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City, scientists search for elusive solution

## Pasadena's urban forest threatened by tiny beetle

BY JUSTIN CHAPMAN

Officials with the City of Pasadena, University of California at Riverside, the Huntington Library and Botanical Gardens and many others are studying a fungus-spewing pest that has already infected and could possibly kill nearly 30 species of trees in Southern California.

Unfortunately, a solution has yet to materialize to help combat the potentially devastating strain of the ambrosia beetle, which is smaller than a sesame seed.

### The beetle

It's called the polyphagous shot hole borer. And while its origins and method of arrival in California are unknown, what is known is that the tiny grain-sized beetle drills a hole into a host tree and plants a fungus called *Fusarium*, which can spread and kill the tree within two to four years.

The beetle was first discovered at Whittier Narrows in 2003, although the connection with the tree-killing fungus wasn't made until 2012.

Dozens of trees have already been infected in Pasadena and the surrounding area, including in the Arroyo Seco and the Huntington Botanical Gardens.



Polyphagous shot hole borer (Photo by G. Arakelian)

"If we can't control them [the beetles], they are going to wipe out all our trees," Akif Eskalen, a plant pathologist at UC Riverside who has been studying the pest, told the *LA Times*.

### Pasadena plans tree inventory

The City of Pasadena has been working with UC Riverside and the Huntington to develop a list of reproductive host trees, which includes more than 30 species, from California sycamores to several types of oaks to avocado and mimosa trees.

Charles Peretz, Pasadena's Parks and Natural Resources administrator, says the city is formulating a plan to inventory affected trees.

"We're hoping in very short order to begin working with volunteers to conduct an inventory in the Arroyo and other parts of the city," said Peretz. "We hope to work with the Arroyo Seco Foundation, and we're also investigating the possibility of using a consultant to inventory a portion of the urban forest, so we can get a full picture of the impact of this pest and fungus."

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### For more information

For more information about the polyphagous shot hole borer and *Fusarium* dieback, including the proper way to identify the pest, the best management practices for proper disposal of infected wood and how to find other infected trees in the area:

- Visit the WPRAs website at [wpra.net](http://wpra.net)
- Call Pasadena's Urban Forestry Customer Service Center at (626) 744-4321



John Van de Kamp and his wife Andrea opened their San Rafael home in August for a festive summer social for WPRAs members. In this pool-side photo, WPRAs president Geoffrey Baum delivers the official welcome to the assembly. Turnout exceeded 200 guests from every

corner of west Pasadena, from San Rafael Hills to Orange Grove to Linda Vista and all points between. For more, see pages 2 and 13. (Photo by Chuck Hudson)

# Why is everyone in our part of Pasadena so nice?

BY GEOFFREY BAUM  
PRESIDENT, WPRA

Not long ago, I came home from work and went for a walk with my 10-year-old daughter, Amy, and our little black dog, Ruby. It was a warm and beautiful summer evening, so lots of people were out. We headed up the street toward San Rafael Elementary School. After the second group of walkers stopped to chat, Amy turned to me and asked, "Why is everyone in our neighborhood so nice?" (True story)

We are all very fortunate to call west Pasadena home. The tremendous spirit of community we share has been on display at a number of events over the past few weeks.

Thanks to strong collaboration between City officials, neighborhood volunteers and donors (including the WPRA), we can enjoy the beautiful renovation (including a fabulous new kitchen) of the Casita del Arroyo (see page 14). Nearly 100 neighbors and officials celebrated the grand re-opening in July. Special credit goes to Tom Seifert and the La Casita Foundation Board of Directors for enlisting public and private support for the

\$500,000+ project. The place looks great and it is available for your next gathering!

The Storrier-Stearns Japanese Garden hosted a reception to celebrate a milestone in its restoration (see page 6). Another of west Pasadena's special places, this historic garden is now generally open to the public on the last Sunday of each month. It features a 15-foot waterfall and a formal teahouse on approximately an acre of land. We owe a debt of gratitude to owners Jim and Connie Haddad for their preservation efforts, and to the Garden's board of directors who are helping build a foundation for the future.

John Van de Kamp, a longtime member of the WPRA board of directors, and his wife Andrea opened their San Rafael Avenue home in August for a festive summer social for WPRA members (see page 13). Turnout exceeded our most optimistic projections. We counted about 200 guests from every corner of west Pasadena, from San Rafael Hills to Orange Grove to Linda Vista and all points between. Many commented how much they appreciated the invitation and chance to visit with their neighbors and make some new friends.

I particularly liked the way neighbor Gene Detchemendy put it when he wrote, "The WPRA always makes me remember what Pasadena is all about."

Don't want to miss next year's Summer Social? Be sure to use the envelope (enclosed within this issue) to renew your WPRA membership and be among the first to hear about these and other special events.

Finally, remember the three "C's" (communication, collaboration and celebration) I mentioned in the last newsletter?

With a dedicated (and all-volunteer) board of directors, you can count on the WPRA for important and timely communication about issues facing west Pasadena, effective collaboration with local officials, other community groups and concerned residents, and as a result, we will join together in celebration and appreciation for our friendly neighborhood.



Geoffrey Baum

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## BRIEFS

**Help us respond to SR-710 DEIR/DEIS**

The WPRA is forming a team to respond to the SR-710 Draft Environmental Impact Report DEIR) and Statement (DEIS), which is planned for release in February 2015. We're looking for experts or research-oriented amateurs to review the following subject areas: legal, NEPA/CEQA, construction, geology, hydrology, transportation and traffic, air quality, water quality and usage, noise/vibration, hazardous materials and safety, global warming, human health, biological assessment, historic assets, cultural and social assets, economics and environmental justice. To volunteer or recommend an expert that might volunteer, contact Sarah Gavit at [gavit@wpra.net](mailto:gavit@wpra.net).

