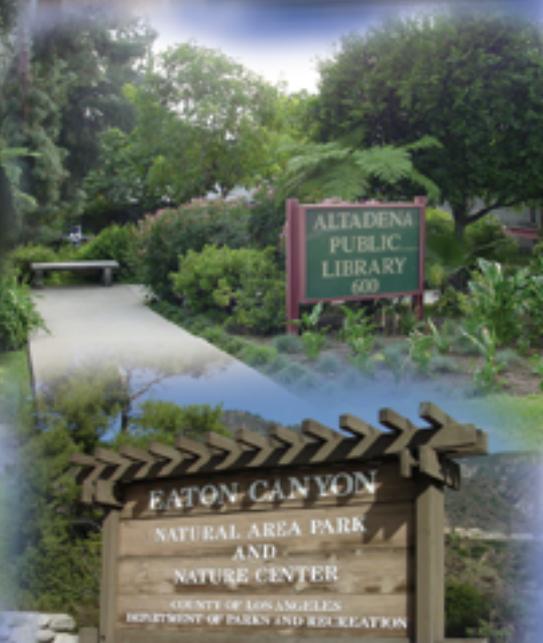


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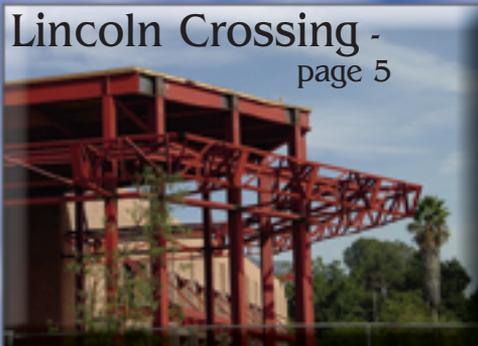
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Living in Altadena

Dear Community Member,

The County of Los Angeles is very pleased to offer the annual edition of the Altadena **CommunityCONNECTION**. We continue to strive to include information on local and regional County services, and other valuable area resources.

The Altadena community, nestled near the San Gabriel Mountains, is represented by the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors and is located in the 5th Supervisorial District.

During the holiday season, the city is noted for the magnificent Christmas Tree Lane flanked by tall Deodar Cedar trees. This arrangement is not only recognized as the largest outdoor Christmas display but the trees are declared as a California State Landmark.

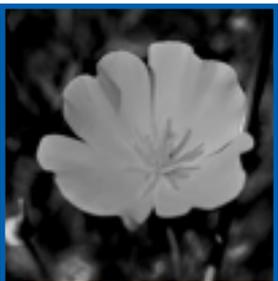
Over the next year, Altadena is shifting into the next stage of community business revitalization, the Lincoln Crossing mixed-use Development outlined in this edition.

We have also included an Emergency Preparedness Checklist to assist you in the event of a disaster. You are encouraged to take some time to review and complete this Checklist.

We hope you will continue to enjoy the guide and encourage you to complete and return the “Tell Us What You Think” survey. For your convenience, the survey is now available on the web at <https://lacws.co.la.ca.us/cao/altadena.htm>

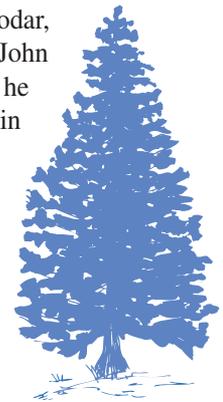
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Altadena's Official Tree and Flower



The Deodar Cedar is known as the "official" tree of Altadena. The Deodar, meaning tree of the gods, was brought as seeds to Altadena in 1883 by John Woodbury who saw the tree in Italy and declared it the most beautiful tree he had ever seen. The seeds were nurseried for 2 years at Woodbury Ranch in Altadena. The trees were then transplanted to Santa Rosa Avenue in 1885. Known as Christmas Tree Lane, the trees are lighted annually for the Christmas season.

The Golden Poppy is Altadena's "official" flower. The Golden Poppy is also the official flower of the State of California. The luscious wild flower grew abundantly along the coast of California. Spanish explorers and other maritime expeditions were able to landmark the Los Angeles flood plain to its foothills by the lavish spread of Golden Poppies. They nicknamed the area Sabanilla de Oro, Altarcloth of Gold.



County of Los Angeles Strategic Plan

COUNTY VISION

Our **purpose** is to improve the quality of life in Los Angeles County by providing responsive, efficient, and high quality public services that promote the self-sufficiency, well-being and prosperity of individuals, families, businesses and communities.

Our **philosophy** of teamwork and collaboration is anchored in our shared values:

- **A can-do attitude** – we approach each challenge believing that, together, a solution can be achieved.
- **Accountability** – we accept responsibility for the decisions we make and the actions we take.
- **Compassion** – we treat those we serve and each other in a kind and caring manner.
- **Commitment** – we always go the extra mile to achieve our mission.
- **Integrity** – we act consistent with our values.
- **Professionalism** – we perform to a high standard of excellence.
- **Respect for diversity** – we value the uniqueness of every individual and their perspective.
- **Responsiveness** – we take the action needed in a timely manner.

Our **position** as the premiere organization for those working in the public interest is established by:

- A capability to undertake programs that have public value,
- An aspiration to be recognized through our achievements as the model for civic innovation, and a pledge to always work to earn the public trust.

COUNTY MISSION

To enrich lives through effective and caring service.

Strategic Plan Goals

1. Service Excellence
2. Workforce Excellence
3. Organizational Effectiveness
4. Fiscal Responsibility
5. Children and Families' Well-Being
6. Community Services
7. Health and Mental Health
8. Public Safety

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Fourth District



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Abandoned Vehicles	(213) 974-6453
Air Quality Concerns	(800) 288-7664
Animal Care and Control	
Licensing and Emergencies/ Spay/Neuter Clinic	(626) 962-3577
Chamber of Commerce (Altadena)	(626) 794-3988
Child Abuse Hotline (24-Hour)	(800) 540-4000
Child/Spousal Support (Child Support Services Dept.)	(323) 890-9800
Child Care Hotline/CalWorks	(877) CHILD-99
Consumer Affairs	(213) 974-1452
Domestic Violence Hotline	(800) 978-3600
Environmental Health	
24 Hour Hotline	(888) 700-9995
Vehicle Inspection Program	(626) 430-5500
Recreational Health Program	(626) 430-5360
Insect/Vector Control Program	(626) 430-5450
Retail Food Inspections	(626) 430-5200
Fire Department - Emergencies	9-1-1
Altadena Station 11 (El Molino Ave.)	(626) 797-2104
Altadena Station 12 (Lincoln Ave.)	(626) 797-1911
Garbage/Waste Collection	
Athens Disposal Company	(626) 336-3636
BFI Disposal Company	(888) 742-5234
Hazardous Waste/Spills	(800) 303-0003
Health Centers	
El Monte Health Center	(626) 579-8463
Glendale Health Center	(818) 500-5762
Los Angeles/USC Medical Center	(323) 226-2622
Monrovia Health Center	(626) 256-1600
HelpLine	(888) 924-4357
Household Hazardous Waste	(800) 238-0173
Housing Authority	(562) 347-4663
Home Rehabilitation Grants and Loans	(323) 890-7239
Juror Services	(213) 974-5811
Property Taxes	
Recorded Information 24 hrs	(888) 807-2111
Assessor - Regional Office	(626) 258-6001

Libraries	
Altadena Main Library	(626) 798-0833
Bob Lucas Memorial Branch	(626) 798-8338
Public Social Services	
Pasadena Office	(626) 791-6333
Glendale Office	(818) 546-6100
El Monte Office	(626) 569-3155
Public Transportation	
Dial-A-Ride	(626) 791-7200
Access RideInfo	(800) 827-0829
Metropolitan Transit Authority	(213) 626-4455
Metrolink	(800) 371-LINK
MTA Bus Information	(800) 266-6883
Public Works	
Building and Safety	(626) 574-0941
Road Maintenance	(800) 675-4357
Sewer Maintenance	(800) 675-4357
Sidewalks, Curbs, and Gutters	(626) 338-9515
Street Lighting Requests	(626) 300-4726
Street/Tree Maintenance	(626) 337-1277
Traffic and Lighting	(800) 675-4357
Regional Planning	(213) 974-6453
Registrar-Recorder/County Clerk	
Birth/death/marriage records/ marriage ceremonies/license	(818) 374-7176
Real estate recording, notary oaths, dissemination of voter information	(818) 374-7191
Registrar of Voters	(562) 466-1310
Senior Citizens	
Elder Abuse Hotline	(877) 477-3646
Adult Protective Services	(213) 351-5401
Nursing Home/Assisted Living.	(800) 330-5993
Senior Training/Employment	(213) 738-2631
Senior Information and Assistance	(213) 738-4004
Altadena Senior Center	(626) 798-0505
Sheriff	
Altadena Station	(626) 798-1131
Ombudsman-complaints about Sheriff's Department	(800) 801-0030
Traffic Enforcement/Investigation (CHP)	(626) 296-8100
Treasurer and Tax Collector	(888) 807-2111

Altadena Town Council

The Altadena Town Council (Town Council) is a volunteer organization set up to provide a local forum for residents to voice concerns. The Town Council, based on input received from concerned citizens, makes recommendations to their elected County officials and County staff.

The Town Council consists of 16 representatives and eight alternates elected by the residents of each of the eight respective census tracts in the Altadena area. The meetings are held every third Tuesday of the month at the Altadena Community Center, located at 730 East Altadena Drive. The meetings are televised every third and fourth Thursday of the month on Pasadena's Community Access Channel 56, at approximately 7:00 p.m.

Other Committee meetings held at the Altadena Community Center are scheduled as follows:

Traffic Committee

First Monday of each month at 7:00 p.m.

Land Use Committee

First Tuesday of each month at 6:30 p.m.

Please visit the Altadena Town Council website for more information at www.altadenatowncouncil.org or write to Altadena Town Council, 730 East Altadena Drive, Altadena, CA 91001.

National Association for the Advancement of Colored People -

Altadena Branch

The Altadena Branch of the NAACP is a member of the nation-wide association founded in 1909. The primary focus of the NAACP continues to be the protection and enhancement of the civil rights of African Americans and other minorities.

Visit their web site at:
www.naacpaltadena.org.

NAACP Altadena Branch
730 E. Altadena Drive
Altadena, CA 91001
(626) 794-7999
e-mail: info@NAACPAltadena.org

Altadena Chamber of Commerce

The Altadena Chamber of Commerce and Civic Association was incorporated in 1924 to promote the commercial, industrial, civic and general interests of the community of Altadena and its trade areas.

The Chamber holds general meetings with representatives of other organizations; produces special events; hosts monthly networking mixers; publishes the monthly Chamber Bulletin and the annual Altadena Directory; maintains a website; provides input to the community and information about Altadena to visitors, prospective residents and businesses. The Chamber's office is in the Altadena Community Center, located at 730 East Altadena Drive, Altadena, CA 91101. The telephone number is (626) 794-3988. You may also contact the Chamber by e-mail at altadenachamber@earthlink.net or www.altadenachamber.org.

KEEP IN TOUCH

**Call the County's
Public Information Office** (213) 974-1311

**Visit the
County of Los Angeles Website**
www.lacounty.info

**Write to the
Chief Administrative Office
Office of Unincorporated Area
Services and Special Projects
(OUAS&SP)**

723 Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration
500 West Temple Street
Los Angeles, CA 90012

email address: uas_sp@cao.co.la.ca.us

Lincoln Crossing Mixed-Use Development *Coming to West Altadena*

On July 16, 2005, the West Altadena community broke ground for the first phase of the Lincoln Crossing mixed-use development, located at the northeast corner of the intersection of Lincoln Avenue and Woodbury Drive. The first phase will feature a supermarket, fitness club, retail building, residential housing and a parking structure. The development, located within the West Altadena Redevelopment Project Area, received input from community stakeholders who shaped the vision for revitalizing the Altadena community.

