in a courtyard formation. The units would be developed by Habitat for Humanity.	Initial filing: 7/8/2013 Draft EIR will be released in late winter 2014. Hearing Officer approved a Tentative Parcel Map on 2/12/13 to subdivide property.	Laura Dahl (626) 744-6767
CUP / 6072 260-400 E. Colorado Blvd.	Paseo Hotel (former Macy's Site): Demolish the Macy's building and retail spaces to the north and construct a new mixed-use project with a hotel. Specifically, a 6 story mixed-use building is proposed at the corner of Colorado Blvd. and Los Robles Ave. with ground level retail and restaurants and 75 upper floor residential units. A 6-story 179-room hotel is proposed along Green St. No other major changes are proposed for the rest of the Paseo Colorado complex.	Initial filing: 5/24/2013 Went to Design Commission for preliminary consultation on 11/12/13. In the process of completing an Initial Study.	Betty Donovanik (626) 744-7656
PPR / 2013-00018 909 S. Fair Oaks Ave.	Shriners Medical Office: Demolish two buildings of 26,000 sf and construct a 3-story 74,800 sf medical office building for the Shriners Hospitals for Children.	Initial filing: 9/25/2013 Met with the applicant on 12/16/13. Went to City Council as an informational item on 02/03/14.	David Sinclair (626) 744-6766
MP / 2013-00160 940 Avenue 64	Hillside Homes: A four phase Master Plan. To demolish a 5,978 sf recreation facility built in 1983 and a swimming pool, and construction a new multipurpose building with 52 new parking spaces in the lower level of the new structure. Overall parking will increase from 103 to 136 spaces. The number of clients served and the number of staff needed to service the programs will not change.	Initial filing: 4/15/2013 Project went to Design Commission for Preliminary Consultation on 09/09/13. In the process of completing an Initial Study.	Robert Avila (626) 744-6776

Legend

CUP: Conditional use permit

PPR: Preliminary project review

PD: Planned development

VTTM: Vesting tentative tract map

PPC: Preliminary plan check

MP: Master plan

Save our neighborhoods... *Continued from page 1*

Bonus: Preview "Alice," check out student art

Also, by attending our annual meeting, you'll get two very special treats: a preview of the school's upcoming production of "Alice in Wonderland" and an opportunity to view student artwork produced in Room 13, the collaborative art studio on campus. Those who subscribe to the WPRA's weekly eNewsletter, *Neighborhood*

Update, may have noticed some of the students' work featured. And if you discover you want more than just a preview of "Alice," you can catch the full show during matinee or evening performances on Friday, May 2, at 12:45 p.m. and 7 p.m., and on Saturday, May 3, at 4 and 7 p.m. Tickets will be on sale at the school in advance or can be purchased at the door.

2014 State of the City report

Arts + innovation = Pasadena

Pasadena Mayor Bill Bogaard on January 23 delivered the 2014 annual State of the City address in the Center for the Arts, Pasadena City College. The State of the City theme this year is "Arts + Innovation = Pasadena." The City partnered with Pasadena City College, which celebrated the grand opening of the new Center for the Arts building and its 90th academic year. The following are excerpts from the Mayor's speech.

Economics

- Our current budget — for the year ending June 30 — anticipates key City revenues, including property tax and utility users tax, will return to pre-recession levels. We also expect the transient occupancy and construction taxes to be considerably stronger than in recent years, a positive indicator.
- Before the recession, the City's General Fund had built up a fund balance of \$25 million in excess of our designated 10% reserve. Our commitment is to re-build that balance during the next few years. We also face cost increases for medical insurance benefits and contributions to the state's CalPERS pension system. Over the last five years, the City's pension contribution rates have increased 60% for non-safety employees and 18% for public safety employees. As a result, pension costs for the year have increased 63% to \$11.9 million.