**City establishes SR-710 alternatives working group**

The City of Pasadena has established a citizen working group to evaluate the current SR-710 study alternatives, to formulate a general understanding of the range of impacts on Pasadena from each alternative, and to identify a responsible alternative design that has the potential to minimize the impact on Pasadena while increasing regional connectivity. Those named to the working group are: Stephen Acker, WPRA President Geoffrey Baum, Joel Bryant, Alan Clelland, WPRA Vice President Sarah Gavit, David Grannis and Jennifer Higginbotham. The WPRA is well represented on this important team that will help guide the City's selection of a preferred alternative moving forward. The working group is charged to provide their recommendations to the City Manager before the end of calendar year 2014.

**Mayor Bogaard will not seek reelection**

After serving nearly 16 years as the City's first and only directly elected mayor, Bill Bogaard recently announced his "reluctant" decision not to seek re-election.

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**From concept to master plan ... with your help****'Connecting Pasadena Plan'**

BY AUDREY O'KELLEY  
DIRECTOR, WPRA

**D**ecades ago Caltrans took valuable land from the City of Pasadena and left us with the stunted, unsightly 710 stub.

A new citizen's initiative, Connecting Pasadena Plan (CPP), is looking for ideas on how to transform this 25-foot deep ditch into an area of beauty and value for our city. The goal is to develop a master plan for this "lost land" by creating a grand boulevard to manage current and future traffic and reestablishing the urban fabric through creation of parks and buildings.

What should go there? Where and how would we accomplish this? What are the economic and transportation challenges? These are but a few of the questions that need to be answered.

CPP invites you to join architect and urbanist Stefanos Polyzoides at two workshops at Maranatha High School, from 9 a.m. to Noon, on Saturday, October 25 and on Saturday November 8. The first workshop,

on October 25, will provide information and seek foundational ideas on turning concept into reality. The second workshop, on November 8, will provide a draft master plan blueprint based on your ideas from the first visioning workshop.

One caveat: The CPP will be possible ONLY if Caltrans and Metro do not build the currently proposed tunnel.

What do you think? Should Pasadena depend on Caltrans and Metro to forge the future of this important swath of our city? Or should we take charge of our own city's destiny? Make your voice heard.

**For more information:**

- Visit the WPRA website ([wpra.net](http://wpra.net)) or the Downtown Pasadena Neighborhood Association ([downtownpasadena.wordpress.com](http://downtownpasadena.wordpress.com))
- Contact Audrey O'Kelley by email ([aokelley@msn.com](mailto:aokelley@msn.com)) or by phone at (626) 390-3541 or Jonathan Edwards at [jedwards@gmail.com](mailto:jedwards@gmail.com) or (626) 676-3466

**Community deliberates new funds, music festival**

BY BILL URBAN  
DIRECTOR, WPRA

**S**ince its renovation, the Rose Bowl Stadium has become a regional magnet for people, business and general excitement. However, those of us in west Pasadena often bear the brunt of the flip-side: traffic, noise, and general disruption.

**Capital improvement funds**

To mitigate some of the outsized impact on Arroyo area residents, some promoters for this year's concerts and the Rose Bowl Operating Company (ROCO) have ponied up \$300,000 for "capital improvements within the Central Arroyo or within the neighborhoods most affected by Rose Bowl events."

In August the City solicited community input from neighborhood leaders, including those from the WPRA, during open meetings hosted, separately, by City councilmembers Steve Madison and Jackie Robinson. Everyone agreed on two projects:

- New park equipment for the Linda Vista Park: \$25,000
- Improvements of the East Arroyo neighborhood connector trail (to complete funding): \$130,000

Two other projects were suggested, but only one would have funding:

- Restoration of trails and rubble walls (as much as funding permits) in the Central Arroyo: \$145,000. Some trail and wall repairs were completed in 2007 and 2009.
- Improvements in the Rose Bowl pedestrian loop (to complete funding the \$600,000 project), including color-seal coat, striping, replacement of missing delineators and plugged bases as necessary: \$145,000.

The WPRA and other neighborhood organizations, support the restoration of trails and rubble walls.

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## Community deliberates

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As of this writing, the projects were to go to the RBOC and then City Council for approval. Work on the projects that are ultimately selected will begin in 2015.

### Music festival

A separate issue is the RBOC's proposal to host a to-be-annual three-day music festival.

"If done correctly and deemed acceptable by the Pasadena community," reports the RBOC, "a music festival could be a long-term tenant for the stadium and create a continuing stream of revenue. A multi-generational music festival is consistent with the world-class events hosted by Pasadena."

To accommodate a music festival, the City is preparing an Environmental Impact Report, which would analyze the impact of allowing nine more displacement (major) events each year without additional City Council review.

The current ordinance allows 12 major events, plus, if it should ever come to pass, an additional 13 National Football League events. This year, 18 major events were authorized, and 17 were held.

While WPRA applauds and supports the efforts to make the Rose Bowl Stadium self-sustaining and to continue to improve the venue, we have voiced serious concerns about the RBOC's festival plan.

We are particularly concerned about the cumulative effect of frequent events (last August's four concerts in seven days, including two consecutive weekends, was considered by many to be unacceptable), noise during concerts (especially the loud broadcasting of profanity-laced narrative), and traffic.

We were pleased that the City responded to some of our early concerns by extending the EIR scoping comment period and by agreeing to prepare a new EIR, rather than relying on a previous EIR. As of this writing, the City has not determined when it plans to release the Draft Environmental Impact Report.



Artist's rendering, facing west across the great lawn, of the 21 units planned for The Grove.

## Ambassador Gardens' construction proceeds

BY BEN BESLEY  
VICE PRESIDENT, DEVELOPMENT  
CITY VENTURES

### The Bungalows (phase 1)

The first new homeowners are moving in at Ambassador Gardens! The Bungalows, 10 condominium units in two buildings at 363 and 367 W. Del Mar Blvd., were completed earlier this year. After options and upgrades from City Ventures' Insignia Design Center were installed, new neighbors now call Pasadena "home." Two of these 10 homes are still available for sale.

### The Grove (phase 2)

Meanwhile, construction continues at The Grove, a 21-unit collection of distinctive flats located in the center of the campus above

the Fowler Garden and the Great Lawn. The three-story buildings offer homes ranging in size from 2,535 to 3,294 square feet. Nine have already been sold, and work should be complete by the end of the year. Homeowners should be moving in by early 2015.

