



COUNCIL DISTRICT 4

Dear District 4 Residents:

Recently, there was an incident in the East Wash neighborhood and at the McDonald's on Foothill Boulevard involving a homeless man that has generated a lot of comments and questions.

Service Area Police Lieutenant Hettema responded last week: "I got word back from the District Attorney's office and detectives last night that the DA filed two felony counts of assault with a deadly weapon on the suspect, Andre Mosley. Bail is set at \$60,000 and he has enough of a record that state prison time is expected for this offense. His mental health will come into question for sentencing, but he should remain incarcerated for a while whether in hospital or prison."

In response to your concerns we would like to share the following information regarding homelessness in our City.

What is the City of Pasadena doing about homelessness?

Homelessness is a complex, difficult, expensive and even vexing problem faced by Pasadena and many other cities. Addressing it requires resources, skill, patience, enforcement and empathy. The City of Pasadena and a number of nonprofit and faith-based homeless service providers are working hard to address this issue. However, many challenges remain including threats of annual funding reductions, early prisoner releases, and the overall increase in the homeless population of Los Angeles County.

People cannot be arrested merely because they are homeless. All of the public, including those who are homeless, are allowed to use public spaces. Pasadena's **Annual Homeless Count** is conducted in order to target our limited homeless resources most effectively, and to determine what kinds of characteristic they have (e.g., veterans, women, mental illness, physically disabled, substance abuse, etc.). Please click on [Pasadena Partnership](#) to view these reports. This year's count revealed that for the fourth year in a row, our homeless population has declined. However, the unsheltered homeless population has increased and more of them have substance abuse problems and are chronically unsheltered.

Listed below are the resources that Pasadena is currently applying to this difficult issue. For further information please contact, Anne Lansing, who coordinates Pasadena's homeless efforts at (626) 744-6701 or alansing@cityofpasadena.net. For ways you can help please visit www.realchangemovement.org

Homeless Prevention Program

Pasadena funds Friends in Deed's Homeless Prevention Program. This program is designed to help prevent households from becoming homeless by covering one time limited costs like back rent, which left unpaid could result in homelessness. Rapid Rehousing Program Pasadena funds Door of Hope's Rapid Rehousing Program. This program focuses on quickly housing newly homeless households because the longer a household is homeless the harder it is for them to get out homelessness.

Project HOUSED/FUSE Programs

Pasadena provides rent subsidies for Housing Works' housing first programs. These programs target the most chronically homeless persons and gets them into permanent housing with supportive services. We target this population because they are the most vulnerable, most likely to die on the street if not housed, and the persons who are most costly to society since they are often very frequent users of some of society's most expensive support systems and services (e.g., emergency rooms, hospital beds, jails, courts, police, fire, paramedic, prosecutors, public defenders, etc.). Research has shown it is far less expensive to provide housing and services than to let the chronically homeless remain on the streets. The clients are provided permanent housing (as opposed to a shelter bed) thereby ending their homelessness.

Permanent Supportive Housing

Pasadena has partnered with nonprofit developers and Union Station Homeless Services to build and operate permanent supportive housing developments for formerly homeless individuals and families. The housing provided is permanent so those housed are no longer homeless.

Transitional Housing

Pasadena works with a few nonprofit organizations that operate a limited number of transitional housing sites for homeless individuals and families. Residents can stay for up to two years while they are helped to transition out of homelessness.

Emergency Shelters

There are dozens of emergency shelter beds for individual men and women, and families in Pasadena. When these beds are filled up homeless persons from Pasadena are given access to available shelter beds in other cities. A bad weather shelter opens in Pasadena on rainy winter nights to prevent hypothermia.

Basic Services for the Homeless

Some nonprofit organizations and faith-based organizations provide meals, clothes, showers, laundry and other basic services for homeless persons on a daily basis for free. Friends in Deed operates the Women's Room as a safe place for homeless women to spend the day and enjoy companionship while receiving basic services.

Mental Health Services and Substance Abuse Recovery Programs

Homeless persons in Pasadena have access to these programs through local homeless service providers at no cost although the services are not always located in Pasadena.

