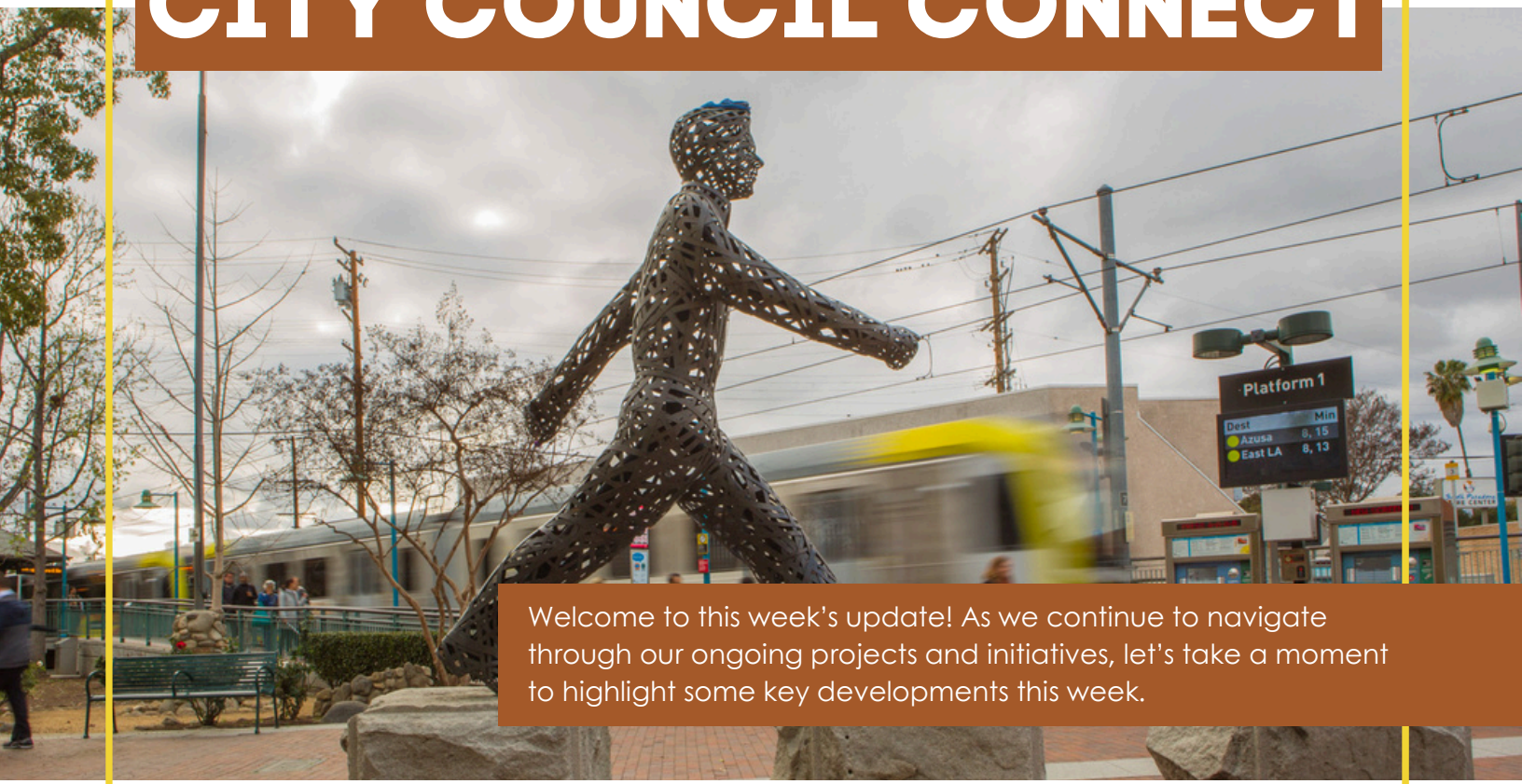
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# CITY COUNCIL CONNECT




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
# Oct. 11 - 17, 2026

| Event/Location | Date/Time |
| --- | --- |
| **Flamenco Performance**<br>Community Room,<br>1115 El Centro St. | October 12 at 6:00 p.m. |
| **Community Services Commission Meeting**<br>Council Chambers,<br>1424 Mission St. | October 12 at 6:30 p.m. |
| **Planning Commission Meeting**<br>Council Chambers,<br>1424 Mission St. | October 13 at 6:30 p.m. |
| **Public Works Infrastructure Commission**<br>Council Chambers,<br>1424 Mission St. | October 14 at 6:30 p.m. |

**Cultural Heritage Commission Meeting**

Council Chambers,
1424 Mission St.

October 15 at 6:30 p.m.

**Silent Film Screening**

Community Room,
1115 El Centro St.

October 16 at 7:00 p.m.

