

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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Upcoming Events

August 23 - 29, 2026

Event/Location

Date/Time

Eat! Shop! Enjoy! South Pas Crawl

Throughout South Pasadena

August 23 at 1:00 p.m.

Regular Finance Commission Meeting

Council Chambers,
1424 Mission St.

August 27 at 6:30 p.m.

Summer Concert Series Finale Recap

The City's Summer Concert Series concluded on Sunday, August 16, with a successful and well-attended concert at Garfield Park. The event attracted an estimated 700+ community members, providing residents with an enjoyable evening of live music, food, and community connection.

The evening featured a performance by The New Romantics, a Taylor Swift tribute band, with La Oveja and Lilus Boba serving as the evening's food vendors. The South Pasadena Rotary Club also participated by hosting a community booth where volunteers distributed water and shared information about Rotary's programs and activities.

We want to give a special thank you to Mayor Pro Tem Omari Ferguson and Councilmember Michael A. Cacciotti for attending the event and joining community members in enjoying the evening's festivities.



Library Board of Trustees Meeting Recap

At the August 18 meeting, the Library Board of Trustees reviewed proposed updates to the Municipal Code and Security Camera Policy, and approved updates to the Library Rules of Behavior, Patron Confidentiality, Volunteers, Local History, and Giveaway Publications policies. Staff also presented an overview of the 2026 Summer Reading Program. In addition, the Board discussed their experience at the Commissioner Congress and received an update on library operations.

Library Northeast Ramp Project Update

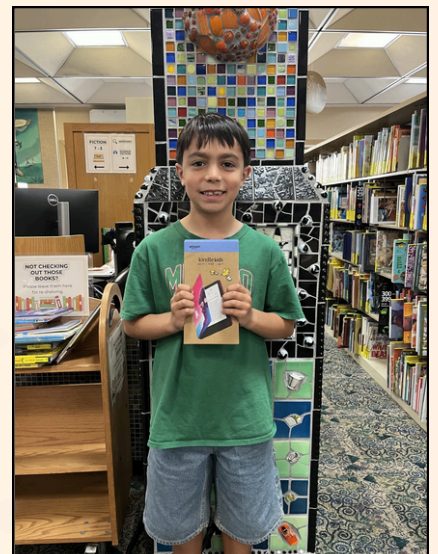
The Library Northeast Ramp Project has completed construction and brings key safety, accessibility, and site enhancements to the library. The project added and replaced handrails designed to meet modern ADA standards, ensuring safe and welcoming access for all visitors. The installation of new lighting bollards and handrail integrated lighting greatly improves pathway visibility, supporting evening library events and community programs. Additionally, site drainage improvements were added to address past water infiltration issues within the library. Together, these enhancements ensure the library remains an accessible and functional community hub now and into the future.



Summer Reading Program Opportunity Drawing Winners

Congratulations to the winners of the opportunity drawing for the library's annual Summer Reading Program!

Three adults and three youth received brand new Kindles! Another lucky winner received unlimited ride passes to the Santa Monica Pier, and another won a pair of tickets to the Huntington Library.



Dumpster Fire Extinguished on Hope Street

South Pasadena Fire personnel responded to a refuse fire near Hope Street and Mound Avenue on Tuesday, August 12.



Free Smoke Alarm Installations in October

As part of the Sound The Alarm campaign, Red Cross will be offering free smoke alarms to South Pasadena residents on October 24, 2026, from 10:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

Appointments will take approximately 30 minutes. Red Cross volunteers will come to your home to install the alarms and provide home fire safety information.

To register, residents can visit www.redcross.org/LAHomeFire or call (310) 445-9914.





Smoke Alarms Save Lives!

Working smoke alarms can cut the risk of death from home fires in half.

That's why we're rallying volunteers, fire departments and partners to *Sound the Alarm*.

Together, we're installing **FREE** smoke alarms in your community. Request a smoke alarm installation today!

