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CELEBRATE EARTH DAY: TUESDAY, APRIL 22

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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.

Earth Day Greetings from EAD General Manager

While our observance of Earth Day is now 33 years old, what Earth Day stands for is just as important as ever. On behalf of the Environmental Affairs Department and its staff, I salute those who have brought us to where we are today and who continue to work to lead us to where we will go tomorrow as a clean, safe, and environmentally conscious Los Angeles. I am very proud of the tremendous progress we have accomplished in improving the environmental quality of our air, land, and waterways.



EAD General Manager
Detrich Allen

By working together, we have succeeded in beginning to clean the air that we breathe by embracing ridesharing and alternative fuel vehicles. Our streets and landscape are visibly cleaner due to our efforts in promoting proper garbage disposal and recycling, graffiti abatement, restoring natural habitats, and other greening and beautification projects. We also continue to purify the waters of our streams, lakes, and

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EPA Establishes Local Office

U.S. EPA plans to open a Southern California Field Office in downtown Los Angeles this summer. This Field Office will cover the Counties of Ventura, Los Angeles, Orange, and San Diego, along with the western portions of Riverside and San Bernardino Counties. Southern California is an important region because of its:



- ◆ large size - it covers more than 12,000 square miles
- ◆ important economy - its gross product of \$477 billion is exceeded by only 10 nations
- ◆ large population of over 16 million people, the second most populous area in the United States

Southern California's environmental issues are also significant, including air pollution, beach closures, storm water pollution, waste disposal issues, numerous Superfund sites, ground water contamination, and emergency response needs, to name a few. U.S. EPA's Southern California Field Office will establish a substantial, local presence in southern California to more

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effectively manage EPA programs through on-site, day-to-day involvement in environmental issues, working with key agencies and stakeholders.

Establishing a Field Office will enable staff in the Field Office to develop closer working relationships with agencies and stakeholders, as well as an in-depth understanding of the many complex issues facing the southern California region.



On-Scene Coordinators Rob Wise and Craig Benson of U.S. EPA's Southern California Field Office sample drums at a large-scale Superfund removal project in San Bernardino County.

Having a Field Office will also enable EPA to work more closely with the State of California's environmental programs that are administered here in southern California, such as the Regional Water Boards, the South Coast Air District, and the local Integrated Waste Management Boards. U.S. EPA's Field Office will aim to establish and improve working relationships with various constituent groups, including community organizations, southern California's numerous industry groups, and southern California's media markets.

For a variety of reasons, including its large population, its major ports (Los Angeles and Long Beach), and its significant economy, southern California is a potential target for terrorist activities, and from time to time experiences other kinds of environmental emergencies. The U.S. EPA Southern California Field Office will include two emergency response staff who will fulfill EPA's emergency response obligations, enabling EPA to be an effective partner in emergency response situations, working with other federal, state, and local emergency response agencies.

[Along with providing the above information, Mike Schulz, Director of the EPA's new Field Office prepared the following responses to questions posed by EAD.]

1. What does it mean to the City of Los Angeles now that there is a Southern California EPA office?

U.S. EPA's Southern California Field Office will work closely with the City on selected programs or projects that are mutually identified by EPA and the City as a high priority. This kind of interagency collaboration will include sharing of expertise and make more effective use of limited resources. Over time, staff in EPA's Field Office will develop close working relationships with the City and an in-depth understanding of the City's issues and challenges in protecting the environment. This will help EPA tailor its approaches and programs to meet the City's needs more effectively, contributing to the City's ability to solve environmental problems.

2. What do you see as your near-term priorities for the office?

U.S. EPA has four near-term priorities for the Southern California Field Office. First, to physically establish and open the office in downtown Los Angeles. Second, to let everyone know that EPA is increasing its presence in southern California so that agencies and individuals are aware that "we're here." Third, to continue EPA's current environmental protection activities in southern California,

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ocean by our efforts to mitigate the effects of pollution from stormwater, wastewater, and agricultural run-off, as well as our coastal and riverside beautification projects. We have individuals working together, to continue to bring about positive change to better our environment and indeed our world.