### Jamieson Place (phase 3)

Construction has also started at the two parcels along S. Orange Grove Boulevard near Green Street. This phase, Jamieson Place, will include 39 flats and townhomes ranging in size from approximately 2,004 to 3,725 square feet. The buildings will be two- and three-stories with lower buildings fronting S. Orange Grove Boulevard. This phase should be completed by the end of 2016 or early 2017.

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Artist's rendering, facing east across South Orange Grove, of the 39 flats and townhomes planned for Jamieson Place.

# Maranatha's 20-year Master Plan nearing final stage

BY KEN GROBECKER, AICP  
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PLANNING AND LAND USE

**F**inal approval nears of a Master Development Plan design study that includes building design guidelines for the future development of Maranatha High School.

Fulfillment of the proposed Master Plan would take place in three phases over 20 years and would result in 29,000 square feet of new construction and 15,500 square feet of remodeled or converted space. The project also calls for the installation of a perimeter fence around the campus, the construction of an outdoor swimming pool and sports courts, and directional signage at several locations. The MHS Master Plan does not propose to increase student enrollment or faculty/staff beyond the currently entitled limit.

The majority of the issues related to the proposed Master Plan, including the identification of existing historic resources, the design of new buildings, the removal of mature trees with required replacements, and the installation of a perimeter fence and security gate, have been resolved through the advisory review process.

The Master Plan was reviewed by the Historic Preservation Commission in November of 2013 and by the Design Commission twice in January of 2014, resulting in a unanimous vote to recommend approval of the Master Plan to the Planning Commission. Initial review by the Planning Commission occurred at the end of May, and, as we go to press, the Master Plan was to go before the Commission for a second time in late September, before final review by City Council.

Two additional design issues are yet to be resolved:

- The use of the southeast corner of the Maranatha campus, presently a grass field used for overflow parking for special events, with proposed limitations
- Potential noise from campus pool activities

Should the Master Plan be approved, the construction of the new buildings would be subject to additional discretionary review. The Zoning Code requires a Director-level approval for new construction of 25,000 square feet within the West Gateway Specific

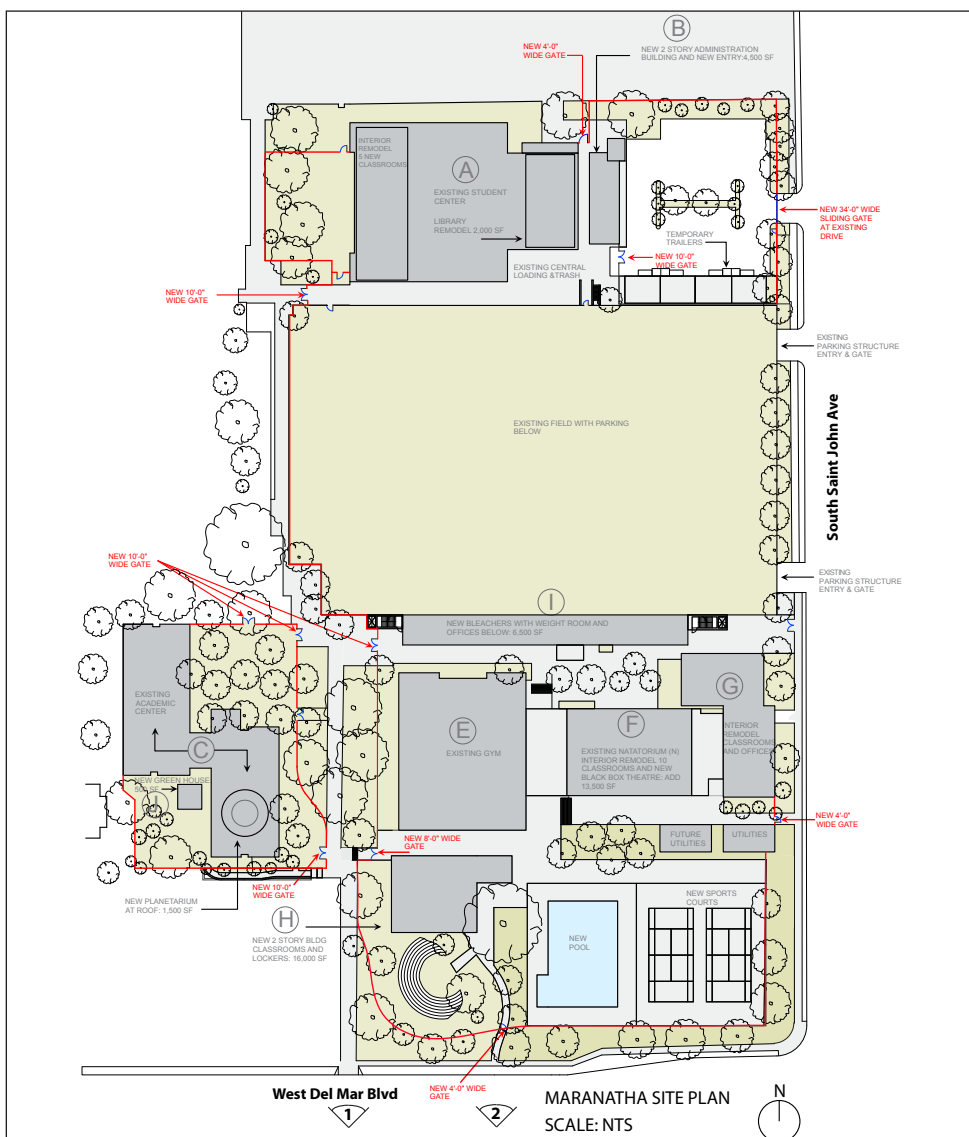
Plan area. If granted, the topic is subject to another review by the Design Commission.

Design review approval would be required prior to the issuance of building permits. Also, the conditions of approval associated with the Master Plan will require that before the issuance of a building permit, the new perimeter fence shall undergo a staff-level design review to ensure that the exact placement, which has not yet been determined, will not impact existing trees and are aesthetically compatible with the existing built environment.