**Emergency Preparedness and Community Fair**

Fire Department,
817 Mound Ave.

October 17 from
11:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

**Fall Arts Crawl: Oktober-Fiesta**

Business District,
Mission St.

October 17 from
3:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.

Dates are based on current website calendar listings. Visit the calendar for official date and location changes.

# Community Leaders Meeting

On September 30, representatives of organizations throughout South Pasadena gathered in the Community Room to connect, share ideas, and participate in shaping the forward direction of South Pasadena. Facilitated by Mayor Sheila Rossi, Assistant to the City Manager Alma Medina, Public Affairs Manager Jennifer Colby, and Melissa Snyder, the meeting included a presentation outlining the City's achievements over the last year and upcoming goals, early findings from an active Community Needs Survey through UCLA, and an exercise where attendees created a master calendar of upcoming community events.



During the meeting, Mayor Sheila Rossi presented certificates to the South Pasadena Chamber of Commerce outgoing president, Karie Reynolds, and incoming president, Jesse Torres.





# Flu Vaccine Clinic

In partnership with Huntington Health, the South Pasadena Senior Center will offer a flu shot clinic on Friday, October 9 from 9:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m. at 1102 Oxley St. Older adults, individuals with disabilities, staff, and community members are welcome to participate. Please contact the Senior Center to schedule an appointment by calling (626) 403-7360.

# North-South Fair Oaks ITS Deployment Project Update

The plans and specifications for the North South Fair Oaks ITS Deployment Project have been advertised. Bids from contractors are due November 4, 2026.

The North-South Fair Oaks Intelligent Transportation Systems Project (Project) will upgrade the entire traffic signal system along Fair Oaks Avenue to accommodate new Intelligent Transportation System (ITS) elements, including the installation of new traffic signal poles, mast arm, 12-inch signal heads, Internally Illuminated Street Name Signs (IISNS), vehicular, pedestrian and bicycle Video Detection Systems (VDS), interconnect cable, signal controllers and cabinets, Emergency Vehicle Preemption (EVP) and Transit Priority Systems. Additional improvements include:

- rebuilding curb ramps and paint crosswalks to satisfy ADA compliance requirements and increase pedestrian safety at intersections
- reconstruction of some landscape medians at several locations to increase visibility of oncoming traffic for left-turning vehicles

For more information about this project and other active CIP projects, visit southpasadenaca.gov/current-projects.

# Community Meeting: Mission/Pasadena/Arroyo Intersection Improvements

On October 5, City staff and Toole Design Group held a community meeting to receive input on proposed safety improvements to the two intersections at Mission Street/Pasadena Avenue and Mission Street/Arroyo Drive.

This project seeks to enhance safety, accessibility, and overall traffic flow for pedestrians, cyclists, and motorists. Currently, the project area features two closely spaced, complex intersections—located just 200 feet apart—that serve as key access points to Arroyo Vista Elementary School, Arroyo Seco Park, and local transit routes.

During the meeting, the project team provided a background of the project and funding sources, traffic data, and two design alternatives. After a Q&A session, participants viewed the designs up close and placed notes on the display boards with their feedback.

Looking ahead, the presentation and feedback received will be shared with the Public Works Infrastructure Commission on October 14, 2026.

More information about the project and other active infrastructure projects is available at southpasadenaca.gov/current-projects.





# Public Works Operations Division Accomplishments: Sept 2026

Public Works Operations Division has completed several maintenance and facility improvements during the month of September:

- Street Maintenance: Repaired 113 potholes and completed 108 linear feet of sidewalk and 33 linear feet of curb repairs.
- Traffic Safety & Striping: Painted approximately 810 linear feet of red curb for daylighting and other requests for enhanced visibility. Additionally, PWD staff coordinated the contactor restriping Mission Street from Fair Oaks Avenue to Garfield Avenue.
- Signage: Installed 43 signs, including 10 Neighborhood Watch, 23 School Zone, and 10 reserved parking signs at the Alexander Building.
- Energy Efficiency: Upgraded 10 streetlights to LED, improving energy efficiency and reducing ongoing maintenance needs. All City streetlights will eventually be converted to LED to comply with new California requirements prohibiting high-pressure sodium lighting.
- Facilities: Completed the City Hall office remodeling work for Customer Success Center and painted the Library's second-floor staff offices and hallway.
- Part-time staff activities: Four (4) PTE operation staff continue to be a great resource for the Streets Division, lending an extra hand wherever needed. PTEs helped tackle pothole repairs, painted red curbs at various locations to support the new Daylighting Law, assisted with new signage and parking stalls at the Alexander Building, and supported sidewalk repairs citywide.

