



Office of

Sustainability

NEWSLETTER

Spring 2014

The Office of Sustainability delivers policy and programs that integrate efforts related to buildings and neighborhoods, urban nature, transportation, water, energy, waste reduction and eco products and services. For these areas, the Office of Sustainability has the primary responsibility within the City of Long Beach for setting the agenda and goals, and works with City Departments to jointly implement projects and programs to accomplish these goals.

SUSTAINABLE NEWS & HIGHLIGHTS

Water Supply Shortage in LB Pushes Prohibitions

On February 28, the Long Beach Board of Water Commissioners voted unanimously to declare an Imminent Water Supply Shortage for the City of Long Beach. To be proactive in water conservation, mandatory citywide water prohibitions have gone into effect for 2014:

- Irrigating landscape with potable water any day other than Monday, Thursday, or Saturday, from 9a.m.-4p.m.
- Irrigating landscape in a manner that causes runoff
- Washing driveways, sidewalks, parking areas with a hose unless using a pressurized nozzle

For a complete list of restrictions, please visit www.lbwater.org/water-use-prohibitions. Don't forget to reward yourself as well by applying for a \$50 rebate for high-efficiency toilets, or up to \$175 for purchasing a high-efficiency clothes washer. Go to <http://www.lbwater.org/Rebates> for more ways to save money.

UPCOMING LOCAL EVENTS

1st Annual Green Prize Festival

April 26th: All ages invited!

For more information or to

participate go to www.greenprizefestival.com

Bixby Park (130 Cherry Ave.) 11am-6pm.

greenprizefestival@gmail.com



3rd Annual FREE Lawn-to-Garden Tour

lblawntogarden.com

May 3rd: View 30 beautiful Lawn-to-Garden landscapes throught the city! Register at lblawntogarden.com 10am-2pm



CIVIC CENTER EDIBLE GARDEN

2014 Civic Center Edible Garden Workshops



Save the date! the 2014 Civic Center Edible Garden Workshop schedule is now available!

Learn key components for growing a successful container garden. Workshops are held in the Civic Center Edible Garden (333 W. Ocean Blvd.) from 12pm-1pm.

- April 23rd- Spring & Summer Garden Preparation
- May 14th- California Native Plants Display & Water-saving Measures for Gardening
- June 11th- Herb Propagation Methods
- July 16th- Composting for Small Spaces; DIY Compost Bin



For more garden information or to RSVP for future workshops call Tiffany Chen at (562)570-6396 or email the garden staff at civiccenterediblegarden@gmail.com



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GREEN BUSINESS FEATURE

Averyboo Arts



Averyboo Arts is a creativity center for children 2-10+ years old. They provide a variety of classes and open-ended activities that are enriching and nurture imagination. Emphasis is on fun, skill, building, and developing confidence in students' abilities.

Averyboo Arts is being awarded for their green business practices and being a positive role model to the young youth. A few of their accomplishments include recycling and reusing a variety of materials, purchasing sustainable art products, using green cleaning practices, and more.



Steamed Vegetarian Restaurant



The mission of Steamed is to provide organic, local, fresh, fast food made with love, affordably to the community; always with focus on the sustainability of earth and humankind. Steamed has shown initiative in sustainable practices as a restaurant by implementing a recycling and compost system, purchasing organic produce from local farmers markets, offering a delivery bike service, and more.

If eating out at a restaurant that supports sustainability is important to you, then make sure to stop in at Steamed. To hear more about their efforts go to sustainablelb.com

To view more recognized green businesses in Long Beach go to sustainablelb.com or call Tiffany Chen at (562)570-6396.

LOCAL ENVIRONMENTAL NEWS

Promoting Material Reuse in Long Beach Through the LB-Exchange Program

The LB-exchange Program is designed to promote material reuse. Long Beach nonprofits and schools can receive items through the new LB-exchange Program. Participation is easy and free!



1. Visit www.LB-exchange.org/LBNP (Only LBNP members may register at this time)
2. Fill out the online registration form.
3. Choose categories of items your organization needs.

Local donations are good for our community and good for the environment, so make sure to register today.



OFFICE ELECTRONICS



MEDICAL SUPPLIES



CLOTHING



FURNITURE



BUILDING MATERIALS AND FIXTURES



Neighborhood Home Improvement Rebate Program

The Neighborhood Home Improvement Rebate Program reimburses eligible owners of residential properties up to \$2,000 to improve exterior code violations visible from the street. Residential property owners may complete an application form and submit it to the Neighborhood Services Bureau staff.

For more information please call Neighborhood Services Bureau at (562) 570-6866 to request an application.



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