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Happy Independence Day!!!

Mayor Hahn Celebrates "Downtown Turn Around"



Mayor Hahn speaking on the importance of volunteering.

On Saturday, June 8th over 1,000 volunteers met at 8:30 am in front of the Staples Center to celebrate Los Angeles Works' "Downtown Turn Around". LA Works Day is Los Angeles' most prominent annual day of community service. Founded in 1991, LA Works was started by a group of concerned citizens from the entertainment, business, and government sectors to increase volunteer participation in community service projects by providing community service organizations with access to volunteer labor and other resources to educate and encourage people to participate in the broader social issues affecting neighborhoods in Los Angeles.

During the morning rally, volunteers ate fruit, doughnuts, and an assortment of drinks to gain energy for their day of service to the City of Los Angeles. The University of Southern California (USC) marching band played "The Star Spangled Banner" and Mayor James Hahn spoke to the crowd about the importance of community, working together, and helping our fellow neighbors. Mayor Hahn said, "It is great to see how our communities can pitch in together to make a difference by painting murals, cleaning fire stations, scrubbing schools, planting trees and flowers, and volunteering at food banks and shelters."



Actor, Richard Dreyfus voicing his support for LA Works Day.



Volunteers paint behind Fire Station # 11.

Mayor Hahn announced that his Office of the Neighborhood Advocate, Target Neighborhood Initiative, and Operation Clean Sweep teams have scheduled neighborhood clean-ups in various parts of the city to help beautify neighborhoods. The neighborhood clean-ups will take place every Saturday at different locations through the end of the year. Councilwoman Jan Perry gave praises to the local fire departments and to all of the people who came for a day of service to the City. Surprise celebrity guest, Richard Dreyfus, brought many cheers from the crowd with a few jokes and a message about the importance of volunteering and its role in the community.

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Workshop for Solid Waste & Recycling Facilities Held

On June 4, solid waste facility operators attended a free workshop to learn about cutting edge solid waste issues, and to ask questions from a panel of experts. Topics covered included regulations for construction & demolition, putrescible wastes, recognizing and controlling medical waste, trash in storm water and impacts to waste facilities, as well as composting and conversion technologies. The 120 attendees had the special opportunity to hear presentations from two California Integrated Waste Management Board (CIWMB) members, President Linda Moulton-Patterson, and Mr. Michael Paparian. During the workshop, attendees had the opportunity to meet and speak with them as well as with other expert presenters, vendors, and consultants. The workshop was sponsored by the EAD's Local Enforcement Agency, and Hazardous and Toxic Materials Office. A limited number of workshop handouts are available. To request a handout packet, please call Joe Maturino of the LEA at 213-978-0865.

EAD wins Award for Outstanding Planning Project



Chris Patton, Environmental Specialist III and Gary Gero, Assistant Gen. Mgr. with EAD's 2002 APA Award.

At the annual Planning Excellence Awards ceremony of the Los Angeles Section of the American Planning Association (APA), the City of Los Angeles Energy Climate Action Plan (Energy C.A.P.) received the 2002 Award for Outstanding Planning Project in the category of Planning Implementation, Large Jurisdiction. The awards ceremony was held in the Tom Bradley Room of Los Angeles City Hall. The purpose of the annual awards program is to increase the public's awareness of the planning profession through recognizing outstanding achievement, honoring innovative plans and projects in the planning field.

The Energy C.A.P. is now moving on to the next level of competition and has been submitted to the California Chapter of the APA for consideration in the statewide Planning Awards Program. Earlier this year, the Energy C.A.P. also won the prestigious Clean Air Excellence Award from the U. S. Environmental Protection Agency, having been selected from over 100 applications nationwide (see the April issue of *An Environmental Affair*).

