

# CITY COUNCIL CONNECT



Welcome to this week's update! As we continue to navigate through our ongoing projects and initiatives, let's take a moment to highlight some key developments this week.

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# Traffic Hot Spots Report

Weekly updates on the City's efforts to address frequently reported road segments within South Pasadena.

**LOCATION:** Orange Grove Avenue between Columbia Street (City of Pasadena) and 110 Freeway

**ISSUE:** Unsafe street conditions including road alignment (horizontal curve) and turning movement from/into side street (Oliver Street).

**UPDATE:** The traffic study, completed by a consultant, received initial review from Public Works and Public Safety this week. Staff will coordinate meetings with community members to share their findings and recommendations related to the study.

**LOCATION:** Indiana Street at Monterey Road

**ISSUE:** Collisions at subject intersection, and unsafe street crossing for pedestrians.

**UPDATE:** Staff have completed several short-term traffic mitigation measures, which have received positive feedback from residents. The remaining item is securing a traffic signal controller to upgrade signal timing and operations. However, the controller required is not available in the market and can only be obtained through cities who may have spare controllers of the same type.

**LOCATION:** Arroyo Drive Corridor between Mission Street and Columbia Street

**ISSUE:** Unsafe street conditions due to speeding motorists on high pedestrian-volume street

**UPDATE:** NO UPDATES SINCE LAST WEEK. Staff have received positive feedback from residents via email following the installation of the "Neighborhood" traffic calming signs. Staff also informed residents that new speed limit signs are anticipated to be installed after City Council approval of the Engineering & Traffic Survey (E&TS), currently expected in Fall 2026.

# Upcoming Events

## June 28 - July 4, 2026

### Event/Location

### Date/Time

#### **Concert in the Park: OC Groove Band**

Garfield Park,  
1000 Park Ave.

June 28 at 5:00 p.m.

#### **Cultural Heritage Commission Special Meeting**

Council Chambers,  
1424 Mission St.

June 30 at 6:30 p.m.

#### **Summer Reading Program**

Public Library,  
1100 Oxley St.

July 1 at 6:00 p.m.

#### **4th of July Celebration**

Public Library,  
1100 Oxley St.

July 4 at 10:30 a.m.

# Fire Support in Monrovia

Last week, South Pasadena Command staff supported operations at a large warehouse fire in Monrovia. In addition to providing command support, SPFD provided assistance during the investigation regarding the origin and cause of the fire.



# Collaborative Public Safety Media Training

Police, Fire, and Public Affairs personnel from the Cities of South Pasadena and Pasadena recently participated in a full-day media training focused on effective communication with the public and news media. Led by POST-certified instructor and news correspondent Steve Gregory, the training covered laws and requirements related to working with journalists, best practices for delivering statements and conducting interviews, and strategies for communicating during high-profile incidents. Participants also took part in hands-on exercises, including simulated press conferences based on real-world scenarios, allowing them to practice delivering messages on camera and from the podium in a realistic media environment.



# Updates Regarding Structure Fire in Boyle Heights

South Pasadena Fire Department continues to monitor the ongoing incident in Boyle Heights. Personnel are in communication with Los Angeles Fire Department (LAFD) and Los Angeles County Office of Emergency Management (OEM) to relay any important updates. Fire Chief Lloyd received a briefing of current operations and a tour of the incident from their staff. In addition to LAFD personnel, there are multiple agencies from Southern California supporting the incident with apparatus and personnel. Thanks to the efforts of these personnel, this complex incident is winding down.

Residents can check current air quality conditions on the South Coast Air Quality Management District website: [LINK](#). More resources are available on the City's website at [southpasadenaca.gov](http://southpasadenaca.gov).



# Notice of Construction at Library

The Library's Community Room ramp is undergoing maintenance and will be temporarily unavailable. For access to the Community Room during scheduled events, patrons should utilize the elevator in the main Library during open hours.

# Summer Reading Program Update

Over 1,400 patrons of all ages have registered for the Summer Reading Program at the South Pasadena Public Library (SPPL)! Participants have also begun picking up their weekly prizes, which have included a free book of their choice and a special SPPL sticker.

We also hosted our second Wonderful Wednesday program featuring Ranger Jack's Puppet Show. Audiences were delighted by his wild and entertaining puppets, and more than 350 people attended the performance.



# Fall Election Information

The nomination period for the November 3, 2026, General Municipal Election opens on July 13, 2026, and closes on August 7, 2026, for candidates interested in serving as City Councilmembers for District 4, District 5, or as City Treasurer. Candidate nomination papers may be obtained from the City Clerk's Office during the filing period, by appointment only. If an incumbent eligible for re-election does not file nomination papers by August 7, the nomination period will be extended through August 12, 2026, for non-incumbent candidates only.

For additional information, please contact the City Clerk's Office at 626-403-7230 or visit [southpasadenaca.gov/elections](https://southpasadenaca.gov/elections).

