



## Challenges and opportunities for change

### WPRA sets date for 53rd annual meeting; you're invited!

**T**he West Pasadena Residents' Association cordially invites you to its 53rd annual meeting on Wednesday, May 6 at Sequoyah School, 535 S. Pasadena Avenue.

On-site parking is limited, but street parking (on St. John, for example) is available nearby.

**At 5:30 p.m. the evening starts with a reception.** Also, during the reception period, attendees will be able to enjoy light refreshments, while visiting with many community organizations that will be exhibiting.

**At 6:30 p.m. the main program begins.** This year's meeting is dedicated not to a specific issue, but rather to a theme: "Who are we, as Pasadenans? And what do we want to be?"

Our objective is to explore more broadly the challenges and opportunities facing Pasadena during a time of change in both the City and in California.

By "a time of change," we refer to the following:

- By the time of our annual meeting a new mayor will have taken the helm for the first time in 16 years.
- The potential for construction of an SR-710 tunnel through west Pasadena is greater today than it has been in 20 years.
- The improved economy is resulting in significant new development, especially in west Pasadena.
- Important CEQA traffic review standards are changing statewide, and in Pasadena.
- A new State vision seeking higher population density has the potential for significant change in many cities, including Pasadena.
- We are in the fourth year of the worst drought in California since the late 1970s, which may, if it continues, require major changes throughout California, including in Pasadena.

So, this is a time for taking stock, for thinking about which battles are most worth fighting, which changes should be made, and how those changes should be managed.

Keynote speakers for the evening will be:

- **John Van de Kamp**, a WPRA director and distinguished favorite son. John will present a synopsis of Pasadena's history, identify what he believes makes Pasadena so special, and recount what it means to him to be a Pasadenan. He will define the "Pasadena Way," and offer up his vision of what is essential to Pasadena.
- **Mic Hanson**, a longtime community activist, former WPRA director and current member of the Pasadena Planning Commission. Mic will consider

### Save the date

#### What:

WPRA annual meeting

#### When:

Wednesday, May 6, 2015  
5:30 – 8:30 p.m.

#### Where:

Sequoyah School  
535 S. Pasadena Ave

#### Cost:

Free

what in the near future is likely to be changing — for good or bad — for Pasadena and, more specifically, our west Pasadena neighborhoods.

- We'll also hear from Bill Bogaard, our outgoing mayor, our new mayor and District 6 Councilmember Steve Madison.

#### Last, but certainly not least

The WPRA will formally recognize individuals and organizations whose activities have materially improved the quality of life in west Pasadena, and our members will elect officers and directors for the 2015-2016 WPRA fiscal year.

### West Pasadena Residents' Association



# Act now to protect our neighborhoods

BY GEOFFREY BAUM  
PRESIDENT, WPRA

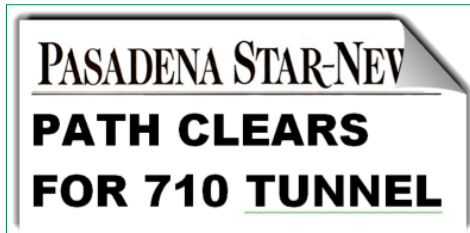
**T**he headline in the March 7 *Pasadena Star-News* says it all. Caltrans and Metro have released a report that clearly advocates for a massive double tunnel to be bored through our beautiful residential neighborhoods in west Pasadena. If we do not act swiftly and effectively, our neighborhood will be forever altered.

WPRA, under the leadership of vice president Sarah Gavit, has assembled a team of experts and volunteers who are preparing a powerful response to the plans released by Caltrans and Metro.



Geoffrey Baum

Despite the fact that virtually everyone working on this effort is volunteering their time and expertise, more resources will be needed to sustain this effort



and ultimately defeat the multi-billion dollar boondoggle.

**Please contribute to the WPRA Neighborhood Protection Fund and renew your membership by using the enclosed envelope or visiting our website at [wpra.net](http://wpra.net).**

The overwhelming turnout at our mayoral candidates' forum demonstrates the deep concern local residents have about the future of our neighborhood and our city.

It was standing-room only in the 9th Circuit Court of Appeals hearing room and dozens were turned away when courthouse staff closed the doors because we far exceeded the room's capacity.

Your participation, along with your neighbors, is the type of active engagement that has made WPRA an important voice in our city and region. We need to continue to work together to make neighborhood voices heard by City Council, our newly elected mayor, and our local, state and federal leaders as we confront threats from the 710 Freeway, mansions, crime and safety, among other issues.

In recent years, much of this work has been made possible by the devoted volunteer services of WPRA board members such as board Secretary and Neighborhood Safety chair, Bob Holmes; membership spreadsheet doyenne, Laura Kaufman; San Rafael Elementary School advocate, Marilyn Randolph; and former WPRA president, Michael Udell.

We celebrate their contributions to the neighborhood as they conclude their service on the WPRA Board of Directors.

We are seeking nominations and look forward to welcoming new volunteers at the annual meeting on Wednesday, May 6.