Capital Improvement Project Investments

- Last year, the City had about 67 capital improvement program projects valued at nearly \$179 million. They include:
 - The \$2.9 million seismic retrofit and renovation of Fire Station #39
 - The \$415,000 upgrade of Central Park, including new playground, sidewalks and landscaping
 - The design of the \$17 million La Loma Bridge Rehabilitation project, with construction set to begin in summer of 2014
 - Acceptance of surplus federal property at the U.S. Army Reserve Center



Mayor Bill Bogaard delivers his 2014 State of the City address. (Photo courtesy of *Pasadena Now*)

(Desiderio), and commencement of the environmental review and preliminary design for a new 3.9 acre neighborhood park.

- Approval of a sidewalk improvement pilot program to encourage sidewalk repairs through a cost-sharing program with property owners. To date, 120 property owners have submitted payments totaling \$495,550, with a City match of \$64,375 for work that is completed.

Development activity

- Current private sector construction activities include a 150,000 sq. ft. premier office project in the Playhouse District, across from the Playhouse, and the Constance Hotel, the first Dusit-branded hotel in the United States, on Colorado Boulevard near Lake Avenue.
- Several hotel projects are being considered, potentially adding up to 800 additional rooms in Pasadena.
- Over 1.5 million square feet of new housing and commercial development is being proposed.

PUSD/City Work Plan

- The School/City/Community Work Plan is now nearing its first year of implementation. During the year PUSD restructured its Welcome Center and Communications Department to create a Family Resource Center. Also, the Pasadena Education Foundation (PEF) invested jointly with PUSD and the City to position a key staff member as a partnership coordinator.

Design accelerator

- A new Design Accelerator, serving as an incubator to help tech startups grow, has been housed at Idealab in a partnership between Art Center College of Design and Caltech. Venture capital for this project, \$500,000, was raised totally within Pasadena. The Accelerator has launched seven companies so far.

Devil's Gate dam sediment removal

- The City submitted comments on a Draft EIR issued last year for sediment removal by the County Department of Public Works at Devil's Gate Dam. As proposed, the project will destroy a thriving willow forest at Hahamongna and require one double-loaded truck to leave the excavation site every minute, six days a week between April and December, for five years.
- City Council and the community have expressed serious reservations about the project, the volume of sediment to be removed and the time period for removal. Also, the City is developing a more responsible approach.

SR-710 DEIR

- City Council has approved a five-city alliance involving Glendale, La Canada Flintridge, South Pasadena, and Sierra Madre to cooperate in conducting studies that are needed to evaluate the impacts on our community of a SR-710 freeway tunnel project and the other alternatives.

BRIEFS

PWP joins state, local leaders in calling for more water conservation in 2014

On Jan. 17, 2014, California Gov. Edmund G. Brown Jr. declared a statewide Drought of Emergency, urging consumers to cut water use by 20% and directing state officials to take all necessary actions to prepare for the severe drought conditions. As a result, the California Department of Water Resources (DWR) announced that as of January 31, 2014, all of its State Water Project deliveries throughout California would be cut to zero for the year. The decision affects 29 public water agencies that buy State Water Project water for about 25 million Californians. Pasadena Water and Power (PWP) has joined the call to step up water conservation efforts by calling on all Pasadena residents and business owners to voluntarily cut water use by 20%. PWP, which receives about 18% of its supply from the State Water Project through the Metropolitan Water District, is closely monitoring the situation and is developing additional response plans as necessary. Due to strategic investments in water storage, PWP does not expect the cutbacks to have an immediate impact on customers, but there could be long-term impacts if the drought persists beyond 2014.

L.A. County wants to tap storm water during drought

Amid drought, the L.A. County Board of Supervisors directed the Department of Public Works to maximize the collection of storm water to augment the water supply. Supervisor Michael Antonovich said the county captures about 200,000 acre-feet of storm water, which, along with 45,000 acre-feet of highly treated recycled water, goes into the ground aquifers each year. This groundwater provides a third of the county's drinking water.

