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### CITY HALL HOLIDAY CLOSURES

**City Hall will be closed on the following days:**

- Christmas Holidays**  
December 23 - 30, 2024
- New Year's**  
December 31, 2024 - January 1, 2025
- Martin Luther Kind Jr. Day**  
January 20, 2025
- President's Day**  
February 17, 2025

## UPCOMING CITY COMMISSION/BOARD VACANCIES

The City of Patterson is seeking civic-minded individuals interested in serving the community as part of the Planning Commission.



We are currently accepting applications for three (3) seats for the term of February 2025 – February 2027.

For more information and to apply please visit our website [www.pattersonca.gov](http://www.pattersonca.gov) or simply scan the QR Code (applications are also available in person).

## JOIN US FOR CITY COUNCIL MEETINGS!

City Council meetings take place on the first and third Tuesday of each month at 7:00 p.m. in the City Hall Council Chambers, 1 Plaza, Patterson.

View the agenda in advance by visiting [www.pattersonca.gov](http://www.pattersonca.gov) and navigating to "Agendas & Minutes" under the "City Council Agendas" section.

***We encourage residents to participate and stay informed!***

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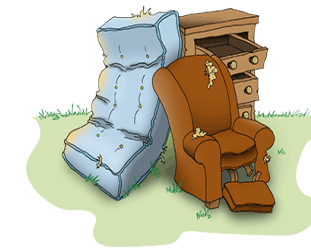
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# Citizen's Newsletter



December 2024 - February 2025

Winter Edition



## ALWAYS SCHEDULE ALL BULKY ITEM PICK-UP – DO NOT PLACE ITEMS ON THE STREETS

Bulky Item pick-ups are scheduled at your convenience. To help keep our streets free from debris and as part of the City's garbage services the city provides its RESIDENTIAL customers with two FREE Bulky Item Pickups a year. These pickups are usually done on Friday of each week, by appointment only. To schedule your Bulky Item pick-up, please contact the Finance Department at (209) 895-8040.

When requesting a Bulky item pick up, please remember the following guidelines:

- Bertolotti Disposal performs all scheduled bulky item pickups at the curbside on Fridays in Patterson.
- Place your acceptable items out on the Thursday night before your scheduled pick-up day. (If put out earlier you will be given notification to remove your items until your scheduled pickup).
- Household appliances must have freon taken out. Refrigerator/freezer doors must be removed.
- Tree branches cannot be longer than 5 feet.
- All loose (junk) materials, such as clothes and other items must be in containers or boxes not exceeding 50 lbs.
- The maximum a resident may set out is 3 cubic yards (approximately 24 bags or a 3'x3'x9' area). Anything exceeding this amount will be left.
- Unacceptable items: Automobile parts, tires, cement, hazardous /toxic materials, paint, dirt/sod, some types of liquid, green waste, dead animals, glass or mirrors, televisions or monitors, construction or fencing materials and commercial/business waste.
- Customers can also self-haul bulky items to the Fink Road Landfill at a cost during regular business hours. They can be contacted at (209) 837-4800.

## SANDBAGS FOR RESIDENTS

Sand and sandbags will be provided at no charge to City of Patterson and Stanislaus County residents who are at risk of flooding. These supplies will be available at the corporation yard located at 16215 S. Baldwin Road. Due to limited staff, residents will need to make and transport their own sandbags. The only exception is for elderly or disabled residents. Any questions, please contact Public Works at (209) 895-8060.

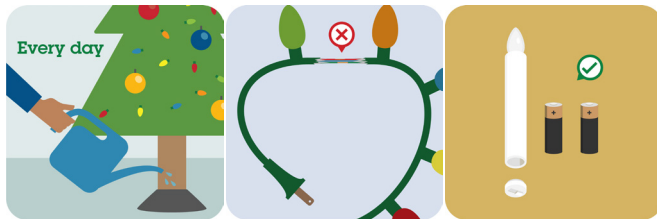




# Patterson Fire Department News

## Check Before You Burn

Prior to using your fireplace, residents are encouraged to call the San Joaquin Valley Air Pollution Control District at 1-800-766-4463 for wood burning status. This number is available from November 1st through the end of February. For more information visit their website at: [www.valleyair.org](http://www.valleyair.org).