## About us

### 2014 – 2015 officers

- President: Geoffrey Baum ([baum@wpra.net](mailto:baum@wpra.net))
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- Secretary: Justin Chapman ([chapman@wpra.net](mailto:chapman@wpra.net))

**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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## Mayoral race to be decided in April 21 runoff

By JUSTIN CHAPMAN  
Secretary, WPRA

### Mayoral race: Robinson and Tornek in April 21 runoff

The Pasadena mayoral race has narrowed to two candidates: City Councilmembers Jacque Robinson and Terry Tornek, who will face off in a runoff election to be held on Tuesday, April 21.

In the March 10 primary election, Tornek received 4,814 votes (37.1%), and Robinson received 3,931 votes (30.3%). They were the top two vote-getters out of a field of six candidates, which included Don Morgan, who received 1,873 votes (14.4%); Bill Thomson with 1,708 votes (13.1%); Allen Shay with 557 votes (4.4%); and Jason Hardin with 64 votes (0.4%).

### City Council races: 3 wins and 1 runoff

- Councilmembers Steve Madison (District 6), Margaret McAustin (District 2) and Gene Masuda (District 4) all ran unopposed and won re-election.
- In the District 1 race, to replace outgoing Councilmember (and mayoral hopeful) Jacque Robinson, former Pasadena Fire Chief Calvin Wells and PUSD board member Tyron Hampton will also face each other in a runoff election on April 21.

### PUSD board races: 3 wins

In the Pasadena Unified School District Board of Education district seat races, Roy Boulghourjian was elected to District 2, Patrick Cahalan to District 4, and Lawrence Torres to District 6.

*To find your polling place for the runoffs visit [lavote.net/locator](http://lavote.net/locator). For more election information, visit [cityofpasadena.net/cityclerk/election](http://cityofpasadena.net/cityclerk/election).*



The La Loma Bridge is badly in need of repair and seismic retrofitting (Photo by Chuck Hudson)

### At long last...

## La Loma Bridge to close soon for retrofit

By Justin Chapman  
Secretary, WPRA

After several delays, the City of Pasadena is finally gearing up for a \$12.4 million seismic retrofit and rehabilitation of the historic La Loma Bridge. The project is scheduled to begin in April 2015 and should be completed by December 2016. Beginning in June 2015, the bridge will be closed for approximately 18 months. Approximately 30 trees are scheduled to be removed; however, new trees will be planted adjacent to the bridge in early 2017.

As part of the seismic retrofit, the 1914 neoclassical revival bridge will be widened by a foot on each side to meet current federal design standards.

The city will redirect primary traffic from the south and the west up Avenue 64 to the Colorado Street Bridge, and redirect local, residential traffic along La Loma Road and side streets down to the San Rafael Bridge (at the end of Laguna Road). The Department of Public Works is creating a traffic management plan to assist the flow of traffic.

City staff is also developing trail closure guidance, including for the trail that leads from the west end of the bridge, at La Loma and Rockwood, down into the Lower Arroyo. This is the only access point into the Arroyo

from the west side and will be completely closed for nearly the entire project. This means that those on the west side of the Lower Arroyo can only access the Arroyo by crossing either the Colorado Street Bridge or the San Rafael Bridge. City staff has previously told the WPRA that the trail will be restored and reopened when construction is complete.

The wide paths at the bottom of the Arroyo, on both sides of the concrete channel, will also be affected. The path on the west side will be closed with no through access for the duration of the project.

The path on the east side of the channel will be open as often as possible; however, Yesenia Alvarado, public information coordinator for Public Works, reports "there will be times where it is unsafe for anyone to pass under the bridge."

A trail detour climbing up the east bank, around the construction and back down is planned. The detour will not be suitable for horses, so equestrian use of the Arroyo will be limited.

*For more information, including a map showing trail closures and access, visit [cityofpasadena.net/PublicWorks/La\\_Loma\\_Bridge\\_Project](http://cityofpasadena.net/PublicWorks/La_Loma_Bridge_Project), or call the Pasadena Citizen Service Center at (626) 744-7311.*



## BRIEFS

**Council tries once more to oppose SR-710 tunnel**

Pasadena City Council has agreed once more to take up the issue of the SR-710 freeway by voting on a resolution opposing the SR-710 tunnel proposal. Council is also expected to vote on recommendations made by the City's SR-710 Alternatives Working Group about what Pasadena's local preference as an alternative should be (see below). As of our press time, the meeting was scheduled for Monday, April 13, 6:30 p.m., at the Pasadena Convention Center. "I have on two previous occasions," said District 6 Councilmember Steve Madison, "put resolutions on the table opposing the 710 and both times the motion fell short of the five votes (necessary for passage). I now believe that if my colleagues vote the way they have stated on several recent occasions, we will have the five votes." South Pasadena, La Cañada Flintridge, Sierra Madre and Glendale have long ago voted to oppose a 710 extension.

**Working Group: 'tunnel option is not a preferred alternative'**

Multiple transportation options focused on moving people, not vehicles, is the best approach to help complete the SR-710 project, according to recommendations included in a report by the City's SR-710 Alternatives Working Group. In a letter dated March 9, the Working Group concluded "a priority of any proposal should be on moving people, rather than vehicles" and that "the tunnel option is not a preferred alternative for Pasadena." The Working Group also cited other important priorities including ensuring "consistency with Pasadena's General Plan, enhancing travel options for underserved communities, improving safety, minimizing environmental impacts, reducing surface street traffic and providing transportation choices to the public." Working Group members include WPRa President Geoffrey Baum, Joel Bryant, Alan Clelland, WPRa Vice President Sarah Gavit, David Grannis, Jennifer Higginbotham and Stephen Acker.