Antonovich also urged the county's lobbyists in Sacramento and Washington, D.C., to seek additional funding and streamlined regulatory processes for storm water capture, flood control and groundwater recharge facilities and programs. — *Pasadena Star-News*

A plan for a restored Arroyo Seco

Opinion

BY TIM BRICK
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ARROYO SECO FOUNDATION

LA County Flood Control District's (LACFCD) \$100 million plan to truck sediment out of Devil's Gate Dam has opened a long-deferred discussion about the impacts of their aging flood control system on our region's most precious environmental treasure, the Arroyo Seco. The comment period on the Draft Environmental Impact Report (DEIR) has now closed, and the Flood Control District is evaluating Pasadena's and the public's response to their plan. More than 250 individuals and organizations barraged LACFCD with a wide array of criticisms of the plan, most of which share the concern that the plan is myopic and fails to preserve the rich environmental legacy of the Arroyo Seco.

Ironically, LACFCD is now involved in a program that offers a dynamic vision of a restored Arroyo Seco. But before we get to that, let's take a moment to consider: What is the magic of the Arroyo Seco that has been so important to our region?

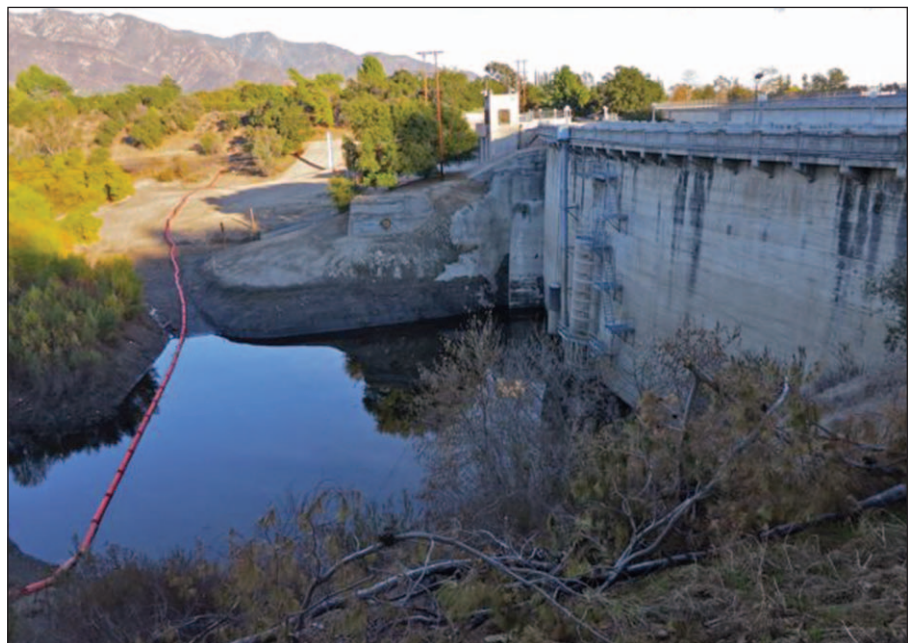
As the Arroyo Seco emerges from the San Gabriel Mountains, its steep descent slows

and the waters cut through an alluvial plain. Beneath this region, which includes La Cañada-Flintridge, Altadena, Pasadena, Sierra Madre and part of Arcadia, lies the Raymond Basin – a massive bowl of alluvial sand and gravel filled with water. The south rim of the basin is the Raymond Dyke, a geological fault that runs from Highland Park to Raymond Hill at Pasadena's southern boundary with South Pasadena and then through San Marino just north of Huntington Drive to Santa Anita Canyon on the east side of Arcadia.

This flowing water and rich soil conditions have endowed Arroyo Seco communities with a rich natural heritage. President Theodore Roosevelt witnessed it in 1911 when he rode through the Arroyo and proclaimed to the Mayor of Pasadena, "This Arroyo would make one of the greatest parks in the world."