Yet, with all that we have accomplished, there is still important work to be done. I believe that if we just persevere, we can succeed in creating a Los Angeles where everyone breathes clean air, enjoys green and healthy neighborhoods with pristine rivers and ocean waters, ample parks, and protected natural habitats. This type of change requires a broad effort and commitment by government, business, communities, and most importantly, individuals such as you and I. That is why spreading the word about helping our environment is so critical. I encourage you to "keep on keeping on" as we are making a huge difference. Please accept my most sincere wishes for a fruitful and rewarding Earth Day.

Ernie Van Leeuwen, Running for the Environment

Los Angeles can be proud to have someone as concerned and active as "The Marathon Man" living within and caring about its environment. Better known as Ernie Van Leeuwen, he and his wife Nina live in the L.A. community of Encino, where Ernie works on ideas to protect Mother Earth and also keeps in shape for running marathons. He's run in several L.A. Marathons in support of the environment, including this year's race on March 2nd. No small feat for a 90 year old!



Born in Michigan, Ernie grew up in Wyoming, did some coursework in Chicago, and later worked in Denver. In the early 1930s, he came through the Cajon Pass and on into the Los Angeles Basin, passing through extensive cropland and orchards. Although he's saddened that so much of that agricultural land is now developed, he also has seen the air become cleaner following the restrictions on leaded gasoline in the late 1970s. Ernie began running at age 56 and hasn't stopped, so the region's air quality is one of his major concerns.



Ernie received a degree in Electrical Engineering from U.C. Berkeley and ran his own business for over fifty years, specializing in magnetic recording equipment. He still found time for concerns about the environment, and credits climbing the Grand Teton near Jackson Hole, Wyoming with further advancing his interests in nature. Ernie has worked extensively with the Sierra Club and is particularly concerned with the environmental problems from over-population. Over the years, his desire to bring about change has led him to start his own educational non-profit organization, the "International Ecology Council" (also known as "Earth Repair Service") and to designate himself and his wife, jokingly, as "Mr. & Mrs. Goodhoe" (see photo).

Ahead of his time decades ago, he invented a book of matches designed to hold extinguished cigarette butts rather than carelessly discard them onto the ground. Although his vision of marketing the matches faded as news of the harmful effects of smoking became public, the problem of cigarette butts has grown and is a major component of the trash in urban runoff that reaches our rivers and ocean waters.

Ernie carries his interests in the environment with him as he travels, and is impressed with efforts that he has seen abroad, including reforestation projects in Australia. While on a trip to Italy, he noted the remnants of health-damaging lead pipes used in ancient Rome and Pompeii for water supply, and believes that there are lessons that we can all learn from our historical environment. Even back at home Ernie pays close attention to what this and other countries are doing by corresponding and reviewing news on the internet. What Ernie would like most is to see greater international discussion of ways to restore and protect the Earth's natural resources. Not a bad goal for all of us, no matter what age. Thank you, Ernie, and keep on running for the environment!

Tree Care Guidelines

Trees, like all living things, need nourishment to survive, and periodic attention to thrive in the semi-arid climate and conditions of Los Angeles. Maintaining a watering schedule is the essential ingredient, and the best way to guarantee a healthy tree in the long run. Here are some guidelines to help you get the results you desire and deserve!

1. Water regularly and deeply the first year (typically, weekly or biweekly, depending on soil type) to insure that your tree will survive in its new home. Saturate the soil in the tree well with 20 gallons of water. Once the tree is established (commonly after two winter seasons of rain), you may water deeply just 2 or 3 times during the summer on an ongoing basis.
2. Replace stakes & ties if necessary as the tree grows, but remove these "crutches" completely once the tree can stand by itself, usually 1 to 2 years after planting.
3. Shade the base soil in the tree well with 3" of composted mulch, shredded bark, or leaves (but not touching the trunk) to help maintain moisture and discourage weeds. Pull out weeds, grass and other plant life to discourage competition for nutrients.
4. Remove dead or damaged limbs and "sucker growth" (sprouts) around base of the tree carefully. Go easy with those pruning shears.

Join the EAD staff on Saturday, April 26 as they demonstrate tree care at Arbor Day in Sun Valley and Cabrillo Aquarium's Earth Day Festival in San Pedro (see Calendar of Events page 10). Call Amy Schulenberg at (213) 978-0859 for more information.