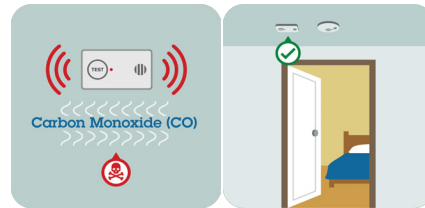
## Winter Holiday Fire Safety

The winter holiday season is traditionally a festive time of year. Families decorate their homes, and friends and family gather together for celebrations. Unfortunately, many of our favorite holiday traditions can also create fire and electrical safety hazards. As you put up decorations and gather with friends and family to celebrate, be fire smart and keep these safety tips in mind:

- Inspect holiday lights each year for frayed wires, bare spots and excessive kinking or wear before putting them up. Connect strings of lights to an extension cord before plugging the cord into the outlet. Make sure outlets and extension cords are not overloaded.
- When displaying a fresh tree, keep the stand filled with water so the tree does not dry out quickly. Dry trees can be a serious fire hazard.
- Consider using battery-operated flameless candles, which can look like real candles. If you do use lit candles, make sure they are in stable holders, and place them where they cannot be knocked down easily.
- Keep anything that can burn at least 3 feet from all heat sources including fireplaces, wood stoves, space heaters, or candles.
- Take steps to protect your home and family from cooking hazards: stay in the kitchen when cooking something on the stovetop. Unattended cooking equipment is one of the leading causes of home cooking fires.

## Carbon Monoxide Safety

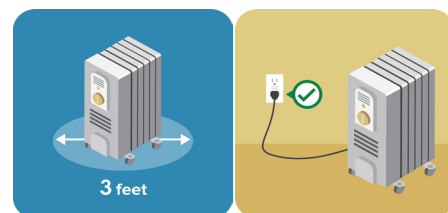
The winter months hold the highest risk for carbon monoxide (CO) poisoning. Carbon monoxide is a poisonous gas that is created by fuels not burning completely, including wood, gasoline, and natural gas. This unburned fuel can come from anything from clothes dryers, water heaters, and ovens to ranges, a fire-burning fireplace, or a car left running in a closed garage. One way to prevent extreme or even mild exposure to carbon monoxide is to install a carbon monoxide detector or detectors in your home.



- Install CO alarms on every level of your home and outside each sleeping area. Follow the manufacturer's instructions regarding proper placement and installation height.
- Test CO alarms at least once a month by pressing the TEST button.
- If an alarm "chirps" or "beeps" to indicate low batteries, they should be replaced immediately. Batteries should be replaced at least once a year.
- Never ignore a sounding CO alarm. If your CO alarm sounds, immediately move to fresh air outside. Alert others in the home to the danger and make sure everyone gets to fresh air safely.
- CO alarms are not a substitute for smoke alarms. Install both types of alarms in your home.
- The lifespan of CO alarms varies. CO alarms should be replaced in accordance with the manufacturer's instructions.

## Space Heater Safety

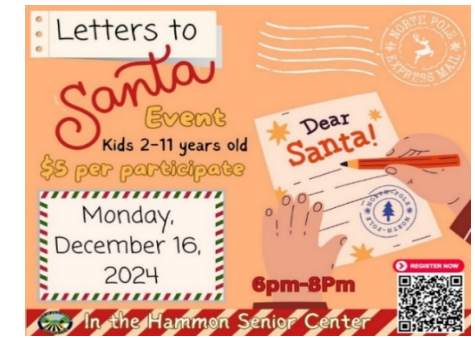
Portable electric space heaters can be a convenient source of supplemental heat for your home in cold weather. Unfortunately, they can pose significant fire and electric shock hazards if not used properly. Fire and electrical



# Recreations & Community Services (cont.)

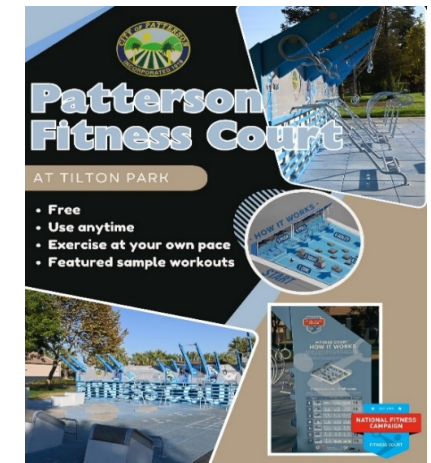
## Letters to Santa

Share the magic of the holiday season with Patterson Recreation and Community Services on Monday, December 16th at 6 PM at the Hammon Senior Center. Bring your little ones, 2-11 years old, out for a night of lighthearted fun with letters to Santa, Christmas crafts and activities, cocoa and cookies, photos with a surprise character, and help us create a "Happy Holidays" care package for our troops overseas. Space is limited to one hundred participants (this includes siblings).