But how have we treated the Arroyo Seco, which has contributed so much to our region, since 1911? We've wrung the water and wildlife out of it. We have dammed it and paved it. We've even built a freeway through it. We have contaminated it with toxic chemicals that have knocked out most local water wells. The fish and frogs that frolicked in the Arroyo are gone. The

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View from north side of Devil's Gate Dam (photo by Lori Paul)

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Face to face with Pasadena Water and Power

Once plentiful, Pasadena's water supply is now scarce resource

Given the current state-wide drought declaration and heightened concern about water supplies, the WPRA asked the City's Water Division Director, Shan Kwan, to provide us with more insight into Pasadena's water resources and explain what the drought means to Pasadenans. *For more information about Pasadena's water supply please visit ci.pasadena.ca.us/waterandpower/.*

Q: WPRA: What are Pasadena's sources of water, and what percent of Pasadena's total water consumption do we get from each?

A: Shan Kwan: The City serves water to customers in the City of Pasadena and portions of the unincorporated areas of Altadena, east Pasadena and San Gabriel from three sources:

1. Local groundwater from the Raymond Basin aquifer
2. Surface runoff from the San Gabriel Mountains
3. Imported water from the Metropolitan Water District of Southern California (MWD)

Under normal conditions, PWP pumps approximately 12,000 acre-feet per year (AFY) from the Raymond Basin. However, due to declining groundwater levels, the Raymond Basin Management Board has reduced Pasadena's annual groundwater pumping right to 10,300 AFY starting in 2014. *[NOTE: One acre-foot = amount of water to cover one acre to the depth of one foot. An acre foot per year = 325,851 gallons of water or 28,320 gallons per month]*



Shan Kwan, Director, Water Division, Pasadena Water and Power

PWP owns rights to divert runoff from Arroyo Seco and Eaton Canyon. Diversion of surface water, which is used to augment local groundwater, averages 2,380 AFY. The majority of PWP's water is imported from MWD, which gets its water from the State Water Project (SWP) and the Colorado River Aqueduct.

Q: How many wells does Pasadena have?

A: The City has 16 groundwater wells, of which six are currently online.

Three wells are temporarily offline, while we develop another treatment plant. The City has two wells that are offline indefinitely due to high levels of perchlorate contamination. Decades ago, perchlorate, an oxidizer used in rocket propellants and volatile organic compounds (VOCs), used as industrial

cleaning solvents, leached into the Monk Hill subarea of the Raymond Basin. Concentrations of perchlorate, carbon tetra chloride and other contaminants were found in these wells. *[Editor's note: Starting in 1936, the U.S. Army Air Corps tested some of its first rockets on Monk Hill. The standard practice then was to dump the chemicals into pits, where they seeped slowly into the soil. Over the years, the plume of contamination has drifted several thousand feet below Hahamongna Watershed Park toward Altadena, triggering the closure of water wells in Pasadena.]*

The City and NASA jointly designed the Monk Hill Treatment Plant (MHTP), which began operations in 2011, to treat groundwater from four contaminated wells located in the Monk Hill subarea of the Raymond Basin. The treatment technology used at the 7,000-gallons-per-minute plant includes removal of perchlorate using single-use ion exchange resin and absorption of organic chemicals using liquid-phase granular-activated carbon (LGAC). The annual cost to operate the MHTP is \$3.75 million, of which \$3 million is for water treatment and \$750,000 is for operational expenses.

Q: Would Pasadena require water from the state or MWD if all wells were operational? That is, could we ever be self-sufficient?

A: Even if all wells in the City were operational, PWP would still need to rely on imported water from MWD to meet its customers' demands. All of the City's 16

PWP's historical water supplies (in acre feet per year)

City of Pasadena water supplies	1990	1995	2000	2005	2010	2013
Imported water	26,690	16,078	21,130	22,200	24,024	18,190
Groundwater	11,872	16,248	19,053	13,723	12,056	14,607
Surface water	193	32	-	-	2,380	904
Annual total	38,755	32,358	40,183	35,923	38,460	33,701

wells do not have the pumping capacity necessary to meet the demand for water year-round, and would exceed Pasadena's groundwater pumping rights. Demand fluctuates month to month, and all wells combined could not supply the instant high peak periods during a normal year.

Q: How will the State's recent declaration of a drought emergency and subsequent decision to stop all water delivery from the State Water Project impact us?