Clean Air Tips

Saving energy helps reduce air pollution. Whenever you burn a fossil fuel, you pollute the air. Make an effort to use less gasoline, natural gas, and electricity (the majority of power plants burn fossil fuels to generate electricity). See <http://www.flexyourpower.ca.gov> for specific tips on reducing energy use around your home. Use a push or electric lawn mower. In the garden, avoid using leaf blowers and other types of equipment that raise a lot of dust. Try using a rake or broom. To avoid raising unnecessary dust, drive slowly on unpaved roads. Thank you, together we can clean the air.

Earth Day Thanks to EAD's Administrative Services Division

This Earth Day, the Environmental Affairs Department would like to recognize its Administrative Services Division (ASD) staff for all of the support and assistance that they provide, enabling the Department to carry out environmental projects and programs for the City of Los Angeles. The EAD would not be able to function without the skills, dedication, and patience of these employees that are always hard at work behind the scenes.

Under the guidance of Darlene Fields, Division Director, the ASD is responsible for the Department's budget preparation, accounting, payroll, environmental contracts, purchasing, personnel, and training. As a small department, the ASD's efficiency and ability to take on varied assignments have been key to the EAD's success. The ASD staff includes: Erika Pulst, Mayra Puchalski, and Belkis Del Valle, all Senior Management Analysts; Julius Obembe, Management Analyst II; Teresita Gan, Senior Accountant II; Peter Hoang, recently joining EAD as an Accountant II; and Josephine Palomino, Accountant Clerk II.



Many thanks to all of the ASD staff, on Earth Day and every day!

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Visit <http://www.lacity.org/ead> for more grant opportunities.

Surdna Foundation seeks to prevent irreversible damage to the environment and to promote more efficient, economically sound, environmentally beneficial and equitable use of land and natural resources. Please visit www.surdna.org for application information or call (212) 557-0010.

California Integrated Waste Management Board

Recycling Market Development Zone Revolving Loan Program provides direct loans to eligible businesses that use post-consumer or secondary waste materials to manufacture new products or that reduce the waste resulting from the manufacture of a product. For more information call (916) 341-6530 or visit www.ciwmb.ca.gov/grants.



Captain Planet Foundation funds and supports hands-on environmental projects for children and youths interested in solving environmental problems in their neighborhoods and communities. Please visit www.captainplanetfdn.org for details and an application, or write to Captain Planet Foundation, One CNN Center, Suite 1090, Atlanta, GA 30303.

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. For more information contact your local Home Depot store manager or visit www.homedepot.com and search for "community involvement" or call 1-800-430-3376.

Reuse Assistance Grants Program is developed by the California Integrated Waste Management Board to help promote reuse activities at the local public agency level. All local public agencies in California are eligible to apply. For more information, call Sarah Weimer at (916) 341-6613 or email sweimer@ciwmb.ca.gov.

The California Community Foundation accepts grants year-round for projects that seek to revitalize low-income neighborhoods. Funds will support the development, rehabilitation and beautification of affordable housing and living areas, and will support the establishment or maintenance of safe recreation areas and parks, including community

gardens. Please visit www.calfund.org or call (213) 413-4130.

FMC Corporation Bird and Habitat Conservation Fund

The National Fish and Wildlife Foundation and FMC Corporation have formed a multi-year partnership to fund habitat conservation programs benefiting birds, with a particular focus on prairie species and waterfowl. The pre-proposal due date is **June 1, 2003** and the final proposal deadline is **July 15, 2003**. Open to governmental and non-profit organizations. For more information, contact Peter Stangel at (404) 679-7099.

Cottonwood Foundation funds grassroots organization that promote the empowerment of people, protection of the environment, and respect for cultural diversity. Grants are awarded between \$500 and \$1,000 to activities such as replanting native plant species, land acquisition, construction of housing or buildings, purchase of tools, equipment, seeds, or animals; conducting training or workshops; developing educational materials; construction or repair of water systems; ecosystem restoration and purchase of alternative energy equipment. For more information visit <http://www.cottonwoodfdn.org>.