**Could it happen here?** In this composite image, we've superimposed what had to be done in Seattle (to repair that project's tunnel boring machine) with what might have to be done in Pasadena near Huntington Hospital (looking south along S. Pasadena Avenue at the intersection with W. California Boulevard). In Seattle, a gigantic pit had to be dug to disassemble the broken machine and hoist it to the surface in pieces via scaffolding rising six stories above the ground. The construction zone there encompasses numerous city blocks. A similar rescue operation could take place anywhere along the tunnel route in Pasadena, South Pasadena or El Sereno.

## Caltrans, Metro release SR-710 DEIR

### WPRa response team gets to work

BY SARAH GAVIT  
CHAIR, WPRa SR-710 ANALYSIS TEAM  
VICE PRESIDENT, WPRa

**O**n March 6, the SR-710 Draft Environmental Impact Report / Statement (EIR/EIS) was released to the public. At 26,625 pages, its volume reflects the magnitude of the impact that this project will have on our region's air quality, traffic and quality of life.

Unchanged is Metro's determination to promote one or two 4.9-mile-long tunnels connecting the I-710 south in El Sereno to the 210/134 freeways north in Pasadena, creating a major new truck route from the ports through our city to destinations north and east. Other alternatives studied in the report — light rail, bus rapid transit and street improvements — are addressed but unfairly represented as having the same environmental impact as the tunnels.

Although the WPRa and its numerous volunteers have only started to review the

document, new details of the Pasadena tunnel portal design are now known.

- The tunnel portals will be located just north of Del Mar Ave. in the SR-710 stub.
- The Del Mar Bridge over the stub would be demolished and replaced with an at-grade road after the tunnel construction is complete.
- The Green Street Bridge over the 210 stub would be demolished and replaced.
- New freeway on- and off-ramps are proposed in Old Pasadena. The first ramp exiting north from the tunnels will feed onto Pasadena Avenue and end at Colorado Blvd. The second ramp starts on Saint John Ave. at Green Street and feeds into the tunnel moving south.
- To accommodate increased local traffic, Pasadena Ave. will be widened and a third lane added from the northbound tunnel exit to Colorado Blvd. Similarly, St. John Ave. would be realigned, widened and

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# Restored Exhibition Hall opens, PH digs into critical EIRs

BY SUE MOSSMAN  
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR,  
PASADENA HERITAGE

## Historic Exhibition Hall opens at Convention Center

In January, Pasadena Heritage was very proud to hold the first event (its annual meeting; see below) in the newly rehabilitated historic Exhibition Hall at the Pasadena Center.



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This large hall at the south end of the Civic Auditorium building was once the place for exhibits of all kinds, talks, dances, and celebrations. Over the past 40 years or so, it housed the ice skating rink – a use that unfortunately destroyed the original maple floor but did retain the large original chandeliers and other historic features. On a very limited budget, the Pasadena Center Operating Company (PCOC) undertook a major rehabilitation project to bring back the Exhibition Hall.

The Pasadena Heritage Annual Meeting was held on Sunday, January 25, with more than 100 of our members in attendance looking like a small crowd in the large space.

It was filled to the brim, however, on the dressy occasion of its official grand opening a week later. With the skating rink relocated into the large white tent-like temporary building on the east side of the Center, the old Exhibition Hall can now provide additional revenue and offer a great space for a variety of uses.

## Critical EIR documents require careful analysis

Between the General Plan Update and the SR-710 Extension environmental studies, Pasadena Heritage is spending considerable time reviewing and preparing comments on these critical documents. We are grateful that so many individuals, organizations and City agencies are joining in the review process, looking at the thousands of pages in the 710 documents.

Pasadena Heritage is focusing most of its attention on the Cultural Resources analysis, but other study areas and potential impacts need critical attention as well – from air quality to seismic and water concerns.

With so many historic homes in Pasadena's earliest neighborhoods sitting directly on the path of the proposed tunnel, we are concerned about the impacts of vibration and disruption on 100-year-old foundations and other potential impacts. We look forward to collaborating with the WPRA and others who are working to understand, bring forward additional information or just raise questions.

## Form-based codes: What are they, and can they be applied to Pasadena?

Pasadena Heritage will host a lecture on "form-based codes" and their real-world application on Wednesday, April 8, at 7 p.m. Three experts — Stefanos Polyzoides of Moule & Polyzoides, Tony Perez of Opticos, and urbanist Juan Gomez Novyon — will demonstrate how current zoning codes ignore the diverse and specific physical character of different parts of our city and how the principles of form-based codes address these urban form issues.

The presentations will also illustrate how existing zoning codes are translated into form-based ones and what enforcement looks like. The

talk will be held at Ganahl Lumber at 3003 E. Colorado Boulevard. Seating is limited - please visit [pasadenaheritage.org](http://pasadenaheritage.org) for more information and to purchase tickets.

## Mid-century living on Millionaire's Row

Join Pasadena Heritage on Saturday, May 16 for a talk and tour featuring the transformative apartment buildings designed in the 1940s through the '60s along South Orange Grove Boulevard.