# Overnight Parking Reminder

Overnight parking permits are required in the City of South Pasadena if you and/or your guest plan to park on the street between the hours of 2:00 a.m. and 6:00 a.m. The public can purchase daily permits for up to 3 days at one time, while residents may be eligible to purchase monthly or annual parking permits. Overnight parking permits may be purchased online at southpasadenaca.gov/parking-permits or at the South Pasadena Police Department, located at 1422 Mission St.

# Neighborhood Watch Meeting

SPPD invited Neighborhood Watch block captains to a meeting at the Community Room on Tuesday, October 6. Following dinner and conversation, the block captains heard from Police Chief Elmore and received information about the revamped Neighborhood Watch Program from Officer Wong.

Officer Wong also introduced members of the Community Engagement Team, including Mental Health Clinician Soni Dani and Crime Analyst Maira Bedoyan. The Community Engagement Team focuses on supporting individuals experiencing mental health emergencies, unhoused outreach and resource referral, crime statistics, and community relations.

Personnel stayed on-site after the presentation to answer questions and meet all of the attendees.







# Library Activities

**Genealogy Fair**

The South Pasadena Public Library hosted a Genealogy Fair on Saturday, October 3, welcoming 141 attendees interested in exploring their family histories and learning more about genealogical research. The free, day-long event featured exhibitors from the California African American Genealogical Society (CAAGS), Immigrant Genealogical Society (IGS), South Pasadena Preservation Foundation (SPPF), and Memory Lab Network. Exhibitors shared resources and information to help attendees explore their family histories and connect with local organizations and preservation resources.

The fair featured three presentations with a combined attendance of 86: Sara Cochran, professional genealogist; Eugene Moy, researcher and former President of the Chinese Historical Society; and Dr. Kay Mouradian, writer and documentarian.





**Kahlo Craft at Senior Center**

In celebration of Hispanic Heritage Month (September 15 - October 15), the South Pasadena Public Library hosted a Frida Kahlo-inspired craft program on October 5 at the South Pasadena Senior Center. Led by librarian Michelle Gutierrez, the all-ages program welcomed 29 attendees who created colorful paper plate portraits inspired by the iconic Mexican artist. The program provided a hands-on opportunity for community members to celebrate Hispanic culture, art, and creativity.





# Vote by Mail Ballots are Arriving This Week!

Election season is officially underway! Vote by Mail ballots for the November 3, 2026 General Election are making their way to mailboxes throughout South Pasadena and Los Angeles County. The Los Angeles County Registrar-Recorder/County Clerk began mailing Vote by Mail ballots on October 1, and all registered voters in Los Angeles County will receive a ballot by mail.

**Check Your Mailbox and Make a Plan to Vote**
Once your ballot arrives, take some time to review the contests and measures that appear on your ballot. When you are ready to vote, carefully complete your ballot, place it in the Official Return Envelope, and remember to sign and date the envelope before returning it.

Voters have several convenient options for returning a completed Vote by Mail ballot:

- By mail — no postage is required;
- At an Official Vote by Mail Ballot Drop Box anywhere in Los Angeles County; or
- At any Vote Center in Los Angeles County.

The General Election is Tuesday, November 3, 2026. If returning your ballot by mail, it must be timely postmarked by Election Day. Ballots returned in person to a Vote Center or Official Ballot Drop Box must be submitted by 8:00 p.m. on Election Day.

**Track Your Ballot**
Want to know when your ballot was mailed, received, and counted? California voters can sign up for Where's My Ballot? to receive notifications about the status of their Vote by Mail ballot.
Track your ballot with Where's My Ballot?

Stay Informed About South Pasadena's Election. For information specific to the City of South Pasadena's November 3, 2026 General Municipal Election, including local election information, candidate information, Measure SOS, important dates, and additional voter resources, visit the City Clerk's Elections webpage.
City of South Pasadena – Elections

Questions regarding the City's municipal election may also be directed to the South Pasadena City Clerk's Office at (626) 403-7230 or cityclerk@southpasadenaca.gov.

Whether you return your ballot by mail, use an Official Ballot Drop Box, or vote in person at a Vote Center, be sure to review your ballot and make a plan for the November 3, 2026 General Election!

# In the Community

**Police Officers' Association to Sell Baker to Vegas Merchandise**

The South Pasadena Police Department (SPPD) is excited to announce its participation in next year's Baker to Vegas relay race, scheduled for March 20–21, 2027. This year, SPPD is partnering with San Marino, USC Public Safety, and San Gabriel Police for the 120-mile, 20-leg relay from Baker, CA, to Las Vegas, NV.

To help offset race expenses, the South Pasadena Police Officers' Association (POA) is holding a presale for race merchandise: shirts are $25 and hoodies are $40 through October 24, and then prices will increase by $5. For more details, please contact Corporal Smith at msmith@southpasadenaca.gov.

