

# An Environmental Affair

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*On behalf of the Environmental Affairs Commission and all of the staff at the Environmental Affairs Department, I would like to wish everyone a wonderful new year. Along with all of the millennium excitement, the year 2000 brings the 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Earth Day on April 22<sup>nd</sup>. We look forward to another productive year, working together with you to enhance your communities and the Los Angeles environment.*

*-Lillian Kawasaki, General Manager*

## Recycle Your Christmas Tree!!!

Los Angeles Residents, please recycle your tree by cutting and placing it in your green yard trimmings container. If you are unable to use your green container, you may also recycle your tree by bringing it to one of the 12 drop-off sites listed below. Before recycling your tree, please remove all ornaments, decorations, tinsel and stands.

### DROP-OFF DATES AND TIMES:

Weekends only 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. January 2, 8, 9 and 15

**(Drop-off sites will not be open on Saturday, January 1, New Year's Day)**

### LOS ANGELES ZOO

At Griffith Park  
Junction of  
Golden State (5)  
and  
Ventura (134)  
Freeways

### HIGHLAND PARK

Highland Park  
Senior Citizen  
Center  
6200 York Blvd.  
ARLETA  
Branford Park  
13300 Branford St.

### CRENSHAW

Rancho Cienega  
Recreation Center  
5001 Rodeo Road  
WESTCHESTER  
Westchester  
Municipal Building  
7166 W. Manchester  
Ave.

### SUNLAND

Sunland Park  
8651 Foothill Blvd.

### RANCHO PARK

Cheviot Hills  
Recreation Center  
2551 Motor Ave.

### ENCINO

Balboa Sports Center  
17015 Burbank Blvd.

### CHATSWORTH

Chatsworth Park South  
22360 Devonshire St.

### SOUTH CENTRAL

South Park  
345 E. 51<sup>st</sup> Street  
HOLLYWOOD  
Hollywood Bowl  
2301 N. Highland  
Blvd.

### HARBOR CITY

Harbor Regional  
Park  
25820 Vermont  
Ave.

**TREES LEFT AT  
CURBS OR IN  
ALLEYS AND  
STREETS  
CANNOT BE  
COLLECTED.**

Per Los Angeles  
Municipal Code  
57.21.06, it is illegal  
to leave trees at the  
curb or street due to  
extreme fire hazard.

**Call  
(800) 5-TREE-56  
for more  
information.**

## Seven Holiday Waste Prevention Tips

1. Going gift shopping? Take a reusable shopping bag.
2. Replant a live Christmas tree or donate it to a school or agency that can.
3. Cancel gift catalogs that you don't use. Call the company's toll-free number and ask them to take your name off the list. Teach yourself how to shop online this year.
4. Save pieces of gift wrap (open carefully!), bows, ribbons and other decorations that can be packed away for next year.
5. Cut up holiday cards for gift tags or new cards or send your cards to the EAD where they will be forwarded to the St. Jude's Ranch for Children.

The children remake the cards into new ones, which they will sell to finance group outings.

6. Buy recycled! Look for items that have recycled content, such as clothing, t-shirts and mugs.



7. Drop off reusable packaging materials (styrofoam, pellets, etc.) at your local mailing centers. Call the Plastic Loosefill Products Council at (800) 828-2214 for names of local businesses that reuse them.

### The City of Los Angeles Environmental Affairs

Department was  
established in  
1990 to advise  
the city on  
environmental  
issues and  
provide a

centralized source  
of environmental  
information. The  
Environmental  
Affairs

Department seeks  
to protect and  
enhance the  
environmental  
quality of life for  
residents,  
workers and  
visitors in the city  
of Los Angeles.

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# Recycling Information on the Internet

## Municipal Solid Waste (MSW)

<http://www.epa.gov/msw>

This Web site contains comprehensive information on MSW, including: an overview and key facts about MSW management in the United States; a section titled "Reduce, Reuse, and Recycling" with specific information on MSW source reduction, recycling, and composting, as well as information on household hazardous waste; and a topical guide to MSW issues with information on over 40 subjects related to MSW management, such as buying recycled, lifecycle analysis, pollution prevention, and used oil. Visit the MSW Programs section for links to the Web sites of major EPA MSW programs including Jobs Through Recycling, WasteWise, and Pay-As-You-Throw.