Lead-It-To-Us offers tree planting grant opportunities for public schools. The California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection offers the program to help students improve their school environments. More information can be obtained by calling (909) 782-4140 x. 6123 or by email to eric.older@fire.ca.gov.

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

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 information, visit the FoLAR website, www.folar.org, or call Joe Linton at (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. For more information or to make reservations 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 am. For more information, please contact Felcie Kidd at (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. For more information on this event or events for youth, please 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 science education afternoon is free and opens with a different theme each week. Groups should make reservations. For more information, call (310) 548-7562 or visit www.cabrilloaq.org.

Satwiwa Saturdays

From 10 am to 4pm 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. 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. For more information call the Bureau of Sanitation at (213) 473-8228.

Amigos de Bolsa Chica



offer free public tours of the wetlands for individuals the first Saturday of each month. Visitors who arrive between 9 and 10:30 am will be led on a 1 1/2 hour tour which makes 5 stops along the walkbridge and loop trail. Trained tour guides discuss bird identification, ecology, endangered species, early history and current status. For more information, visit <http://www.amigosdebolsachica.org> or call (714) 840-1575.

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.

Baldwin Hills Hikes are held by the LA Audubon Society on the 3rd Saturday of each month at Kenneth Hahn State Recreation Area. For more information call (323) 876-0202 or visit www.LAAudubon.org.



Augustus F. Hawkins Natural Park

offers youth activities including day-long trips to destinations like Point Mugu, Franklin Canyon and Malibu Creek. These trips are held each Saturday and transportation is provided. For information, please call (323) 585-3205.

Join the Friends of Madrona Marsh for a day of **Habitat Restoration and Enhancement** at the Madrona Marsh Preserve located at 3201 Plaza Del Amo in the city of Torrance from 8 am to noon on the first Sunday and second Saturday of the month. Learn about the native plants and other eco information. If you enjoy being outdoors, then this is an event you won't want to miss! For more information, call (310) 326-3840.

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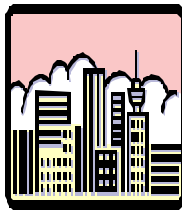
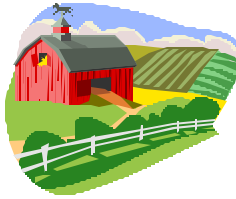
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Earth Day is Tuesday, April 22nd, but many events will take place throughout the month.

Various Dates**Envision the Future Workshops**

with the Southern California Compass

project. By 2030, more than 6 million people will be added to the region's population, posing tremendous challenges for all in terms of housing, transportation, infrastructure, schools and quality of life. The Southern California Compass Project will host local planning workshops to form strategies and distribute jobs and housing across the region. For more information about dates and times of workshops in different areas across Southern California, contact the Southern California Compass organization at (800) 337-4819 or visit their website at www.socalcompass.org.

**Saturday, April 5****All Aboard the Tierra Miguel Bus!**

The Tierra Miguel Farm Foundation in San Diego County will host its annual all-day farm tour for Angelinos. Various pick-up spots and times in Los Angeles are available. The tour will include organic gardening demonstrations, lunch, a tour of the grounds, and an introduction to the various sustainability projects ongoing at the farm. The cost is \$30 for adults and \$15 for children. For more information about times and pick-up locations, contact Wiep de Vries at (626) 798-1592, or e-mail at wiepfrog@cs.com. For more information about the farm, visit the Tierra Miguel Farm web page at www.tierramiguel.org.

Cold Creek Canyon

walk guided by the California Native Plant Society. The free walk is along streamside trails, through oak woodland to a rolling chaparral basin and sandstone peaks. Meet at Lower Stunt High Trailhead at 9:30 am. Two-hours led by Cold Creek Docents. For more information call (323) 654-5943 or visit <http://www.lacnps.org>.



Adopt-A-Highway cleanup of Lincoln Boulevard, sponsored by Santa Monica Baykeeper. Meet at the Santa Monica Baykeeper office at 9 am. To rsvp or for more information call Brigid Sukaitis at (310) 822-4522 or visit www.smbaykeeper.org.