## Patterson Fitness Challenge

Jump into the New Year focusing on your health with our Free Community Fitness Challenge! From January to February, get fit by utilizing our free winter fitness court. The fitness court is located at Tilton Park, behind the Aquatic Center, and open sun-up to sundown. This court is set-up for every skill level and has a free app that will guide you through your exercises. Sign-ups for our challenge start January 13, 2025.



## HAVING TROUBLE WITH SLOW DRAINING OR PLUGGED SINKS OR TOILETS?

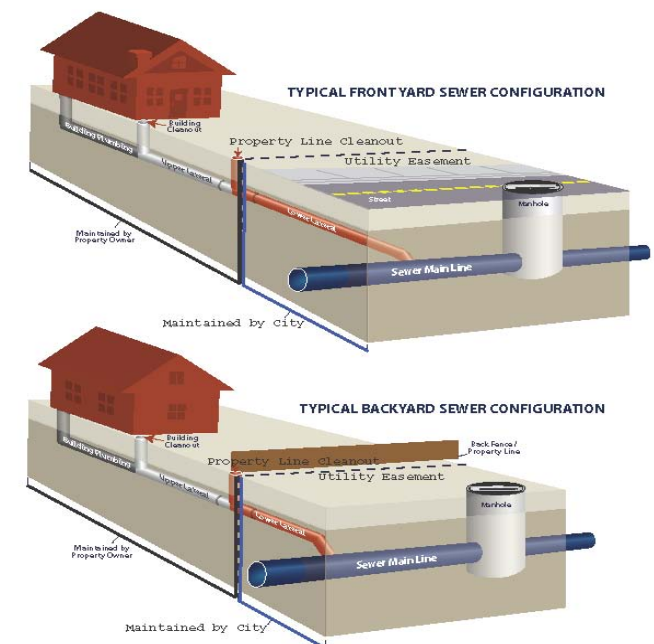
**CALL US FIRST!** If you are experiencing obstructions in your sewer line, please call the Public Works Department, Monday-Friday at (209) 895-8060 or (209) 895-8000 ext. 9 after hours and on weekends. This service is available 24 hours a day, seven days a week, including Holidays.

If your home does not have a clean out at the property line, the City **will not** take responsibility for maintaining this segment until a clean out is installed by the homeowner to City standards. All obstructions or necessary repairs that have been identified as being on the homeowner's property will be the sole responsibility of the homeowner.

**We will not be responsible for any costs incurred by homeowners who hire an independent plumber for this purpose.**

\*Responding staff members will inform you who is responsible for addressing the issue.

If you are experiencing slow draining or non-draining sinks and/or toilets, please call the Public Works Department. A staff member will be dispatched to inspect the sewer lateral at the property line clean out (maintenance access point at your property line). The City is responsible for the maintenance of the public sewer mains and the section of your residential sewer line beginning at the clean out and ending at the sewer main in the street. The City **will** clear obstructions or make necessary repairs to the public sewer main or street side segment of the sewer lateral (as described) at no cost to you.



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## Recreations & Community Services *(cont. from pg. 5)*

### HAMMON SENIOR CENTER

#### Operating Hours

Monday through Friday, 8:00 AM to 3:00 PM.

#### Classes/Activities/Events

Stop by and pick up a monthly calendar to see all the exciting events and programs! Senior programs and events available for drop in and registration.



#### Senior Meal Program

Join your peers daily at the Hammon Senior Center for a nutritious meal! Meals are served Monday through Friday at 11:30 AM. Reserve meals by calling (209)480-6371 prior to 12:00 PM the day before the requested meal and leave a message with your name and phone number.



### SPECIAL EVENTS

#### Candy Coated Christmas

Mark your calendars for the Christmas Festival & Parade on Saturday, December 7th, and the home and business decorating contest the following week. This year's theme is a "Candy Coated Christmas!"



#### Festival of Lights

Our Annual Festival of Lights Home and Business Christmas Light Decorating Contest Public Judging kicks off on Saturday, December 7th through December 14th. Winners will be announced at a City Council meeting and receive a yard sign for their win.