## International Soccer Watch Party Returns by Popular Demand

Following the tremendous success of the inaugural event, the City of South Pasadena is excited to host its second International Soccer Watch Party on Monday, July 6, beginning at 5:00 p.m. at Garfield Park. Bring your family and friends to enjoy an evening of world-class soccer, community spirit, and outdoor fun as fans gather to cheer on their favorite teams on the big screen. The City extends its sincere appreciation to Mayor Sheila Rossi and the City Council for their continued support in bringing unique and engaging community events to South Pasadena.



## Concerts in the Park Kickoff

Get ready to groove! Join us this Sunday, June 28 at 5:00 p.m. at Garfield Park as we kick off the Summer Concert Series with the high-energy sounds of OC Groove. Featuring a mix of funk, soul, and rock & roll favorites, this talented band is sure to have you dancing and singing all evening.

Bring your family, pack a picnic, grab your lawn chairs and blankets, and enjoy a beautiful summer night under the stars. We can't wait to celebrate the start of another great concert season with our community!

## Father's Day Luncheon at Senior Center

The Senior Center recently hosted its Father's Day Luncheon, featuring delicious catering from Gus's BBQ and live entertainment by the band Pop Vision. The event was well attended, with participants enjoying a lively and festive afternoon. We extend our appreciation to the South Pasadena Senior Citizens Foundation for generously sponsoring both the meal and entertainment, helping make this celebration a meaningful and enjoyable experience for our senior community.



# Summer Camp Med Week 2 Recap

Camp Med kicked off the summer with another exciting week as we kicked off Week 2! Camp Med participants enjoyed an exciting and educational field trip to Underwood Family Farms in Moorpark. The day was filled with hands-on experiences that allowed campers to connect with agriculture, animals, and the outdoors.

One of the highlights of the trip was picking fresh strawberries straight from the fields. Campers had a great time exploring the farm, gathering delicious berries, and learning about how fruits are grown and harvested. The campers also had the opportunity to feed and interact with friendly goats and other farm animals.

Overall, the field trip was a tremendous success, combining recreation, education, and hands-on learning in a fun farm setting. Campers returned with smiles on their faces, new knowledge about agriculture, and plenty of stories to share from their day at the farm.



## Permit Updates for Villa's Tacos

Villa's Tacos, a Los Angeles local taqueria coming to South Pasadena, had their permits issued for an interior tenant improvement in an existing tenant space within the old school district building located at 1010 El Centro Street. They received approval from the Planning Commission on April 14, 2026, for an alcohol license to serve beer and wine, and their permits were issued by the City's Building and Safety Division on May 22, 2026.

## Ministerial Housing Project Approved

The Community Development Department's Planning Division recently approved a ministerial housing project consisting of a new 7-story for sale condominium building consisting of 51 units, including 7 moderate-income affordable units, 109 parking spaces on the first and second floors a fitness center, theater, sports court, rooftop deck and kids play area with splash pad located at 181-187 Monterey Road. Applicable zoning regulations allow a maximum base density of 70 units/acre and a maximum height of 45 feet/4 stories. The project utilized state density bonus waivers/concessions to exceed the maximum height and stories.



# STREET IMPROVEMENT PROJECT

## CONSTRUCTION AREAS

### JUNE 29 - JULY 3

As the Fiscal Year 2025-2026 Street Improvement Project continues, construction will take place next week and may impact the flow of traffic.

**LOCATION:**  
Milan Avenue

**IMPROVEMENTS:** Improvements include continued concrete removal and repairs. Most concrete work that was associated with tree root conflicts was completed, with delays at two challenging locations.

**LOCATION:**  
Oneonta Knoll

**IMPROVEMENTS:** The contractor was expected to complete asphalt paving on June 26, but work had to be delayed due to unsuitable soil conditions. Residents will be notified of the delay and informed when the work will resume.

**LOCATION:**  
Pine Street

**IMPROVEMENTS:** Improvements include completing tests of the newly installed water main and services laterals. Should the tests meet City standards, the contractor will resume connecting the new infrastructure starting July 7.

**LOCATION:**  
Glendon Way

**IMPROVEMENTS:** Improvements include abandoning the existing water line at the intersection of Glendon and Lyndon.

**LOCATION:**

Maple Street (Meridian Avenue to Huntington Drive)

**IMPROVEMENTS:** Improvements include continued concrete removal and replacement, working on one side of the road at a time. Residents can expect concrete work to take another one to two weeks to complete.



Visit the project webpage at [www.southpasadenaca.gov/street-improvement-project](http://www.southpasadenaca.gov/street-improvement-project) to read progress updates, construction schedule, project background, and more.

# In the Community

## **South Pasadena Tournament of Roses (SPTOR) Annual Golf Tournament**

Mayor Sheila Rossi, Police Chief Derek Elmore, and Fire Chief Greg Lloyd participated in SPTOR's annual golf tournament on June 20 at the Arroyo Seco Golf Course.



## **Women Involved in South Pasadena Political Action (WISPPA) Cocktail Party**

Mayor Rossi, Council members Braun and Cacciotti, and the City's executive team attended the 2026 WISPPA Cocktail Party on June 24, where City Manager Todd Hileman was the featured speaker.