## United States Postal Service Environmental Management

<http://www.usps.gov/enviro>

In 1993, the United States Postal Service (USPS) launched an effort to integrate environmental decision making into daily operations. The Seven Guiding Principles were published, and an Environmental Strategic Plan was drafted to carry out the initiatives set forth by the Seven Guiding Principles. Integrated into these principles is the sustainable use of natural resources by promoting pollution prevention, reducing waste, recycling, and reusing materials. Read facts about the USPS environmental management program, including their recycling efforts, fleet management, energy conservation initiatives and environmental awards. These documents outline regulations and Postal policies, and provide strategies for achieving the goals and objectives of their environmental programs. A feature of this site is the USPS's first "green" post office with online brochures, fact sheets explaining how recycled content was used in the building's construction, and an online photo gallery.

## Bureau of International Recycling

<http://www.bir.org>

Created in 1948, the Bureau of International Recycling (BIR) is the international federation of the world's recycling industries. BIR's primary goals are to promote recycling and recyclability, thereby conserving natural resources, protecting the environment and facilitating free trade of recyclable materials in an environmentally sound



Even the world wide web recycles!

manner. This site offers information on the variety of recyclable substances, metals, paper, textiles, plastics, rubber and glass; a regularly updated news and press release section; and online reports of key market issues and industry trends.

## Recycling Today Magazine

<http://www.recyclingtoday.com>

Recycling Today is a monthly business publication for recycling professionals. This Web site offers the complete online version of their print magazine, including feature stories like this month's articles on Latin America trade issues, tire and auto recycling, and scrap metal processing. Each month individual departments provide additional information on such topics as paper, metal, or municipal recycling. This site also offers additional services like commodity prices, an online index, a searchable archive, an event calendar, an active discussion bulletin board, and links to related web resources.

## Plastics Resource

<http://www.plasticsresource.com>

This Web site is sponsored by the American Plastics Council (APC) and promotes conservation, re-use, and recycling issues as they relate to plastics. Plastics Resource contains a Plastics 101 tutorial with basic information about plastics, how they are made, their usage and their impact on the environment. The Reading Room provides current news releases, articles, speeches, additional background reports and other resources for the latest news on plastics and the environment. The Recycling section is an in-depth resource for information about the plastics recycling industry.

In addition to reports and fact sheets on specific types of recycled products, you'll find a database of recyclable plastics buyers and sellers, a community recycling information kit (in both English and Spanish), and more. Plastics Resource is just one of the APC sites. From this site,

connect to their portal page for a gateway to the broad range of plastics information on the Internet, visit their Automotive Learning Center to learn about the use of plastics in automobile manufacturing, or link to Plastics Info for health-related issues.



Make recycling your New Year's Resolution this millennium!

# National League of Cities Conference a Success

The National League of Cities (NLC) Conference, held at the Los Angeles Convention Center, Nov. 30 – Dec. 4, was a huge success.

Nearly 4,000 municipal government leaders gathered in L.A. for NLC's 76th annual meeting.

The program featured constituency group events, leadership training institutes, and policy committee meetings. Also, the City of Los Angeles proudly showcased over 20 booths for its various departments and activities, including several EAD environmental programs.

Two keynote guest speakers were Kweisi Mfume, chief executive officer of the NAACP, and Clarence Anthony, NLC president and mayor of South Bay, Fla.

Workshop topics included subjects such as workforce development, school safety, race relations, youth



Lillian Kawasaki (left), General Manager of EAD and Craig Tranby (right), EAD Environmental Associate, discuss greenways with NLC staff.

participation, Census 2000, emergency preparedness, and local economies in the global marketplace.

One of the City's forums, the 1999 NLC Futures Report, illustrated a year-long study focusing on ways to "un-do" racism and improve race relations in America in the 21st century. Tech City focused on some of the newest ways that technology is being put to use in cities. City Showcase highlighted innovative programs from L.A., as well as other U.S. cities.