#### Candy Coated Selfie Box

Friends and families can visit the Community Complex, December 6th – January 6th and take selfie pictures in our Candy Coated Selfie Box!



### PATTERSON FIRE DEPARTMENT *(cont.)*

hazards can be caused by space heaters without adequate safety features, space heaters placed near combustibles, or space heaters that are improperly plugged in. Safety should always be a top consideration when using space heaters. Here are some tips for keeping your home safe and warm when it's cold outside:

- Inspect heaters for cracked or broken plugs or loose connections before each use. If frayed, worn or damaged, do not use the heater.
- Never leave a space heater unattended. Turn it off when you're leaving a room or going to sleep, and don't let pets or children play too close to a space heater.
- Proper placement of space heaters is critical. Heaters must be kept at least three feet away from anything that can burn, including papers, clothing and rugs.
- Locate space heaters out of high traffic areas and doorways where they may pose a tripping hazard.
- Plug space heaters directly into a wall outlet. Do not use an extension cord or power strip, which could overheat and result in a fire. Do not plug any other electrical devices into the same outlet as the heater.
- Place space heaters on level, flat surfaces. Never place heaters on cabinets, tables, furniture, or carpet, which can overheat and start a fire.
- Always unplug and safely store the heater when it is not in use.

### FATS, OILS, AND GREASE (FOG)



**AVOID A CLOG!  
KEEP GREASE OUT  
OF YOUR DRAIN**

Eliminate FOG and prevent a clog! Sewage backups and overflows are often the result of grease buildup which can lead to costly cleanups and repairs as well as public health concerns. FOG is a byproduct of cooking and can be found

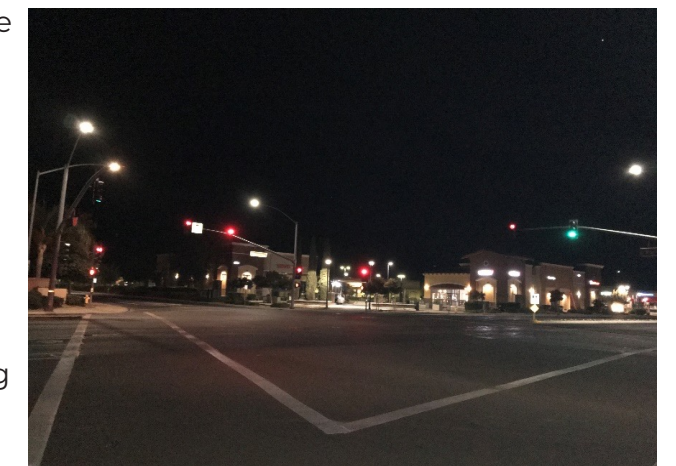
in food scraps, meat fats, lard, cooking oil, butter or margarine, baking goods, sauces, and dairy products. When FOG is repeatedly washed down sinks it can accumulate in your plumbing and may also reach the pipes in the City sewer system. When not disposed of properly, enough FOG can buildup in the City sewer system and block the entire pipe! Please use the following prevention methods:

- Use "dry" clean-up methods. Scrape grease and food from plates and cookware into the trash for easy disposal.
- Deposit FOG (once cooled) in a coffee can or similar object. Deposit full cans in the trash.
- Use a paper towel to soak up and wipe away grease from cookware and cooking surfaces. Deposit paper towels in the trash.
- **Do Not** Pour Grease Down The Drain!

### THE IMPORTANCE OF STREETLIGHTS & HOW TO REPORT OUTAGES

Streetlights are very important as they help improve public safety for the community. These lights help illuminate the roads, parks, and other public spaces. The City continues to perform annual streetlight audits of all 1,400 streetlights to ensure that all lights are working. As of October, the City has completed repairs to all streetlights that were not working. To continue to keep the community illuminated, please contact Public Works to report any street light problems at (209) 895-8060 or via email at [publicworks@pattersonca.gov](mailto:publicworks@pattersonca.gov). When reporting, please make sure to include the following information to help expedite the repairs.

- Streetlight pole number (if safely viewable), located on street light poles.
- Street name and address where the streetlight is located. Indicate if the pole is in front of, across from, or in-between the address given.
- Nearest cross street.
- Type of pole (metal or wood), this will help us determine if it's an older or newer streetlight.
- Your name and daytime phone number.



