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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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Mayor James K. Hahn

Mayor Jim Hahn's Earth Day Message

On the first Earth Day 32 years ago, a small group of activists, groundbreakers and visionaries espoused the notion that we can do better by our planet. That we MUST do better by our planet if we valued the quality of our lives and that of our posterity.

This idea holds today. We have made great progress. Our air, water, and land are much cleaner now than they were then. We pollute much less today than we did then.

Nonetheless, much remains to be accomplished. What better time than during Earth Day and all its activities to rededicate ourselves to developing our economy in sustainable directions.

It would not be the first time the City of Los Angeles was on the cutting edge of emerging technologies. We have the entertainment, aerospace, and information technology revolutions as proof of our citizens' enormous talents.

Now, we must use the same imagination, education, and information processing capacity to develop the newest, most efficient, and earth-friendly technologies. These will be inspired by our thinkers and implemented by our entrepreneurs.

Not only will the environmental technologies of tomorrow emerge from and serve Los Angeles, but they will spread to the farthest reaches of the globe. Our established trading partners and multicultural, multilingual pool of talent here at home will become the driving force of a worldwide, environmentally sound, and sustainable economic boom.

Happy Earth Day.

James K. Hahn
Mayor

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Mercury Exchange Update



The EAD, in a joint project with the Bureau of Sanitation, Council District 8, and Physicians for Social Responsibility, have removed 118 mercury containing blood pressure gauges at 10 community clinics, and replaced them with non-mercury blood pressure gauges. Mercury is a toxic chemical that can affect health and environment. The equipment replacement represents the elimination of about 2 pounds of mercury. The 10 clinics are also continuing to exchange mercury fever thermometers for digital thermometers for their patients. For more information call the EAD's HTM Office at (213) 978-0891.

EAD General Manager Detrich Allen's Earth Day Message

On behalf of the entire staff of the Environmental Affairs Department, I salute you, the environmentally caring community of Los Angeles as we observe Earth Day 2002. It is very gratifying to observe that today, more than ever before, people are beginning to make the connection between our personal habits and practices and their effects on our environment. More and more people are joining our efforts to personally do something to improve our environmental quality of life by participating in the recycling circle, greening enhancement projects, and graffiti and litter abatement initiatives, or choosing more ecologically-friendly transportation options and sustainable building practices.

So, as we rejoice in another Earth Day celebration, let us be mindful of the monumental tasks that lie ahead. We must continue to work harder than ever to get the environmental message out to all people to insure that it continues to be increasingly embraced by even more people who will join our ecological efforts. I encourage you to continue your many laudable efforts on behalf of our environment. Please receive my very best wishes for an inspiring, productive, fulfilling and rewarding Earth Day.

U.S. EPA Gives Award for LA's Energy Climate Action Plan

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) has once again awarded the City of Los Angeles a prestigious "Clean Air Excellence Award," this time for the City's aggressive plan to reduce emissions of greenhouse gases that contribute to global climate change. The City of Los Angeles' Energy Climate Action Plan (Energy C.A.P.) was selected from more than 100 applications received nationwide. Last year, the City received this same award for its Quick Charge LA and Electric Vehicle Charge Infrastructure Programs.



US EPA Assistant Administrator, Jeffrey Holmstead and EAD General Manager, Detrich Allen accepting the CAP award.

Adopted by the Los Angeles City Council in March 2001, the Energy C.A.P. was developed by Christopher L. Patton & Associates under the direction of the Environmental Affairs Department (EAD), and

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Gardens for Kids-LA's Third Year



EAD will be kicking off its third year of Gardens for Kids LA in April, providing garden beds to 25 new schools. These schools will join the more than sixty G4K-LA schools already teaching students through their gardens.

EAD provides the direction and oversight for the program, bringing together multiple partners to make the gardens a wonderful teaching tool. The Los Angeles Conservation Corps (LACC), a G4K-LA partner, assists the schools in designing and siting their beds, while the LA Unified School District (another partner) provides training to teachers and the rest of each school's garden team. LACC then constructs the beds out of recycled plastic lumber and delivers the soil, tools, and supplies needed for a successful garden.