Saturday, October 24, 2026
10:00am - 1:00pm
City of South Pasadena

The appointment will take approximately 30 minutes. Our volunteers will come to your home to install free smoke alarms and provide home fire safety information.

Red Cross services are available for everyone in need regardless of race, ethnicity, age, religion, gender identity, sexual orientation, ability or citizen status.

Go To Link or QR Code
www.redcross.org/LAHomeFire
Appointment Phone Number:
310-445-9914





Coffee with a Cop

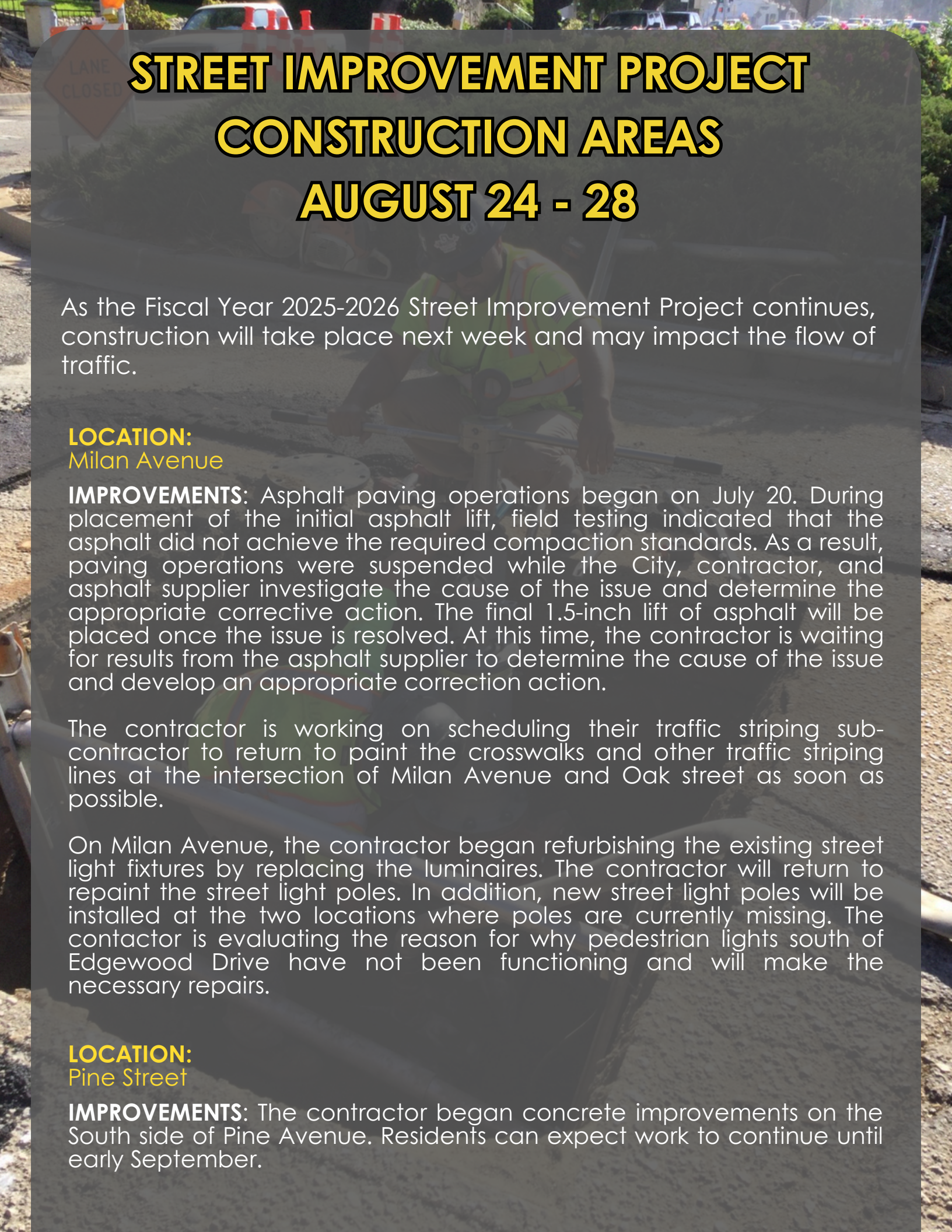
The South Pasadena Police Department held Coffee with a Cop on Wednesday, August 19 at Twohey's Restaurant. The community enjoyed refreshments, connections, and conversation with local public safety personnel.