*For more information, visit the San Rafael branch of the Pasadena Public Library to review the Master Plan or contact City planner Vicrim Chima at (626) 744-6791.*

## About Maranatha High School

This year Maranatha High School celebrates 50 years of service as a parochial college preparatory education facility for 680 students, supported by a faculty of 45. The school offers 20 competitive sports and award-winning performing and visual arts programs. Maranatha moved to its campus home on the southeast corner of the former Ambassador College Campus in 2005. Headmaster is Dr. David Gyertson, who joined Maranatha in 2013.



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**Japanese garden forms board, non-profit organization**

A newly formed board of directors has formed a non-profit organization to oversee the management and use of the historic Storrier Stearns Japanese Garden, 270 Arlington Dr.

Designed in the late 1930s and listed on the National Register of Historic Places, the garden has been completely restored by Connie and Jim Haddad, with the help of Takeo Uesugi, FASLA. The property has been in the Haddad family since 1950, when Gamelia Haddad Poulsen, Jim's mother, purchased it from the Storrier Stearns estate.

As a 501(c)(3) organization, all donations to the garden will be tax deductible and serve as an important source of support for its future viability.

Restoration of the garden and reconstruction of the teahouse, using the original plans, has been a labor of love. By preserving the integrity of the original design, the garden will serve as a living museum that will grow in importance as an educational resource for the community.

**Ambassador Gardens**

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**Former Sunrise parcel**

Finally, entitlements were approved for the former Sunrise parcels along Green Street, making way for the construction of another 78 for-sale condominiums, in place of the previous 248-unit assisted-living development. This phase of Ambassador Gardens is now going through the Design Review process with a Concept Review hearing anticipated this fall.

*To tour the property, contact Tom Newell in the Ambassador Gardens Sales Center, located in the Merritt Mansion at 380 W. Green St.*

**Celebrate, transform, protect**

By SUE MOSSMAN,  
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, PASADENA HERITAGE

**Craftsman Weekend in its 23rd year!**

As our good friend Dr. Robert Winter is fond of saying, the Craftsman Movement revival has now lasted longer than the Craftsman Movement!

Pasadena Heritage is delighted that is the case since Pasadena was the West Coast center of the movement back in the early 1900s and remains famous for its wonderful Craftsman architecture. From the simplest of Craftsman bungalows to the sublime designs of Charles and Henry Greene at their best, the Craftsman era is one of our city's architectural claims to fame.



Pasadena Heritage is fortunate to host visitors, both local and from across the country, every October who are eager to experience this period during our tours, exhibits, lectures, and special events. Join us October 17-19th to immerse yourself in the Craftsman Movement! All the details are on our website at [pasadenaheritage.org](http://pasadenaheritage.org).

**Kimpton Hotel project back on track**

After negotiation delays, the Kimpton Hotel proposal to rehabilitate the former YWCA, designed by renowned architect Julia Morgan, and add an adjacent new building is back on track. Design concept drawings were to have been presented to the Design Commission in late September.

This is a critically important project in Pasadena's Civic Center, as it will provide a future for the former YWCA and serve as a major new building facing City Hall. Pasadena Heritage has been encouraged by the design direction we've seen so far, but more work lies ahead.

**Council asks for study of residential design and bungalow courts**

At its meeting on September 8, City Council agreed to request that its planning staff study measures that can afford more protection and perhaps incentives for bungalow courts.

This housing type was invented in Pasadena and includes several variations on the theme of a collection of small, individual cottages around a central garden. There were more than 200 courts in Pasadena once, and about half of those remain, but only about 30 have an official historic designation. Because of their low-density, we fear these properties may be attractive development targets and would welcome stronger protections for these historic resources.

**Mansionization a major concern**

Mansionization is another concern of many in single-family neighborhoods, in which huge new homes have been recently built that are out of scale and character with their surroundings. We hope that some good thinking can be brought to bear on strengthening building standards and/or adding residential design standards that will make new construction compatible with existing neighborhood character.



Immerse yourself in the Craftsman Movement

## PWP comments on state water bond proposition

BY SHAN KWAN  
ASSISTANT GENERAL MANAGER  
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PASADENA WATER & POWER

California Proposition 1, the Water Bond (Assembly Bill 1471), is on the November 4, 2014 ballot. The measure, if approved, would enact the Water Quality, Supply, and Infrastructure Improvement Act of 2014 and authorize \$7.5 billion in general obligation bonds for state water supply infrastructure projects to improve an aging infrastructure and protect water supplies, including:

- Public water system improvements;
- Surface and groundwater storage;
- Drinking water protection;
- Water recycling and advanced water-treatment technology;
- Water-supply management and conveyance;
- Drought relief and emergency water supplies; and,
- Ecosystem and watershed protection and restoration

In addition, the measure is intended to help protect California's state water sources. Water for 25 million Californians and more than 700 species flow through the California Delta, which typically supplies up to 15% of the water delivered to Pasadena Water and Power (PWP) customers. The Delta has seen significant declines in water quality and ecosystem health. — *Proposition 1 would provide funds for habitat restoration in the Delta.*

Also, in the event of an earthquake, scientists warn that aging levees protecting two-thirds of the state's drinking water could collapse. — *Proposition 1 could provide funding for projects that strengthen waterways and better protect supplies against an earthquake or major flood.*

As part of the Pasadena's Water Integrated Resource Plan, PWP is planning a number

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# Preparing for historic drought takes years of planning, water banking

BY CYNTHIA KURTZ  
MEMBER, MWD BOARD OF DIRECTORS,  
PASADENA REPRESENTATIVE

I was appointed by the Pasadena City Council in April 2013 to serve as Pasadena's representative on the Metropolitan Water District of Southern California (MWD) Board of Directors. In California, water policy is always interesting. But during one of the worst drought in California's history, it is especially challenging.