Additional training, instructional materials, and supplies are available to the schools and their gardening teams through G4K-LA's other partners, UC Cooperative Extension's Common Ground Gardening Angels and the California Integrated Waste Management Board.

Watch for more details on the program in EAD's May newsletter.

Community Gardens Are Good for You and Your Neighborhood



Spring has arrived and brought with it warmer weather and longer days. It's the perfect time to plant a garden. If you live in an apartment or have a small yard, you may think this isn't possible, but it is. All you have to do is join a local community garden and start planting.

The benefits of community gardens are numerous. They allow a wider range of residents access to fresh, "home-grown" fruits, vegetables, and herbs, thereby enhancing nutritional opportunities. A community garden is a great way to meet your neighbors who are often expert gardeners to help make the most of your gardening efforts. Gardening is a fun recreational activity and a wonderful excuse to spend time outside enjoying nature. Community gardens also benefit non-gardeners by beautifying neighborhoods and helping reduce crime by creating a more tightly knit community.

There are many community gardens in Los Angeles. To find one near you, call the University of California Cooperative Extension Common Ground Garden Program at 323/838-4539. If you know of a piece of property that would make a great garden, organize your neighbors and start your own. For information on starting a community garden in your neighborhood, refer to The Los Angeles Greening Resources Guide, which is available on our website at www.lacity.org/EAD. If you would prefer to receive either a printed copy or an electronic version on CD of the Guide, please call the EAD at 213/978-0888.

Los Angeles City Brownfields Gas Station Program

Throughout Los Angeles, abandoned petroleum underground storage tanks (USTs) prevent former gas station sites from being redeveloped. State and Federal laws required USTs to be removed or upgraded by 1998, but many owners who stopped using the tanks years ago didn't even know about the law. Now, many such sites sit vacant or are rented for various unsightly uses. These sites cannot be sold without removing the USTs and determining if leaks and groundwater contamination have occurred. Removing USTs can cost over \$20,000. Remediation of con-



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tamination can cost hundreds of thousands of dollars.

The City's Brownfields Program is assessing the extent of the problem and exploring strategies to bring these sites into more productive uses. Initial findings, for the most part, show that the major oil companies have removed tanks and cleaned up contamination. Problem sites are typically owned by individuals who cannot afford the cost of remediation, fear uncovering contamination, or resist funding a remediation that may exceed the property's value. Owners are often not aware that they may be eligible for reimbursement of the cost of cleanup over \$10,000 from leaking USTs from the State of California Petroleum UST Cleanup Fund. For more information, see www.swrcb.ca.gov/cwphome/ustcf/download.htm. The EAD also has identified loans to pay for removal of underground tanks (see EAD's website address below).

A pilot project is being conducted to address a former gas station site in San Pedro that has been vacant and abandoned for a decade. This site also has legal problems because the owner went bankrupt and abandoned the property. The EAD is seeking to develop legal mechanisms that would give the City authority to address the site and is exploring the use of various new funding sources to conduct testing, UST removal, and remediation.



The Brownfields Program is a collaborative project of the City's Environmental Affairs Department, Mayor's Office of Economic Development, Community Redevelopment Agency, Chief Legislative Analyst, Community Development Department, and City Council Offices. For more information on the City's Brownfields Program, see www.lacity.org/ead/labf.

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with assistance from the Los Angeles Department of Water and Power (DWP), 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 - are 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 programs, as well as programs that lower transportation-related energy use."



The U.S. EPA's Clean Air Excellence Awards annually recognize and honor outstanding, innovative efforts that help make progress in achieving cleaner air. Award-winning entries must reduce pollutant emissions, demonstrate innovation and uniqueness, provide a model for others to follow, and offer sustainable outcomes. The City of Los Angeles is proud to be recognized by this award from EPA for the Energy C.A.P. and for its commitment to reducing the threat of global climate change.

For more information on the Energy C.A.P., see the March 2001 issue of *An Environmental Affair* or contact the Environmental Information Center at (213) 978.0888 for a copy.