Adopted by the Los Angeles City Council in March 2001, Energy C.A.P. was developed by Christopher L. Patton and Associates under the direction of the Environmental Affairs Department (EAD), and with assistance from the Los Angeles Department of Water and Power, other City agencies and the International Council on Local Environmental Initiatives (ICLEI). The City is a partner in ICLEI's Cities for Climate Protection Campaign-U.S., a coalition of local governments focusing on resolving global environmental issues through local action. Implementation of the programs contained in the Energy C.A.P. - many of which are already underway - is projected to result in a 30-percent reduction in carbon dioxide emissions from City facilities and operations by 2010 compared to 1990.

These programs reduce electricity, natural gas, and petroleum use, saving the City money while measurably improving environmental quality. According to EAD General Manager Detrich B. Allen, "This plan exemplifies Los Angeles' strong leadership in voluntarily reducing greenhouse gas emissions - reductions that are well beyond those required under the Kyoto Protocol - by implementing aggressive and innovative energy efficiency and renewable energy strategies, as well as programs that lower transportation-related energy use."

For more information on the Energy C.A.P., see the March 2001 issue of *An Environmental Affair* or call (213) 978-0888 for a printed copy or a copy on CD.

MAYOR HAHN ANNOUNCES SUMMER JOBS & ACTIVITIES FOR AT-RISK YOUTH

On June 11, Mayor Jim Hahn announced that over 3,000 job opportunities are available this summer for at-risk youth. The program is part of Mayor Hahn's 5-point anti-gang initiative, which includes increased job and recreational activities for youth.

"With the beginning of summer vacation just a few weeks away, it is important that we provide Los Angeles youth with positive activities for the summer and steer them away from less fruitful pass-times," said Mayor Hahn at a press conference in Lincoln Park. Funded by the City of Los Angeles and County of Los Angeles, the Summer Jobs program will begin on July 8 and is open to young people between ages 14 and 21. Young people interested in applying for summer jobs position or learning more about the program can call 1-800-FOR-A-JOB.

Mayor Hahn also announced opportunities that the City of Los Angeles is providing to hundreds more at-risk youth who have already signed up for job and recreational opportunities through the Department of Recreation and Parks and the Department of Water and Power (DWP). Funded by a State of California grant to the City of Los Angeles, these programs give 400 at-risk youth an opportunity to participate in leadership training. Experiences in camp counseling, carpentry, grounds maintenance, and landscaping training set the stage for future roles as an urban park ranger or in other environment related career opportunities within the City of Los Angeles. Program participants will also receive training on how to look for a job, how to prepare and build a resume and complete a job application, how to prepare for an oral interview, and how to manage their money. This year, the program is being offered at Lincoln Park, Panorama, Rancho Cienega, and Normandale Recreation & Parks facilities.

A program called Adventure Sports is offered through the Department of Recreation and Parks' Clean and Safe Spaces (CLASS) Parks program. Adventure Sports offers youth a chance to learn more about the environment by allowing them to participate in snorkeling, camping, or sailing and kayaking programs. This City of Los Angeles funded program is free to approximately 150 youth who will complete a community service project as part of the program.

"These opportunities can be life-changing experiences for at-risk youth," said Blinky Rodriguez, a community leader in the Northeast Valley who works to keep young people away from gangs. "It's great that the City of Los Angeles is dedicating these kinds of resources to give kids positive alternatives to gangs."

EAD Staff Updates



College graduate Frank Hong

The EAD would like to congratulate former and current Student Professional Workers Andrew Cvitanovich and Frank Hong, and Project Coordinator Amy Schulenberg on the recent completion of their degrees. Frank Hong received a Bachelor of Science degree in Environmental Science from University of California, Riverside. Amy Schulenberg received a Master of Landscape Architecture degree from Cal Poly Pomona. Andrew Cvitanovich received a Bachelor of Science in Environmental Policy. Congratulations and best wishes to our graduates in their career pursuits!

