

The Grapevine

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Neighborhood Voting Time Again!

Please vote in our Association's annual election of officers at our Saturday March 14 meeting, held at Hastings Branch Library from 11:15 am to 12:45 pm.

Officer positions are:

President - chair meetings; officially represent the association to external parties

Vice President - support and act in place of President or Secretary as needed

Secretary - publicize meetings; record and distribute meeting minutes; maintain contact list.

Treasurer - receive, keep safe, track, report on, and disburse Association funds. (So far the Association has never had any funds.)

Nominations for willing candidates may be made via e-mail eevna@eevna.org or phone (626) 792-2927 by March 11. Please provide the name, address, and a contact e-mail and/or phone number for the candidate.

The "Neighborhood Association"

Anyone age 18 or older who lives within the boundaries is automatically a member of East Eaton Wash Neighborhood Association. The boundaries are from Foothill Blvd. north to the south side of Orange Grove Blvd, and from Eaton Wash east to Sierra Madre Villa Ave. There are no membership dues.

The Neighborhood Association mission is to help improve the quality of life in our neighborhood. It does this by:

- helping us get to know and communicate with each other,
- keeping us informed of local developments and issues affecting the neighborhood,
- helping us work together to safeguard and improve our neighborhood,
- providing an avenue for organized feedback and input to the city.

Meetings: Second Saturday of each month at 11:15 am at Hastings Branch Library.

Can't make meetings? That's okay. Sign up for e-mail and you'll receive the meeting summary each month, and an occasional message when something comes up between meetings. We won't share your e-mail address with anybody.

E-mail: eevna@eevna.org

Web site: <http://www.eevna.org>

NextDoor Neighborhood website

NextDoor is a free private social network for neighborhoods. It is being promoted by several city agencies including police and fire as another way to share information and encourage neighborhood organization. It can also be used to ask your neighbors about service providers or place classifieds.

Our physical neighborhood is included in Next Door's "Madre Oaks" neighborhood, which also includes the area directly to our north and the Canyon Wash neighborhood to our north west.

You can sign up either through an invitation by a neighbor or directly. It asks questions to compare with database information to verify where you live and which



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“neighborhood” you are in. You can only see the profiles of neighbors in your neighborhood. The profile information your neighbors see about you can be limited to your name and street or you can provide more information and/or a picture.

You can post messages to your neighborhood and/or those in neighborhoods nearby. You can see messages only for your neighborhood and those specifically posted for nearby neighborhoods. You can also exchange messages directly with specific neighbors.

Pasadena Citizen Service Center

Want to report a problem street tree or light, a pothole, missed trash pickup, or another problem with City property or services? Want to report graffiti or dumped items? Have a question about City programs, rules, services, or events?

All this and a lot more can be accomplished using the Pasadena Citizen Service Center (CSC). The CSC replaces long lists of phone numbers with a single point of initial contact that puts the request into a computerized process management system.

The center can be accessed via its website, a mobile app, or an old-fashioned phone call.

www.cityofpasadena.net/CSC. Search for Pasadena CSC in your mobile device’s app store.

Call (626) 744-7311 Mon – Fri 8 a.m. – 5 p.m.

If you use the website or app, you can use a map to specify the location if a specific address is unavailable, and you can upload pictures. You can provide an e-mail address to receive responses to your request or question. You can submit anonymously if you prefer.

If you call and the service center representative is not immediately able to help you, they will likely enter your request or question and contact information into the computerized system to be addressed by the appropriate department.

City Mayor Election It’s Important!

Tuesday March 10 is the election for Pasadena’s Mayor and also the first district-based election for a Pasadena Unified School District director. Turnout for these elections tends to be very low; that makes your vote even more important! Make the effort!

Dog Park and Soccer Field Proposal

The city is still quietly working on a proposal to expand Viña Vieja Park to the south, moving the dog park south of its current location to make room for a fully lighted, artificial turf, youth soccer facility. A large amount of additional parking and some additional walking paths would go under the power lines between the new dog area and Avocado Ave. All the parking and the dog area would also be lighted. Vehicle access would continue to be only from Orange Grove Blvd, but a traffic signal would be added there.

That is the information we were given when last informed about it in June 2013. For more detail, see: eewna.org/park/SoccerFacilityProposal.html

When asked in November 2014, the City Manager confirmed that this planning is still progressing and said it was close to being ready to present to the community.

Stay Safe and Help Your Neighbors

Our neighborhood is relatively safe, but stuff happens. Whether crime, accident, sickness, or natural disaster, unexpected things happen and looking out for each other is important. Get to know your neighbors. Exchange phone numbers and e-mail addresses.

Report any thefts or break-ins. It can be a nuisance, but it helps to get resources to protect everyone.

Here are some tips for reducing your chances of being a crime victim:

- Don’t post publicly that you’ll be away from home.
- Don’t advertise what you have to steal by leaving your garage door open, putting your electronics in front of a window, or visibly discarding boxes from expensive items.
- Don’t fall into the trap of giving name or schedule information of yourself or neighbors to door-to-door people. Ask them to show you their required city permit. If your cell phone is handy, take a picture of them. If you aren’t going to answer the door, make noise so they won’t attempt to break-in if they are knock-knock burglars. If you can, watch them go to your neighbor’s houses. If anything seems suspicious, call the police.