Tree Fun Facts



Trees help reduce carbon dioxide by absorbing carbon dioxide as they grow and reducing the need for air conditioning when planted to shade a building. This, in turn, reduces the emissions associated with electric power production. One person causes about 10 tons of carbon dioxide to be emitted per year. One tree removes about 1 ton of CO₂ per year.

Planting trees can remove that person's carbon debt. A single large tree can release up to 400 gallons of water into the atmosphere each day. Water from roots is drawn up to the leaves where it evaporates. The conversion from water to gas absorbs huge amounts of heat-cooling hot city air.

Trees provide air quality benefits by:



- o Absorbing pollutants such as ozone and nitrogen oxides through leaf surfaces
- o Intercepting particulate matter (dust, ash, pollen, etc.)
- o Transpiring water and shading surfaces which can lower ambient temperature by 5 to 9 degrees and reducing ozone levels (Tree Guidelines for Coastal Southern California)

Imagine...

11 million trees planted in Los Angeles would in 20 years:



- o save \$93 million in air conditioning
- o save \$180 million due to ozone reduction
- o reduce nitrogen oxides emissions by 3.5 tons per day at power plants

Trees help reduce the negative effects of stormwater runoff by:



- o Intercepting and storing rainfall
- o Increasing capacity and rate of soil infiltration through root systems
- o Reducing soil erosion by covering bare soil

Trees provide approximately \$2.50 worth of benefits, such as energy conservation, stormwater abatement, and pollution reduction, for every \$1.00 invested in the tree. (Sixth National Urban Forest Conference).

Unlike many other investments that depreciate, a tree's value increases with each passing year. For example, houses on tree-lined streets command prices that are up to 20 percent higher than houses in barren areas. One acre of trees produces enough oxygen for 18 people every day. One acre of trees absorbs enough carbon dioxide per year to match that emitted by driving a car 26,000 miles.

(National Tree Trust)

\$ \$ \$ **FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES** \$ \$ \$
 (Visit <http://www.lacity.org/ead> for more grant opportunities.)



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 \$1000 and Full grants up to \$15,000 are available. The deadline is Jul 1 & Nov 1. For more information call (802) 846-1500 or visit <http://www.benjerry.com/foundation/>.

California Community Foundation Grants

This grant supports the rehabilitation, maintenance and beautification of parks and recreation areas, and is intended for nonprofit organizations located within and/or primarily serving residents of Los Angeles County. Grants range between \$30,000 and \$170,000. Contact the Senior Program Secretary at (213) 413-4130, or visit <http://www.calfund.org> for more information.

Economic Development Administration Grants

The US Department of Commerce Economic Development Administration will give priority consideration to projects that achieve and sustain economic growth. Eligible applicants include economic development districts, Indian tribes, institutions of higher learning, public agencies, and nonprofit organizations. Call (206) 220-7660 or visit <http://www.doc.gov/eda> for more information.

Home Depot — Community Grant Program (Environment)

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. Contact your local Home Depot store manager for more details or visit <http://www.homedepot.com>.

Innovations in American Government Award, 2002

Harvard University's John F. Kennedy School of Government is currently accepting applications for 2002 awards competition. Federal, State, Local, Tribal, and Territorial agencies demonstrating programs that involve interagency collaboration and that highlight the creativity of frontline employees are particularly encouraged to apply. The deadline for the paper application is 5 pm EST on **May 3, 2002** and 8 pm EST on **May 17, 2002** for the online application. For more information, visit <http://www.innovations.harvard.edu>, email innovations@harvard.edu, or call (617) 495-0557.

Kodak American Greenways Awards Program

This grant provides seed money to stimulate greenway planning and design through developing new action-oriented greenway projects by assisting grassroots greenway organizations. Local, regional or statewide non-profit organizations are eligible. Public agencies are also eligible, but community organizations will receive preference. This grant provides up to \$2500. The processing time begins March 1st and the deadline is June 1st. For more information call (703) 526-6300 or visit <http://www.conservationfund.org>. Click on *Awards Programs* and then on *Kodak American Greenway Award*.

