

# 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:** City staff have reviewed the traffic study report provided by the consultant. Staff will coordinate meetings with community members within the next several weeks to share their findings and recommendations related to the study.

**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.

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**LOCATION:** Indiana Street at Monterey Road

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

**UPDATE:** On June 26, staff relocated the existing pedestrian push buttons located at the Northwest and Southeast corners of the subject intersection to the side of the signal pole facing the ADA ramp to enhance accessibility of the push button.



BEFORE



AFTER



# Upcoming Events

## July 5 - 11, 2026

### Event/Location

### Date/Time

#### **International Soccer Watch Party**

Garfield Park,  
1000 Park Ave.

July 6 at 4:00 p.m.

#### **South Pasadena Tournament of Roses Committee Meeting**

Council Chambers,  
1424 Mission St.

July 7 at 7:00 p.m.

#### **Summer Reading Program**

Public Library,  
1100 Oxley St.

July 8 at 6:00 p.m.

#### **Library Board of Trustees Meeting**

Public Library,  
1100 Oxley St.

July 9 at 7:00 p.m.

#### **Movie in the Park: Hoppers**

Garfield Park,  
1000 Park Ave.

July 10 at sunset

# Coming Soon: New Permitting Software

The City is preparing to launch a new permitting software, OpenGov, which will provide more streamlined services for development review processes while providing an accessible platform for residents to apply for Planning entitlements, Building, Fire and Public Works permits. Stay tuned for when OpenGov is fully live to residents!

# Police Department Acquires 250<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Badges

To celebrate our country's 250th anniversary, South Pasadena Police Department (SPPD) officers and civilian personnel were authorized to purchase and wear the South Pasadena Police Department Semiquincentennial Badge. Chief Elmore has authorized the wearing of the badge until July 4 of next year. We look forward to celebrating with the community during this year's Independence Day activities!



# 4th of July is Almost Here!

## Schedule of Activities

The City of South Pasadena is excited to host its annual 4<sup>th</sup> of July celebration this Saturday! This year's theme, "From Sea to Shining Sea: 250 Years of the American Spirit", honors the nation's 250<sup>th</sup> anniversary and celebrates the community traditions that make South Pasadena's Independence Day festivities so special.






The activity schedule is listed below:

- 7:00 a.m. Pancake Breakfast at the South Pasadena Fire Station
- 10:30 a.m. Opening Ceremony at South Pasadena Public Library Community Room
- 11:00 a.m. Parade (Mission Street/Diamond to Garfield Park)
- 12:00 p.m. Party at the Park (Garfield)
- 7:00 p.m. Concert (South Pasadena High School)
- 8:30 p.m. Gates close
- 9:00 p.m. Fireworks Show

Tickets to the fireworks show are still available and can be purchased online at [www.southpasadenaca.gov/events](http://www.southpasadenaca.gov/events).

## Safety Tips

Ahead of the holiday weekend, the City has been sharing tips on [social media](#) to encourage residents to celebrate safely and responsibly:

-  Keep your grill clean and away from flammable materials.
-  Never drink and drive. Find a designated driver, rideshare, or other safe way home.
-  Leave the fireworks to the professionals. Tickets for our show are still available!
-  Make accommodations to keep your pets calm from fireworks and loud noises.
-  Contact the non-emergency dispatch line at (626) 403-7270 to report illegal activity.

The City wishes everyone a happy 4<sup>th</sup> of July!

# Senior Center Activities

## Ice Cream Social

Last Friday, the Senior Center hosted its first Ice Cream Social of the year, welcoming more than 40 participants. The warm weather made it the perfect afternoon to enjoy a sweet treat, socialize with friends, and cool off together. The event was a great success, and everyone had a wonderful time.



## Karaoke

The Senior Center also hosted a fun-filled Karaoke Afternoon, where participants enjoyed singing their favorite songs, cheering each other on, and spending time together. The event was filled with laughter, music, and great camaraderie, making it another enjoyable social activity for our seniors.



