

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 16 - 22, 2026

Event/Location

Date/Time

Concert in the Park

Garfield Park,
1000 Park Avenue

August 16 at 5:00 p.m.

Coffee with a Cop

Twohey's Restaurant,
424 Fair Oaks Ave.

August 19 at 9:00 a.m.

City Council Meeting

Council Chambers,
1424 Mission St.

August 19 at 7:00 p.m.

Eat! Shop! Enjoy! South Pas Crawl

Throughout South Pasadena

August 22 at 3:00 p.m.

Candidate Nomination Period Closes for November 2026 General Municipal Election

The nomination period for the City of South Pasadena's November 3, 2026, General Municipal Election officially closed on Friday, August 7, 2026. With all eligible incumbents filing for re-election, an extension of the nomination period was not required.

This November, South Pasadena voters will elect representatives to three local offices, each for a four-year term ending in 2030: City Council District 4, City Council District 5, and City Treasurer.

The following candidates have qualified for the November ballot:

City Council District 4

- Michael Cacciotti
- Nevin Stanton-Trehan

City Council District 5

- Janet Braun

City Treasurer

- Zhen Tao

The City Clerk's Office has completed the nomination process and will continue coordinating with the Los Angeles County Registrar-Recorder/County Clerk in preparation for the November election.

As Election Day approaches, residents are encouraged to make sure their voter registration information is current and to become familiar with the candidates and issues that will appear on the ballot. Additional election information, including voter registration, Vote-by-Mail, Vote Center, ballot drop box, and election results information, will be available through the City and Los Angeles County Registrar-Recorder/County Clerk.

For additional information regarding the November 3, 2026, General Municipal Election, visit southpasadenaca.gov/elections or contact the City Clerk's Office at (626) 403-7230.

Mosquito Protection and Prevention Tips

Mosquitoes carrying West Nile Virus have been detected in several cities in the San Gabriel Valley, including South Pasadena. You can take steps to protect yourself from mosquito bites by following Tip, Toss, Protect:

- Tip out stagnant water, which mosquitoes lay eggs in, from containers such as buckets, rain gutters, and pet bowls
- Toss out unused containers like cans or bottle caps, which can collect stagnant water
- Protect your skin from mosquito bites with bug repellents containing Oil of Lemon Eucalyptus, DEET, Picaridin, or IR3535

More tips and information are available through the San Gabriel Valley Mosquito and Vector Control District. [Click here to visit their website.](#)



The Janus Film Club Returns!

The Janus Film Club brings film lovers together to enjoy and discuss acclaimed films from the Janus Films catalog. On August 7, the club screened *Xala* (1975), Ousmane Sembène's acclaimed Senegalese satire about French colonialism. The meeting drew 14 attendees, followed by a lively discussion about the film's themes, social commentary, and cultural context. The conversation was so engaging that it continued until 10 p.m., creating a spirited evening of cinema and community. The next meeting will take place on September 4, and will feature *My Dinner With Andre* (1981).

Summer Events in Garfield Park

RECAP: Movies in the Park: Disney/Pixar's Cars

We wrapped up another successful Movies in the Park season on Friday, August 7, welcoming approximately 320 attendees to Garfield Park for an evening of family fun featuring Disney/Pixar's Cars.

In celebration of the 100th Anniversary of Historic Route 66, families enjoyed a variety of themed pre-movie activities, including license plate craft making, slot car racing, a Cars-themed photo backdrop, Route 66 sticker giveaways, free popcorn, and Kona Ice refreshments before settling in to enjoy the movie at dusk. The event provided a memorable evening for residents of all ages, bringing the community together to celebrate summer, Route 66, and family-friendly recreation.

The Community Services Department extends its sincere appreciation to the Public Works Department for their assistance with pre-event logistics and event preparation, helping ensure the park was ready for a successful evening. Staff also thanks the South Pasadena Police Department for joining the event, engaging with families through giveaways, and bringing a police vehicle for children to explore and take photos, creating a memorable experience for many of our younger attendees. The Community Services Department thanks everyone who joined us throughout this year's Movies in the Park series and looks forward to welcoming the community back next summer.



UPCOMING: Concerts in the Park: The New Romantics

We are excited to close the Summer Concert Series this Sunday, August 16, from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. at Garfield Park with an unforgettable evening of live music featuring The New Romantics, a Taylor Swift Tribute Band. Bring your lawn chairs, blankets and picnic baskets and gather with family and friends for an evening of music, fun, and community. Enjoy this free concert in the park as we celebrate the final event of the summer concert season.

Community Services Commission Meeting Summary

Due to a lack of quorum, the regularly scheduled Community Services Commission Meeting was cancelled. Staff are coordinating a date to hold a Special Meeting to ensure the Commission can reconvene and address important matters requiring discussion and recommendation.