****April 27th: Arbor Day Celebration!!****

The City of Los Angeles Department of Recreation & Parks, Department of Public Works, and Department of Water & Power would like you to join them for this year's Arbor Day Celebration. Events are from 11 am to 3 pm in Point Fermin Park located on 807 Paseo Del Mar in San Pedro. Activities will include tree planting, give-a-ways, climbing demonstrations, high-tech demonstrations of GPS/GIS applications, arts and crafts, live music, and much more. For more information or to RSVP, call Iraida Valido at (213) 485-3673 by April 1, 2002.

APRIL 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 Sundays

From 10 am to 5 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 submittals 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:

EAD's Earth Day Calendar

Earth Day is Monday, April 22. However, many events will be taking place on various dates during April to celebrate this momentous day.

April 4-5

The 3rd Annual Recycled Product Trade Show

California's Integrated Waste Management Board (CIWMB) and the Department of General Services are hosting their 3rd annual Recycled Products Trade Show at the Disneyland Hotel in Anaheim, CA from 8:30 am to 7 pm. The show provides the public with an opportunity to interact with over 166 product suppliers, state and local government staff, and private sector buyers to discuss recycled-content products. Admission is free. For more information, visit the CIWMB website at <http://www.ciwmb.ca.gov/buyrecycled/events/tradeshow/>, or call CIWMB at (916) 341-6479.



April 13

"A Garden in Every School"

The 4th annual conference is presented by Partnership for Agriculture and Science in Education (PASE). This year's theme is "Everywhere...A Garden Grows: Mini-Farms in Big-City Schools,



Planting Seeds for Success." The conference is for teachers, administrators, parents, food service personnel, and interested community members. The event will be held from 8 am to 2:30 pm at Dorsey High School. For registration and event information, contact Tricia Stever by email at pase@lausdnutritionnetwork.org or call (800)-700-2482.

Poppy Days

The Theodore Payne Foundation in Sun Valley is holding an Open House. There will be workshops, demonstrations, and a plant & seed sale. Guests may bring a lunch and enjoy picnicking under the sycamores. For more information call (818) 768-1802 or visit <http://www.theodorepayne.org>.



April 18

Venice High School 3rd Annual Earth Day Health Festival

An exciting and informative event providing students, faculty and community members information on the importance of healthy living. The event will be at Venice High School's front lawn from 10:30 am to 2 pm. For more information, contact Jacqueline Domac, Venice High School's health teacher at (310)-306-7981.



April 18-21

Blooming of the Roses Festival

The 2002 Blooming of the

Roses Festival will be held at the Rose Garden in Exposition Park. The event is free and will run throughout the weekend from 10 am to 5 pm. During the festival, there will be an arts & crafts event in the Discovery Center. There is an \$8 admission fee for adults, \$2 for children, and free for children under 5 years of age. For more information call the Natural History Museum at (213) 763-3534, or visit <http://www.nhm.org/calendar/home.html>.



April 19

Clean Power Earth Day Volunteers

This is an educational event sponsored by World Trust Foundation/Earth Day Los Angeles for school children from the LAUSD. The event is fully booked for children, but there are opportunities for adult volunteers to support 1000 children learning about the environment. It will take place from 7:30 am to 4 pm at the Sepulveda Basin Recreation Area in Sherman Oaks on Balboa Blvd. For more information call (310) 281-8534 or visit <http://www.earthdayla.org>.



Honda Earth Day Expo

American Honda Motor Co., Inc. is presenting an event in commemoration of Earth Day. The event will include a variety of vendors/companies ranging from Wildlife on Wheels to the City of Torrance Fire Dept., raffle prizes, and a special luncheon and music. The event will be from 10 am to 2 pm at the American Honda Co, Inc. at 1919 Torrance Blvd., Torrance



WHOLE EARTH FESTIVAL 2002

Saturday, April 20th and Sunday, April 21st, 2002!

Whole Foods Market presents the largest Earth Day event in the Los Angeles Region. The event will be held at Lake Balboa and is free for all ages. There will be hundreds of environmental, community, arts and craft booths, along with live music, educational speakers, workshops, and much more. For more information call (310) 455-3977, visit <http://www.wholeearthfestival.net>, or email info@wholeearthfestival.net.