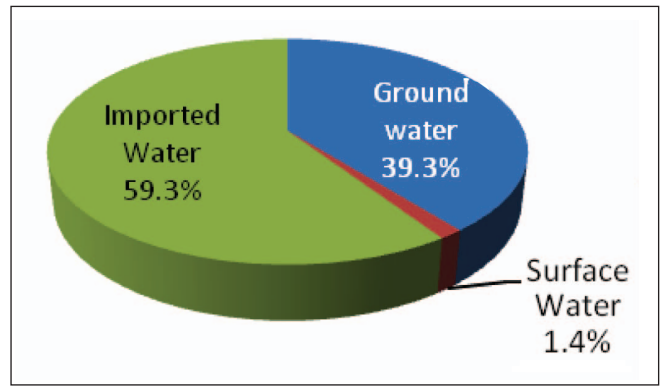
A: While PWP's customers should not expect to feel impacts from the state drought, no one knows for certain how long the drought will last. PWP has stored water in the Raymond Basin and MWD has invested in regional storage, most notably at Diamond Valley Lake in Hemet. However, it is very important for everyone in Southern California to conserve water. PWP has called on all its customers to voluntarily cut water use by 20%. PWP will continue to import water from MWD even though MWD will not get deliveries from the SWP this year. MWD is aware of periodic droughts in Southern California, which is why it prepares for consecutive dry years with water-storage projects and encourages local water agencies, like PWP, to expand local water sources like recycled water. PWP completed its Integrated Resource Plan in January 2011. PWP is also pursuing construction of a conveyance for recycled water, increasing storm water capture in the Arroyo Seco,

implementing an urban storm water capture program and promoting aggressive water conservation.

Q: What incentives are available to Pasadena customers to encourage water conservation?

A: PWP's customers can conserve water and save money by taking advantage of various water efficiency rebates and programs:

- Turf-removal program: \$1 for every square foot of water-thirsty turf replaced with sustainable plants and water-permeable groundcover
- Rain barrel rebates: \$100 rebate (50 gallon minimum)
- Soil moisture sensor system: \$35 or \$100 per irrigation sensor for large residential sites
- High-efficiency toilets: \$100 (1.28 gallons per flush or less)
- High-efficiency clothes washer: \$250
- Rotating nozzles for pop-up spray retrofits: \$6/nozzle
- Weather-based irrigation controller: \$200 for less than one acre or \$35 per station for an acre or more



PWP average historical water supplies

The historical supply mix has averaged 60% imported water and 40% local supplies.

We predicted...

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as Metro, to ensure citizens' voices are heard and acknowledged.

- Independently analyze elements of the plan that could negatively and uniquely impact Pasadena if the tunnel alternative is chosen. These elements include local traffic and business disruption over a decade or more of construction and the impact, by tunnel construction and operation, on area residents' health.
- Instruct City staff to prepare a plan for its own thorough SR-710 DEIR review.
[Editor's note: See related article on page 3]

5. Proposed demolition of 64 existing residential units along Orange Grove Circle and subsequent construction of a new 90-unit complex of two- to three-story buildings. The developer has not submitted any formal plans yet, but we, in collaboration with nearby residents and Pasadena Heritage, will be watching for them.

I hasten to add that to affect positive change we must all work together. Pasadena is well known for its citizen collaboration and engagement. We're proud to be a vital part of the remarkable community activism that seeks to maintain the character of our communities and enhance the quality of life in Pasadena.

■ For more information or to help the WPRA address important community issues, send an email to president@wpra.net



Monk Hill Treatment System



Before (left) and after (right) image shows how the sewer repair project improved form and function.