The five-acre, first phase will consist of a 37,500 square-foot Farm Fresh Supermarket, a 25,500 square foot retail building, a 37,000 square foot fitness club, seven residential loft-housing units (9,625 square foot), and a parking structure. Plans can be viewed online at www.AltadenaLincolnCrossing.com.

For phase one, the development team is providing private funding for development and construction costs. The CDC contributed funds for site acquisition, demolition, and relocation activities. Based on the projected uses, it is estimated that phase one of the development will generate up to an estimated 250 full- and part-time jobs.

The entire Lincoln Crossing development will occupy 23 acres. It will generally be located on the east and west sides of Lincoln Avenue, between Woodbury Road on the south to Figueroa Drive on the north. Components proposed beyond phase one includes a technology school/office building, a restaurant, loft housing, a condominium or townhouse complex, and other mixed uses. The 23-acre project is tentatively expected to be developed over a seven-year period.

For more information, call the CDC's Economic Redevelopment Division at (323) 890-7204.



West Altadena *Redevelopment Projects*

Windsor and Woodbury Road Project

This project will develop a business park at the southwest corner of Windsor and Woodbury Road. It will consist of a light industrial business park complex on a three-acre site. The Community Development Commission (CDC) is actively acquiring proposals for this project and expects to commence the proposed development this coming year.

Meetings on the West Altadena Project Area

The West Altadena Redevelopment Project Area Committee (WAPAC) holds community meetings every fourth Monday of the month to discuss the future redevelopment of the West Altadena project area. The meetings begin at 6:00 p.m. and are held at the Business Technology Center located at 2400 North Lincoln Avenue in Altadena.

For more information regarding the community meetings and to get on the mailing list, contact the Community Development Commission's redevelopment Project Manager, Sharon Warfield at **(323) 890-7108**.



Did you know that you can dial 2-1-1 to access information for emergency food and shelter, senior services, childcare, employment resources, low-cost health care, alcohol and drug-related support, volunteer opportunities, and many other health and human services resources?

On July 1, 2005, the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors approved funding and implemented the County's new 2-1-1 calling system. As a resident of the unincorporated area of Whittier, you can just simply dial 2-1-1 to access an array of health and human services information at no cost to you. The information services is provided in many languages.

This easy to dial 2-1-1 number is operated 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. The information you provide to the resource advisors is confidential. So, if you need any type of health and or human services information, just dial 2-1-1.

NOTE: IN CASE OF AN EMERGENCY, YOU STILL MUST DIAL 9-1-1.

Altadena COMMUNITY CENTER

730 East Altadena Dr. • Altadena, CA 91001
(626) 398-6174

www.altadenacommunitycenter.net

The Altadena Community Center (Center) serves as a community meeting place and a town hall. It also houses a local office of the Los Angeles County Department of Community and Senior Services and is home to a number of non-profit organizations.

Call the numbers below for more information on their services and hours of operation.

Community and Senior Services	(626) 398-6174
Altadena Chamber of Commerce	(626) 794-3988
Altadena Historical Society	(626) 797-8016
Altadena Heritage Society	(626) 683-1785
Altadena Chapter of the NAACP	(626) 794-7999
Altadena Town Council	(626) 791-9457
Altadena Sheriff Support Group	(626) 578-8570

The Center includes a community room, offices, kitchen and a museum. The community room can be reserved for meetings and other special events.

To reserve the community room call (626) 398-6174 for an application.



Altadena Community IMPROVEMENT CENTER

2061 N. Los Robles, Suite 103 • Pasadena, CA 91103
(626) 798-3006

Monday through Friday

9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

The Altadena Community Improvement Center (Center) is a non-profit multi-purpose center that offers services such as workforce development; a handy worker program; youth development and leadership skills; training and job resources. The Center is funded by the City of Pasadena, Pasadena Unified School District, Los Angeles County Community Development Commission, and the Los Angeles County Probation Department.

The Altadena Community Improvement Center also recruits skilled and unskilled labor for construction in the Altadena and Pasadena areas. The following programs and services are offered at the Altadena Community Improvement Center:

Employment Readiness

Services include self-referral job search, resume writing, job listings at Pasadena Unified School District, City of Pasadena, and County of Los Angeles; FAX and photo copy machines; Internet, kiosk system, Caljobs; Direct Job Placement; and training referrals.

Handyworker Program

This component provides handyman services for low income and senior citizen homeowners. Eligible repairs include weatherization, energy conservation services, small repairs; and emergency repairs for health and safety code violations only.

Youth Services

Services include youth development leadership training, youth advocacy, conflict resolution, community outreach; recognizing the signs of drug and alcohol use and gang activity; sponsorship of cultural and alternative activities to enhance a healthy, substance-free life style and volunteer opportunities.

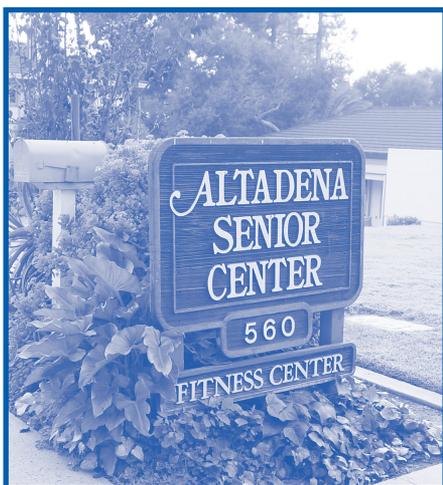
Please contact the Center to determine your eligibility for the services offered.

Altadena Senior Center

560 E. Mariposa St. • Altadena, CA 91001
(626) 798-0505

Monday through Friday

8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.



The Altadena Senior Center (Senior Center) is a community focal point where seniors can come together for services, programs and activities to enhance their dignity, support their independence and encourage their involvement in and with the community. Persons 50 and over are eligible for all Senior Center programs. Programs and services are administered by the County of Los Angeles Department of Community and Senior Services and the Area Agency on Aging.

Weekly Classes:

Art	Dancing	Memoirs Writing	Yoga
Ballroom Dancing	Creative Sewing	Painting	Quilting
Bingo	Exercise	Senior Support	
Chinese Brush	Folk Dancing	Sewing	
Country Line	Golf	Strength Training	

Other Activities and Services:

- A fully equipped fitness center with Jacuzzi
- A nutritious lunch served daily
- Special Birthday Luncheon on the last Friday of every month
- Movies shown every Friday
- Red Hat Society meetings on 2nd Tuesday of every month
- Defensive Driving Classes
- Beginning, intermediate and advance computer classes
- Income Tax and Renter's Credit assistance offered annually
- Taxi coupons available 2nd Friday of each month
- Billiard room including Card and Board Games
- Day trips organized by a group called the Altadena Recycled Teenagers. The County provides buses twice a month for destinations both locally and outside of Los Angeles County.
- Blood pressure and diabetes screenings are conducted on the first Wednesday of the month.
- Podiatry and legal services are scheduled by appointment.



UPCOMING EVENTS

- Altadena's Red Hat Society is sponsored by the Senior Center. The Red Hat Society was founded as a haven for silliness and unfettered happiness for women of a certain age.
- Altadena's Red Hat Society meetings are held on the 2nd Tuesday of every month at 9:00 a.m.
- Every year, the Senior Center participates in the Annual Old Fashioned Days Parade.
- The annual Senior Center Volunteer luncheon will be celebrated at the Scripps Home in Altadena during the month of November 2006.

For more information, you may contact the Center at **(626) 789-0505**.



ANIMAL CARE AND CONTROL

Baldwin Park Animal Shelter

4275 North Elton Street

Baldwin Park, CA 91706

(626) 962-3577

<http://animalcontrol.co.la.ca.us>

The Los Angeles County Department of Animal Care and Control provides complete animal care and control services to residents of the unincorporated area of Altadena. Services include pet adoptions, animal cruelty investigations, picking up injured animals, barking dog complaints, dangerous dog investigations, patrolling for stray animals, issuing pet licenses and picking up stray dead animals. The shelter also receives owner relinquished live or deceased pets.

Shelter Hours:

Monday through Thursday: 12:00 Noon - 7:00 p.m.

Fridays and Saturdays: 10:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Sundays and holidays: Closed

Emergency services are available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.

Pet license fees for the unincorporated area of Altadena:

Unaltered dogs:	\$30
Spayed/neutered dogs (with certificate):	\$15
Spayed/neutered dogs (with certificate) owned by a senior citizen 60 years of age and older:	\$7.50
Unaltered cats:	\$10
Spayed/neutered cats (with certificate):	\$5



Pet owners are encouraged to visit the animal shelter in person to identify lost pets. Proof of ownership is required. The shelter also has many animals available for adoption. If you are considering bringing a pet into your home, please consider a shelter pet. Low cost vaccinations and licensing clinics for dogs and cats are also available.

The Department also offers extensive volunteer opportunities. For more information call (626) 962-3577 or visit the Department's website at <http://animalcontrol.co.la.ca.us>

County of Los Angeles Community Development Commission

2 Coral Circle • Monterey Park, CA 91755
(323) 890-7001

Email: info@lacdc.org • <http://www.lacdc.org>



The County Community Development Commission (CDC) administers various programs that provide financial and technical assistance to individuals seeking to buy or repair a home, start a business, and or expand their business. Following is a list of residential and business opportunities available to you through the CDC.

Residential Opportunities

- **Home Ownership Program** provides down-payment assistance to low-income, first-time homebuyers in purchasing a home. Please call our Information Line at **(323) 890-7281** and leave your name and mailing address. Information will be mailed to you as soon as possible.
- **Mortgage Credit Certificate (MCC) Program** offers first-time homebuyers a federal income tax credit. This tax credit reduces the amount of federal taxes the holders of the certificate would pay and can help first-time homebuyers qualify for a loan. For more information on how to apply, contact a CDC MCC Program Specialist at **(323) 890-7034**.
- The **Single Family Grant Program** assists low-income qualified owners with funds for emergency repairs such as electrical, plumbing, heating, roofing, and elimination of code violations. Property must be in the unincorporated areas of Los Angeles County. For more information, call **(323) 890-7239**.
- The **Single Family Rehabilitation Loan Program** assists low-income, owner-occupied property owners with one to two units in need of rehabilitation. Property must be in unincorporated areas of Los Angeles County or participating cities. For more information, call **(323) 890-7239**.
- The **Community Development Block Grant Program** funds various community-based organizations (CBOs). Examples of CBOs that the CDC contracts with to provide services in the Altadena area include:
 - **The Center for Community and Family Services** receives funding for the Altadena Community Improvement Center, which provides home rehabilitation services to low- and moderate-income households. For more information, call **(626) 583-1789**.
 - **Neighbors Acting Together Helping All (NATHA)** receives funding to provide tutoring and a computer lab for eligible children and youth. For more information, call **(626) 794-5889**.
 - **Soledad Enrichment Action, Inc.** provides outreach and counseling for high-risk youth, ages 14-18. For more information, call **(213) 480-4200**.