### Our predicament

Today we find ourselves with too little rainfall, rising temperatures and reduced imported and local water. Rainfall over the past 12 months in Los Angeles County has been 40% of average, San Diego County has experienced the driest 12 months on record, and Riverside County has experienced nearly record dry conditions.

Statewide temperatures this year have been 4.7 degrees warmer than average. Southern California was even warmer than that, at 5.7 degrees above average.

Water supplies have been constrained. The allocation from the State Water Project which accounts for approximately 1.2 million acre feet in a normal year has been reduced to 96,000 acre feet. Local supplies are limited because of the extensive pumping by local agencies.

### Getting ready for drought

Preparing for drought conditions takes years of planning. You can't start when the drought begins and the thermometer rises. Over the past two decades, MWD and its 26 member agencies have been taking steps to strengthen the reliability of the region's water supply. Paramount among these actions was construction of Diamond Valley Lake in Hemet during the 1990s. This facility nearly doubled the region's storage capacity. MWD's extensive system of surface and groundwater reservoirs can now store up to 6 million acre feet of water. This storage allows water to be banked in wet years and made available during droughts and emergencies.

But storage alone is not sufficient. Recycling, conservation and groundwater recovery are key parts of MWD's Integrated Resource Plan.

Believe it or not, Southern California has been a leader in water efficiency. Direct comparison of water use between 2013 and 2014 can be misleading because of the hotter temperatures

this year. However, per capita water use has declined 24% since the late 1980s.

MWD doubled its conservation budget last year. These funds supplement the rebates from



Cynthia J. Kurtz

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### About Cynthia Kurtz

In addition to serving as Pasadena's representative to the Metropolitan Water District of Southern California (MWD) Board of Directors, Cynthia J. Kurtz is president and CEO of the San Gabriel Valley Economic Partnership, a position she's held since January, 2009.

From March 1998 until January 2008, Cynthia served as Pasadena City Manager. She began with the City in 1987 as the capital projects administrator and in 1990 became the director of Public Works and Transportation. She also served as the Interim City Manager for the City of Covina.

Prior to moving to California, Cynthia worked for the City of Portland, Oregon, holding a variety of positions in the Office of Transportation and the Bureau of Economic Development.

She holds a Bachelor of Science degree in Community Development and Housing from Pennsylvania State University and a Masters of Arts degree in Transportation and Urban Planning from the University of Iowa.

She lives in Pasadena with her husband Jim McDermott.

# A thank-you to our donor-members!

The WPRA appreciates the above-and-beyond financial support of all those who join/contribute. The membership donations listed below include the names of all those who contributed \$100 or more between August 2013 and August 2014. If your name is not listed or is not listed correctly, please contact me. We thank you for your support. *Linda Zinn, Membership chair, zinn@wpra.net.*

*NOTE: To make it easier to help fund the WPRA services and efforts, we have enclosed an envelope within this issue. Just insert (1) the completed form (on the envelope flap) and (2) a check (made out to the WPRA) into the pre-addressed envelope, add a stamp and mail it. You may also donate using your credit card by visiting [wpra.net](http://wpra.net) and clicking on EZ Donate in the upper left corner of our home page.*

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Virginia Jannetty	Richard and Karen Mandeville	Jane Quinn	Nancy and Peter Van Den Hout
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Jim and Laura LaBarge	Suzanne Miller	Joshua and Juli Schneiderman	
Stuart Landau	Troy and Terri Miller	Dorothy Scully	
	Usman and Shahbano Mohammed	Gerald and Donna Secundy	

## Preparing for drought

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member agencies for turf removal, efficient appliances and other water saving devices. The Board also approved a \$5.5 million multi-media campaign to make customers aware of the severity of the drought and the money saving steps available to conserve water.

### It's working

In July the MWD had 80,000 unique visitors to its SoCal Water Smart website — a 265% increase from July 2013.

Residential customers have expressed interest in 2.5 million sq. ft. of turf removal projects and commercial customers are looking at an additional 4.7 million sq. ft.

We've seen a 180% increase in commercial rebates, and residential rebates have doubled. The staff reports to the Board monthly on the use of these programs and the Board is prepared to increase the budget again.

Californians know how to get through tough times. And we will get through this drought. But we need to keep planning for future water reliability for all of California.

### Inside the MWD

The MWD is a water wholesaler. It purchases, transports and stores water, and then sells it to its 26 member agencies to supplement local supplies. On average MWD delivers 1.8 to 2 million acre feet of water a year within its six-county, 5,200 sq. mile service area. MWD is governed by a 37-member Board of Directors, which is appointed by the member agencies.

## Mayor Bogaard...

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"You cannot overstate the profound impact that Mayor Bogaard has had in virtually every major accomplishment in Pasadena over the past 15 years," said City Manager Michael Beck. "Pasadena would not be recognized as a national role model city," he added "without his leadership. Mayor Bogaard embodies the best qualities that people want in an elected official."

## Working group, City continue to seek ways to make Avenue 64 safer

By BOB HOLMES  
SECRETARY, WPRA  
NEIGHBORHOOD SAFETY

Residents in the vicinity of Avenue 64 continue to be very concerned about the traffic on Avenue 64.

Some of the issues they face are speeding, unsafe lane changes, disregarding traffic signs and endangering pedestrians.

The City of Pasadena has responded to these concerns by forming the San Rafael Complete Streets Working Group, which is made up of residents in the area and is chaired by Rich Dilluvio of the City's Department of Transportation. The group has been asked to recommend both long- and short-term changes to the configuration of the streets in the area to alleviate the problems.

The group met with the Department of Transportation and identified changes to five intersections that could increase traffic safety. The intersections and suggested changes are Avenue 64 and:

- Glenullen: add bulbouts
- Nithdsale: add bulbouts, ADA ramps and a traffic signal
- Cheviotdale: install a median strip and bulbouts
- Burleigh: add a traffic circle
- Church: add crosswalks and ADA ramps

The group also recommended installing a raised median on segments of Avenue 64 with no driveways on either side.

The Department of Transportation announced that funding has been slated for two speed-feedback signs on Avenue 64 south of Malcolm.