County gives new life to 88-year-old Arroyo sewer lines

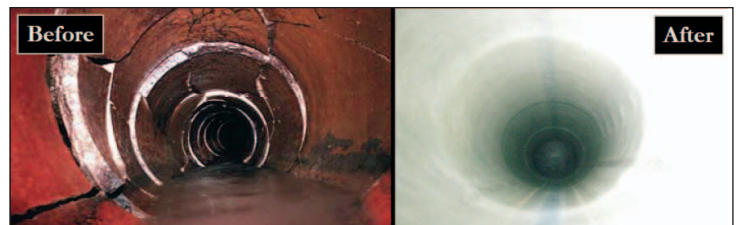
BY LINDA ZINN
MEMBER, WPRA BOARD OF DIRECTORS
CHAIR, OPEN SPACE AND MEMBERSHIP

Pasadena Department of Public Works and the Sanitation District of Los Angeles County announced in May 2013 that extensive repairs would be made in the sewer line that runs from La Cañada, south along the east bank of the Lower Arroyo.

The WPRA and other concerned citizens wanted to make sure that the work would be carried out without damaging the Lower Arroyo slopes. There were numerous meetings and email conversations, during which WPRA Directors sought assurance that the historic stone walls and slopes would not be bulldozed, backhoed or left scarred by the necessary sewer repair.

This sewer line was built in 1924 by the City of Pasadena. LA County Sanitation District took ownership of the line in 2004, when La Cañada was given the opportunity to use the sewer system and the Jet Propulsion Lab's pump station was replaced with a gravity sewer. The current project, costing \$2 million, repaired 4,000 feet of pipe from Linda Ridge Road south along the Arroyo to Bellefontaine Street. The cracked and corroded pipe was repaired by lining it with cured-in-place and spiral liners, forming a strong structural pipe that expands to the limits of the existing pipe, without further damaging it.

In addition to the pipe repair, three sections of hillsides along the Arroyo were protected from further erosion by using geosynthetic mats and earth colored shotcrete. These areas blend into the terrain



Before (left) and after (right) inside the sewer line.

and are now quite difficult to detect. In response to citizen concerns, LA County Sanitation District, with cooperation from the City of Pasadena, took special care in the repair of the slope below the Bird Sanctuary. Arroyo stone was used to create a more suitable design for the water run-off there.

While the repairs were progressing, sections of the roadways were reduced to one lane, with flagmen stopping traffic. Disruption was minimal.

This project was successful on many levels. The City of Pasadena and LA County Sanitation District representatives worked closely with interested citizens to ensure that the Arroyo Seco, a historic, natural treasure, was not damaged by the extensive repair work.

■ For more information or to engage in this issue, send an email to zinn@wptra.net

\$525,000 La Casita renovation gets underway

BY TOM SEIFERT
PRESIDENT
LA CASITA FOUNDATION

Saturday, February 22 marked the kickoff celebration for the renovation of La Casita del Arroyo with construction beginning March 3. It is anticipated that four to five months will be required for the renovation to be complete.

The La Casita Foundation and the Pasadena Garden Club have had a long history with “the little house on the arroyo” as well as the Arroyo in general. It began in 1917 with the Garden Club working with the City of Pasadena to help preserve the Arroyo Seco in its natural state and then in 1933 with the construction of La Casita del Arroyo itself.

The Foundation has been maintaining the La Casita gardens for many years and while holding meetings at La Casita and discussing the gardens, the steady deterioration of the interior was obvious. The mission statement

was expanded and the decision was made to do something about it. When the City was approached with a plan, there was not one iota of hesitation and the next generation of partnerships was formed.

The entire renovation will cost approximately \$525,000 and includes:

- Interior upgrades to the kitchen, banquet room, entry area and restrooms
- ADA and accessibility improvements
- Plumbing and electrical systems enhancements
- Restoration of the historic bicycle velodrome wood paneling
- Exterior work includes new heating and air conditioning (HVAC) systems, roof replacement and parking lot improvements for ADA compliance

The initial estimate for the interior alone was \$250,000 with the Foundation’s share being \$125,000. The campaign began in late

2012 and by June, 2013 the goal had been reached. What an unbelievable outpouring of generosity: a \$25,000 capital grant came from the Pasadena Community Foundation (PCF), \$10,000 came from the WPRA and \$20,000 collectively from the La Casita Foundation Board Members. The balance of \$70,000 came in donations large and small from the Pasadena community and beyond.