Once lined with extravagant Victorian-era mansions of the very wealthy, the boulevard suffered a serious downturn after the Great Depression. Zoning was changed to allow the estate-sized parcels and dilapidated mansions to be redesigned for gracious apartment living in buildings set back from the street among lush gardens.

Today, these buildings are coming of age as historic treasures, and Pasadena Heritage will highlight the best of them with this presentation and walking tour. *For more information and tickets, visit [pasadenaheritage.org](http://pasadenaheritage.org).*

## LOOKING BACK, 1907:

1907: "Automobile floats first appeared in the Rose Parade."

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## Beetle threat may not be as great as first thought

BY JUSTIN CHAPMAN  
SECRETARY, WPRA

**T**he City's tree inventory, which is approximately 50% complete, suggests that the polyphagous shot hole borer, a tiny beetle that burrows its way into a tree and plants a deadly fungus called *Fusarium*, may not be as great a threat to area trees as City officials and forestry experts previously thought.

This is because "oaks have not been found to be heavily infested," said Darya Barar, program coordinator for the City's Department of Public Works and a certified arborist.

Urban Forestry Advisory Committee member Emina Darakjy said this was a welcome development. "One tree in particular that I am very happy about is the Engelmann Oak, which is also called the Pasadena Oak," she said. "Now we can plant it again."

At the March 12 meeting of the Urban Forestry Advisory Committee, Barar presented an update on the City's inventory of infested street trees and trees in the Arroyo Seco. Volunteers have been inspecting and counting trees in the Arroyo, and a City temporary worker has been surveying street trees.

### In the Arroyo

"The volunteers have collected information from about one-third of the Arroyo Seco," said Barar, who noted that roughly 150 trees in the Arroyo have been identified as having symptoms of shot hole borer infestation. The infestation seems to be heaviest in the

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# City Council renews contract with Pasadena Roving Archers

BY BLAINE CAVENA  
TREASURER, WPRA

**N**estled against the western bank of the lower Arroyo Seco, across the concrete channel from the casting pond, is a field archery range. Occupying just 5% of the Lower Arroyo, the dedicated range has been part of the Arroyo for at least 75 years, and was a significant element of the 2003 Lower Arroyo Master Plan, created with strong citizen input and community support.

With an exemplary safety record, the range is open to all for recreational archery, at no cost. It also hosts classes, youth programs, and tournaments, and is the home range for nationally-ranked junior and adult archers. Like the range itself, classes and tournaments are open to all. (Classes and tournaments may have fees. Equipment is available for introductory classes, but all other users must provide their own equipment.)

While the range is owned by Pasadena, the Pasadena Roving Archers, or PRA, has maintained the range since the 1930s and hosts classes, programs and tournaments. In addition, PRA provides insurance, assists in

ensuring range rules are followed, and pays a modest use fee to the city. During PRA-hosted classes, programs and events (generally Saturday and Sunday until 2:30) use of the range is limited to participants.

In February, City Council renewed its formal agreement with PRA with some changes, including a requirement that all range users be properly trained and certified. With the increasing popularity of archery, City Council also asked staff to work with PRA to identify additional locations for archery.

The dedicated range area is clearly marked, and Arroyo users are encouraged to enjoy this shady area by following the trails along the perimeter of the range. For safety reasons, walking through the range is prohibited at all times. (A northern extension of the range is not dedicated to archery and is used no more than 13 times each year for tournaments hosted and supervised by PRA. At all other times the targets are removed and this area is open to all.)

For more information visit [rovingarchers.com](http://rovingarchers.com) or [cityofpasadena.net/PublicWorks/archery\\_range](http://cityofpasadena.net/PublicWorks/archery_range).



A lone archer hones her skills in the Lower Arroyo. (Photo by Chuck Hudson)

## Seasonal rain disappoints; water supply continues to ebb

By SHAN KWAN  
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PASADENA WATER & POWER

In January 2014, California Gov. Jerry Brown declared a state of emergency water shortage. At that time he asked Californians to reduce their water consumption by 20%.

Since then, Pasadena Water and Power (PWP) customers have reduced their water consumption by 12%.

Although there was above-average rainfall in December 2014, January 2015 was one of the driest months in recorded history in Northern California.

This is significant because the snowpack in Northern California supplies a large portion of the water supply in the State water project, which supplies Southern California through the Metropolitan Water District of Southern California (MWD).

For this water year, only a 20% allocation has been supplied to the State Water Project. This has forced MWD to rely more heavily on supplies from the Colorado River. The supply and storage along the Colorado River system has been below normal also.

Locally, Pasadena's annual groundwater pumping rights have been reduced by 20% over the last five years because of decreasing groundwater levels in the underground aquifer and there has been little precipitation to recharge the basin.

If the rainfall continues to be below normal in the coming months, MWD may implement an allocation plan which will mean a 5% to 15% further reduction in the amount of water that Pasadena can purchase.

For these reasons, we encourage all to continue to conserve water and help get through this crisis.

*For more information about how to conserve water, visit [pwpnews.com/savewater](http://pwpnews.com/savewater).*

## Hahamongna sediment lawsuit proceeds

By TIM BRICK  
MANAGING DIRECTOR,  
ARROYO SECO FOUNDATION

The Arroyo Seco Foundation and Pasadena Audubon have joined together to challenge Los Angeles County Flood Control District's plan for mining and exporting 2.4 million cubic yards of sediment the Hahamongna Watershed Park behind Devil's Gate Dam.

