



Office of

Sustainability

NEWSLETTER

Winter 2013

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

LA County offers PACE Program to Help Property Owners Attain Sustainability

Los Angeles County is offering the Property Assessed Clean Energy (PACE) Financing Program in an effort to help property owners or managers upgrade or retrofit buildings. Modifying the buildings would help businesses use less energy and water, or produce clean energy, and save money while increasing the property's value.

Please visit LA County's PACE website at www.lapace.org for more information and a FREE initial application. Contact PACE at info@lapace.org or (877) 785-2237.

CIVIC CENTER EDIBLE GARDEN



On December 18th the garden staff will host a workshop on planning an edible kitchen garden, and using fresh herbs for cooking and herb drying.

The garden staff is implementing a California native shade garden! Guests who come to City Hall will be able to view the beautiful education garden from the lobby windows. The garden will include these native plants:

- Iris Douglasiana
- Ribes Viburnifolium
- Aguilegia Formosa
- Ribes Indercorum
- Symphoricarpos Albus
- Heuchera Maxima
- Satureja Douglasii
- Carpenteria Californica
- Salvia Spathacea



For more garden information or to RSVP for future workshops contact civiccenterediblegarden@longbeach.gov or call Tiffany Chen at (562)570-6396.



UPCOMING LOCAL EVENTS

Civic Center Edible Garden Workshop

www.sustainablelb.com

December 18th: Planning an Edible Kitchen Garden, and Fresh Herbs for Cooking and Herb Drying

Civic Center Edible Garden | 11:30am-1:30pm

Household Hazardous Waste Drop-off

longbeach-recycles.org

December 14th: Dispose of hazardous waste properly. EDCO (corner of 28th & California in Signal Hills, enter on 28th) 9am-2pm

One Bus One Cause Tree Planting & Food Drive

February 1st: All ages invited! *Lafayette Elementary School (2445 Chestnut Ave.)* 9am-noon. Neighborhood Services (562)570-6866



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GREEN BUSINESS FEATURE



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DREAM INSPIRED DESIGN

Dream Inspired Design has been recently awarded certification as a Green Business for their efforts in creating a complete suite of web services, and graphic design in a sustainable matter. A few of their accomplishments include offering tree-free agricultural waste paper, utilizing a 100% wind and solar-powered website host, and planting a fruit tree in honor of every client.



WES HARDING CONSTRUCTION & SUSTAINABLE SOLUTIONS



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Wes Harding Construction & Sustainable Solutions has been recognized as a Green Business for creating energy efficient and environmental building designs for residents while staying on budget and utilizing green innovations.

To find out more about how Dream Inspired Design and Wes Harding Construction is going green, or to see a list of other local businesses that have been recognized in Long Beach, visit www.sustainablelb.com

CALIFORNIA ENVIRONMENTAL NEWS



Cloud Seeding Grows New Opportunities for Water

Researchers are continuing to solidify data that shows cloud seeding is an effective way to bring water to drought areas. For decades, researchers have experimented and found that injecting passing moist cloud systems with silver iodide particles can create more snow. The meeting of silver iodide and water droplets in clouds form ice crystals which then turn into snowflakes that will fall to the ground and eventually provide running water. To read more on this innovative solution to water drought, go to bit.ly/18oQvjl.



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LOCAL ENVIRONMENTAL NEWS

Grid Alternatives Provides Solar for Low Income Families in Long Beach

In early fall, Grid Alternatives non-profit celebrated their accomplishment of installing solar panels for 65 families in Long Beach. These enhancements for middle and low-income households helps create alternative and affordable energy for those who qualify.



Grid Alternatives offers volunteer opportunities for all ages and students interested in learning more about solar and prepares them for career opportunities.

www.gridalternatives.org

Move over figgy pudding, there's an easier fig-inspired recipe that will active anyone's taste buds this holiday!

What you'll need:

- Fresh Figs
- Mascarpone or Goat Cheese
- Honey



Preparing these three ingredients couldn't be simpler. Just cut the figs in half and place inside up. Spread a little Mascarpone or Goat Cheese on top and add a dollop of honey.

This is a great finger-food to serve as an appetizer at any occasion. Bon appetit!

Recipe by Katie Sweeman from *Real Food Right Now*

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