The City has also done some restriping at Avenue 64 and Melrose, but the pedestrian crosswalk has not been restriped.

The City has hired a contractor to design the suggested changes to each intersection. When the designs are complete, the group will examine the alternatives and choose the ones to be implemented. The current schedule calls for the designs to be completed by mid-September.

### LOOKING BACK, 1905:

**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

## PWP comments...

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of projects, including the following, to protect our current and future water supply:

- A recycled water distribution system for landscape irrigation demands at Brookside Golf Course and adjacent customers;
- Stormwater capture behind Devil's Gate Dam in the Arroyo Seco and construction of a conveyance system to Eaton Canyon to recharge groundwater;
- Addition to groundwater storage reserves in the Raymond groundwater basin

located under Pasadena when imported replenishment water is available from the Metropolitan Water District;

- Protection of drinking water sources from new contaminants by applying required treatments; and,
- Aggressive conservation measures through resident incentives and rebates.

—*Passage of Proposition 1 could provide additional funding for PWP to complete these water supply and conservation projects.*

## BRIEFS

**PCC superintendent-president retires**

Pasadena City College Superintendent-President Mark Rocha, PhD, has retired from his position, effective August 31. Dr. Rocha said his decision was a personal one. "I've started my tenth year as a community college president, and that is a good long run in this kind of work. It's time for me to spend more time with my family and return to my passion for teaching and writing." Dr. Rocha was appointed as the 13th president of PCC on July 1, 2010. (Source: *Pasadena Star-News*)

**Art Center buys building at Gateway to Pasadena**

Art Center College of Design continues to expand its educational reach and resources with the acquisition of 1111 South Arroyo Parkway and plans to build student housing on South Raymond Avenue. The largest transaction in the College's history, the \$27.4 million purchase of the building at the gateway to Pasadena was made possible in large part due to the reallocation of an unprecedented \$15 million gift to Art Center from Southern California philanthropists and classic car enthusiasts Peter and Merle Mullin. The donation was originally restricted to the construction of a new industrial and transportation design facility to be built on the corner of Glenarm Street and Raymond Avenue. The College will finance the remaining cost of the South Arroyo property by way of a state bond issue, with plans to repay the debt through a capital campaign. The facility will include classrooms, a "making" workshop and studio spaces, as well as administrative offices. The expansion of the College's facilities will not only relieve overcrowding on the Hillside Campus but also, more importantly, allow Art Center to improve the experience for faculty, students and staff. The purchase provides much needed square footage for the transportation and industrial design shops and programs to grow at the Hillside Campus, located on Lida Street above the Rose Bowl. (Source: *Pasadena Now*)

# A letter from San Rafael Elementary

*Editor's note: The WPRA has "adopted" San Rafael Elementary School, 1090 Nithsdale Rd., which is the last public elementary school in west Pasadena, through the WPRA-sponsored Student Enrichment Program.*

**Dear friends of the West Pasadena**

**W**e're off to an incredible start for the 2014-2015 school year at San Rafael. We begin the year with the highest enrollment the school has seen in years, and we just keep growing!

We have three full Dual Language Immersion Kindergarten classes, bringing our total enrollment to more than 450 students. Additionally, our Dual Language program Pre-School classes are filled to capacity. Demand for a spot at San Rafael is keeping us busy!

Of course, with the increase in enrollment comes the challenge of more cars coming into the neighborhood for student drop-off and pick-up. We are working hard to meet the challenge with consistent communication, community dialogue, and, most important, a traffic flow management system that works. We have two carpool or "valet" lines for morning and afternoon, one on the south side of Nithsdale in front of the school, and one on the west side of San Miguel. We are encouraging all parents of 2nd-5th graders to use these lines, and have assigned teachers to help as monitors. I am pleased to report that we are already seeing an increase in the use of the valet lines, which over time should significantly improve traffic flow and reduce the need for parking on surrounding blocks.

The combination of our academic growth over the last two years, acknowledgment by the State of California as a Distinguished



Rudy Ramirez

School for 2014, and our continued enrollment surge has created a lot of excitement and a sense of vitality in our school community. Step on to our campus (and I encourage you to visit any time!) and you can feel the energy. We are proud of our past accomplishments, certainly, but have our sights set on future achievements. As I've noted before, our motto is "The Best Is Yet to Come!"

And we count on your support for our continued success. The West Pasadena Residents' Association has done so much for our school – through volunteers, grants, advocacy and beyond. We look forward to a year filled with even more opportunities for partnership, and invite you to share in our celebrations and experience the vibrant atmosphere of the school firsthand. San Rafael is a unique community, and we are grateful to be a part of what makes it so special.

**SAVE THE DATE:**

## WPRA Neighborhood Candidates Forum

With Mayor Bill Bogaard's recent decision not to seek re-election, next year's Pasadena municipal election promises to be a historic time for choosing and change. West Pasadena voters will have the opportunity to help elect a new Mayor and possibly a new District 6 Councilmember.

WPRA does not endorse candidates, but we do encourage west Pasadena residents to become informed voters. Toward that end, on Tuesday, January 27, 2015, the WPRA will host a Neighborhood Candidates Forum from 6:30 p.m. to 9 p.m. The forum will be held

in the large courtroom of the Richard H. Chambers Ninth Circuit Courthouse located at 125 South Grand Avenue, Pasadena.

Candidates will be questioned about issues important to West Pasadena, including crime, public education, traffic, development, the 710 Freeway extension, and use of the Rose Bowl. The forum will include an opportunity for voters to directly question the candidates.

If you have thoughts or ideas for the forum, please send an email to Vince Farhat (vince.farhat@sbcglobal.net) or Blaine Cavena (cavena@wpra.net).

## First WPRAs president dies at 93

**R**ichard William Jencks of Mill Valley, formerly of Pasadena, died June 30 at the age of 93. He was the first president of the West Pasadena Residents' Association, as well as a retired president of the CBS Broadcast Group and member of the network's board of directors.

A fourth generation Californian, Mr. Jencks was born in Oakland in 1921. He attended the University of California at Berkeley, but his studies were interrupted by World War II. After the war, he completed his bachelor's and

law degrees at Stanford University. His career in broadcasting culminated with becoming president of the CBS broadcast group and member of the board.