Business Opportunities

- **Business Loan Programs** are available to a wide range of businesses, large and small, commercial to industrial. A variety of low-interest loans includes the following:
 - County Business Loan Program
 - County Technology Loan Program
 - County Utility Loan Program
 - County Float Loan Program
 - County Development Loan ProgramFor additional information, call **(323) 890-7044**.
- **Business Technology Center** (see following article)
- **Altadena Enterprise Zone** (see following article)

Business Technology Center (BTC)

OF LOS ANGELES COUNTY

2400 N. Lincoln Avenue • Altadena, CA 91001

(626) 296-6300

<http://www.labtc.org>

The Business Technology Center (BTC) is a business innovation center with a mission of assisting start-up and early stage technology firms grow and prosper. Opened in October 1998, the BTC is a 40,000 square foot facility with a state-of-the-art communication infrastructure. The BTC offers key support services, including access to capital, business consulting, and mentoring from an Advisory Committee who has a wide range of skills, experience and contacts in Southern California.

Located just two miles from the world famous Jet Propulsion Laboratory in Pasadena, the BTC currently houses 30 high technology tenants with specialties ranging from software development to commercializing federal lab technology.

The BTC is a project of the Los Angeles County Community Development Commission (CDC), which



owns and operates the BTC, and provides on-site staffing. Assisting the CDC is an Advisory Committee of business owners, representatives from universities and financial institutions, law and accounting firms, and technology and entrepreneurial specialists.

Companies eligible to lease space in the BTC must be start-up or early stage high technology firms. Firms need to be at a development stage where the BTC and its programs can be effective in promoting growth. Firms must submit an application and a business plan.

Companies may also apply for Affiliate Membership. Affiliates, located off-site, have full access to BTC services, including mentoring and use of conference rooms, and a BTC mailing address.

Altadena Enterprise Zone

The Altadena Enterprise Zone offers special tax incentives to stimulate business investment and job creation to businesses located in the Zone. The following are the tax incentives available to businesses in the Altadena Enterprise Zone:

Hiring Credit: Companies located within the Zone may claim a hiring tax credit for wages paid to a qualified employee, up to \$31,574 over a five-year period.

Period	Rate	Potential Savings
Year 1	50%	\$10,525
Year 2	40%	\$8,420
Year 3	30%	\$6,315
Year 4	20%	\$4,210
Year 5	10%	\$2,105
		\$31,574 Total

Based on the current minimum wage, the allowable maximum wage benefit and a 2,080 hour work year. Your actual savings may vary. In addition, as those employees are replaced due to retirement, relocation or attrition, your new qualified employees are also eligible for Zone Credits.

Qualifying employees include those who are classified within a qualifying group or live in a targeted area. Employees must also spend at least 90% of their work time on activities relating to the Zone business and perform at least 50% of their work within the Zone. Other limitations and record keeping requirements apply. For complete details, refer to the California Franchise Tax Board's Enterprise Zone Guidelines (FTB 38052), for more details visit the website at <http://www.ftb.ca.gov> or contact your tax advisor.

Sales and Use Tax Credit: Zone businesses that purchase production machinery, renewable energy or pollution control apparatus, computer or communications equipment or certain motion picture related equipment may reduce their California tax liability by an amount equivalent to the sales or use tax paid on the qualifying property. In any year, individuals may claim a credit on the first \$1 million of qualifying purchases. Corporations may claim a credit on no more than \$20 million each year.

Machinery must be used exclusively within the Zone and must be purchased and put into use before January of 2012. If you purchase from an out-of-state supplier, you must certify that a comparable purchase could not have been made from a California-based supplier. Other limitations and record keeping requirements apply.

Net Operating Loss Carryover: Businesses or individuals doing business in the Zone may be able to carry-forward operating losses to reduce the amount of taxable income in future years. Minimum taxes may still apply. Certain limitations and record keeping requirements apply.

For additional information on the Altadena Enterprise Zone visit the CDC's website at: http://www.lacdc.org/economic/incentives/altadena_pasadenaNew.shtm or call (323) 890-7107.

COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES
Department of
Consumer Affairs

Beware of Katrina's Scam Artists

The Department of Consumer Affairs cautions you to beware of bogus and fraudulent charities asking for donations for Hurricane Katrina victims. Fraudulent charities solicit "donations" through telemarketing, door-to-door soliciting, and junk emails.

Natural disasters bring out the best in most of us. Many people donate money to help the victims; others donate time, food and clothing, and even their blood. Unfortunately, some unscrupulous people see natural disasters as a chance to help themselves. If you decide to make a charitable donation to help Hurricane Katrina victims, make sure your contribution goes to the victims, not to the scam artists.

Be aware that many bogus and fraudulent charities use names that sound like the real charities. Don't be fooled. Follow the tips below to avoid being a victim:

- Give only to charities you know, like the American Red Cross and the United Way;
- Avoid solicitors who will not give you their name, a callback number, or written materials;
- Never give money to people who come to your home to pick up cash.
- Be suspicious of out-of-state groups, or any entity whose only address is a Post Office Box.

For additional information and resources concerning relief for Hurricane Katrina victims, visit the Federal Trade Commission's website at:

http://www.ftc.gov/bcp/online/events/katrina/consumer_info.html.

The Department of Consumer Affairs also assists County of Los Angeles residents with other consumer concerns such as sales transactions, credit and financial issues, automobiles sales, landlord/tenant disputes, identity theft, real estate fraud, small claims court advice, and more. Services are free. For more information and help please call (800) 593-8222, or visit us online at: lacountydca.info.

Holiday Shopping

This is the season for shopping and giving to charity. It is also the time when the holiday spirit can cause us to overspend. These tips will help you avoid post-holiday problems and New Year budget blues.

- Prepare a holiday budget and stick to it. Paying with cash can help keep your debts low. If you must pay by credit card, use just one. It makes it easier to keep track of your spending.
- Know a store's refund policy before you buy. Some stores offer a full refund, some offer store credit only, and some may offer no refund at all.
- Save all your receipts! You'll need them for returns or exchanges.
- If an item is on sale, make sure you're charged the sale price, not more.
- Check your receipt before you leave the cash register. Make sure you have been charged the right price.
- Buying on the Internet. Make certain the website is secure before entering your personal or financial information. It may be good to use a credit card when making Internet purchases. Keep in mind that paying by credit card gives you certain legal protections if you don't receive what you ordered.
- Signing contracts. A contract is a legal document. Read it very carefully and don't sign it until you really understand it.
- Ask yourself if the interest rate is reasonable and what the total cost of the item is when interest is included. Then ask, "Can I afford it?"
- Guard against identity theft. Do not write your address, phone number, Social Security, or Driver License numbers on credit card receipts. Avoid giving personal information over the telephone or Internet unless you initiated the contact. Before revealing personal information to any business, ask how it will be used and if it will remain confidential.
- Gift Certificates. In California, most gift certificates don't expire, no matter what the fine print says. California law prohibits expiration dates on most gift certificates since 1997. Stores can give you cash for a gift certificate's cash value, or replace it with another certificate at no cost to you. Nearly all service fees on retailer gift cards and gift certificates are banned.

LOS ANGELES COUNTY
**Agricultural Commissioner/
 WEIGHTS AND MEASURES
 DEPARTMENT**

The Department provides environmental and consumer protection through the enforcement of Federal and State laws and County ordinances in the areas of health, safety, and consumer concerns. The Department's highly diverse public services include: ensuring food and water are safe and wholesome; protecting consumers and businesses from fraud; preventing the misuse of pesticides; pest management; pest identification, minimizing fire hazards from weeds and brush; and providing consumer and agricultural information. The Department's services and programs include the following:

- Pesticide Misuse or Illness Investigations **(626) 575-5466**
 - Weed and Brush Abatement/Rubbish Removal
(626) 575-5484
 - Meter Inspections/Consumer Complaints
(gas, water, electric) **(562) 940-8911**
 - Scale Inspections/Consumer Complaints
(grocery stores, delicatessens, etc.) **(562) 940-8911**
 - Investigation of Packaged Goods
(short weight, count, measure, etc.) **(562) 940-8911**
 - Gasoline Station Consumer Complaints **(562) 940-8911**
 - Mobile Home Parks (complaints involving
gas, water or electric meters) **(562) 940-8911**
 - Scanner Overcharge Complaints/Investigations
(800) 665-2900
 - Recycling Scale Complaints/Investigations
(aluminum cans, etc.) **(562) 940-8911**
 - Pest/Weed Control Information/Coyote Complaints
(626) 575-5462
 - Pest or Insect Identification/Plant Disease
(562) 940-7234
 - Substandard Produce/Eggs Complaints **(562) 940-7803**
 - Bringing/Sending Fruit/Plants into
Los Angeles County **(562) 940-7803**
- For more information visit <http://acwm.co.la.ca.us>.



BUYER
Beware
PROGRAM

(Scanner Overcharges)

During the upcoming holiday season, the Los Angeles County Agricultural Commissioner/Director of Weights and Measures encourages you to check your sales receipts for accuracy since scanner overcharges tend to increase during this time period.



The Buyer Beware Program was started in February 2002, after a survey revealed an overcharge rate of sixty-six percent in a sample of retail stores throughout Los Angeles County. The goal of the Program is to reduce the number of instances that consumers are overcharged at the check stand and to inform consumers, via the "Attention Consumers" notice posted at the point of sale locations, that they are entitled to the lowest advertised or posted price offered by the store.

Since implementation of the program, violation rates continue to decline due to stringent enforcement by undercover inspectors. Stores convicted of an overcharge face various penalties depending on the conviction and are required to post a Notice of Overcharge Conviction sign for 60 days within five feet of the front door.

To find out if your favorite retail store has had a violation in the last 3 years, visit the Department website.

If you are overcharged by any amount, call **1-(800) 665-2900** or use the internet at: <http://acwm.co.la.ca.us> to register a complaint. All complaints are handled by the next business day.

LOS ANGELES COUNTY
TREASURER AND TAX COLLECTOR

Property Tax Information

Location and Office Hours

Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration (First Floor)
225 North Hill Street, Los Angeles, CA 90012

Monday through Friday • 8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Toll-free: **1-(888) 807-2111**

Web site: <http://ttax.co.la.ca.us>



Annual Property Taxes

Annual tax bills are mailed each year during the first week of October. If you do not receive your bill by November 1st, contact us immediately; state law still requires that you pay your bill on time. The

First Installment is due on November

1st and must be received in our office or postmarked by December 10th. The Second Installment is due February 1st and must be received in our office or postmarked by April 10th. Payments not postmarked by the postmark due date are delinquent, so please mail your payment to ensure we receive it on time.

Payment Assistance Programs

If you are a senior citizen or a disabled person, there are programs available to postpone payment of your taxes or provide payment assistance. Please call Senior Citizen Representative at **(213) 974-7222** for more information. There are also special programs for military personnel and payment plans for delinquent taxes. Please call **1-(888) 807-2111** for more information.

Business License Requirements

The County Code requires a business license for designated business activities that occur in the unincorporated area. The Department of the Treasurer and Tax Collector (T&TC) functions as the administrator of the program and is responsible for receiving the application, conducting a field investigation and issuing the license. For designated business activities, the Business License Commission conducts a public hearing before the license is issued.

Not all businesses require a County Business License. Generally speaking, businesses that by their very nature may pose a health or safety concern for individuals and the surrounding communities are required to have a valid license. Examples of businesses that are required to have a license:

- Establishments selling food products or beverages. This would include supermarkets, restaurants (sit down or take out), liquor stores, and mini-marts.
- Establishments that offer automotive services such as gasoline stations, repair and paint shops, and motor vehicle rentals.
- Establishments providing entertainment, such as music and dancing.