The broad-based community support has been gratifying. We were very pleased by the grassroots support for our Indiegogo "crowdfunding" campaign to raise funds to cover legal expenses for the lawsuit. More than 200 contributors made the campaign an overwhelming success, exceeding the \$25,000 goal by 34%, with a total of \$33,976 raised.

Attorneys Mitchell M. Tsai and Christina M. Caro, who filed the lawsuit against the Flood Control District on December 11, 2014, have been engaged since then in painstakingly going through the extensive administrative record and monitoring the regulatory permitting issues and process.

The case has been assigned to Judge Luis Lavin, a senior jurist in Department 82 of LA Superior Court. In February a mandatory settlement conference was held to explore whether an agreement could be reached

without going through a trial, but no settlement was reached.

The Flood District's program involves federal, state, and local permitting processes to mitigate its impacts to water quality, wildlife, and local traffic before it can move forward. The project must receive permits from the Army Corps of Engineers, Los Angeles Regional Water Quality Board, United States Fish & Wildlife Service, California Fish & Wildlife, and City of Pasadena.

Issuance of the permits requires additional environmental review both under the federal National Environmental Policy Act as well as the California Environmental Quality Act as the Flood District's original EIR failed to fully analyze impacts to water quality and wildlife, by instead improperly finding that any potentially significant environmental impacts would be mitigated by yet to be known permit conditions. There will be a public comment and hearing process for these permits, and we will likely need your support. Stay tuned.

While our legal team is preparing for the trial and tracking regulatory permitting issues, we are reaching out to community groups, schools and other involved parties to broaden our support. If you would like to arrange for a speaker for your organization, please contact me at [tim@arroyoseco.org](mailto:tim@arroyoseco.org). If you would like to receive regular updates, please sign up at [savehahamongna.org/hahasignup.htm](http://savehahamongna.org/hahasignup.htm)



Mayor Bill Bogaard, right, presents a City proclamation to Betty and Charles "Kicker" McKenney for their contributions to Arlington Garden, Pasadena's only dedicated public garden. The event was held at Arlington Garden on February 8. The Mayor also unveiled a plaque expressing the City's gratitude for the McKenneys' continuous and diligent work at the garden. The City currently leases the property from Caltrans, and since 2002 has developed it into a beautiful Pasadena gem that once again catches the eyes of residents, visitors and passersby. (Photo by Chuck Hudson)



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Linda Zinn, Membership chair, [Zinn@wpra.net](mailto:Zinn@wpra.net).

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The Corps of Engineers' vision of how the Arroyo Seco would look, from its confluence with the LA River to its beginning at in the San Gabriels, once it is restored to its natural state. The illustration looks north up the Arroyo Seco from where it meets the LA River.

## Feds back efforts to restore Arroyo stream; City must engage

BY THOMAS D. SEIFERT

Ever since the flood channel was constructed in the Lower Arroyo Seco stream after World War II, local residents have been clamoring for the restoration of more natural conditions. In the 1990s, low-flow streams were created on both sides of the flood channel, reestablishing some of the stream zone habitat.

The Lower Arroyo Master Plan, approved by the Pasadena City Council in 2003, stated:

"The 1988 Cal Poly Study recommended the removal of the flood control channel. To date, the Los Angeles County Department of Public Works has not consented to the removal of any of its flood control channel systems within the Arroyo Seco.

However, with the initiation of the Arroyo Seco Watershed Feasibility Study, the Army Corps of Engineers Feasibility Study,

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and growing public interest in restoration of the Los Angeles River system, the County has reevaluated its position and is also very interested in considering the possibility of channel removal."

Since then the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers has been making slow progress on its restoration study with a focus on the Lower Arroyo as one of the key elements.

The Corps study has the potential to bring in significant federal support for restoring a living stream in the Lower Arroyo.

Now with new support from the Obama Administration, the Corps is finally completing its study with the cooperation of local agencies, including LA County and the cities of Los Angeles, Pasadena, La Cañada Flintridge and South Pasadena. Pasadena, which stands to gain so much, however, seems

to be conspicuously absent in the planning process.

In January and February of this year meetings were held in Highland Park and Altadena where Arroyo Seco communities met to get the latest news and to share their ideas and ask their questions. Besides stream restoration, topics of interest included capturing groundwater, the arts, public open space, community development, education and the celebration of place.

The Corps schedule to complete the plan is:

- Spring 2015: alternative milestone
- Winter 2015: tentative selected plan
- Spring 2016: concurrent public, technical, policy and legal review
- Fall 2016: State and agency review
- Spring 2017: Army Corps final report

*This is a historic opportunity for Pasadena and the Arroyo Seco. Let's not let it slip away.*



## Spring has sprung at SRES

**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.

By RUDY RAMIREZ  
PRINCIPAL, SAN RAFAEL ELEMENTARY

**S**pring has sprung at San Rafael! As I write this, our students and their families are preparing to go on Spring Break. They will surely return for the final weeks of the school year excited about what's to come.