The conference concluded the year-long

NLC policy that examines and stakes out positions on major federal policy issues affecting local governments. The NLC also voted on its new president for the year 2000: Mayor Bob Knight of Wichita, Kan.

For more information on the NLC conference, visit the Web site at [www.nlc.org](http://www.nlc.org).

## Prepare for the Rainy Season with Sand and Sandbags

The Bureau of Street Services is offering free sand and sand bags. These items may be picked up at the following Bureau of Street Services locations:

### **Bay Harbor Area**

#### **Venice Yard**

2000 Abbot Kinney Bl.

#### **San Pedro Yard**

1400 N. Gaffey St.

#### **Central City South Area**

4206 S. Main St.

### **North Central Area**

#### **Hollywood Yard**

6640 Romaine St.

#### **East Yard**

452 San Fernando Rd.

### **East Valley/Mountain Area**

#### **Bel-Air Yard**

11165 Missouri Ave.

### **N. Hollywood/Studio Yard**

10811 Chandler Blvd.

#### **Sunland Yard**

9401 Wentworth St.

### **West Valley/Mountain Area**

#### **Reseda Woodland Hills Yard**

6015 Baird Ave.

Sand and sandbags distribution hours are effective immediately and will remain in effect until the storm-event season passes. We will update this web page should the Street Services Yard hours change.

**The Saturday and extended hours will be in effect at the discretion of the Deputy Operations Chief of the Bureau of Street Services when a storm is eminent.**

Sand and Sandbags are also available from some City of Los Angeles Fire Stations. To report storm related emergencies such as trees down, potholes, landslides and road erosion, please call (213) 485-5661.

### **Reduce the chance of flooding in your neighborhood.**



**PLAN AHEAD and PREPARE**



"Men argue, Nature acts."  
-Voltaire



# Calendar of Events

Remember, look for the butterfly throughout this section to find gardening events.



## Save the Date!

*Forestry Training* with TreePeople. Saturdays. Call (818)623-4844 for more information.

*Cool Schools Projects* with TreePeople. Generally on weekdays from 8am-1pm. Call Rachel Dawson at (818)623-4843.

*Sea Rangers* Explore the shore at Cabrillo Beach Coastal Park with a Sea Ranger. Identify wildlife and learn about wetlands. For more info call (310)548-7562.



## Habitat Restoration Days.

Help restore wildflowers, trees and shrubs that were once here 200 years ago at the Madrona Marsh Preserve. Everyone is invited to help in planting, weeding and collecting and growing seeds in this rewarding work project. **Every second Saturday of the month.** Also, morning maintenance is done from 9am-noon **every Tuesday and Wednesday.** For more information, call (310) 32-MARSH.

*Satwiwa Sundays* from 10am to 5pm at Rancho Sierra Vista/ Satwiwa. Meet guest hosts, watch demonstrations and share the experiences of the Native

American LA Community. Call (805) 370-2301 for more info.

## 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 Saturday. Reservations are required. For more information call (818) 756-8166.

## Hyperion Treatment Plant Tours

Free public tours are available each Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday at 9 a.m. Contact Felice Kidd at (310) 648-5363 for information or to schedule a tour.

## Spring Volunteers

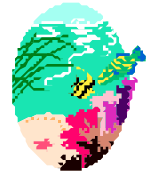
For further information on the following volunteer opportunities, call Randi Abrams, CMA Volunteer Coordinator at 310/548-7562, x5029.



## Aquaculture Research Lab

**Docents** - Learn about jellyfish and more; then, one day a week, use your knowledge to interpret lab activities for aquarium visitors.

Applications will be accepted thru January 4. A two year commitment is requested. Training: January 11 and 13, from 2 - 5 pm.



## January 1, Saturday

**HAPPY 2000!**

**Have a Wonderful New Year**

## January 6, Tuesday

*Tyke Hike.* 10:00am, Madrona Marsh Preserve. Enjoy nature with the bare tree branches showing against the sky. Watch red ants carry food to their underground home. For more information call (310) 32-MARSH.

