



Office of

# Sustainability

NEWSLETTER

Summer 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

Long Beach celebrated Earth Week April 20-27 with an array of green activities throughout the city. Residents participated in gardening workshops, beach cleanups, supported green artists at the Green Prix, made their own racecars for the Solar Grand Prix, supported local farmers markets, and much more. Visit [sustainablelb.com](http://sustainablelb.com) for pictures from the 2013 Earth Week celebrations.



## UPCOMING LOCAL EVENTS

### Civic Center Edible Garden Workshop

[www.sustainablelb.com](http://www.sustainablelb.com)

**June 19: Discover California friendly plants for your landscape garden.**

Special guest speaker Eric Zahn from Friends of the Colorado Lagoon.

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

### Friends of the Colorado Lagoon

[www.coloradolagoon.org](http://www.coloradolagoon.org)

**May 26 & June 30: Nature and Bird Walk**

*5119 E Colorado St.* | 8:30am-10:30am

### Los Cerritos Wetlands

<http://www.lcwstewards.org>

**June 15: Adopt-a-Wetland.** All ages invited! *Long Beach's 'Golden Shores Marine Biological Reserve* | 10:00am-12:00pm

### Long Beach Water Department

<http://www.lblawntogarden.com/class-list>

**June 8: Landscape Class: Choosing Beautiful Drought Tolerant Plants**

To RSVP for future workshops RSVP to [civiccenterediblegarden@longbeach.gov](mailto:civiccenterediblegarden@longbeach.gov) or call Tiffany Chen at (562)570-6396.

## CIVIC CENTER EDIBLE GARDEN



Summer is here and the Civic Center Garden is blooming with summer vegetation! Come see what we are growing!

- Watermelon
- Squash
- Tomatoes
- Cucumbers
- Peppers
- Corn

The produce harvested is donated to Food Not Bombs non-profit to be distributed to hungry families.

The Sustainability staff is also expanding the Civic Center Edible Garden by creating a new native landscape section which will include the following natives:

- Black and Purple Sage
- California Buckwheat
- California Fuchsia
- California Sagebrush
- Blue-eyed Grass
- California Sunflower



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## PROGRAMS

### TREE PLANTING PROGRAM



As of January 2013, the Office of Sustainability has planted over 1,000 trees for residential parkways through an AQMD Tree Grant. The AQMD Tree Grant has been extended until the end of Summer 2013.

If you are a property owner or a neighborhood group interested in requesting free trees for parkways, please call (562)570-5396 or email [Tiffany.Chen@longbeach.gov](mailto:Tiffany.Chen@longbeach.gov).

## GREEN BUSINESS FEATURE

### BOEING COMPANY C-17 PROGRAM



The Boeing C-17 Program has recently been awarded certification as a Green Business for focusing on a cleaner, more efficient flight.

To find out more about how Boeing is going green, or to see a list of other local businesses that have been recognized in Long Beach, visit [www.sustainablelb.com](http://www.sustainablelb.com)

## CALIFORNIA ENVIRONMENTAL NEWS

### EPA & CSU ENCOURAGING ENVIRONMENTAL STEWARDSHIP

A news release from the EPA recently announced that a memorandum has been signed by the California State University system and EPA Region 9 (Pacific Southwest) to create more environmental opportunities at all 23 CSU campuses over the next five years. Other opportunities include student internships, service-learning, independent studies, curriculum development and environmental fieldwork. For more information visit the newsroom at [www.epa.gov](http://www.epa.gov).

## LOCAL ENVIRONMENTAL NEWS

### NATIONAL BIKE MONTH



May is National Bike Month, and here in Long Beach there are several ways you can celebrate. The Bike Saturdays Program is the largest citywide discount program for cyclists in the nation, and several Long Beach businesses offer discounts or promotions for riding your bike to their location.

To learn more about participating businesses and other biking activities, visit [www.bikelongbeach.org](http://www.bikelongbeach.org).

### PORT OF LONG BEACH INVESTING IN SHORE POWER

News details from the Port of Long Beach website reported that a Shore Power Summit was held May 6th by the Long Beach Commissioners to discuss California's shore power requirements. The POLB is investing millions of dollars in equipment to allow vessels to utilize clean electricity in efforts to reduce air pollution.

For more information on the Port's shore power efforts, see the news section at [www.polb.com](http://www.polb.com).



### LONG BEACH'S NEWEST GREEN RIBBON SCHOOL: HUGHES MIDDLE SCHOOL

During this year's Earth Week, Hughes Middle School was recognized as a National Green Ribbon School. This makes the second year in a row that a Long Beach school has achieved such an honor for their efforts in reducing their environmental impact. Congratulations Hughes!



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