# Summer Reading Program Update

More than 1600 readers have registered for this year's Summer Reading Program at the South Pasadena Public Library (SPPL)!

This week's registration prizes are a temporary tattoo or a South Pasadena Public Library magnet while supplies last.

Last week's Wonderful Wednesday featured Wild Wonders, where guests got an up-close look at amazing animals. To ensure the safety and wellness of the animals, audience sizes were limited and wristbands were required. All wristbands were distributed, and across the two performances, we welcomed more than 200 attendees.



## Marengo Girl Scouts Visit the Library

Last Sunday, the library welcomed a troop of 10 first grade Girl Scouts from Marengo School for a special visit. The scouts participated in a library scavenger hunt, enjoyed a themed craft, and learned about the history of the library. Through these interactive activities, they explored the library's collections, spaces, and services while discovering the many resources the library has to offer.

# Upcoming Construction: Bulb-Out Installations at Two Intersections

The Public Works Department will be installing bulb-outs at the intersections of El Centro Street & Pasadena Avenue and El Centro Street & Orange Grove Avenue. The installation of bulb-outs will reduce crossing distance for pedestrians from one side of the street to the other side. It will also improve visibility of the crosswalk and further enhance motorist awareness of the presence of pedestrians in the crosswalks.

Working timeline is listed below:

Dates: Monday, July 13 - Friday, July 17

Hours: 8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Note that construction activities are weather permitting and the schedule is subject to change if necessary.

There will be no major impact on lane width before approaching the intersection and will not hinder traffic flow. A minor road closure may be required during the installation time.

## Public Works Infrastructure Commission Meeting Summary

At the special meeting on June 24, 2026, the Public Works Infrastructure Commission (PWIC) discussed the Citywide Engineering and Traffic Survey (E&TS) report, including application of Assembly Bill 43 and school zone speed limits, and reviewed the consultant recommendations for speed limits on key corridors and near local schools. Transportation Program Manager Bassam AL-Beitawi presented the ET&S report to address previous commission questions and concerns, with the PWIC directing the staff to work with the consultant to further evaluate opportunities for additional speed reductions and to return at a follow-up meeting.

The PWIC also reviewed and approved the Fiscal Year 2026-2027 Work Plan for major transportation, utility, safety, and urban forestry initiatives; approved the May 13, 2026, regular meeting minutes; and received staff updates on recent City Council actions, including adoption of the Urban Water Management Plan, progress on the Fremont-Huntington Corridor Improvements Project, and preparation of a potential citywide street bond measure.

# STREET IMPROVEMENT PROJECT

## CONSTRUCTION AREAS

### JULY 6 - 10

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. Staff will provide a dedicated update to residents on what engineering solution we can provide for the two remaining locations at 1505 and 1517 Milan Avenue.

**LOCATION:**  
Pine Street

**IMPROVEMENTS:** Improvements include testing the newly installed water infrastructure. Should the tests meet City standards, the contractor will resume connecting the new infrastructure starting the week of July 13.

**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. Work has already begun on the north side of the road, and will begin on the south side of the road on July 6. Residents can expect this work to take approximately two weeks to complete.

**LOCATION:**  
Glendon Way

**IMPROVEMENTS:** Improvements include concrete repairs, which are expected to take place from July 6 to July 24.

**LOCATION:**  
Arroyo Verde

**IMPROVEMENTS:** Improvements include potholing to prepare for water main line infrastructure installation. Residents can expect potholing at the intersections of Arroyo Verde and Monterey Road and Marmion Way.



**The latest biweekly update is available online!**

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

## Holy Family Church Giving Bank

Police Chief Derek Elmore and City staff joined City Councilmember Michael Cacciotti and volunteers at the weekly Giving Bank on June 29.



**CITY FACILITIES WILL BE  
CLOSED ON JULY 3<sup>RD</sup> AND 4<sup>TH</sup>  
TO OBSERVE **INDEPENDENCE DAY**.  
POLICE AND FIRE WILL REMAIN FULLY  
OPERATIONAL.**