Thanks to the passionate work of San Rafael's parent community, we were recently able to hire a full-time Physical Education teacher. This is a teaching position made possible by parent-led fundraising efforts through our school's Annual Fund. San Rafael welcomes Max Fantl and our students are thrilled to have PE classes two times a week for 50 minutes each.

We are also in full rehearsal mode for our annual spring musical. This year's production, *Peter Pan Jr.*, will run May 15–16. With a cast of 85 students bringing this beloved story to our stage, *Peter Pan* promises to be a spectacular show — we hope you plan to join us!

With another Open Enrollment season behind us, we know that demand for a spot at San Rafael is higher than ever — our school was the number one choice for many families throughout the District! At the moment, we have a significant wait list for spots in our Kindergarten classes, and Fall 2015 will see our school enrolled to capacity. We are so proud of our school community, and so thankful for the support we receive from the WPRA and its membership.

## A personal letter from the San Rafael neighborhood

By KEN HARBISON  
DIRECTOR, WPRA

**A**s the Pasadena Unified School District (PUSD) has weighed closing San Rafael Elementary School, I have fought closure, including by serving on PUSD's "7-11" Committee. Closure plans will continue though unless an "angel donor" steps forward. I was very disappointed when the PUSD Board voted unanimously last fall to determine the San Rafael property as surplus. This decision was ultimately based on the recommendations of PUSD's then-Chief Financial Officer, who had pushed to close the school even before seismic issues arose.

Our neighborhood needs a public school and PUSD needs us. This is not an exclusionary sentiment. I love that San Rafael draws together parents from all walks of life. That's the point. We are united in working to make our school succeed. One parent, Nickella Schlanger, a theater professional, directs the school musical every year ("*Peter Pan*" — come see it, May 15-16). We have a smart, affable principal, and passionate teachers. The results include rising neighborhood enrollment, rising test scores across multiple demographics, and a California Distinguished School award.

I think an elementary school's outperformance, when students are still very parent-influenced, is mainly derived from a combination of the economic/educational background, involvement and parental values. Teachers are hugely important, but the differences between PUSD and San Marino's school district or a private school have virtually nothing to do with the respective quality of the teachers or programs, in my opinion.

San Rafael recently became a magnet for families who might not have considered PUSD before, thus starting to break a long chicken-and-egg cycle. This happened as parents grew more skeptical of a very expensive private elementary school price tag, and as fluency in a second language is starting to be seen as a powerful distinguishing variable for college admissions. San Rafael's staff is also great and "word of mouth" has

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shifted. My wife grew up on Glen Summer Road and went to Poly, a wonderful school that she loved. When we told her mother we were electing to send our daughter to San Rafael, she initially expressed disbelief, but now loves the school.

This process has helped west Pasadena. A number of young San Rafael families have bought homes here, families who might not have before. A year ago I did an informal 30-year study of home-value appreciation in west Pasadena, South Pasadena and La Cañada. I found that home values in the other cities had grown by 0.75% to 1.75% per year more than those in west Pasadena. If I'm right, this adds up to a lot of money.

I think it's no accident that PUSD schools, including San Rafael, were perceived as "bad" during that time period. The loss of the school, just as a destructive cycle is being broken, will be a major loss to west Pasadena. A growing incentive to buy homes here will be gone, just as Baby Boomers increasingly retire, move on, etc. Thus, I cannot comprehend why a vocal minority in our neighborhood actually wants San Rafael gone.

It's also not a good thing for city competitiveness when the perceived choice for higher income residents is between expensive private schools or moving to a city like La Cañada, with its "better schools", which, few people know, voted to break off from PUSD about six years after *Brown v. Board of Education* was decided, and about 10 years before the Spangler busing decision hit Pasadena alone.

Finally, the status quo has not been good for PUSD. If PUSD ever wants to pass any parcel tax to become less susceptible to the wild vicissitudes of State tax revenue, it needs to secure a Pasadena-wide buy-in. That is how it will best serve future generations of poor families, not by eyeing presently-increased State subsidy payments.

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## Hundreds attend WPRA-hosted Mayoral Candidates Forum



On Tuesday, January 27, the West Pasadena Residents' Association hosted a mayoral candidates' forum in the large courtroom of the Richard H. Chambers Courthouse on S. Grand Ave. The standing-room-only event gave all six candidates running for mayor an opportunity to share their beliefs and ideas. After 16 years as Pasadena's only elected mayor, Bill Bogaard decided not to seek re-election. Questions from the public, WPRA director Kenyon Harbison and WPRA Secretary Justin Chapman covered the 710 tunnel, the looming lack of a public school in west Pasadena, Rose Bowl events, the embezzlement of \$6.4 million in public funds, neighborhood crime, policing and respect for citizen involvement. *In this photo, WPRA Treasurer and event master of ceremonies Blaine Cavena preps the candidates prior to the forum's start.* The WPRA also served on April 7 as one of several co-sponsors of a live televised debate between Pasadena's mayoral runoff candidates Jacque Robinson and Terry Tornek. (Photo by Chuck Hudson)

## Celebrate Bill Bogaard's 16 years as our first elected Mayor

The community is invited to join Mayor Bill Bogaard and his wife, Claire, on Saturday, April 25, 3-5 p.m., at Centennial Square (in front of City Hall) for a casual Mayor Bill Bogaard Appreciate day ... an afternoon of music, art, children's activities, food trucks and more, in celebration of Bill's 16 years of service as our first citywide elected Mayor.