Eco-Village Tour Learn about the sustainability movement and tour eco-friendly neighborhoods. Meet at 117 Bimini Place at 11 am (Also offered April 26th) for more information call (213) 738-1254 or email crsp@@igc.org. Reservations are required.

Sunday, April 6**Chatsworth Earth Day Celebration**

by the Sierra Club, Canada Goose Project and the Wishtoyo Foundation. Explore the 1,400 acre nature preserve off Valley Circle Boulevard a half mile west of Topanga Canyon Boulevard. Attend the Chumash tribal dances and stories, picnic under 100 year-old Oak trees and take a docent-led walk around the lake. Bring water, food and a blanket to sit on. Perfect for families. For more information call (818) 769-1521 or email DrRMWhite@aol.com.



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International Day of the Seal at the Marine Mammal

Care Center in San Pedro. Learn all about seals and sea lions. There will be narrated rehabilitation demonstrations and feedings, guest speakers and activities for children. For additional information call (310) 548-5677.

Saturday, April 12

Poppy Day Open House

Calling all plant lovers! The Theodore Payne Foundation is once again holding its Seed and Plant Sale from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Don't miss this free opportunity to participate in plant talks and propagation demonstrations. To obtain more information, e-mail the Foundation at info@theodorepayne.org, visit their website at www.theodorepayne.org, or call them at (818) 768-1802.

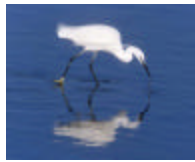
Forrestal Property Walk



The Rancho Palos Verdes Peninsula Land Conservancy.

The 2.5 hour walk explores some of the best coastal sage scrub habitat on the Peninsula and vibrant wildflowers. The walk is of

moderate difficulty and is free of charge. Park at the Ladera Linda Community Center or on Forrestal Drive. The event is cosponsored by the City of Rancho Palos Verdes and the Palos Verdes Peninsula Land Conservancy. For more information call (310) 541-7613.



Ballona Stewards Project invites volunteers to help remove

debris, enjoy guided eco-tours and celebrate the Earth with refreshments, vegetarian BBQ and entertainment from 9 am to 1 pm. Meet along the Ballona Creek bike path just East of Lincoln Boulevard. For additional information, call (310) 264-9468 or visit www.ballona.org.

Sepulveda Basin Wildlife Area Cleanup runs from 8:00 am to noon at Woodley Park in Van Nuys. All ages are welcome; work will concentrate on removing trash from Haskell Creek to provide nesting habitat for migratory songbirds, and foraging areas for egrets, herons and ducks. For more information call San Fernando Valley Audubon at (310) 457-5796.

Monday, April 14

Impressions of the Marsh an exhibit of Steven West's artwork begins its exhibit at

the Madrona Marsh Preserve Nature Center and runs through May 31, 2003, daily from 10 am to 5 pm. For more information call (310) 782-3989.

Thursday, April 17

Birding in Tibet from 12,000 to 17,000 feet is the topic of the Whittier Audubon Society's monthly meeting. An audio-visual program will be delivered by Dan Gutrie at the Whittier Community Center at 7:30 pm. The event is free: for more information call Jean Beaton at (562) 869-6545.

Friday, Saturday and Sunday April 18-20

Big Bunny's Spring Fling

arrives at the Los Angeles Zoo **Friday** through **Sunday** bringing fun for kids, big and small. Face painting, bunny ear crafts, carrot seeds to plant at home and real bunnies. 10 am to 4 pm, free with zoo admission. For more information visit www.lazoo.org or call (323) 644-4299.



Saturday and Sunday, April 19 and 20

Eco - Maya Latino celebration of Earth Day with exhibits connecting environment, culture and heritage. **Saturday** and

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Sunday includes a film and video festival, ecological and archaeological workshops, activities for children, live music and dancers, spoken work and international food and art. For additional information call (888) 341-4747 or visit www.ecomayafestival.com.

Wildflower Show

The California Native Plant Society and the City of Malibu present wildflower displays, sales, walks and more. Free admission and parking 10 am to 4 pm at PCH and Malibu Canyon Road. For more information call (310) 317-1364.