He is survived by his wife, Mary; his son, Michael Reynolds Jencks; his daughter, Nancy de Laguna Jencks; and step-children Lynn C. Collins, Martha M. Barrett, Elizabeth B. Snyder, George B. Barrett III and two grandchildren.



Richard W. Jencks

## 'Jencks helped change the face of Pasadena politics'

BY BILL BOGAARD  
MAYOR, CITY OF PASADENA

I represented Council District 6 for eight years in the 1980s, and during that time worked closely with Marge (Weller) and Becky (Wheeler), [WPRAs co-founders] who provided a direct link to Richard Jencks' legacy.

At that point, Richard had already gone on to the rest of his distinguished career in broadcasting, but he was a major inspiration to the WPRAs and its leaders during the entire period of my service.

His influence was strongest in regard to the Lower Arroyo, but extended to land-use issues of all kinds that were directed to protecting and enhancing our quality of life. Richard had established himself as a defender of the prevailing neighborhood environment, and his commitment subsequently and firmly guided WPRAs' planning and the advocacy.

Time and again, developers would make proposals for multifamily projects — in fact, any projects not involving single-family use — and WPRAs would gear up once again, in the spirit of Richard Jencks, to maintain the single-family character of the area. The area west of South Orange Grove Boulevard came to be sacred; the boulevard was viewed as a Maginot Line. The elegance of District 6 neighborhoods today results directly from the values Richard held dear and compellingly promoted.

Jencks' commitment in this regard was later codified in the 1994 General Plan, which

downzoned and otherwise protected single-family neighborhoods around the city while mixed-use and multifamily projects were authorized for the first time in the central business district and other commercial centers, such as North Lake, east Pasadena and East Colorado Boulevard. That planning approach has guided the entire city since then and is likely to be affirmed in the coming year, when the General Plan update is completed.

As I noted, Richard's influence — and his inspiration — were most profound in regard to the Arroyo Seco. I view the creation, during the early 80's, of the ordinance protecting the Arroyo Seco to be the direct result of Richard's legacy. As the ordinance was proposed and pursued, it became highly controversial — as were so many right-

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## Jencks made important, lasting contributions

BECKY WHEELER AND MARGE WELLS  
CO-FOUNDERS, WPRAs

**R**ichard Jencks first emerged on the scene in west Pasadena, unheralded and unknown, during the height of the high-rise controversy in the early 1970s. Coincidentally, his articulate, forceful speech before the City Board of Directors opposing the City's position perfectly mirrored ours. We tracked him down and immediately realized that we'd found our leader.

Richard's first move was to coalesce into one cohesive group the various smaller groups within our area that had been opposing various controversial decisions issued by the Planning Commission and the City Board. This group became the West Pasadena Residents' Association.

Fresh off our successful campaign to stop the City's idea to put high-rise buildings on Orange Grove Boulevard, we set as our next

target correction of another problem: lack of west side representation on the Planning Commission.

Naively we submitted a list of about 10 west side residents — highly qualified people — for consideration.

When the Commission ignored our request, we concluded that it was time to start on the "other side of the rail." That is, nothing was going to change significantly until the makeup of the City Board was changed.

Once again we looked to Richard. We fought a wild campaign, but Richard ultimately won a seat on the City Board.

Unfortunately, he was not able to complete his term. CBS had called Richard back to Washington and service as a position as a senior vice president.

Fortunately for west Pasadena, city politics and government would never be the same.

## Pasadena's urban forest

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### Scope of threat to be determined

Still, the full extent of the impact in Pasadena is not yet known, but Peretz said that it certainly has officials very concerned.

"Unfortunately, at this time no biological or chemical solution has been found to either eradicate the pest or even mitigate its impact," said Peretz.

## Jencks helped change the face of Pasadena

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mindful initiatives in that era, such as height limits, neighborhood protection, historic preservation, opposition to eminent domain and to developer subsidies, urban design and "managed growth."

In promoting this ordinance, the WPRA and Pasadena Heritage turned time and again to Richard's history of the Arroyo Seco and to news reports of his compelling advocacy at the City Council for the "ammunition" needed to persuade the community and Council that the Arroyo Seco deserves the entire community's strong and uncompromising protection.

Today, controversies emerge and battles are waged over our precious Arroyo Seco, but a strong foundation for its preservation and protection is based in the Richard Jencks' inspired Arroyo Seco ordinance. Other debates are common about building heights, density of development, architectural design, and other land use issues.

Richard's service over 40 years ago framed these issues as they are discussed today. He left a powerful and prevailing mark on WPRA, southwest Pasadena and the rest of the city. He will never be forgotten.

## West Pasadena mixes, mingles at WPRA summer social

**O**n Sunday, August 17, the WPRA hosted a neighborhood summer social at John and Andrea Van de Kamp's home in San Rafael. A great time was had by all, but we'll let some of those who attended say it in their own way.

"What a delight it was! Walking the full length — front door through house to the garden past the pool to more; all a treat — happy chitchat all the way. I loved it all, including the big old food truck, plus friends - old and new!" *Thank you, all. Carol B.*

"Thank you for the opportunity to enjoy the beautiful setting and the charming company last Sunday. It is a terrific event, and you deserve a lot of credit for all your involvement in keeping our Pasadena neighborhood so lovely." *Warm regards, Pat L.*

"Thank you for the opportunity to get to know our neighbors! We look forward to

future gatherings." *Cheers, Rudy and Sherry T.*

"Congratulations on a successful summer party. Thank you for the personal invitation to attend this event." *Bill Bogaard, Mayor*

"The WPRA always makes me remember what Pasadena is all about. Call anytime." *Gene D.*

"Yes, it was an outstanding get-together last Sunday, and I do admire and appreciate the work that has been done to protect our neighborhood and at the same time help our wonderful city. Thank you again for your caring help." *Bob B.*

"What a great idea to have such a gathering of neighbors. We are so pleased that many of our friends were in attendance. We both look forward to attending in the future!" *Myra B.*