On behalf of the Board of Directors of the La Casita Foundation and the City of Pasadena, we thank all of our donors and supporters for their generosity and for their love of our cherished La Casita del Arroyo.

The lawsuit...

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Rose Bowl events: Meanwhile, Pasadena is exploring an “entertainment” alternative to the NFL to raise Rose Bowl money. Over Coalition legal objections related to the City’s failure to mitigate the cumulative negative impacts of major (“displacement”) events, City Council voted to increase the number of major Rose Bowl events in 2014 from 12 to no more than 18, including as many as six large concerts. Council also promised that:

- The NFL would not use the Rose Bowl in 2014 NFL, which we believe wouldn’t happen anyway;
- 2014 “runs/walks” in the Central Arroyo would be capped at about half; and
- Any major 2014 Rose Bowl events over the previous limit of 12 would not be regarded as a future “baseline.”

However, current ideas fail to address a key issue: How to protect Arroyo-area neighborhoods from so many major and smaller events.

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To mark the beginning of the major renovation of La Casita del Arroyo, City Manager Michael Beck, Councilmember/Vice Mayor Jacque Robinson, La Casita Foundation President Tom Seifert and Councilmember Steve Madison pose with the “official” bright-yellow crow bars. (Photo by Randy Wilson)

Raising the alarm... *Continued from page 3*

6. The tunnels would take up to 12 years to build and would require removal of 5 million cubic yards of dirt (294,000 truckloads) through Pasadena.
7. Metro would vent tunnel pollution in Old Pasadena near Huntington Hospital and schools, using technology that can't properly filter fine particles or noxious gases.
8. Pasadena residents, especially those living near the 710, 210 and 134 freeways, would be exposed to elevated pollution levels, significantly increasing the risk for autism, lung disease, heart disease and asthma.
9. Our City Council has not yet taken a stand against the tunnels.
10. The draft EIR/EIS is being performed by the tunnel advocate, Metro. How can these reports be fair and unbiased?

While some consider most construction projects to be progressive, I believe that a tollway is not the best solution to address Los Angeles' transportation concerns. Heavy rail improvements have not been seriously considered for moving port cargo. Furthermore, port traffic may not increase as forecast, due to the widening of the Panama Canal and new ports in Mexico and along the Gulf Coast.

For passenger traffic, transportation funds would be better spent on environmentally sound projects that work for future generations, such as light rail, a 21st-century bus system and transportation system management. Americans, especially the younger generations, are driving less and are increasingly concerned about their contribution to global warming.

I can't think of any reason that the tunnels would be good for the San Gabriel Valley, yet some cities have yet to take a stand against the tunnels. If you care about protecting our region's quality of life and business base, or if you'd like your tax dollars spent more wisely, email our mayor and City Council and ask them to vigorously oppose the tunnels. Attend Metro meetings. Go to No710.com and sign the petition.

It's time to act or accept the consequences.

■ *For more information or to engage in this issue, send an email to gavit@wpra.net*

A plan for a restored Arroyo Seco... *Continued from page 7*

alders and willows have been replaced by parking lots. We've buried the stream in a concrete tomb.

Still, through all this, the Arroyo has retained a great deal of its grandeur. Today the Arroyo is "the most celebrated canyon in Southern California," our link with the nature of Southern California. Like any great river, the Arroyo leads us all to new and exciting places – the mountains to the north and downtown Los Angeles and the LA River to the south.

For more than a decade, the US Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) has been working with local communities on the Arroyo Seco Ecosystem Restoration Study, which offers the promise of a restored Arroyo Seco. The lead local agency in the study is none other than LACFCD.

The planning objectives will give you a good idea of the vision:

- To reduce further ecosystem degradation by restoring water-related habitats;
- To restore connectivity of habitats and provide wildlife corridors;
- To restore water quality to support aquatic habitat and wildlife;
- To design restoration features that mitigate or avoid increased risk of flood damages and channel erosion;

- To provide recreational opportunities and aesthetics within the watershed.