Taxicabs picking up passengers are also required to have a County Business License.

In conjunction with the Sheriff's office, the T&TC is responsible for ensuring that all businesses that require a license are in compliance with all provisions of the County License Code. If you would like additional information or would like to register a complaint about an existing business, please call **(213) 974-2011**, Monday through Friday, 8:00 a.m. - 5 p.m., or go to the T&TC's website at <http://ttax.co.la.ca.us>.

Get Ready for the Flu Season

The single best protection against the flu is getting a flu vaccination shot each year. It is recommended that you get a flu shot in late-September or October so your body has enough time to fully respond to the vaccine before flu season begins.

For more information about clinics, visit the Los Angeles County Public Health website at <http://www.lapublichealth.org/acd/flu.htm> or call (800) 427-8700.

Steps to Avoid the Flu

You can avoid the flu with simple steps such as:

- getting a flu shot;
- washing your hands often with soap and water;
- avoid touching your eyes, nose, or mouth; and
- staying away from others who are sick.

Protecting others when you have the Flu

You can protect others by:

- staying home from work or school;
- using a tissue to cover your nose and mouth when you sneeze or cough, since the flu can spread from person to person; and
- getting plenty of rest, drinking lots of liquids, and avoiding the use of alcohol and tobacco.

Do you know the difference between a cold and the flu?

Colds and flu are both contagious, respiratory illnesses. They share many symptoms and are both common during the winter, it is often difficult to tell them apart. Antibiotics, like penicillin, will not work to cure your cold and flu symptoms since they are caused by viruses and not by bacteria.

Colds:

- are the most common infectious disease in the U.S.
- generally milder than the flu
- are more likely to produce a runny or stuffy nose
- generally do not result in serious health problems
- are caused by over 200 different types of viruses
- **cannot be** prevented with a vaccination (shot)

The Flu:

- is generally worse than a cold
- is more likely to produce sudden and intense symptoms (fever, body aches, extreme tiredness, and dry coughs)
- can lead to serious health problems (pneumonia, bacterial infections, or hospitalizations) especially among the elderly
- is caused by the influenza virus
- **can be** prevented with a vaccination (shot)

Those in the following priority groups should plan to get their flu shots as early as possible this season to prevent potential complications from the flu:

- all children aged 6-23 months
- adults aged 65 or older
- persons with underlying chronic medical conditions
- women who are pregnant
- residents of nursing homes and long-term care facilities
- children aged 2-18 on chronic aspirin therapy
- healthcare workers who provide direct patient care
- caregivers and household contacts of newborn babies aged 6 months or less

Depending on the supply of vaccine this year, these priority groups may change. Please contact the Immunization Program at the Los Angeles County Department of Health Services at (800) 427-8700.

FACTS ABOUT *West Nile Virus*

What is West Nile Virus?

West Nile Virus (WNV) is a virus that can be transmitted to birds and humans by infected mosquitoes and cause serious illness or death. The virus is most prevalent during the period from May to October when the number of mosquitoes tends to be the highest.

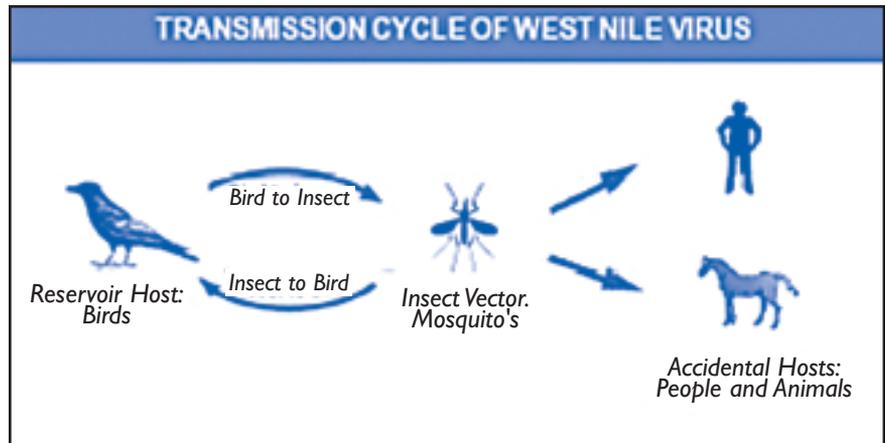
How do people get West Nile Virus?

Generally, WNV is transmitted to people by infected mosquitoes. Various species of mosquitoes carry the virus but very few mosquitoes are actually infected. A mosquito is infected by feeding on a bird with the virus in its blood. The virus lives in the mosquito and is transmitted when the insect bites a person or animal.

A few cases of WNV have been spread through blood transfusions, organ transplants, breastfeeding, and mother-to-baby during pregnancy. Organs and blood are now screened for WNV to ensure that they do not contain the virus. It is important to note that WNV is not spread through casual contact such as touching or kissing an infected person, bird, or other animal.

What are the symptoms of West Nile Virus infection in people?

- **Most people have no symptoms.**
- **Some people will experience mild systems:** Mild symptoms may range from mild to severe that include: fever, headache, nausea, body aches, skin rash, and swollen lymph nodes. These symptoms typically go away in a few days, although some individuals will remain sick for longer.
- **Serious symptoms:** Serious symptoms may include meningitis or encephalitis (inflammation of the brain) and even death. The elderly people with weak immune systems (those with HIV/AIDS and diabetes for example) are particularly susceptible to developing severe symptoms. There is no specific treatment for infection with WNV, although supportive care is important. Please consult your healthcare provider if you think you have WNV.



Can animals get West Nile Virus?

An infected mosquito can bite any animal, but not all animals will become ill. The disease most often affects birds and horses. The virus can cause inflammation of the brain (encephalitis) but the CDC reports that horses can recover from WNV. The best way to protect horses from WNV is by vaccination.

Can I prevent WNV?

The best way to protect yourself and your family is by preventing mosquito bites.

- Avoid outdoor activity at dawn and dusk during May to October.
- Wear long pants and long sleeve shirts.
- Apply insect repellent with DEET on exposed skin when outdoors. Repellents with 10-30% DEET are available for adults and children over 2 months of age.
- Repair or replace screens that have tears or holes.
- Drain all standing water on your property.
- Change water in wading pools, pet dishes, and bird baths two times a week.
- Stock permanent ponds with fish that eat mosquito larvae.
- Clean clogged roof gutter drains in the spring and fall.
- Cover trash cans and recyclables to keep out water that mosquitoes may breed in.



The Monrovia Health Center, Los Angeles County USC Medical Center, and El Monte Comprehensive Health Center are medical resources available to the residents of Altadena. These public, not-for-profit health centers provide care for the entire family and are operated by the Los Angeles County Department of Health Services. Services are by appointment or on a same day basis. These facilities accept public and private insurance payments, as well as cash payments. Bilingual staff is available. Information on services provided at each of the health centers is provided below.



MONROVIA PUBLIC HEALTH CENTER

330 West Maple Ave. • Monrovia, CA 90062
(626) 256-1600

Hours:
 Monday through Friday 8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Immunization Clinic

All vaccines recommended for children and required for school admission are available. It is recommended that infants as young as 2 months begin receiving their first series of immunizations, including TB screening.

Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursdays, Fridays
 8:00 a.m. - 10:00 a.m. and 12:00 noon - 3:30 p.m.

Wednesdays
 10:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. and 2:30 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Triage Clinic

TB Screening, Information & Referral

Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursdays, Fridays
 8:00 a.m. - 10:00 a.m. and 12:00 noon - 3:30 p.m.

Wednesdays
 10:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. and 2:30 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Sexually Transmitted Disease (STD) Clinic

Diagnosis and treatment of STDs includes HIV/AIDS testing.

Mondays 12:30 p.m. - 3:30 p.m.
 Tuesdays 8:00 a.m. - 10:30 a.m.
 (Except the 4th Tuesday of each month)
 Wednesdays 10:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.
 Thursdays 12:30 p.m. - 3:30 p.m.

LOS ANGELES COUNTY USC MEDICAL CENTER

1200 North State St. • Los Angeles, CA 90033
(323) 226-2622

Hours:
 Monday through Friday 8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.
 (Emergency Services are available on a 24-hour basis.)

The Los Angeles County USC Medical Center is one of the largest acute care hospitals in America and has been the primary facility of the University of Southern California School of Medicine since 1885.

LAC+USC provides a full spectrum of emergency, inpatient and outpatient services, which include medical, surgical and emergency/trauma services. A Women's and Children's Hospital provides obstetrical, gynecological, pediatric and specialized neonatal intensive care services, as well as psychiatric services for adults, adolescents and children.

General information **(323) 226-2622**
 Administration **(323) 226-2800**
 Appointments/Appointment Cancellation **(323) 226-5111**

EL MONTE COMPREHENSIVE HEALTH CENTER

10953 Ramona Blvd. • El Monte, CA 91731
(626) 579-8463

Hours:
 Monday through Friday 8:00 a.m. - 8:30 p.m.
 Saturdays (except holidays) 8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

The Center provides full service primary care for all ages, specialty care, and dental care. The Center offers a low-income assistance plan and accepts Medi-Cal. The following services are provided:

- Immunizations
- Family Planning
- Pediatric Care
- Family Dental Care
- Adult Primary Care
- Pharmacy Services
- Adult Specialty Care
- Laboratory Services
- Radiology

Appointments are required for all services.
 Call **(626) 579-8463**.

ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH DIVISION

The Department of Health Services, Environmental Health Division, is responsible for protecting health and preventing diseases in the County by enforcing public health laws regarding food, water/hot water availability, housing, and the environment.

The Environmental Health Division makes inspections and investigates complaints related to:

- Restaurants
- Markets
- Bakeries
- Apartments
- Condos
- Hotels/Motels
- Public Swimming Pools
- Beaches (Ocean Water)
- Landfills/Dumps
- Vacant Lots
- Laundries
- Theaters
- Stadiums
- Food Carts/Trucks
- Fairs/Carnivals

DISTRICT ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES

Food

District Services conducts surprise, routine and complaint related inspections at food establishments (restaurants, markets, bakeries, bars, stadium concession stands, etc.) to ensure that food is stored, prepared and served according to State and local laws.

Housing

Routine inspections and complaint investigations are made to ensure that all housing units are kept clean, free from vermin (cockroaches, rats and mice) and in good repair. Common housing complaints include:

- Vermin
- Leaky Plumbing
- Damaged Floors, Walls, and Ceilings
- No Water/No Hot Water
- Broken Windows or Missing Screens
- Mold
- Chickens/Roosters
- Overflowing Sewage
- Green or Black Water in Swimming Pools
- Dog Droppings
- Overflowing Trash

General

District Services is also responsible for inspections at theaters, laundries, vacant lots, and private swimming pools.

Complaints

To make a complaint or request information regarding the above services, call or visit one of the following offices that serve the Altadena area.

Alhambra Office (food inspections only)

1435 W. Covina Parkway, #5 • West Covina, CA 91790
(626) 813-3346

North San Gabriel Housing Hub

(housing and general inspections)

1435 W. Covina Parkway, #25 • West Covina, CA 91790
(626) 813-3360

OTHER SERVICES

Vehicle Inspection Program (626) 430-5500

Food carts, lunch trucks, produce carts/trucks, ice cream trucks, and street food vendors.

Recreational Health Program (626) 430-5360

Public swimming pools, health clubs, and ocean water inspections/grading.

Vector Control Program (626) 430-5450

Rats, mice, insects, spiders, and fleas.