Share your personal reflections of "Moments with the Mayor" in letters or notes and drop them off at any public library in Pasadena prior to the celebration, write in a special memory book during the celebration or send your reflections electronically by visiting [cityofpasadena.net/momentswithbill](http://cityofpasadena.net/momentswithbill).

And since no one says it better than Mayor Bogaard himself, we include this excerpt from his 2015 State of the City address:

"I was never elected to be a caretaker — no one on the City Council is — but to represent those who put their faith and trust in us to

carry out the duties because they, and we, believe that all of our citizens deserve the best city possible.

"In 1999, I promised to be a catalyst for positive change, to bring our community together and build a greater City. During

***"... We took the best of Pasadena and made it better."***

the ensuing 16 years, our journey saw good times and bad, yet we accomplished what many might have considered impossible. In a short span of time, Pasadena emerged as one of the nation's leading cities and an internationally recognized symbol of hope, diversity, culture, arts, education, science, jobs and economic opportunity. We took the best of Pasadena and made it better."



Mayor Bill Bogaard



# Community hears of Rose Bowl plans, finances

BY BILL URBAN  
DIRECTOR, WPRA

## Air + Style = snow and rain

Olympic snowboard Gold medalist Shaun White's Air + Style event was held February 21 and 22 at the Rose Bowl. It featured a 16-story ramp covered in man-made snow for the skiing and snowboarding competition, plus a skateboarding area, food trucks, local artists, fashion, three music stages and a family area.

The event was a financial success for Rose Bowl, which was paid up front. The promoters, however, may have been disappointed since the second day was spoiled by rainstorms.

Rose Bowl management said they were aggressive about keeping noise down. One performer left the stage because he was not allowed to turn up the sound. Still, the Rose Bowl admitted there were issues, including traffic problems in the Linda Vista area, because "no parking" signs had not been posted on the first day.

## 3-day music and arts festival proposal

Rose Bowl management has signed a non-binding agreement with AEG Entertainment

to serve as its partner in defining and, if approved, managing a three-day music and arts festival centered at the Rose Bowl.

Senior representatives from AEG presented concepts and a general approach during the March 5 meeting of the Rose Bowl Operating Company (RBOC) Board of Directors. AEG currently manages 27 unique music festivals all over the U.S., including the New Orleans Jazz Festival and the Coachella Valley Music and Arts Festival here in Southern California.

The City, which will develop the environmental impact report for the event, expects to issue the draft late this summer.

## Rose Bowl financial picture

The RBOC released a nine-year financial picture of Rose Bowl starting in 2011 and estimated for 2015-2019. The report shows the Rose Bowl as profitable throughout the nine years, until it includes the cost of preventative maintenance and maintaining capital reserves.

The full report can be found on Rose Bowl's website ([rosebowlstadium.com](http://rosebowlstadium.com)) and a link to the report is also on WPRA's website, [wpra.net](http://wpra.net).

To shore up Rose Bowl finances, the RBOC (in its meeting agenda of 3/5/2015) has listed

a number of actions it is considering. These include:

- Secure as many displacement events as possible, as market conditions allow,
- Secure a music-and-arts festival on a long-term basis and increase the number of annual displacement events to 15, excluding July 4 Americafest, prior to requiring City Council approval.
- Secure an NFL team on a temporary basis, which would increase the number of displacement events to 25. (Note: RBOC has already committed that "the music and arts festival and NFL games would not occur within the same year.")
- Review business operations, premium seating, sponsorships and field naming rights to find ways to generate additional revenues.

The WPRA will continue to closely monitor these issues, in cooperation with other area neighborhood organizations.

Please send your comments or questions to [president@wpra.net](mailto:president@wpra.net).

# Casters, City give migrating Arroyo Seco toads a leg up

BY DAVID BIRD

Many area residents enjoy witnessing the annual cycle of seeing the toads in the Arroyo grow from eggs to tadpoles to adult toads, and then migrate to the moist environment of the stream. One of the best locations to observe this transformation is the Casting Pool in the Lower Arroyo.

Unfortunately since the construction of the new concrete pool, the toads have had a difficult time of exiting the pool. A variety of measures instituted by the Casting Club have been taken over the past several years, but with limited success.

Several possible solutions emerged during a recent meeting between Casting Club members; Ana Bailey, Superintendent of City Parks and Landscaping; Carl Jones, Crew Supervisor, City Parks and Natural Resources; and interested citizens. One simple and, hopefully, effective solution came from John Fauvre. The idea was to drape fairly stiff mats over the pool curb forming gradual ramps to permit the toads to exit the pool.

When the toads are ready to migrate the City will install the mats at various locations around the pool and install temporary signs urging residents not to interfere with the toad migration.

# A personal letter...

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I do fear that PUSD's decision to close the last public school west of the Arroyo will harden how many view Pasadena's educational value, but I am optimistic. There are other thriving PUSD schools. My wife and I will send our daughter Madeleine to Allendale if San Rafael's program moves there before she finishes.

The parents, program and teachers are what matter. I hope our neighborhood residents will continue to question stale talking points and join us to promote the importance of San Rafael to our community and to PUSD, as the fight continues.