Bluffs Ramble to the Sea

hike trails with great views, dip your toes into the bay, look for dolphins, whales and wildflowers. A two-hour hike by the California Native Plant Society starting at 1 pm in Malibu Bluffs Park. Offered Saturday and Sunday, and Sunday, April 27. For additional information call (323) 654-5943 or visit www.lacnps.org.



Saturday, April 19

Malibu Creek Restoration

at Malibu Creek State Park from 10 am to 3 pm. Volunteers will be replacing non-native species with native plants to help restore habitat and prevent erosion. Tools and gloves will be provided; wear closed-toe shoes. For more information contact Heal the Bay at (800) HEAL-BAY or visit www.healthebay.org.

Earth Day on the Promenade

provides fun for the whole family from 10 am to 10 pm at Santa Monica's Third Street Promenade. A project of the World Trust Foundation. Information about products and technologies to save money and protect the environment in homes and businesses. For more information call (310) 390-4366 or visit www.earthdayla.org.



Compton Creek Earth Day Cleanup

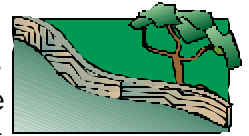
led by Heal the Bay from 9 am to noon. Meet at the Crystal Park Casino. Wear closed-toe shoes and clean up this neglected watershed. For further information, please call (800) HEAL-BAY x145 or visit www.healthebay.org

Watercolors for Children, an opportunity for children ages 8 to 14 to learn to

paint with local artist, Ron Libbrecht at the Madrona Marsh Preserve Nature Center. Supplies provided. Fee is \$9. For more information call the Nature Preserve office at (310) 782-3989.

Sunday, April 20

Be happy in Los Feliz as Friends of the Los Angeles



River explore mini-parks, a scenic soft-bottom river, and the new bicycle bridge. Meet at the Guardians of the River Gate at Los Feliz Boulevard and the LA River in Atwater Village at 4:30 pm. For more information visit www.folar.org.

Tuesday, April 22

Today is Earth Day!

Friday, Saturday and Sunday, April 25-27



Santa Monica Mountains Trail Days

Camping is offered at Danielson Ranch under oak trees. New trails will be built, old trails repaired, and habitats restored. Saturday night BBQ and campfire. Saturday or Sunday meet at 8:30 am near the National Park Service "Authorized Vehicle" entrance road on Potrero Road east of

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Pinehill, Newbury Park. For more information call (818) 222-4531.

Saturday, April 26

Arbor Day Celebration



Sponsored by the DWP, Recreation and Parks, and Department of Public Works.

Join in on the fun in Sun Valley from 11 am to 3 pm. Activities will include tree planting workshops and free tree giveaways tree climbing demonstrations, arts and crafts for children, live music, a rock climbing wall, and much, much more. Look for the EAD's tree care workshop for homeowners at 1 pm. This is a wonderful, free opportunity to promote environmental awareness, tree care, and other related issues in a festival atmosphere. The celebration takes place at Sun Valley Park at 8133 Vineland Avenue, Sun Valley. For more information on the celebration, contact the Department of Recreation and Parks Community Service Branch at (213) 473-7089.

Earth Day 2003 The Cabrillo Marine Aquarium

celebrates life on our watery planet and its natural communities with film, activities, food and music, and exploration of adjacent salt marsh. From 8 am to 10 am, visitors can participate in a clean-up of the beach near Point Fermin Marine Life Refuge. Join in on the EAD's tree care workshops at 10 am or at 1 pm. Cabrillo's Earth Day celebration begins at 10 am and ends at 3 pm. To learn more about the Earth Day Celebration at CMA, visit them at www.cma.org or call the Aquarium at (310) 548-7562.

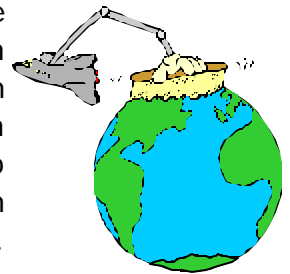


Pavilion of Wings at the Natural History Museum of Los Angeles. Stroll through a beautifully landscaped outdoor environment filled with live, free-flying butterflies. Up to 7000 butterflies and moths representing 30 species native to some region of the United States will call the pavilion home. Goes through August 31 daily until 4:00 pm. For more information call (213) 763-3460 or visit <http://www.nhm.org/exhibitions/butterflies/index.html>.