Restaurant and Market Inspection (626) 430-5200

Housing Inspection/Molding (626) 813-3360

To report a possible food poisoning

Within L.A. County (626) 430-5400

Cruise Ship (800) 323-2132

Airline Flight (310) 215-2365

24 HOUR HOTLINE (888) 700-9995

www.lapublichealth.org/eh



Department of Regional Planning

GENERAL PLAN UPDATE OVERVIEW

The Los Angeles County Department of Regional Planning is presently updating the County's General Plan (Plan). Proposed changes include more focus on the unincorporated areas, and:

1. Community level Growth policies and housing projections for unincorporated areas with a plan horizon year of 2025.
2. Revision and expansion of the boundaries of designated areas of significant ecological value under the present Significant Ecological Areas (SEAs) program. The Plan will also address policies, standards and procedures related to the management of SEAs.
3. Technical conversion of all land use policy maps to a digital computer format to reflect assessor parcel boundaries.
4. Revisions to the transportation policy maps that reflect new projects at the County and regional level.
5. Revisions to the Conservation and Open Space Element to reflect major changes in laws and current planning practices related to watershed planning and abatement of pollution from storm-water runoff.
6. Revisions to the boundaries of area and community plans to reflect recent city incorporations.

This update will not change the goals, policies and land use of area and community plans. Future updates to such local plans will be conducted as a separate effort.

The Department of Regional Planning plans to conduct public meetings on the Preliminary General Plan and associated ordinance changes in 2006. For further information on the General Plan Update, please visit the Department's website at <http://planning.co.la.ca.us> or call the General Plan section at (213) 974-6417.

DEPARTMENT OF REGIONAL PLANNING - CODE ENFORCEMENT

Enforcement of the Zoning Code is an important part of the function of Regional Planning. The Department has a staff of planners dedicated exclusively to this task.

The County of Los Angeles Zoning Ordinance prohibits certain activities in Altadena and throughout the unincorporated areas of Los Angeles County. The following lists some common zoning violations:

- Storage of junk and salvage items;
- Storage of inoperable vehicles;
- Parking of vehicles in the front yard;
- Parking of commercial vehicles on residentially-zoned property;
- Operating a business on residentially-zoned property without a permit;
- Using a trailer or recreational vehicle as living quarters;
- Conversion of garages to living quarters;
- Converting a single-family dwelling unit to multiple dwelling units without obtaining approval from Regional Planning;
- Business signs such as banners and portable signs;
- Merchandise displayed and sold outside of an enclosed building;
- Fences over 3-1/2 feet in height in the front yard and over 6 feet in the rear yard;
- Unpermitted tarp, canopy structure, maintained within the front yard or blocking access to the required covered parking;
- Commercial vehicle storage in residential areas; and
- More than two yards sales per year per residence (see below).

The planner presently assigned to investigate zoning violations in Altadena can be reached at (213) 974-6483.

Complaints can be registered anonymously if you prefer by calling the L.A. County Help line at (888) 924-HELP (4357).

YARD OR GARAGE SALE ORDINANCE - *Things You Should Know*

What better way to get rid of some of your unwanted old clothing, children's toys, and other household items than through a yard or garage sale? However, before you put that sign up and invite all the bargain hunters to your home, you should be aware of the following standards for conducting a yard or garage sale or other similar event in the unincorporated areas of the County.

- Items sold are limited to the personal property of the resident or residents of the dwelling where the sale is conducted.
- No items acquired for resale will be allowed to be sold.
- One on-site sign no larger than four (4) square feet, advertising the sale shall be allowed.
- The sign may be double-sided and facing in both directions.
- Two personal property sales will be allowed yearly.
- Each sale is not to exceed three consecutive days.
- Sales are not allowed between the hours of 6:00 p.m. and 7:00 a.m.

Building and Zoning Code Enforcement- *For A Clean & Safe Neighborhood*

Do you have a neighbor who ruins the whole neighborhood by stockpiling junk in their yard, converting their garage into a second residence, or commencing construction without a building permit. Well, you can do something about it...anonymously. Yes, all it takes is one phone call to your L.A. County Help Line at **(888) 924-HELP (4357)** to register your complaint anonymously. We are here to help keep your neighborhood safe and beautiful.

COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES - PUBLIC LIBRARY

Online Homework

The County of Los Angeles Public Library has launched a new free online service to help students with their homework. A grant from the S. Mark Taper Foundation has enabled the Library to offer Live Homework Help, geared to students in grades 4 through 12.

Live Homework Help is available through the County's Library Web site at www.colapublib.org on any windows-based computer that is connected to the Internet - from home, parks, boys and girls clubs, and from public computers in the library. A valid County Library card is needed to use the new service, as you will need to type in your card number to gain access.

Live Homework Help, powered by tutor.com, connects students with expert tutors in math, science, social studies and English. After logging on, a student selects a grade level and subject area, and is immediately connected to a tutor for a one-on-one session. Sessions are 20 minutes, but students may log on as often as they need help.

Students can get help in both English and Spanish. Live Homework Help is available in English every day from 1:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m. Help in Spanish is available from 3:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m., Sunday through Thursday.

For more information, visit the County Library Web site at www.colapublib.org or call **(562) 940-8520**.

Altadena Main Library

600 East Mariposa Street • Altadena, CA 91001
(626) 798-0833

Visit the website at www.library.altadena.ca.us

Mondays and Tuesdays 10:00 a.m. - 9:00 p.m.
Wednesday through Saturday 10:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.
Sunday 1:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.

The Altadena Main Library carries 125,000 books, 290 magazines, paperbacks, books-on-tape and CD, large-print books, CDs, DVDs, video tapes, pamphlets, microfiche/microfilm reader and printer, Internet access, multimedia programs and more. The Library also has a Community Room for community organizations to use. Below is a list of some of the services offered at the Library.

Computer Services

Computers for public use, Computer Center, 24/7 Reference Service, reference and information, and special collections.

Children's Activities

Story time, specialty workshops, professional performers, special programs throughout the year, Kool Kids via the Internet, and the Summer Reading Club.



On-Line Computer Catalog

The catalog will tell you if a book is checked out, when the book is due back, and how many reservations are pending.

Reference Information

Professional librarians are available to help library users find materials and answer reference questions by telephone or in person. Questions not answered at the Library can be referred to the Metropolitan Cooperative Library System (MCLS). To find out more about the MCLS, visit www.mcls.org.

Borrowing Privileges

Most library materials may be checked out for three weeks, except for magazines and videos. An Altadena Library card is required to borrow materials from the Library. You may apply for a card at the front desk.



Bob Lucas Memorial Library And Literacy Center

2659 N. Lincoln Avenue • Altadena, CA 91001
(626) 798-8338

Monday, Tuesday, and Friday 1:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m. • Wednesday and Thursday 1:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.

The Bob Lucas Memorial Library and Literacy Center is a branch of the Altadena Main Library. The branch offers a variety of popular adult and children's materials and programs. The Literacy Center provides an adult reading program called "Lets Read, Altadena!" Other literacy programs include: Discover Intensive Phonics, Families for Literacy, English Language and Literacy Intensive, and community education classes.

The Bob Lucas Center provides many of the same materials and services as those offered at the main branch including computers, a photocopier, typewriters, reference services, inter-library loans and returns, and a monthly calendar. The Bob Lucas Center carries current magazines, newspapers, paperbacks, books on tape, books and tapes for children, a complete adult fiction and non-fiction section, videos, a Black History collection, a Spanish language collection, and community information. Activities are provided for both children and their families:

Children's Activities

Homework assistance for elementary school students, Crafts for Fun, Youth Month, Summer Reading Club, Video Friday and holiday programs.

Family Services

Families For Literacy Program enhances the full family participation and fosters a family environment conducive to reading and familiarity with the library and its services.

The Reading Wall on Wheels

A new feature of the Bob Lucas Memorial Center is the addition of a Mobile Library. This van travels to the Altadena Main Library, Charles White Park, Loma Alta Park, Farnsworth Park and Altadena Supermarket. Please call the Bob Lucas Branch at (626) 798-8338 for dates and locations.

Your Guide to Public Health Emergency Planning

www.labt.org

Other Resources

- Los Angeles County Department of Health Services - Public Health:** www.labt.org
Hotline: 866-999-LABT (5228)
- L.A. County Emergency Survival Program (ESP):** www.espfocus.org
- L.A. County Disaster Hotline:** 800-980-4990
- Info Line Los Angeles - "211 LA COUNTY":** 211
- City of Los Angeles Emergency Operation Organization:** www.lacity.org/epd
Helpline: 888-356-4661
- California Emergency Preparedness Office:**
www.dhs.ca.gov/ps/ddwem/environmental/epo/epoindex.htm
- Centers for Disease Control and Prevention:** www.bt.cdc.gov
Hotline: 888-246-2675
- U.S. Department of Homeland Security:** www.ready.gov
- Poison Center Hotline:** 800-222-1222
- Red Cross disaster preparedness information** in Arabic, Cambodian, Chinese, English, Farsi, French, Hmong, Japanese, Korean, Laotian, Russian, Spanish, Tagalog, Vietnamese: www.redcross.org/services/disaster/

Do Your Part!

In the event of any emergency, help us by:

- Keeping **9-1-1** emergency phone lines open for true emergencies.
- Using hospitals only for medical emergencies. Keep roads clear and stay home unless you are advised to evacuate or have a medical emergency.
- Using flashlights instead of matches or electrical switches if you think there may be a gas leak.

For More Information, contact **1-866-999-LABT (5228)**

Your Guide to Public Health Emergency Planning

www.labt.org

Protection Means Planning

DON'T PANIC - BE PREPARED!

Thinking about a disaster is scary and unpleasant. It is human nature to avoid thinking about or planning for catastrophic events. "Disaster denial" is an unconscious defense mechanism in which we attempt to escape from real dangers by simply putting them out of our mind. But being prepared for a disaster empowers you to handle yourself in an emergency. And putting together a Disaster Supply Kit is the first important step in preparing for a disaster. Kits can be purchased or homemade in an endless variety of styles and sizes. They can be small enough to fit in your glove compartment or as large as a 50-gallon drum filled with supplies for your home and or business. You may have many kits, each suited to a different purpose. *Below is a list of items you may wish to consider in putting together a Disaster Supply Kit.*



Emergency preparedness means planning ahead. The checklists below make it easy. Go over them with your family and review and update them once a year so they stay complete and up-to-date. For a complete list of terrorism agents, go to www.labt.org

Protect yourself. Protect your family.

Complete this card and keep it nearby.

Create a Disaster Plan

Outline what to do, how to find each other, and how to communicate during different kinds of emergencies. (See other side)

- Name two places to meet: one right outside your home and another outside your neighborhood, such as a library, community center, or place of worship.
- Make sure everyone knows the address and phone number of your second meeting place.
- Know and practice all possible exit routes from your home and neighborhood.
- Choose an out-of-state friend or relative that household members can call if separated during a disaster.
- Make sure everyone's needs are met, especially seniors, people with disabilities, non-English speakers, and pets/livestock.
- Practice your plan with all household members and be sure they have a copy.
- Check on the school emergency plan of any school-age children you may have.