Metro's vision of Colorado Boulevard looking east from Saint John Ave toward Old Pasadena. Six exhaust towers rise from below the bridge to vent the northbound tunnel's exhaust at near street level. (Source: Caltrans and LA Metro's SR-710 Draft Environmental Impact Report / Environmental Impact Statement, Visual Impact Assessment, pg. 204.)

## WPRA response team gets to work *Continued from page 4*

extended from Del Mar Blvd. to California Blvd.

- An air ventilation facility, design to expel exhaust for the entire northbound tunnel, will be located in one of two Old Pasadena locations. Option 1: Six 50-foot smoke stacks will rise up from the floor of the SR-710 stub and line Colorado Boulevard between Pasadena Ave. and Saint John Ave. Exhaust will be expelled just above street level. Option 2: One 50-foot ventilation structure will be located at the southeast corner of the SR-710 and 134 interchange.
- A large Operations Maintenance and Control facility will be located above the covered tunnel between Del Mar Ave. and the Sequoyah School on California Blvd.
- The location for a power substation has not yet been identified.

Completely ignored in the report is the very real possibility of a tunnel-boring machine failure that could devastate entire city blocks along the tunnel route in Pasadena, South Pasadena, and El Sereno. Such a failure occurred in December 2013 with Seattle's 'Bertha' tunnel-boring machine, which continues to be inoperable after a year.

In an effort to rescue 'Bertha,' a 60 foot-wide and 80-foot deep hole has been dug and a 6-story crane will be assembled to lift the machine's front end to the surface for repair. The construction site is enormous. Nearby

neighborhoods have sunk by more than an inch. Failures of drilling equipment, flooding and collapses have plagued almost half of the world's large tunnel projects surveyed by the WPRA.

## Beetle threat may not be as great... *Continued from page 6*

Lower Arroyo. "The volunteer data needs to be verified. Staff has verified some of the high target areas and will continue to verify information on a systematic basis."

### On our streets

So far fewer than 30 of the 10,000 inspected street trees (70% of the total inventory) have been identified as having symptoms. About 25 of those trees are of the *Platanus* species, or California sycamores. Among the non-*Platanus* trees, only three trees — two box elders and one albizia — have symptoms. Two of those have already been removed, and the other just has a few holes. The shot hole borer holes are a little smaller than the tip of a pencil.

"We are moving forward with amending our planting processes to include planting of the

*Quercus* oak species," said Barar, which was temporarily off the planting list since it was thought to be highly susceptible to the shot hole borer.

City officials did not respond to requests about infestation of trees on privately owned land by press time.

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

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



## Gone, but not forgotten

## The winter residence of Newton Claypool, Terrace Drive

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

BY KIRK MYERS  
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On July 8, 1895 the *Pasadena Daily Evening Star* reported that construction had begun on the foundation of a home it predicted “will be one of the costliest and handsomest houses in the city.” Edward Fay Claypool, one of the wealthiest men in Indiana, together with his son Newton, had chosen a “commanding site on the [Orange] Grove street hill” overlooking Terrace Drive. The *Star* had earlier noted that “the view is one of the choicest to be found in the city.”

When the home was later sold to Eldridge M. Fowler in 1901, the *Star* observed that “the Claypool residence is one of the finest in Pasadena. The grounds contain two acres, and are beautifully laid out and planted to rare trees, shrubs and flowers.” It characterized the residence as “a magnificent Moorish structure.”

Eldridge Fowler, a wealthy lumberman and financier, was a brother-in-law of Cyrus McCormick, inventor of the reaper. Pasadena historian Lon F. Chapin wrote that Mr. Fowler’s “business successes had been gained by foresight and enlightened principles of benefiting others while gaining a fortune that was still regarded as a public trust.”

In 1915, Mrs. Fowler made a number of additions to the property, including a tempietto [a small temple-like building], pools, a fountain and a pergola. Today, this

area is known as the Fowler Garden, on the grounds of the former Ambassador College campus.

Noted architect Myron Hunt completely remodeled the home in 1922, replacing the original Moorish contours with stucco walls and a flat roof. In 1947 the home was the first building purchased by Ambassador College, and later served as the college library until 1990.

It was demolished in 2012 by City Ventures to make way for the 21 condominium units in the second series of new residences.

*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](http://PasadenaHistory.org), or call 626/577-1660, ext. 10.*



The winter residence of Newton Claypool, Terrace Drive



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Traffic signal timing problems .... (626) 744-4191

### Frequently called numbers

City information operator ..... (626) 744-4000  
Abandoned vehicles ..... (626) 744-7627  
Alarm permits ..... (626) 744-4166  
Animal control ..... (626) 792-7151  
ARTS bus ..... (626) 744-4055  
Code enforcement ..... (626) 744-4633  
Dog licenses ..... (626) 744-4501  
Graffiti ..... (626) 744-7622  
Historic preservation ..... (626) 744-4009  
Neighborhood Watch ..... (626) 744-4550  
Park/picnic reservations ..... (626) 744-7275  
Parking permits/exemptions ..... (626) 744-6440  
Parking tickets ..... (626) 744-4360  
Street tree maintenance ..... (626) 744-4321  
Trash pick-up ..... (626) 744-4087  
Water/power billing inquiries ..... (626) 744-4005  
Yard sale permits ..... (626) 744-4200

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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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