EAD recently welcomed three new employees: Michael Mercado, our new Environmental Specialist, worked as an industrial waste inspector for the Bureau of Sanitation and has taken a position as an inspector with EAD's Local Enforcement Agency program. Andy Kao has accepted the Local Enforcement Agency, Industrial Hygiene position. Andy worked for Los Angeles World Airport where he performed health and safety work. Nadia Dale is a Student Professional Worker in the Air Quality Division and a graduate student at the University of Southern California studying for a Master's degree in Environment Studies with an emphasis in law, policy and management.

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(Visit <http://www.lacity.org/ead> for other current grant opportunities.)



California Community Foundation Grants

This grant supports the maintenance and beautification of parks and recreation areas, and is intended for nonprofit organizations located within and/or primarily serving residents of L.A. County. Grants range from \$30,000 to \$170,000. For more information call (213) 413-4130 or visit <http://www.calfund.org>.

California State Coastal Conservancy

Proposition 204 funding specifically allocated for LA River projects that focus on habitat restoration and construction of public access facilities. Projects must show relationship to the coast. For more information call (510) 286-4169.

Clean Water State Revolving Fund Loan program established by the Clean Water Act to local agencies for water quality improvement projects. For more information call the EPA Water Division at (415) 744-1948.

Do Something Grants for Youth offers grants to students who help start *Do Something* clubs at their schools. Available to U.S. residents ages 12-18. For more information or to apply for the grant call (212) 523-1175 or visit:

<http://www.dosomething.org>

Energy Research Grants The Office of Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy is seeking applicants for up to \$6 million in grants to research renewable energy programs. For more information call the U.S. Department of Energy at (800) 683-0751.

EPA Environmental Education Grants

Program The EPA awards \$2-3 million annually, as small grants (<\$25,000, administered regionally) and large grants (up to \$250,000, administered in Washington, DC). Applications are due in the fall each year. For more information visit <http://www.epa.gov/enviroed/grants.html>.

Jobs Through Recycling A recycling business development program that seeks to foster recycling/reuse businesses that increase the use of recyclable or reusable materials that contribute to economic development and jobs creation. For more information call Julia Wolfe with the EPA Waste Management Division at (415) 744-2131.

Ben & Jerry's Foundation supports projects that facilitate progressive social change by addressing the underlying conditions of societal and environmental problems. Non-profits only (usually with budgets of less than \$250,000). Small grants up to \$1,000 and Full grants up to \$15,000 are available. The deadline is July 1 and November 1. For more information call (802) 846-1500 or visit <http://www.benjerry.com/foundation/>.

Captain Planet Foundation Their objective is to encourage innovative programs that empower children and youth around the world to work individually and collectively to solve environmental problems in their neighborhoods and communities. They believe that children can achieve a better and appreciation for the world in which they live." For more information or to apply online visit <http://www.turner.com/cpf/>

Cottonwood Foundation Dedicated to promoting empowerment of people, protection of the environment, and respect for cultural diversity. The foundation focuses its funding on committed, grass roots organizations that rely strongly on volunteer efforts and where foundation support will make a significant difference." For more information or to apply online visit <http://www.cottonwoodfdn.org/>

Home Depot — Community Grant Program

Provides assistance to non-profits that direct efforts toward forestry, ecology, green building design, clean-up, recycling, and lead poisoning prevention. This grant is for non-profits only. There are no specific award amounts. For more information contact your local Home Depot store manager or visit <http://www.homedepot.com>.

National Wildlife Federation Schoolyard Habitats Wild Seed Fund

Mini-grants to assist schools in the initial phases of a Schoolyard Habitats project. To be eligible, schools must be planning to create or restore wildlife habitat on their school grounds and certify their Schoolyard Habitats site with the National Wildlife Federation by **March 15, 2003**. For more information visit:

<http://www.nwf.org/schoolyardhabitats>.