Saving Spaceship Earth 2003

A conference sponsored by Environmental Priorities Network will be

held at the Olguin Auditorium in San Pedro from 8 am to 1 pm. Speakers will address environmental issues, community health and sustainability. Assemblypersons Jackie Goldberg and Alan Lowenthal and Santa Monica Councilman Michael Feinstein will address the participants. For more information contact Lillian Light at (310) 545-1384 or lklight@aol.com.



Earth Day 2003 at the Redondo SEA Lab from 11 am to 3 pm will provide games, face painting, exhibits, and a beach cleanup that is geared towards schoolchildren. For more information call (310) 318-7432.



Countywide Community Garden Day

is sponsored by the Los Angeles Community Garden Council and will include approximately 31 gardens to work in from 9 am to 5 pm. Information about the community gardens and other activities are available by calling (213) 9788-0860 or visiting LACGC's website at <http://www.lacommunitygardens.org>.

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Saturday and Sunday, April 26-27



Aquarium of the Pacific

celebrates Earth Day, Saturday-Sunday from 9 am to 6 pm with interactive displays, crafts, games, music, face painting and informative booths plus all the fun and adventure of the aquarium. For more information call (562) 590-3100 ext. 0 or visit their website at www.aquariumofthepacific.org.

Earth Day at the Los Angeles Zoo Join KEARTH

101 FM and others in this celebration of their 7th annual earth expo on Saturday and Sunday. Exhibits and fun for the entire family. For more information visit www.krth101.com.

Sunday, April 27

Chumash Day

Mothers of the Earth celebration. Native American groups from across the State will be gathering to celebrate their heritage and Earth Day. Native American tribal ceremonies and dances will take place, and vendors will be on hand with authentic



food, arts and crafts, plus story tellers, a petting zoo and face painting. The event runs from 10 am to 6 pm at 24250 Pacific Coast Highway. For more information call (310) 317-1364, or visit www.ci.mailibu.ca.us.

Eco-Station Earth Day in Culver City from 10 am to 5 pm. Family event at the wildlife rescue center—10101 West Jefferson Boulevard. For more information call (310) 842-8060 or visit www.ecostation.org.

Bluffs Ramble to the Sea

See page April 19 and 20, page 9 for details!

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and to "merge in" with other important efforts that are already underway where EPA has a role to play and hasn't been as fully involved as is needed. Finally, EPA's Field Office will work with key agencies here in southern California, such as the City of Los Angeles, to identify specific opportunities for collaborative efforts that will result in improved environmental protection.

3. Is the local office going to be involved with TMDL's and local stakeholder input?

The EPA Field Office will work with EPA in San Francisco and the Los Angeles, Riverside, and San Diego Regional Water Quality Control Boards to help address concerns and issues associated with establishment of Total Maximum Daily Loads (TMDLs) for the southern California region. TMDLs are an important means by which water quality problems are solved - and because many water quality goals have yet to be achieved in southern California, establishing needed TMDLs is key both to public health protection at waterways and beaches and to achieving goals for habitat and wildlife protection.

4. How will the EPA assist with and provide input to ongoing air quality planning?

The South Coast Air Quality Management District (AQMD) is among the most sophisticated air quality agencies anywhere, and EPA has a long history of working closely with the District in their efforts to ensure that the goals of the Clean Air Act are met. In the last 20 years, southern California's air quality, by any measure, has markedly improved. South Coast AQMD presently has a draft Air Quality Management Plan out for review, and EPA and the District have coordinated closely in development of this new draft Plan. EPA looks forward to supporting the District's on-going efforts to meet the significant challenges of clean air in southern California.

For more information, contact Mike Schulz at (213) 452-3373 or visit www.epa.gov.



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

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Environmental Hygiene
(626) 430-5440

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

Housing and Building Complaints

Las quejas del construccion y albergar
Housing Code Enforcement
(213) 367-9411

Illegal Storm Drain Dumping

Depositos en los drenajes de desagües
Stormwater Management
(800) 974-9794

Indoor Air or Mold Concerns

Aire interior ó preocupaciones de moh o
Environmental Hygiene
(626) 430-5440

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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