## January 8, Saturday

*Habitat Restoration Day.*

9am-Noon, Madrona Marsh Preserve. 35 acres of upland back dune system is being restored and enhanced with native wild flowers, shrubs and trees. Everyone is invited to help in planting, weeding, and growing seeds in this rewarding work project. For more info call: (310) 32-MARSH.

**January 12, Wednesday**



*New Bird Walk.* 8:00am, Madrona Marsh Preserve. Winter resident birds will have arrived. Which water fowl will be here? For more information call: (310) 326-2473.

### January 15, Saturday

*L. A. Harbor Above and Below.* Cabrillo Marine Aquarium. Join this floating lab experience. We'll net plankton, trawl the bottom, look for whales, sea lions and sea birds, and take in the "sights" of the world's busiest harbor. Two three-hour sessions are offered on Saturday, January 15: 9 am - 12 noon OR 1 - 4 pm (indicate preferred time on registration form). Pre-registration is required. For more information call: (310) 548-7562.



### January 16, Sunday

*Down by the River.* 3:30pm Sepulveda Basin wildlife area. For more information call: (213) 367-4711.

### January 17, Monday

**Martin Luther King Jr. Birthday (observed)**

### January 21, Friday

*Mysteries of the Deep.* 7:30 pm, Cabrillo Marine Aquarium presents Dr. Judith Connor of the Monterey Bay Aquarium Research Institute who will discuss the latest deep sea discoveries off central California's coast. For more information call Elone Miller at (310) 548-7562, x4003

### January 22, Saturday

 *Seedling Canning.* Eagle Rock High School. Come

help prepare more trees for the urban forest of the future. For more information: call (323) 221-1778.



*Pruning Basics Workshop.* 9am-12:30pm, hosted by TreePeople. Learn the why, when and where of tree pruning. You'll learn how trees grow, so you can prune them in the healthiest, most natural manner. For more information: call (818) 753-4600.

*Nature-Bird Walk.* Madrona Marsh Preserve, 10am.



There will be ducks swimming in the rain fed pools. Which species and how many will be seen? For more information call: (310) 326-2774.

### January 23, Sunday

*Tu B'Shevat.* Spearheaded by the Jewish National Fund and the US Forest Service. For more information call Michael Nitzvani at (323) 964-1400.

*Nature-Bird Walk.*

Madrona Marsh Preserve, 10am.

There will be ducks swimming in the rain fed pools. Free walks, special group tours can be arranged. For more info call: (310) 326-2774.



*Annual Dinner Meeting.* 5:30pm, Ken Miler Recreation Center. Dr. Chuck Herzig, Ph.D. will speak on Structural Tectonics on the Seismic Risks in Torrance. RSVP for dinner. For more info call: (310) 32-MARSH.

### January 25, Tuesday

*Lecture.* The American Cetacean Society/Los Angeles Chapter offers free monthly lectures during the whale watch season at 7:30 pm in the John M. Olguin Auditorium, Cabrillo Marine Aquarium. For more information call Bernardo Alps (310) 399-5367.



### January 28, Friday

*Healthy Start Kick Off* Come join us and get to learn about our wonderful program at Webster Middle School, 11330 West Graham Pl., Los Angeles, CA 90064, Room 142. 10am-2pm. For more information, call (310) 477-3471.



### January 30, Sunday

*Wilmington Health Fair 2000.* All community members welcome, free asthma screening, blood pressure screening, etc. There will be music and free food. Holy Family Church, 11am-3pm. For more information call: (213) 486-5114, ext. 106.

*The EAD Web site, located at [www.lacity.org/EAD](http://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 Web site calendar only. The EAD reserves the right to edit all submittals and does not necessarily endorse the events listed. All events are subject to change, so call listed event contacts to verify information.*

# Grants



## ONGOING GRANTS

### Energy Research Grants

**Contact:** U.S. Department of Energy at (800) 683-0751  
**Purpose:** The Office of Energy Efficiency and Renewable is seeking applicants for up to \$6 million in grants to research renewable energy programs.