## Recreations & Community Services

Stay updated on Recreation and Community Services Department's exciting events, programs, and community activities designed to encourage a healthy, Active Life! For more information on any service or event, contact the department at (209) 895-8080 or scan the QR code!



### ADULT SPORTS

#### PickleBall Clinics:

One-hour pickleball clinics will be available for those who wish to learn the rules of the game. Instructors will work with participants to help them understand the rules and how to play the game. This clinic will take place on Sundays beginning January 12th from 10:00 AM – 12:15 PM.

#### Pickleball Pick-Up Games:

This sport will be unstructured and meant for those who want to play pick-up pickleball games against others who know how to play the game. Games will be every Sunday from 10:00 AM – 12:15 PM at Walnut Grove Elementary Gym beginning February 2nd.

#### Pickleball Leagues

Be part of our 8-week Pickleball League, where competition meets camaraderie! The leagues include weekly matches and one bye week, culminating in an exciting championship tournament for all levels. Grab your paddles and your partner to join the fun. Leagues begin on February 2nd at Walnut Grove Elementary Gym.

## PATTERSON AQUATICS CENTER

#### First Aid/CPR Classes

Join us for a First Aid and CPR class that prepares you to respond effectively in an emergency. This hands-on course covers essential lifesaving techniques, including adult and pediatric CPR, using an AED, and basic first aid skills for various injuries and illnesses. Upon successful completion of the class, you will receive a certification from the American Red Cross valid for two years in Adult, Pediatric, and first Aid/CPR/AED. This class is open to those ages 15 and up. Classes will be held January 24th and February 28th.



#### Lifeguard Preparation Workshop

Are you interested in becoming a lifeguard, but unsure if you have the swimming ability to become one? The Recreation and Community Services Department will be holding two Lifeguard Preparation workshop days for those interested in working for the 2025 season as a Lifeguard. Separate workshops will be held on March 1st and April 21st.

**Become a City of Patterson Lifeguard! Applications open in January 2025. Not certified? Join our Red Cross Lifeguard Certification class April 21st – 25th.**




## FRIDAY NIGHT LIVE

The City of Patterson's Recreation and Community Services has partnered up with Friday Night Live to implement a new program that is available to both high school and middle school students.

The Friday Night Live Mentoring Program pairs high school students as mentors for middle school students, to help them navigate the difficulties of adolescence and high school like a pro!

The students will meet one-on-one on a weekly basis as the school year progresses, gaining trust and connections with those older/younger than them. High school students will gain key experiences, such as leadership opportunities and self-confidence enhancement, as they teach middle school students life lessons, like conflict resolution, teamwork, and substance abuse prevention.

PURPOSE OF PROGRAM	BENEFITS OF JOINING:
FNLM pairs high school and middle school students in a year-long peer-to-peer partnership aimed at fostering leadership and engagement in both the mentor and the protégé.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Provides leadership opportunities</li> <li>Provides academic support</li> <li>Increases civic engagement</li> <li>Increases healthy behaviors</li> <li>Increases self esteem</li> <li>Eases transition from middle school to high school</li> </ul>
<p><b>HOW THE PROGRAM WORKS</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Uses recruitment, application, screening, &amp; training process for mentors</li> <li>Weekly mentoring sessions</li> <li>Rigorous evaluation, documenting participation</li> <li>Provides lessons on drug prevention</li> </ul>	<p><b>HOW TO JOIN?</b></p>  <p>Contact Jason Hayward: jhayward@ci.patterson.ca.us</p>

## YOUTH SPORTS

#### Youth Basketball League

The Youth Basketball League is a noncompetitive program designed for youth of all skill levels. The program focuses on building fundamental skills such as shooting, dribbling, and teamwork. This program helps instill values like respect for rules, good sportsmanship, and confidence. The Junior Varsity and Varsity Division season starts on November 4th and runs until December 13th. The Littles and Juniors Division season begins on January 6th and runs until February 27th.



#### Smart Start Basketball

Start Smart Basketball is a developmentally appropriate introductory basketball program tailored for children ages 3 to 5 years old. The clinic is designed to focus on players' development, learning the fundamentals of basketball and creating a fun sports experience. Start Smart Basketball teaches children the skills they need to transition smoothly into organized leagues. The clinic starts January 18th and ends on February 22nd.