Despite LACFCD's role in the Corps' ecosystem study, their sediment trucking program sadly does not incorporate the principles of integrated watershed and ecosystem management that characterize the federal study.

The USACE program provides the basis for a sediment removal and management program that will be truly sustainable and respect the rare ecosystem values found in the Hahamongna basin and throughout the Arroyo Seco.

The Corps program, which is now being finalized, would provide federal support for a restored Arroyo Seco that could include

- Sustainable flood management;
- A live stream in the Central Arroyo around the Rose Bowl and through Brookside Park; and
- The removal of the concrete pit in Pasadena's Lower Arroyo from the Colorado Street Bridge to the La Loma Bridge.

Hopefully LACFCD will respond positively to the myriad criticisms of its current trucking plan by shaping a sustainable plan for flood

and sediment management in Hahamongna that integrates it into the restoration of the Arroyo Seco from the mountains to downtown Los Angeles.

That should be the environmental legacy of our generation, echoing the admonition of Theodore Roosevelt: "To waste, to destroy our natural resources, to skin and exhaust the land instead of using it so as to increase its usefulness, will result in undermining in the days of our children the very prosperity which we ought by right to hand down to them amplified."

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LOOKING BACK, 1895:

Arbor Street: "Opened by I.M. Hill, and named from the cypress arbor leading from the front of his house to Orange Grove Avenue. This house was the third one built in the original colony settlement – built by Col. J. Banbury, who also planted and trained the arbor in front, and it was a notable thing in the early colony days, as a cool and shady place for the family meals in warm weather, and the scene of many delightful social gatherings. [The arbor was cut away in 1895.]" — *History of Pasadena*, by Hiram Reid in 1895

Gone, but not forgotten

Gardening at Garfield School

[Editor's note: The Pasadena Museum of History graciously provides WPRA News readers with historical vignettes that reveal our city's past and inform our future.]

BY KIRK MYERS
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PASADENA MUSEUM OF HISTORY

When the California Street School opened in 1888, the Pasadena public school system was struggling to keep up with a student enrollment that had more than doubled since a real estate boom began in 1886. The new school, on the northeast corner of Pasadena Avenue and California Street, added seven rooms and 375 seats. It was renamed the James A. Garfield School in 1890, after the President, who had been assassinated in 1881.

The first kindergarten in Pasadena was started at the Garfield School building in 1899 as a private endeavor by Mrs. Mary Smith, because kindergarten classes were not then a part of the public school system. After Pasadena included kindergarten classes, in the 1901-02 school year, a separate kindergarten building was constructed close to the corner of California and Pasadena in 1902. Manual training was a part of the curriculum from kindergarten through the eighth grade at Garfield.



The original Garfield School building from 1888 was described by historian Hiram Reid as having an "Anglo-Teutonic" architectural style. It stood just west of the Bank of America building in the Orangewood Center. The kindergarten building at the Garfield School, which was opened for the 1902-03 school year, was on the corner of Pasadena and California, where Citibank is today.

The original 1888 building was replaced with a 12-room brick building in 1906, which was said to be "up-to-date in every particular and of a handsome appearance." But it only

lasted until 1935, when the Garfield School saw the construction of several more modern classroom buildings.

An early Pasadena resident described a feature of life at the Garfield School in the earliest years:

"A.L. Hamilton was our principal, and I remember him with a great deal of affection. Each month we changed our seats according to our grades. Those with the highest grades sat in the front seats and behind them the next highest and so on. We all knew where we stood in our school records and it was a challenge for me."

The Pasadena Museum of History is located at the corner of N. Orange Grove and W. Walnut. Parking is free in the museum's lot. The Research Library & Archives are open to the public free of charge Thursday-Sunday from 1-4 pm. For additional information, please visit the Museum's website, PasadenaHistory.org, or call 626/577-1660, ext. 10.



Gardening was part of the manual training in the kindergarten class at the Garfield School. It was a practical skill, as many West Pasadena homes had gardens in the early years.



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