The Department thanks Twohey's for generously hosting the event!



Natural Resources and Environmental Commission Meeting Summary

At the August 18, 2026, special meeting, the Natural Resources and Environmental Commission (NREC) received a detailed presentation from City staff and Kimley-Horn consultants on the Huntington Drive and Fremont Avenue Corridor Improvement Project, including approved Class IV protected bikeway concepts, proposed roundabouts, landscaping and irrigation plans, and a comprehensive tree inventory and mitigation strategy. The Commission asked questions and provided feedback on shade preservation, resident involvement in plant palette selections, irrigation responsibilities, stormwater opportunities, and long-term funding and phasing, but took no formal action. The Commission approved the minutes of the May 26, 2026, meeting, received City Council Liaison comments on regional park and air quality incident work through the Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy and South Coast AQMD, and requested future updates on the corridor project following outreach, the Arroyo Seco Water Reuse Project, and the plastic reduction Ad-Hoc's work with the Farmers Market reusable bag receptable effort. Staff Liaison updates noted the close of the Arroyo Seco reuse project Environmental Impact Report and Draft Environmental Impact Report comment period, ongoing interdepartmental coordination of public outreach, recent staffing changes in the Environmental Services and Sustainability Divisions, and interim staffing and recruitment plans.



STREET IMPROVEMENT PROJECT

CONSTRUCTION AREAS

AUGUST 24 - 28

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: Asphalt paving operations began on July 20. During placement of the initial asphalt lift, field testing indicated that the asphalt did not achieve the required compaction standards. As a result, paving operations were suspended while the City, contractor, and asphalt supplier investigate the cause of the issue and determine the appropriate corrective action. The final 1.5-inch lift of asphalt will be placed once the issue is resolved. At this time, the contractor is waiting for results from the asphalt supplier to determine the cause of the issue and develop an appropriate correction action.

The contractor is working on scheduling their traffic striping sub-contractor to return to paint the crosswalks and other traffic striping lines at the intersection of Milan Avenue and Oak street as soon as possible.

On Milan Avenue, the contractor began refurbishing the existing street light fixtures by replacing the luminaires. The contractor will return to repaint the street light poles. In addition, new street light poles will be installed at the two locations where poles are currently missing. The contractor is evaluating the reason for why pedestrian lights south of Edgewood Drive have not been functioning and will make the necessary repairs.

LOCATION: Pine Street

IMPROVEMENTS: The contractor began concrete improvements on the South side of Pine Avenue. Residents can expect work to continue until early September.

LOCATION:

Maple Street (Meridian Avenue to Huntington Drive)

IMPROVEMENTS: Asphalt paving operations began on July 20. During placement of the initial asphalt lift, field testing indicated that the asphalt did not achieve the required compaction standards. As a result, paving operations were suspended while the City, contractor, and asphalt supplier investigate the cause of the issue and determine the appropriate corrective action. The final 1.5-inch lift of asphalt will be placed once the issue is resolved. At this time, the contractor is waiting for results from the asphalt supplier to determine the cause of the issue and develop an appropriate correction action.

LOCATION:

Arroyo Verde

IMPROVEMENTS: Improvements include starting installation of water main line at the intersections of Monterey Road and Arroyo Verde Road and Monterey Road and Kolle Avenue.



Visit the project webpage at
www.southpasadenaca.gov/street-improvement-project
to read progress updates, construction schedule, project
background, and more.