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Prepare Emergency Supplies

Kee your supplies in sturdy, easy-to-carry containers. Keep the larger one at home and put a smaller one in your car. Include:

- Three-day supply of water: one gallon per person per day for drinking and cleaning.
- Three-day supply of food, such as dried or canned foods and can opener.
- Cash (at least \$50-100 in small bills) and an ATM card.
- Changes of clothes and shoes.
- A blanket or sleeping bag for each person.
- First aid kit.
- Family's prescribed medicines and, if possible, copies of prescriptions.
- Battery-powered radio, flashlight, extra batteries, and waterproof matches.
- Soap, toilet paper, and extra plastic bags.
- Items for pets, infant, elderly, or disabled family members.
- Extra eyeglasses, extra set of car and home keys.
- Copy of important family papers in a fireproof container.
- A whistle in case you are trapped.
- If you must evacuate your home, please take your pets/livestock if possible. Include food, medicine and I.D. tag on the pet's collar.

In the Unlikely Event of a Bioterrorism Emergency

Review the following bioterrorism agent information.

Bioterrorism occurs when substances that can cause illness or death are intentionally released, including:

Biological Agents: Bacteria, viruses, or other biological substances.
Examples: anthrax, smallpox, plague, botulism.

Chemical Agents: Toxic gases, liquids, or solids that can harm people or the environment. Examples: sarin and ricin.

Radiological Weapons: Explosive devices that spread radioactive materials.
Example: dirty bomb.

For a complete list of terrorism agents, go to www.labt.org

Personal Health and Emergency Information

Talk to your family about the health risks of different emergencies. Do a full accounting of family members' medical needs and family health resources. Fill out the form below to get started.

For more information, please visit www.lapublichealth.org/dis/pubs/displan.htm

CONTACT	PHONE NUMBER
Emergency Contact:	
• Local	
• Out of State	
Family Doctor:	
Local Hospital:	
Local Police:	
Local Fire:	
School(s):	
Meeting Location #1	
Meeting Location #2	
Health Insurance Carrier:	
Other:	

Family Member	Blood Type	Medical Record/ Policy Number	Past/Current Medical Conditions & Allergies	Current Medications



The Los Angeles County Department of Parks and Recreation (DPR) is proud to offer recreational activities and special events to the residents of Altadena at three local parks: Charles White, Farnsworth and Loma Alta Parks. Information on these parks and on Eaton Canyon Nature Center, Descanso Gardens, and the Arboretum is included in this resource guide.

This resource guide is an annual publication, therefore some events listed do not include dates and times since a schedule has not yet been developed. If you are interested in any of these events or activities, we recommend that you contact DPR or the park facility directly. The DPR headquarters is located at 433 South Vermont Avenue, Los Angeles, CA 90020. (213) 738-2961.

CHARLES S. FARNSWORTH PARK

568 E. Mount Curve Ave
Altadena, CA 91001
(626) 798-6335

This 14-acre park consists of two lighted basketball courts, two lighted tennis courts, two softball fields (one lighted), two covered picnic areas as well as other picnic locations, children's play areas, a 500-seat amphitheatre, a community building and a recreation office. Farnsworth Park offers a panoramic view of Los Angeles from its location in the foothills of the San Gabriel Mountains.

DAY CAMP

After-School Day Camp 5 - 12 years

September 2005 - June 2006

Monday - Friday 2:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.
Fee: \$10.00 per week Daily snack included

Friday Night Live (Friday) 5 - 12 years

Year Round 6:00 p.m. - 10:00 p.m.
Fee: \$ 5.00 per child

Summer Day Camp 5 - 12 years

For more information, please call (626) 798-6335

Winter Day Camp 5 - 12 years

December 26 - December 30, 2005

Monday - Friday 8:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.
Fee: \$35.00 per week



OTHER YOUTH ACTIVITIES/EVENTS

Altadena Little League 5 - 15 years

For more information, please call (626) 403-1036

Concerts in the Park

For more information, please call (626) 798-6335

Farnsworth Pacers

For more information, please call (626) 798-1173

Summer Lunch Program

For more information, please call (626) 798-1173

Sue B. Dance Company

July 2005 - December 2006

Monday 4:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.
Saturday 9:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

For more information, please call (626) 798-8285

Tiny Tot Program

September 2005 - December 2006

Monday - Friday 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 noon
Fee: \$50.00 per month

CHARLES S. FARNSWORTH PARK

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US Tennis Association Classes

Four Seasonal Sessions

Wednesday 6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.

Saturday 12:00 noon - 2:00 p.m.

Fees: \$7.00 per student and session

For more information, please call (626) 798-6335

Youth Wrestling 5 - 16 years

Year Round 5:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.

Fee: \$12.00 per month

SENIOR ACTIVITIES/PROGRAMS

Senior Softball

July 2005 - December 2006

Monday 8:00 a.m. - 10:00 a.m.

Fee: None

SPECIAL EVENTS

Halloween Party & Haunted House

October 2006 5:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.

Fee: Free of charge

Thanksgiving Food Drive

November 1 - November 30, 2006

9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Fee: Non perishable food donations only

Thanksgiving Turkey Toss

November 2006 11:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

Fee: Non perishable food donations only

Christmas Party

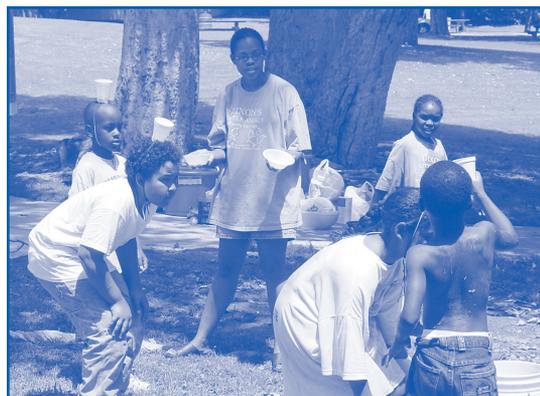
December 23, 2005 4:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Fee: Free of charge

LOMA ALTA PARK

3330 N. Lincoln Avenue, Altadena, CA 91001

(626) 794-8811



Loma Alta Park is located on a seven-acre site which includes a recreation activity building and kitchen, lighted tennis courts, lighted multipurpose softball diamond, football fields, basketball and volleyball courts, children's play area, horseback riding and hiking trails, a swimming pool, community garden and equestrian rings. A new gymnasium and building complex will be completed by the summer of 2006

DAY CAMPS

After-School Day Camp 6 - 14 years

September 6, 2005 - June 9, 2006 (except - Holiday Camp)

Monday - Friday 2:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.

Fee: \$7.00 per week and per child

Christmas Vacation Camp 6 - 12 years

December 23, 2005 - January 6, 2006

7:30 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.

Fee: \$35.00

Friday Night Live 6 - 12 years

Year Round

Friday 5:30 p.m. - 10:30 p.m.

Fee: \$10 for 1st child & \$5 each additional child

Saturday Recreation Adventure 6 - 13 years

October 1, 2005 - June 10, 2006

Saturdays only 12 noon - 5:00 p.m.

Fee: \$5.00 per Saturday, \$20.00 per month

Summer Day Camp 6 - 12 years

June 12, 2006 - September 19, 2006

Monday - Friday 7:30 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.

Fee: \$45.00 per week

YOUTH ACTIVITIES**Abalaya African Dance** *All ages*

July 6, 2005 - July 7, 2006

Thursdays only 7:00 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.

Fee: \$10.00 per class

After-School Kinders *2 - 5 years
(must be potty trained)*

September 12, 2005 - June 30, 2006

Monday - Friday 12:30 p.m. - 3:30 p.m.

(attached to Tiny Tot program)

Fee: \$20.00

Extended Care

(Immediately after the Tiny Tot program)

2 - 5 years (must be potty trained)

September 12, 2005 - June 9, 2006

Monday - Friday 7:30 a.m. - 9:30 a.m.

Fee: \$10.00 per week

**OTHER YOUTH
ACTIVITIES/EVENTS****Drill Team & Drum Squad** *6 - 17 years*

September 9, 2005 - September 19, 2006

For more information, call **(626) 794-8811****Low Impact Exercise** *18 years and older*

July 9, 2005 - July 9, 2006

Saturday 9:00 a.m. - 10:00 a.m.

Fee: \$5.00 per class, \$25 per month

Ebony Repertory Dance Co. *2 - 12 years*

January 14, 2006 - June 9, 2006

Wednesday 6:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.

Flag Football (co-ed) *5 - 14 years and 15 - 17 years*

September 20, 2006 - December 10, 2006

Tuesday and Thursday Practices 6:00 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.

Saturday games 9:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

Fee: \$30.00 for 12 weeks

Pool *All ages*

Open to the public 7 days

June 23, 2006 - September 4, 2006 12:30 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Fee: Free of charge

Snack Program *1 - 18 years*

September 2005 - June 2006

Monday - Friday

Fee: Free of charge

Tiny Tot Gardening *2 - 5 years*

October 10, 2005 - April 28, 2006

Tuesday 9:30 a.m. - 10:30 a.m.

For more information, call **(626) 794-8811****Tiny Tot Graplers** *2 - 5 years*

October 5, 2005 - June 9, 2006

Wednesday 2:30 p.m. - 3:30 p.m.

For more information, call **(626) 794-8811****Tiny Tot Program** *2 - 5 years (must be potty trained)*

September 12, 2005 - June 30, 2006

Monday - Friday 9:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

Fee: Free of charge

Kidz Corner *(immediately after the Tiny Tot program)**2 - 5 years (must be potty trained)*

September 12, 2005 - June 30, 2006

Monday - Friday 3:30 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.

Toy Loan Program *2 - 12 years*

June 24, 2005 - June 24, 2006

Thursday and Friday 3:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.

Fee: Free of charge

U. S. Tennis Association Classes *8 - 11 years*

June 6, 2006 - August 31, 2006

Tuesday and Thursday 9:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.

Fee: \$10.00 for six weeks

Youth for a Better Altadena *13 - 18 years*

July 8, 2005 to July 8, 2006

Friday 6:00 p.m. - 10:00 p.m.

Fee: \$20.00 per year

West Altadena Little League *5 - 15 years*

September 9, 2005 - June 12, 2006

For more information, please call **(626) 794-8811****SENIOR ACTIVITY** *Adults***Altadena Community Gardens**

September 22, 2005 - September 22, 2006

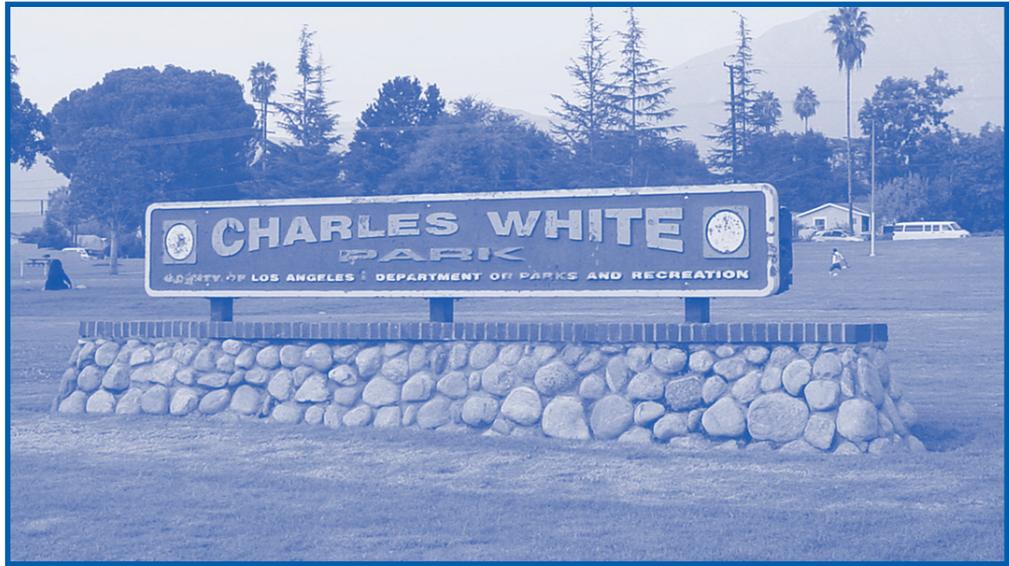
Sunday - Saturday 6:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.