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CA., in the parking area, north of Bldg. 100. For more information, contact the Health and Safety & Environmental Department at (310) 783-2063.

April 19-20

Great American Cleanup, Earth Day Awareness Day

Will be put on by the City of Monrovia. This event will feature tree/flower planting, litter cleanup, park restoration, recycled clothing drive, and an information booth at the Family Festival. This event is all day. For more information call (626) 256-8246 or email tevens@ci.monrovia.ca.us or visit <http://www.ci.monrovia.ca.us>.



April 20

Cashing in on Environmental Invention\$ The Green 2 Gold Workshop

The event will take place from 1-4 pm at the Los Angeles Public Library's Mark Taper Auditorium located in the Central Library. Special guest keynote speaker is Dennis

Weaver. For more information, call the L.A. Public Library at (213) 228-7210. To pre-register, visit the Library's website at <http://www.lapl.org/central/seminars.html>.

Cabrillo Marine Aquarium Earth Day Fair



Cabrillo Marine Aquarium is offering a free event to the public in celebration of

Earth Day. Activities will include a beach clean up of Cabrillo Beach and the Point Fermin Marine Life Refuge from 8 am to 10 am. Hands-on activities, films food, music, and much more will take place throughout the day from 10 am to 3 pm. For more information call (310) 548-7562 or visit <http://www.cabrilloaq.org>.

California State Parks Foundation's Earth Day 2002 Restoration & Cleanup

With inadequate funding over the past decade, more than ever, parks are in need of assistance and repair. Volunteers are needed at Los Angeles River State Park at Taylor Yard, Madrona Marsh, Vista Pacifica State Park and

Yosemite Recreation Area in Los Angeles for trail work, tree plantings, recycling bin installation, rubble removal, and park cleanup in honor of Earth Day. For more information on local volunteer locations, please contact the park foundation at (888) 987-2757, or visit their website at <http://www.calparks.org/earthday/index.htm>.



Environmental Priorities Network (EPN) Earth Day Conference

From 8 am to 1 pm, the EPN Earth Day Conference will be taking place at the Rolling Hills United Methodist Church located at 26438 Crenshaw Blvd. in Rolling Hills Estates. Keynoters: Dennis Zane, a former head of the Coalition for Clean Air, will be speaking on smart growth, clean air, and global warming and Don May, founder and director of California Earth Corps, will be speaking about nuclear and other energy issues. Pre-registration fees are \$12 general or \$6 student/low income. For more information, contact Louise Allison at (310) 375-3479 or Lillian Light at (310) 545-1384.

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Earth Day Concert and Celebration

VOICE - Volunteers and Organizations Improving the Community's Environment is sponsoring a full day of music, entertainment, kids activities, food and environmental organizations and vendors. The is from 11 am to 4 pm at 1600 Manhattan Beach Blvd. in the City of Manhattan Beach. For more information call 310-545-7573 or visit <http://www.earthdayla.org>.

April 20-21**L.A. Zoo Earth Day Celebration**

A very special Earth Day with K-RTH(101 FM) at the Los Angeles Zoo from 10 am to 4 pm.

The Zoo plans to celebrate with informative booths, face painting, recycled crafts, and much more. For more information call (323) 644-6400 or visit <http://www.lazoo.org>.

April 21**32nd Annual Observance of Earth Day at the Star ECO Station**

ECO station presents the Earth Day Extravaganza featuring demonstrations and hands-on experiential activities for all. Join environmental organizations, scout troops, utility companies, and schools in celebrating our planet earth. Activities include a Moon bounce, food booths and an optional tour of the ECO Station. This event will be from 10 am to 4 pm at 10101 W. Jefferson Blvd. in Culver City.



For more information, call (310) 842-8060, or email marlawolkowitz@hotmail.com, or visit <http://ecostation.org>.

City of Santa Monica Presents: Earth Day 2002, A Celebration for Youth and Family

The event will showcase environmentally sustainable practices. Open to the public and free of charge, with activities for children and adults of all ages, live music, guest speakers, and plenty of food! Festivities will be held from 10 am to 4 pm at Clover Park located at 2600 Ocean Park in Santa Monica. For more information call 310-458-8540, email vanessa-mena@santa-monica.org, or visit <http://www.earthday.net>.