JULY CALENDAR OF EVENTS

EACH MONTH:

Down-by-the-River Walks



Friends of the Los Angeles River and the Sierra Club are sponsoring monthly walks along the banks of the LA River. Join them at 4:30 pm. on the third Sunday of each month for an informal, leisurely, hour-long walk. The walk is canceled if it rains. For more info., visit the FoLAR website: www.folar.org, or call Joe Linton: (213) 381-3570.

Japanese Garden Tours

Docent-led tours of the Japanese Gardens at the D.C. Tillman Water Reclamation Plant in Van Nuys are offered during the day on Monday through Thursday and again on Saturday. Reservations are required. Call (818) 756-8166.

Hyperion Wastewater Treatment Plant Tours

Free public tours of the facility (located near El Segundo in Los Angeles) are available Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday starting at 9 a.m. Contact Felice Kidd: (310) 648-5363 for details or to schedule a tour.

Habitat Restoration Days



Help restore wildflowers, trees and shrubs that were once here 200 years ago at the Madrona Marsh Preserve. You are invited to help in planting, weeding and collecting and growing seeds every second Saturday of the month. Morning maintenance is done from 9 am-noon every Tuesday and Wednesday. Call (310) 32-MARSH.

Afternoons in the Lab

Cabrillo Marine Aquarium's education staff and volunteers are available every Wednesday from 3-5 pm to answer questions and involve students of all ages in exploring local marine life in the hands-on Discovery SEA Lab. Activities cover a wide range of scientific fun. The lab, located at 3720 Stephen White Drive in San Pedro, opens with a different theme each week. The science education afternoon is free. Groups should make reservations. For more info., call: (310) 548-7562.

Satwiwa Saturday

(Summer schedule) From 6:30 pm to 8 pm at Rancho Sierra Vista/Satwiwa. Meet guest hosts, watch demonstrations and share the experiences of the Native American LA Community. Call (805) 370-2301.



Smart Gardening Workshops

The Los Angeles Countywide Yard Waste Program hosts Smart Gardening workshops year-round throughout the County. Topics covered include backyard and worm composting, grass recycling, and water-wise gardening. For more information, call (888) CLEAN-LA or visit www.smartgardening.com. "Smart Gardening" and Composting workshops also are held at Griffith Park. Call the Bureau of Sanitation: (213) 473-8228 for more information.

Nature-Bird Walk

Two walks will take place—one on Saturday, and one on Sunday—both at 10 am. The walks will meander through the Madrona Marsh Preserve, starting at the Natural History Center in Torrance. Call (310) 32MARSH.



The EAD website, located at www.lacity.org/EAD, contains updated information on this month's events. To ensure your event is included in our monthly newsletter, submit information to the editor by the 10th of each month prior to publication. After the 10th, events can be entered into our website calendar only.

The EAD reserves the right to edit all submissions and does not necessarily endorse the events listed. All events are subject to change, so call listed event contacts to verify information.

Recycling Workshops

Many workshops and seminars are regularly provided throughout the year on source reduction, recycling and composting. Please call the Bureau of Sanitation: (213) 473-8228

Tyke Hike

This hike is scheduled every first Thursday of the month in the Madrona Marsh Preserve and involves looking for animal tracks, listening for singing birds, observing habitat changes and wildflower cycles. A \$5 donation per family is requested for the Natural History Center Education Programs; reservations appreciated. Call Friends of Madrona Marsh: (310) 32MARSH.



Baldwin Hills Hikes

These are held by the LA Audubon Society on the 3rd Saturday of each month at Kenneth Hahn State Recreation Area. For details, see the LA Audubon Society website: www.LAAudubon.org or call: (323) 876-0202.

THIS MONTH:**4th of July****H a p p y Independence Day!!!**

Please, remember personal fireworks are illegal in the City of Los Angeles and residents are encouraged to attend public fireworks displays. City residents can call (213) 485-6054 to request more information about safe fireworks displays in the Los Angeles Area.

4th of July Concert and Fireworks Show in the Valley!