Fee: \$30.00 membership

CHARLES WHITE PARK

77 Mountain View Street
 Altadena, CA 91001
 (626) 794-8811

This five-acre park consists of a children's play area, picnic areas, and lots of green open space. The park is located between Lincoln Avenue and Fair Oaks Avenue in beautiful Altadena. The following is a list of the activities offered at the park.



DAY CAMPS

After-School Day Camp

6 - 14 years

September 6, 2005 - June 9, 2006

(except - Holiday Camp)

Monday, Wednesday and Friday 3:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.

Fee: \$6.00 every 2 weeks per child

After-School Snack Program 18 years and under

September 9, 2005 - June 12, 2006 3:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Fee: Free of charge

Saturday Recreation Adventure 6 - 12 years

Year Round

Every Saturday 12:00 noon - 4:00 p.m.

Fee: \$5.00 per month

Saturday Recreation Adventure 6 - 13 years

October 1, 2005 - June 10, 2006

Saturday only 12:00 noon - 5:00 p.m.

Fee: \$5.00 per month

Summer Day Camp 6 - 12 years

June 12, 2006 - September 16, 2006

Monday - Friday

Fee: \$5.00 per week

Summer Lunch Program 18 and Under

July 5, 2006 - August 2006

Monday - Friday 12:00 noon - 1:00 p.m.

Fee: Free of charge

Winter Vacation Camp 6 - 12 years

December 23, 2005 - January 6, 2006

12 noon - 4:00 p.m.

Fee: \$5.00 per week

OTHER YOUTH ACTIVITIES/EVENTS

Drill Team & Drum Squad

September 9, 2005 to September 19, 2006

For more information, call (626) 794-8811

Youth Flag Football (co-ed) 5 - 15 years

September 20, 2005 - December 10, 2005

Tuesday and Thursday Practices 6:00 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.

Saturday Games 9:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

Fee: \$30 for 12 week session or
 \$5 per class or \$25 per month

International Community Festival All ages

October 2006 (Date to be determined)

12:00 noon to 6:00 p.m.

Fee: Free of charge

Halloween Party 12 and under

October 2006 (Date to be determined)

3:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Fee: Free of charge

Turkey Shoot 12 and under

November 2006 (Date to be determined)

11:00 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

Fee: Free of charge

Altadena Community Gardens Adults

September 22, 2005 - September 22, 2006

Sunday - Saturday 6:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.

Fee: \$30.00 membership

ALTADENA AND EATON CANYON Golf Courses

Nestled in the peaceful and scenic San Gabriel Foothills are two beautiful, regulation nine-hole Los Angeles County golf courses: Eaton Canyon and Altadena. Both are open to the public from dawn to dusk 365 days a year. Golfers of all skill levels can easily walk or ride for a quick early morning round of golf. Reservations can be made up to seven days in advance.

Each course has a terrific practice facility including a grass tee driving range, practice bunker, chipping green and putting green.



The 10th Hole Bar and Grill serves a daily breakfast and lunch and are located at both golf courses.

Altadena Golf Course is located at 1456 East Mendocino Street, Altadena. For reservations and additional information, please call **(626) 797-3821**.

Eaton Canyon Golf Course is located at 1150 North Sierra Madre Villa Avenue, Pasadena. For reservations and additional information, please call **(626) 794-6773**.

JUNIOR GOLF PROGRAM

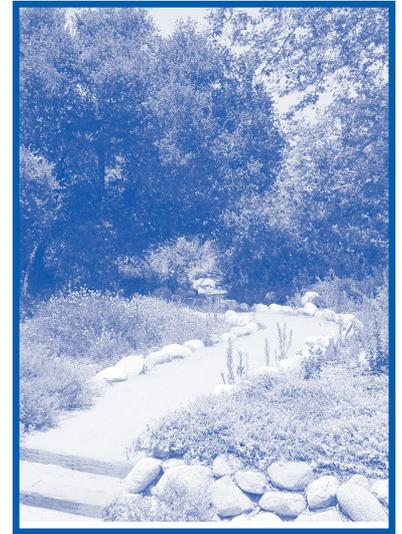
The Los County Department of Parks and Recreation's Junior Golf Program has provided free golf lessons to over 500 youth. The program travels during the year to each of the County's 17 golf courses and provides a week of lessons to youth 18 years of age and younger. Participants learn how to use the driving range, chipping and putting greens, and valuable life skills such as respect, integrity, honesty and commitment.

For additional information regarding program registration, please contact the Altadena Golf Course at **(626) 797-3821**.

Eaton Canyon NATURE CENTER

1750 N. Altadena Drive
Pasadena, CA 91107
(626) 398-5420

- Park open daily from sunrise to sunset
- Nature Center building is open daily from 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.



This 184-acre natural park is located at the base of Mt. Wilson. It consists of a beautiful Nature Center building, five miles of walking and hiking trail, an equestrian trail, a camp ground and other amenities. The Nature Center offers camping for schools, group tours, and training programs for naturalists, docents and junior park rangers. Following are activities offered at the Nature Center.

Family Nature Walk *All ages*

A docent-led family nature walk through the canyon
Every Saturday *9:00 a.m.*
No fee

Plant Walk *All ages*

A walk through the canyon to learn about Eaton Canyon's native plants with members of the California Native Plant Society.
Second Sunday of every month *9:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.*
No fee

Bird Walk

Walk through the canyon with members of the Pasadena Audubon Society and learn about birds in Eaton Canyon
Third Sunday of every month *9:00 a.m.*
No fee

Naturecize Walk

A 4-mile docent-led round-trip hike to the waterfall.
Fourth Sunday of every month *9:00 a.m.*

Summer Nature Camp *6 - 12 years*

This camp runs for two weeks in the summer. Call the Nature Center for registration and fees.



Eaton Canyon NATURE CENTER (CONTINUED)

Winter Nature Camp *6-12 years*
December 9:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m.
Call the Nature Center for further information.

Moonlight Hikes *All ages*
Monthly on the Friday night closest to the full moon
Call Nature Center for fees and topics.

Summer Twilight Program *All ages*
Monthly:
July, August and September 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.
Call Nature Center for fees and topics.

Descanso Gardens

1418 Descanso Drive • La Cañada Flintridge, CA 91011
(818) 949-4200
www.descansogardens.org

Open 9:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. daily (except Christmas day)

Admission:

Adults	\$6.00
Seniors	\$4.00
Students (with student ID)	\$4.00
Children ages 5 to 12 (age 4 and under free)	\$1.50
Members and children under 5	Free
Parking	Free

Descanso Gardens is located in the San Rafael Hills. It is truly a secluded, lush, dense garden containing over 100,000 plants, which includes one of the largest displays of camellias in the world. Some of the more popular attractions include a lake that hosts migratory birds, a Japanese garden with pools and waterfalls, and the International Rosarium featuring thousands of rose settings. There is also an extensive performing arts program throughout the year that includes stage and musical performances and flower and crafts shows. Walking and tram tours, horticultural classes and lectures are available. Rental facilities are available for film locations, weddings, special events, corporate meetings and vendor fairs. Please call the park for more information.

Sunday Concerts Under the Oaks *All ages*

Free with Gardens admission.

For information please call (818) 949-4200.

Nature Nights for Families *All ages*

Bring your food for a picnic. For fee information and reservations, please call (818) 949-7980.

Fitness Walks and Yoga *Adults*

Two mornings per week:

Mondays, Wednesdays 8:30 a.m. - 10:00 a.m.

Two evenings per week:

Tuesdays, Thursdays 5:30 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.

For fee information and reservations please call the park.

ARBORETUM & BOTANIC GARDEN

301 North Baldwin Avenue • Arcadia, CA 91007

(626) 821-3222 • www.arboretum.org

Spend your day in a lush garden or sit by a waterfall and watch peacocks unfold their colorful feathers! Visit the tropical greenhouse or take a tram ride through the 127-acre garden with plant and tree life from around the world.

Hours of Operation

Open 7 days a week (except for December 25)	9:00 a.m. - 4:30 pm
Summer Hours:	June through August
Monday through Friday	9:00 a.m. - 6:30 p.m.
Saturdays and Sundays	9:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

Admission:

Adults	\$6.00
Seniors	\$4.00
Students (with student ID)	\$4.00
Children ages 5 to 12	\$1.50
(age 4 and under free)	
3rd Tuesday of each month	Free

Library

This 28,000 volume reference library is open to the public Monday through Friday from 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m., and weekends from 10:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. Information is available on horticulture, botany, and related subjects. (626) 821-3213

Plant Information

Specialists are available to answer your plant questions Monday through Friday from 9:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m., and weekends from 10:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. (626) 821-3239

Gift Shop

Open daily from 9:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. Here you will find treasures for your garden and home, as well as books, stationery, gift items, children's educational toys, and more. (626) 447-8751

Special Events

A perfect site for meetings, corporate events, and film shoots. (626) 821-3204

Weddings

The Arboretum provides naturally beautiful, unique settings for wedding ceremonies and receptions. The intimate Rose Garden, tropical waterfall, and lush flowers and plants are picturesque settings for a perfect wedding. (All wedding ceremonies and receptions are held outdoors). (626) 821-3211

School Field Trips

Reservations for guided and self-guided tours are taken every Monday from 10:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. and Thursdays from 10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. Guided tours are available for 3rd - 6th graders in early California History. For more information, call (626) 821-3222 ext. 237.

Walking Tours

Docent-led walking tours of the grounds leave from the Admissions area every Wednesday at 11:00 a.m. Reservations are not necessary.

Tram Tours

Join us for a guided tram tour of the gardens. Tours run daily every half-hour daily. You may purchase tickets at the entrance. \$2.00 per adult, children 2 & under free. Please call for tram schedule.

Educational Classes

Classes are available year-round for adults and children. (626) 821-4624

Peacock Café

Enjoy breakfast, lunch or a light snack on the terrace or in the sun room. The café staff is available to cater your special event, either on or off-site. (626) 445-4267

Baldwin Lake

There is a 4-acre natural body of water that is home to numerous waterfowl.

ARBORETUM & BOTANIC GARDEN (CONTINUED)

Queen Anne Cottage and Matching Coach Barn

Constructed for land baron E.J. "Lucky" Baldwin in the 1880's, both structures are listed on the National Register of Historic Places. The Cottage is available for through-the-window viewing and the Coach Barn is open daily.

Santa Anita Depot

This fully furnished 1890 train station is open for tours on Tuesdays and Wednesdays from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. and on Sundays from 1:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Tropical Greenhouse

Filled with orchids, ferns, bromeliads, carnivorous plants, and many other unusual plants, this greenhouse feels like an exotic tropical paradise. Open daily from 10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Meadowbrook, Kallam Garden and Meyberg Waterfall

7-acres of colorful rolling landscape alongside a 1,000 foot stream that flows from adjacent Meyberg Waterfall. Kallam Garden, located in the Meadowbrook area, is a perennial garden with year-round color.

Herb Gardens

A 1.2-acre garden that highlights plants used for medicinal purposes, culinary arts, fibers, fabrics and more.

Rose Gardens

In a Victorian setting with an emphasis on vintage roses but complemented with perennials and companion plants to provide long lasting color.