Homeless Outreach Workers

The best way to get chronically homeless persons, sometimes referred to those who are "service resistant," is to build a trusting relationship with them. They typically will not come to existing services themselves so homeless outreach workers go out to contact them repeatedly until trust can be established, then the outreach workers encourage them to participate in existing homeless services and housing. It is important to note that no one can be forced to

participate in services even when free services that could be of benefit to them are readily available.

HOPE Teams

The Pasadena Police Department and the Los Angeles County Department of Mental Health collaborate to staff HOPE Teams which consist of one specially trained police officer and one county mental health worker. The HOPE Teams try to intervene where appropriate with mentally ill homeless persons.

Real Change Movement

This public education campaign on homelessness was developed by the City of Pasadena, Flintridge Center and Art Center College of Design. It seeks to provide information about homeless programs and resources and to educate the public on how to provide real help to the homeless. Included in the campaign are special orange meters installed throughout Pasadena that serve as public donation stations. The United Way of Greater Los Angeles matches the money collected by the meters which goes towards services that end homelessness in Pasadena. Please visit www.realchangemovement.org for more information.

Pasadena Crime Statistics

Please click on the link below to review Pasadena crime statistics:

http://www.ci.pasadena.ca.us/Police/Crime_Statistics/

Pasadena Survival Guide

Pasadena's Commission on the Status of Women, working with the City's Human Services and Recreation Department, www.cityofpasadena.net/HumanServices, is responsible for publishing the Pasadena Survival guide every two years. The 2016-2018 edition is the 14th bi-annual version. The handbook is an important resource guide and directory of information for use by individuals, families and organizations.

The guide highlights organizations and services that are readily available to provide assistance to Pasadena residents and others in the surrounding areas. Topics include healthcare, childcare, employment opportunities, government programs, housing, substance abuse programs and transportation options.

This year also marks the Commission's 36th year of service to Pasadena supporting the awareness of services that promote women and opportunities for women.

To download your copy of the Survival Guide please click on this link:[Survival Guide](#)

**[Robin Salzer owner of Robin's Wood Fire BBQ in District 4,
Awarded 2016 Small Business of the Year for 41st Assembly
District](#)**

Please click on the link to read more about Robin Salzer and his community involvement:
[Robin's Wood Fire BBQ](#)



ALL FIREWORKS ILLEGAL
Zero Tolerance

CALL (626) 744-4241 TO REPORT ILLEGAL FIREWORKS
CITY OF PASADENA ORD. 6578 PMC 14.30 • PASADENA FIRE CHIEF



PASADENA



Monte Vista Grove Homes
6th Annual Founders' Gala

Saturday, July 30, 2016

Reception with Silent Auction at 6:00pm

Dinner at 7:00pm

Descanso Gardens

1418 Descanso Drive, La Canada, CA 91011

Easy Access and Complimentary Parking

Cocktail Attire

Honoring

M. Helen Baatz

Former employee that served Monte Vista Grove Homes for 28 years,
first as Director of Nursing and then, as Executive Director.

Continues to support and represent Monte Vista Grove Homes in the local community.

Gene Masuda

Vice Mayor of Pasadena. Friend and Neighbor of Monte Vista Grove Homes.
Very involved and supportive in neighborhood association.

First Presbyterian Church, Altadena

Long time supporter of Monte Vista Grove Homes.

Providing volunteer hours, financial support, trustee leadership and a church home for residents.

**All proceeds will support our capital campaign to build a
Memory Care Residence and a Wellness Center**

The Memory Care Residence will support 10 ambulatory individuals with dementia in a less restrictive, homelike environment that honors privacy and independence. It will be open to the local community as space is available.

The Wellness Center will provide space for exercise as well as licensed outpatient physical and occupational therapy for all levels of care. Members of the local community, who have been patients in the Health Center, will be able to continue their outpatient rehabilitation on our campus.

Meagan McClellan, M.A.
Philanthropy Officer
Monte Vista Grove Homes
2889 San Pasqual Street
Pasadena, CA 91107
626.796.6135 ext. 417
www.mvgh.org

California Emergency Response Training In District 4

Save the Date!

October 8, 2016

Morning Session

Exact time and location TBD

If you would like more information please contact District 4 Field Representative Noreen Sullivan at nsullivan@cityofpasadena.net or 626.744.4740

Happy 4th of July!