Join Councilman Dennis P. Zine, Valley Cultural Center and Economic Alliance for a fun-filled, family-oriented celebration at Warner Ranch Park in Woodland Hills located on 5800 Topanga Canyon Blvd. The Concert begins at 6:30 pm, gates open at 5:30 pm, with fireworks starting at 9:00 pm. For more information, please contact (818) 756-8848.

Sun, July 7**The Augustus F. Hawkins Natural Park**

Learn how to plant and maintain a beautiful and healthy garden while having lots of fun with the Augustus F. Hawkins Natural Park Gardening Club. Also ask about their other programs for children. For more information, call (323) 585-3205.

Tues, July 9

Music in the L.A. Zoo will feature music from the international

community July 9th and a Jazz & Salsa night July 23rd. These are events the entire family can enjoy. For more information, or to purchase tickets, call (323) 644-6042 or visit <http://www.lazoo.org>

Wed, July 10**The Exposition Rose Garden**

Have you ever wondered how the Rose Garden looks so beautiful? If so, you may want to join The Exposition Rose Garden Pruning Club. Come learn how to take care of your garden through weekly lectures and hands-on sessions. Topics include pruning techniques, weeding, feeding, watering, pest control & prevention. The Morning session is held from 10 am to 11:45 am and the afternoon session is held from 12:30 pm to 2:15 pm. For more information call (213) 765-5397 or email rosegarden@rap.lacity.org.

Fri, July 12**Meet the Grunions**

Watch the silvery fish come up on the beach to spawn. Learn about grunions and hatch their eggs! The Cabrillo aquarium opens at 8 pm and the program begins at 9 pm. Warm clothing and a flashlight are recommended. Adult tickets are \$2 and \$1 for children and seniors. For more information, call (310) 548-7562 or visit <http://www.cabrilloaq.org>



Backyard Compost Bin Sale for City of Los Angeles residents wanting to compost

grass, leaves, and kitchen scraps into rich soil for your house plants or garden. Come purchase a bin for your home at a special discounted price. This event will be held at the Griffith Park Composting Education Facility from 9 am to 1 pm and is sponsored by the City of L.A. Bureau of Sanitation. ***Proof of City residency is required.*** For more information call (213) 473-8228 or visit: <http://www.lacity.org/SAN>

Sun, July 13

L.A. Works will continue working on the Daniel Webster Environmental Education Garden in West Los Angeles. Volunteers are needed to plant and create new garden plots, remove weeds and brush. Work will begin at 9:30 am and end at 1 pm. For more information call Cindy Knerr at (818) 997-8424.

Sat & Sun, July 13 & 14**25th Annual Lotus Festival**

sponsored by the City of Los Angeles Department of Recreation & Parks will be held from 12 pm to 9:00 pm in Echo Park. This event will include live music, dance and entertainment from a variety of performers representing many of the diverse countries of Asia and the Pacific Islands. This year's highlights the "beauty of the lotus flower". A fabulous fireworks finale over Echo Park Lake will conclude the day's activities with the Taiko Drummers playing in the background. For more information call, Irena at (213) 485-1310.

Sat, July 13 & 20

Love to learn and teach? Volunteering as an L.A. Zoo docent or student volunteer may be just what you're looking for. To find out more about what it takes to be a docent at the Zoo, attend docent information meeting at 10 am. To learn more about becoming a student volunteer (9th to 11th graders), please attend a free informational meeting at the Zoo, July 20 at 10 am. For information call (323) 644-4703.

Sat, July 13th

Quarterly River Bike Tour hosted by Northeast Trees, FoLAR, and Los Angeles County Bicycle Coalition will host a free bike tour. Participants are to meet at the River Center. For more information call (323) 441-8634.