### ARCO Foundation

**Contact:** S.J. Giovannisci at (213) 486-3342.  
**Purpose:** Support for environment and community development.

### BankAmerica Foundation

**Contact:** Ruth Hannan at (213) 345-9764.  
**Purpose:** Support for environment and community development.

### California State Coastal Conservancy

The Coastal Conservancy has Proposition 204 funding specifically allocated for LA River Projects. Projects should focus on habitat restoration, construction of public access facilities and others. Projects must show linkage to the coast. For more info, call

### **Conservation Technology Support Program**

**Description:** Grant packages available for conservation and environmental nonprofit organizations seeking to use computer mapping technology.

**Deadline:** **January 7, 2000**

**Contact:** Check for updates on the Web site at [www.ctsp.org](http://www.ctsp.org).

### **The Clorox Company Foundation**

**Description:** Primarily supports children and education.

**Deadline:** **January 15, 2000**

**Contact:** Diana Hampton at (323) 526-5929.

### **The Los Angeles Urban Resources Partnership and Los Angeles Conservation Corps**

**Description:** Community based organizations are invited to apply for up to \$5,000 to plant trees in their neighborhoods.

**Deadline:** **January 15 and February 15, 2000**

**Contact:** Chelsea Cochrane at (213) 580-1055

### **National Brownfields Assessment Pilots**

**Description:** Cities, towns, states and Indian tribes are eligible.

**Deadline:** **February 16, 2000**

**Contact:** SuperFUND hotline at (800) 424-9346

### **Donald R. Barker Foundation, Inc.**

**Description:** Supports arts programs, education, environment and natural resource conservation and protection.

**Deadline:** **March 1, 2000**

**Contact:** Nancy Harris at (760) 324-2656, or send requests for guidelines on letterhead to: P.O. Box 936, Rancho Mirage, CA 92270.

### **California Community Foundation**

**Description:** Supports nonprofit organizations serving the greater Los Angeles region for rehabilitation, maintenance and beautification of parks and recreation areas.

**Deadline:** **Quarterly**

**Contact:** Sr. Program Secretary at (213) 413-4130, 606 S. Olive St., Suite 2400, Los Angeles, CA 90014, or visit the Web site at [www.calfund.org](http://www.calfund.org).

## Staff Changes in the EAD

# Announcements

This month, EAD welcomed two new staff members.

Lisa Cloud, who previously worked as an Environmental Scientist at ATC Associates in Arcadia, Calif., is now an Environmental Associate in our Air Quality division.

"I like working in such a friendly environment," Cloud said.

Emily Lau, an accountant who joined our administrative division after working for the Whitter School district for nearly four years, has a similar sentiment.

"Although I've only been working here for a month, everyone here has been very friendly and helpful," Lau said.

The EAD would like to extend a warm welcome to both of our new employees as they enter the new millennium with new careers.



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Rachel Campbell and Patricia Villasenor are the editors of *An Environmental Affair*.

# 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) 580-1052**, or toll-free in Los Angeles only at **(800) 439-4666**.

## AIR QUALITY

### (Calidad del aire)

So. Coast Air Quality Control Mgt.  
(800) CUT-SMOG

## 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-CITY

## RECYCLING

### (Reciclaje)

City of LA Public Works Dept.  
(800) 773-CITY

## HAZARDOUS WASTE DISPOSAL

### (Desembolso de materiales peligrosos)

L.A. County Dept. of Public Works  
(888) CLEAN-LA, or ->

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

## ILLEGAL DUMPING INTO STORM DRAINS

### (Depositos ilegales en los drenajes de desagües)

Stormwater Management  
(800) 974-9794

## LEAD POISONING

### (Veneno del plomo)

National Lead Information Center  
(800) 424-LEAD

## LEAF BLOWERS

### (Sopladores de hojas)

Leaf Blower Complaint Line  
(800) 996-CITY

## MOSQUITOES

### (Infestaciones de mosquitos)

LA West Mosquito Abatement  
(310) 915-7370

## SMOKING VIOLATIONS

### (Infracciones de fumar)

Office of the City Attorney  
(888) 333-0730

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