**Chumash Day 2002: Mothers of the Earth**

Join the City of Malibu in a fun and educational day. Native American tribal ceremonies and dances will take place and vendors will be on hand with an assortment of food, art and crafts for sale. Story tellers, a petting zoo, face painting and much more will be provided for children. This event will be held from 10 am to 7 pm at Bluffs Park, 24250 Pacific Coast Highway (corner of Malibu Canyon Rd. and PCH) in Malibu. For more information call (310) 317-1364, email todello@ci.malibu.ca.us, or visit <http://www.earthday.net>.

**Earth Day's Eve**

H.E.R. Music (Heal Earth Rite Music) is sponsoring an Earth Day Eve dinner party courtesy of 11 organic food organizations

beginning at 6:00 pm to 2 am at 5955 Lindley Ave in the Encino Banquet and Gardens, corner of Lindley and Burbank in the city of Encino. Event features LA's up and coming female singer/songwriters, dinner accompanied by sitar and belly dancing. Donations will go to Citizens Campaign for Old Grow and The Action Resource Center. For more information call (323) 281-2182, or visit <http://www.earthdayla.org/>.

Discovery Day

Presented by the City of Los Angeles Recreation and Parks Department, community members of all ages are invited to participate in Save the Lake Relay/Discovery Day. The day will include nature walks, hands-on activities for children along with nature and wildlife displays. 12:30 pm to 5 pm at the Ken Malloy Harbor Regional Park located on 25820 S. Vermont Ave. in Harbor City. For more information call (310) 548-7728, or visit <http://www.earthdayla.org/>.

***April 22******April 25-26*****Healthy Cities Conference Comes to Glendale**

Hundreds of statewide representatives will arrive in Glendale for the 14th Annual California Healthy Cities and

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Communities Conference. The event is sponsored by the California Endowment, the California Wellness Foundation, and the California Department of Health Services.



This year's conference will take place at the Glendale Hilton,

with the theme "Engaging Residents, Strengthening Neighborhoods: Promising Strategies for Building Community." Topics will include building and sustaining school-community partnerships, strengthening crime prevention efforts through resident involvement, creative strategies

for developing open space and more. There is a registration fee of \$205-\$230, depending on date of registration. For more information or to receive a conference registration form, contact Juan J. Gonzalez at (818) 548-3229, or email at jgonzalez@ci.glendale.ca.us.

April 27**1st Annual Earth Day Family Festival**

El Pueblo Historical Monument, in conjunction with the Los Angeles County Office of Education Head Start Regionalized Family Service, and Emergency Preparedness Department, will kickoff their 1st Annual Earth Day Family Festival at the Home of World Famous Olvera Street, located



at 125 Paseo de La Plaza, Los Angeles. From 10 am to 5 pm, the family and community

celebration will provide thousands of families the chance to experience a variety of environmental-related activities and resources from several agencies and City Departments in an atmosphere of fun, entertainment, inspiration, and education. For more information, contact Pauline Cázares, Director of Educational and Cultural Programs at (213) 485-9769.

**Arbor Day at Point Fermin**

Please see page 6 for more information.

What can I do to help the City of Los Angeles improve the environment?



Rene G Taylor, General Services
27 Years of Service

Tune-up my vehicle, stop smoking, discard oil properly.



Lan Banh, Mayor's Office
12 Years of Service

Don't buy your own newspaper, read someone else's.



Brenda Hood, ITA
29 Years of Service

Plan my errands so I can use my car less. Also teach my child the importance of being aware of our environment.



Eloisa Pagua, ITA
14 1/2 Years of Service

Try to carpool and take public transportation when running errands. Put recyclable items in the recycling bins provided by the City, and dispose of toxic materials properly.



Paul Girard, Controller's Office
4 1/2 Years of Service

Walk to work.



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 <http://www.lacity.org/ead> and click on *Environmental Information Center*.

Air Quality

Calidad del aire

South Coast Air Quality Management 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 articulos 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) 988-6942

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

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