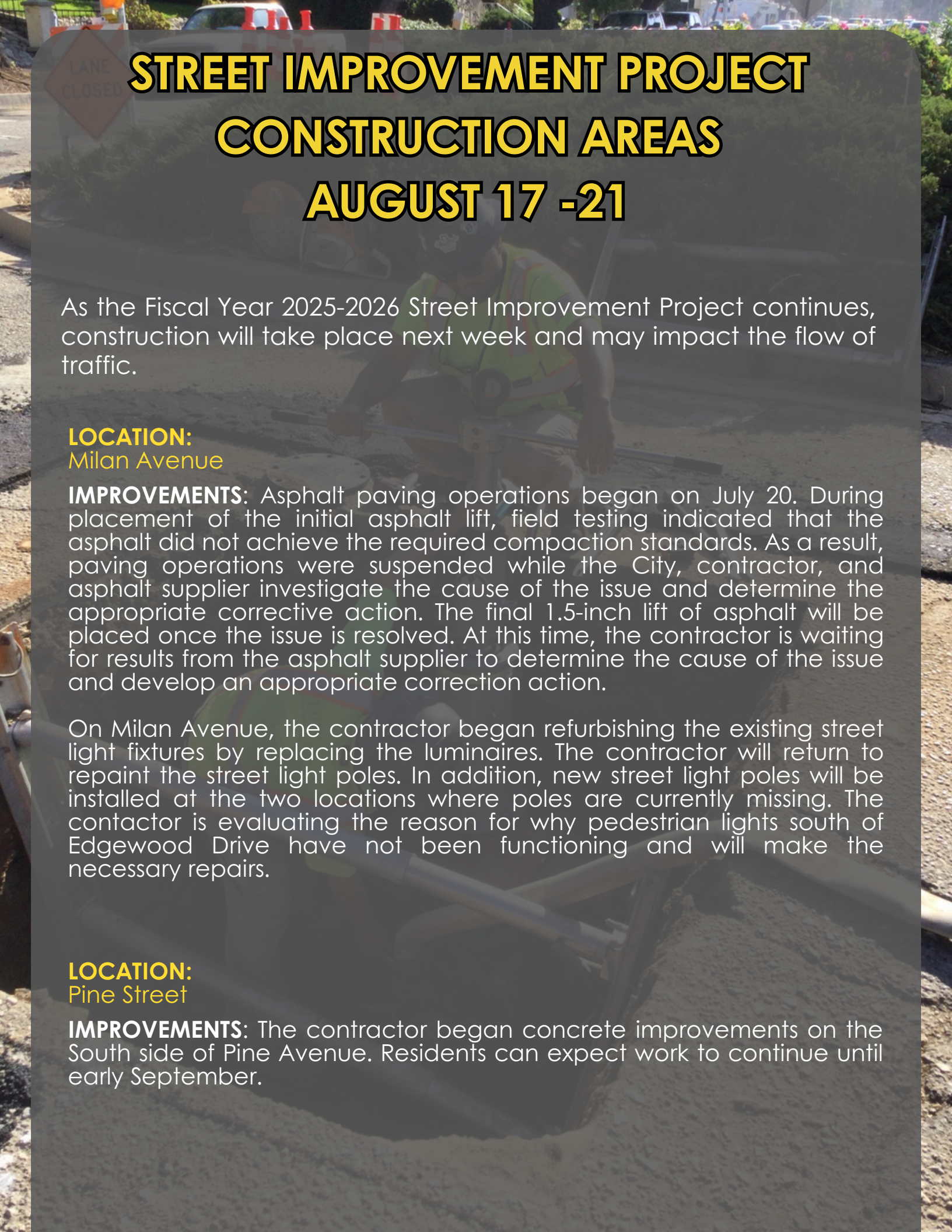
Summer Camp Med 2026 Program Recap

The Community Services Department wrapped up another successful Camp Med season, providing nine weeks of recreation, enrichment, and adventure for youth entering grades 1–5.

The program had the capacity to serve 810 camper enrollments (90 campers per week) and welcomed a total of 748 camper enrollments, reaching approximately 92% capacity throughout the summer.

Each week featured a unique theme with crafts, games, sports, and team-building activities. Campers also looked forward to weekly pool days and off-site excursions, creating opportunities to explore new places, stay active, and build lasting friendships.

Camp Med continued to provide a fun, safe, and welcoming environment where campers made new friends, created lifelong memories, and enjoyed an unforgettable summer. The Community Services Department extends its sincere appreciation to the dedicated camp staff, partner agencies, and families who helped make another successful Camp Med season possible. Thank you!



STREET IMPROVEMENT PROJECT

CONSTRUCTION AREAS

AUGUST 17 -21

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.

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)

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LOCATION:

Arroyo Verde

IMPROVEMENTS: Improvements include continued potholing and beginning installation of water main infrastructure at the intersection of Arroyo Verde Road and Marmion Way.



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

In the Community

South Pasadena Champion Awards

South Pasadena Senior Citizens' Foundation hosted its annual South Pasadena Champion Awards, honoring two outstanding community members, Betty Emirhanian and John Vandercook. The event was attended by Congresswoman Judy Chu, City Council members Janet Braun, Michael Cacciotti, and Jon Primuth, Police Chief Elmore, Fire Chief Lloyd, and City staff. It was wonderful to hear about the honorees' contributions and the many ways they have made a positive impact on the City of South Pasadena.

We are grateful for Betty and John's dedication, service, and commitment to our community.



Ñoño Cafe Ribbon Cutting Ceremony

The South Pasadena Chamber of Commerce held a ribbon cutting/grand opening ceremony for Ñoño Cafe on August 8.