"A great event. Thanks." *District 6 Councilmember Steve Madison*



In the above photos attendees clearly enjoyed the balmy afternoon and cheerful chitchat present in abundance during the first (to be annual) WPRA summer neighborhood social. In the photo below, District 6 Councilmember Steve Madison, host John Van de Kamp and Mayor Bill Bogaard mark the moment during an event that was otherwise casual and thoroughly enjoyable. *(Photos by Jody and Chuck Hudson)*



# La Casita reopens after massive upgrade, renovation

BY THOMAS SEIFERT,  
PRESIDENT, LA CASITA FOUNDATION

The grand re-opening to celebrate the successful renovation of La Casita del Arroyo was held on the afternoon of July 29 to a standing-room-only audience. The partnership between the City of Pasadena and the La Casita Foundation worked exceedingly well, and the project was both on time and on budget. High-fives all around!

La Casita del Arroyo is now open and ready for business. It has a new roof, new HVAC units and fabulous new kitchen and restrooms.

The community meeting room has been completely renovated. This includes the flooring, acoustical wall covering and lighting, along with the miraculously restored velodrome wood.

The community room also sports new functional, yet attractive, furniture, with more to come.

The next chapter is to make the La Casita reservation process as easy and as pleasant as possible and at a reasonable cost.

This function is the responsibility of the City's Human Services & Recreation Department, under the direction of Director Mercy Santoro, with Dolores Mendoza as the point person within the department.



Participating in the ceremonial ribbon-cutting to reopen La Casita are (from left) District 6 Councilmember Steve Madison, Mayor Bill Bogaard, La Casita Foundation President Thomas Seifert and City Manager Michael Beck. (Photo by Randy Wilson)

To reserve space, contact Dolores either by telephone, at (626) 744-7507 or by email at [dmendoza@cityofpasadena.net](mailto:dmendoza@cityofpasadena.net).

The department is currently undergoing a study of like facilities in the general area to compare rates, terms and conditions.

None of this would have been possible without the generous outpouring of financial support from our donor group of friends and neighbors. The key to our successful partnership with the City revolved around our being able to hold up our end of the bargain. For that, I extend my most sincere thanks.

Special thanks also go to our founding and benefactor organization, the Pasadena Garden Club, whose continued support has been invaluable, and to two additional organizations that were major contributors to our renovation effort: Pasadena Community Foundation and the West Pasadena Residents' Association.

La Casita is a treasured jewel of the City of Pasadena and deserving of our collective respect and appreciation. Come take it for a test drive, and let us know how it performs for you.



The newly refurbished and upgraded kitchen (Photo by Randy Wilson)

Gone, but not forgotten

# Glen Rosa: ‘One of the choicest places in Pasadena’

*[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  
ASSISTANT ARCHIVIST  
PASADENA MUSEUM OF HISTORY

It was a landmark in early Pasadena, and the scene of many community gatherings in the 1880s and 90s. Years before Busch Gardens gained fame, its beautiful grounds attracted thousands of eastern visitors, who appreciated the sign at the entrance on South Orange Grove – “Visitors welcome. Each visitor shall be allowed to pick one orange.”

In 1881, Thomas Nelmes, a wealthy tea merchant from London, purchased 30 acres on the northwest corner of California and Orange Grove Avenue, extending north to Palmetto and west to the Arroyo. He named his place Glen Rosa, an allusion to his native Scotland.

In May of 1881 he planted an orange grove on the site of a barley field, and began a transformation of the grounds that led the *Pasadena and Valley Union* to note on May 21, 1886: “We always considered the corner of Orange Grove avenue and California street a choice corner, but we must confess we were surprised to find so beautiful a place at the

back. It certainly is one of the choicest places in Pasadena.”

Mr. Nelmes was responsible for naming Grand Avenue. In 1885, when the idea of a wide street between South Orange Grove and the Arroyo bluff was brought up among property owners, Mrs. I.M. Hill exclaimed, “O, wouldn’t that be grand!” Nelmes replied, “And that shall be its name – Grand Avenue!”

On February 5, 1887 *The Pasadena Union* reported “Thomas Nelmes and Wm. T. Clapp have signed an Agreement for the widening of California street to seventy feet from Orange Grove avenue to the Arroyo Drive, a distance of 2000 feet ....”

Glen Rosa was first subdivided during the land boom of the 1880s. In 1893, seven

lots with a frontage of 630 feet on Palmetto were sold. A souvenir publication that year stated “The unsold portion of Glen Rosa that borders on this canyon will doubtless someday be adorned with fine residences, for no choicer spots can be found in Pasadena. The ones who secure these sites, and there are many people of wealth looking for such, will be fortunate indeed.”

*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 and 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.*



The entrance to Glen Rosa on South Orange Grove.



A view of Glen Rosa looking southeast, showing what appears to be a barn in the center. Pasadena historian C.F. Shoop wrote in 1955 “There was a large house for the family and a cottage for some of the help: barns and stables galore.”



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Non-Emergency ..... (626) 744-4241

### Services

Bulky trash items ..... (626) 744-4158  
Missed trash pickup ..... (626) 744-4087  
Missed residential recycling pickup (626) 744-4087  
New trash container ..... (626) 744-4191  
New street light ..... (626) 744-4191  
Pothole ..... (626) 744-4158  
Recycling ..... (626) 744-4087  
Sewer problem ..... (626) 744-4158  
Shopping cart pickup ..... (626) 744-8227  
Street light not working ..... (626) 744-4158  
Storm drain blockage ..... (626) 744-4158  
Traffic signal malfunction ..... (626) 744-4158  
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Animal control ..... (626) 792-7151  
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Code enforcement ..... (626) 744-4633  
Dog licenses ..... (626) 744-4501  
Graffiti ..... (626) 744-7622  
Historic preservation ..... (626) 744-4009  
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Park/picnic reservations ..... (626) 744-7275  
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## Make your own motion!

Our representatives need to hear from you. Take a few minutes to make your voice heard, and make your own motion.

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