Sun, July 14

Second Sunday Science at the Madrona Marsh will feature a butterfly hunt. Come catch, study, and enjoy releasing the butterflies back into the wild. Study their body parts and structures. Compare the abundance of butterflies in various locations throughout the preserve. For more information call (310) 32MARSH

Sat, July 27

The Empowerment Congress North Area Neighborhood Development Council will host a community clean-up day from 8 am to 12 pm. Meet on the parking lot of St. Agnes Elementary School located at 1428 West Adams Blvd. This is a wonderful opportunity for the community to come together and make the neighborhood clean & trash free. For more information call, Ms. Adrianna Mendez at (213) 485-7616



Want to recycle paint products and solvents, motor oil and antifreeze, aerosol products, household and garden chemicals, pesticides and fertilizers, car batteries, pool cleaners?

The City and County of Los Angeles offer places that will recycle the items above.

For more information call
City of L.A. (800) 988-6942 or
L.A. County (888) 253-2652

Sat, July 6**WALNUT**

Mt. San Antonio Community College Parking Lot W
1100 N. Grand Ave
9 am to 3 pm

Sat, July 13**DOWNEY**

Downey High School
South Parking Lot
11040 Brookshire Ave
9 am to 3 pm

Sat, July 20**ALHAMBRA**

County of L.A. Department of Public Works
900 S. Fremont Avenue
9 am to 3 pm

Sat, July 20**SOUTH PASADENA**

South Pasadena Unified School District Parking Lot
Diamond Ave & Mission St
9 am to 3 pm

Sat, July 27**HAWTHORNE**

Betty Ainsworth Sports Center
(El Segundo Blvd & Doty Ave)
9 am to 3 pm

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Volunteers painting a mural.

After the rally, volunteers boarded buses traveling to assigned project sites for their groups to participate in neighborhood clean ups. Team Hahn worked at Fire Station No. 11, listed as the busiest fire station in the United States in 1990. The work involved painting the outside of the fire station, a mural in the back of the station, a new shelter for an ambulance and pickup, and the interior lockers of the station. The firefighters were grateful and thanked everyone for their help.

Afterwards, participants enjoyed a wonderful pasta and salad luncheon provided by Louise's. If you or your organization would like to participate in volunteer activities for the City of Los Angeles, contact LA Works by calling (323) 224-6510 or by visiting the LA Works website at <http://www.la-volunteer.org>.



HOTLINE CONNECTION

The Environmental Information Center (EIC) serves as a referral source to the community. Our hotline connection offers a list of the most frequently requested numbers. If the number you need is not listed, please contact the EIC at **(213) 978-0888**, or toll-free in Los Angeles only at **(800) 439-4666**.

You can also visit our website at www.lacity.org/lead and click on the Environmental Information Center

Air Quality

Calidad del aire

South Coast Air Quality Mngt. District
(800) 288-7664

Asbestos

Asbestos

Environmental Hygiene
(213) 738-4078

Bee Infestations

Infestaciones de abejas

Vector Control
(800) 233-9279

Bulky Item Pick-up

Recogida de artículos grandes

L.A. City Bureau of Sanitation
(800) 773-2489

Hazardous Waste Disposal

Desembolso de materiales peligrosos

L.A. County Dept. of Public Works
(888) 253-2652

L.A. City Bureau of Sanitation
(800) 98-TOXIC

Illegal Storm Drain Dumping

Depositos en los drenajes de desagües

Stormwater Management
(800) 974-9794

Lead Poisoning

Veneno del plomo

National Lead Information Center
(800) 424-5323

Leaf Blowers

Sopladores de hojas

Leaf Blower Complaint Line
(800) 996-2489

Mosquitoes

Infestaciones de mosquitos

L.A. West Mosquito Abatement
(310) 915-7370

Recycling

Reciclaje

City of L.A. Public Works Dept.
(800) 773-2489

Smoking Violations

Infracciones de fumar

Office of the City Attorney
(888) 333-0730

Street Maintenance & Sanitation

L.A. City Dept of Public Works
(800) 996-CITY

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