Water Conservation Garden

A 20,000 square foot display of drought tolerant plants in a colorful, attractive landscape.

Sunset Demonstration Gardens

Eight "idea" gardens with plants, pools, deckings, fountains, furniture and more.

Garden for all Seasons

A cutting and display garden, fully maintained by volunteers, that features both flowers and vegetables.

Beaches and Harbors MARINA DEL REY *Special Events 2005*

The Department of Beaches and Harbors operates and manages 20 beaches stretching along 31 miles of pristine County coastline. The Department also operates Marina del Rey, the largest man-made small craft harbor in the country. Among the many exciting public events offered at Marina del Rey which the Department supports and/or sponsors are the following.

NEW YEAR'S EVE FIREWORKS 2005

Saturday, December 31st

From 11:59:30 pm - 12:05 am

Fireworks shot from the south jetty will light up the sky over Marina del Rey to ring in the New Year. Beginning at 11:59 and 30 seconds, as each second passes, one firework will be shot into the air counting down to midnight and the show continues for an additional 5 minutes. Best places to view the fireworks are Burton Chace Park, located at 13650 Mindanao Way, and Fisherman's Village at 13755 Fiji Way. Fireworks may also be viewed throughout the Marina. Admission is FREE.



Special Events

Beaches and Harbors MARINA DEL REY *Special Events 2006*

OUTDOOR ADVENTURES PROGRAM

Burton Chace Park

13650 Mindanao Way • Marina del Rey, CA
(310) 305-9595

The popular Outdoor Adventures Program returns to the Marina for a fourth season and is now offering a new Surf Kayaking Program for experienced kayakers.

Bird Watching Experience

The first outdoor adventure is a Bird Watching Experience held from January through June. Morning and afternoon sessions available for free. Two-hour walks within the Ballona Wetlands and shoreline habitats exploring fresh and salt water marshes, and nesting sites of the Great Blue and Black Crowned Night Herons.



Harbor Kayaking

The second outdoor adventure is Harbor Kayaking launching from March through October with recreational trips throughout the Marina basins.

Surf Kayaking

The third outdoor adventure offered from March through October is Surf Kayaking for experienced kayakers heading out of the Marina to surf waves on Santa Monica Bay aboard sit-on-top kayaks with instruction from Ocean Lifeguards.

Fees are charged for the Harbor and Surf Kayaking programs and include all equipment, including kayaks.

To register for an Outdoor Adventure call (310) 305-9595. Dates and times to be determined.

4th OF JULY FIREWORKS EXTRAVAGANZA

July 4, 2006

9:00 p.m.

Marina del Rey, CA

This free Zambelli Pyrotechnics-produced fireworks extravaganza over the main channel in Marina del Rey lasts approximately 20 minutes. Best places to view the fireworks are Burton Chace Park at 13650 Mindanao Way or Fisherman's Village at 13755 Fiji Way. Arrive early to get the best possible viewing spots.

FREE MARINA DEL REY SUMMER CONCERTS 2006

This will be the sixth season of the very popular Marina del Rey Summer Concerts. The concert will be held at 7:00 p.m., waterside in Burton Chace Park, 13650 Mindanao Way, Marina del Rey. Four classical concerts, featuring the 75-piece Marina del Rey Summer Symphony, conducted by Frank Fetta, are held on Thursday evenings. Pop concerts, featuring stars of the jazz and pop worlds, are held on alternate Saturday evenings. Recent stars have included Judy Collins, Sheila E, Cleo Laine and John Dankworth, Doc Severinsen, and Patti Austin. The 2006 Marina del Rey Summer Concert schedule is as follows:

Classical Thursdays -

July 13, July 27, August 10, August 24

Pop Saturdays -

July 22, August 5, August 19, September 2



Special Events

Beaches and Harbors MARINA DEL REY *Special Events 2006* (Continued)

DISCOVER MARINA DEL REY DAY

Burton Chace Park
13650 Mindanao Way
Marina del Rey, CA

October 8, 2006

11:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

This is a community event rich with opportunities for fun and learning for the entire family. The event includes live music, information booths, games and inflatables, refreshments, marionette shows, a pumpkin patch, and a simulated helicopter rescue by the U.S. Coast Guard and Los Angeles County Fire Department. Admission is FREE. There is a \$5 charge for a bracelet that allows unlimited access to the inflatables, games and snack carts for the children.



MARINA DEL REY HOLIDAY BOAT PARADE

Main Parade: Saturday, December 9 from 6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.

The Saturday parade begins with a burst of fireworks at 5:55 pm. Festively decorated boats illuminate the Marina's main channel in one of the Marina's most visually exciting events. Come and see this year's boats beautifully decorated for the holiday season. The parade route brings boats through the main channel of Marina del Rey as they compete for spectacular prize packages. Best places to view the parade include Burton Chace Park located at 13650 Mindanao Way or Fisherman's Village at 13755 Fiji Way. Admission to the event is FREE.

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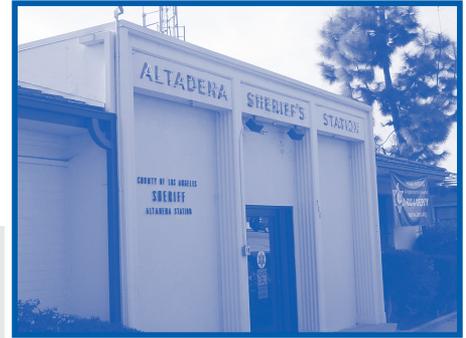
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(626) 798-1131

The Altadena Sheriff's Station (Station) provides law enforcement services to the unincorporated County areas of Altadena, covering an estimated 8.5 square miles.

The fingerprinting service to the public has been suspended due to the upgrade to our fingerprinting system. Contact the Altadena Sheriff Station for more information (626)798-1131. Note that the Sheriff station does not fingerprint for the Immigration and Naturalization Service (INS). If you need INS fingerprints you will need to go to an INS designated location.



Vacation Check: Did you know that a Sheriff's Deputy or a member of the Volunteers on Patrol will check your home or business for you while you are away on vacation? Call (626) 798-1131 for more information.

Annual Events Sponsored by your Altadena Sheriff's Station

Soap Box Derby: The All-American Soap Box Derby is an outreach program for at-risk youth (ages 9 to 13), sponsored by the Sheriff's Departments Youths Foundation. Youngsters work with Deputies to build and race their own soap box derby cars. The program promotes workmanship, discipline, perseverance, and friendly competition. Each year, in late spring, the Sheriff's Department hosts its own Soap Box Derby race. Winners of this race compete in Akron, Ohio for the All-American Soap Box Derby Race title.

Summer

Summer Concert Series: During the summer months, the Altadena Sheriff's Station and the Los Angeles County Department of Parks and Recreation host a concert series at Farnsworth Park in Altadena. These monthly concerts showcase the talents of native Altadena musicians at no cost to the general public. With security provided by Altadena Sheriff's Station and a facility provided by the Parks and Recreation Department, the Summer Concert Series is the perfect partnership between local government and the public it serves.

National Night Out: Each year in August, law enforcement and communities throughout the country celebrate National Night Out to take a stand against drugs, gangs, and violent crimes in their community. National Night Out, an Evening of Gospel Music, is sponsored by the Altadena Sheriff's Clergy Council. During the evening, gospel music is performed by local professional gospel musicians. In addition, concert goers are encouraged to support their local law enforcement agency in their fight against crime. National

Night Out is celebrated on the first Tuesday of August and is part of the Summer Concert Series.

Winter

The Christmas Food and Toy Drive is coordinated by the Altadena Sheriff's Station's Community Relations Office and Civilian Volunteers. This annual event provides food for low-income and disadvantaged families referred to the station by schools in Altadena. Volunteers collect the food and toys from the schools and bring it to the station where it is packaged and distributed to needy families the week before Christmas.

Food and toys are also collected during the annual Christmas Food and Toy Drive Crafts Fair and Car Show in the month of November. Participants are required to donate \$25.00, or a toy of equivalent value.

Other Programs and Events

Sheriff's Support Group of Altadena (SSGA)

The Sheriff's Support Group is a non-profit 501(c)(3) community service group whose purpose is to support the Altadena Sheriff's Station with services and materials not available through the Sheriff's Department and the Station's budget. The SSGA has contributed to the success of many of the station's events, such as the Summer Concert Series and the Christmas Food & Toy Drive.

During the last week of October, as an alternative to trick-or-treating, the SSGA hosts a Haunted Jail at the Altadena Sheriff's Station. Visit us at www.altadenasheriffs.org.

Altadena Sheriff's Station (continued)

Uniform Reserves

Uniform reserve deputies perform general law enforcement duties, including crime prevention and investigation, responding to calls for service, and traffic control. Reserve Deputies supplement the regular operations of the Sheriff's Department by working not only patrol, but also the mounted posse, search and rescue missions, or as specialists.

Altadena Mountain Search and Rescue Team

The Altadena Mountain Search and Rescue Team is a nonprofit, volunteer group dedicated to saving lives through safety, education and mountain rescue. It has been a member unit of the Sheriff's Department Reserve Forces Bureau since 1956 and is the oldest law enforcement agency in the County of Los Angeles. For more details, visit the website at <http://www.amrt.org>.

Civilian Volunteer Program

At the discretion of the Sheriff's Deputies and/or other trained, non-sworn personnel, volunteers perform nonhazardous duties such as administrative tasks, crowd/traffic assistance, search missions, and patrol service for the Gold Line trains. Though non-compensated, they are completely insured while on duty or in training. Volunteers are civilian members of the Sheriff's Department who undergo a background check. Minimum age requirement to be a civilian volunteer is 18 years old.

Community Advisory Committee

The Community Advisory Committee (CAC) consists of residents, local business owners, clergy, and students who represent Altadena's diverse community. The CAC addresses and works toward solving community issues, and participates in planning various crime prevention events in Altadena, such as the Town Hall meeting or focus groups.

Altadena Sheriff's Station Clergy Council

The Altadena Station's Clergy Council is a partnership between the faith-based community and local law enforcement, designed to complement the services provided by both organizations. The Clergy Council assists and supports the Altadena Station by providing spiritual guidance to residents in crisis situations. The Clergy Council Message Number: is (626) 296-2137.

Sheriff's Explorers

Local community youth, 14-1/2 to 21 years old, participate in the Explorers program, assisting Deputy Sheriffs by performing non-hazardous duties such as report writing, public fingerprinting, and crowd/traffic assistance at parades, air shows, conferences, civic events, anti-crime campaigns, and search missions. Explorers undergo eighteen weeks of training on Saturdays at the Sheriff's Training Academy in Whittier or Valencia. The 184-hour curriculum includes subjects such as community relations, criminal law, closeorder drill, physical training, firearms safety, narcotics control, police procedures, and weaponless defense mastery. Satisfactory completion of the Academy earns Explorers ten units of high school credit and, in certain circumstances, college credits. Call the Explorer/Reserve Coordinator at (626) 296-2102 for more information.

Altadena Sheriff's Youth Cadet Program

The Altadena Sheriff's Youth Cadet Program (Program) is an after-school program funded by the Community School Policing Grant. The Program is directed at at-risk youth attending Edison Elementary School. The goal of this program is to provide positive reinforcement and a structured environment for fourth through sixth grade students facing problems with school and home life. Through collaborative efforts of the Sheriff's Deputies and personnel, Pasadena Unified School District staff, Clergy Council mentors, and peer leadership of the Sheriff's Explorers, this program helps bridge the gap between law enforcement and youth. This ten-week program covers drill and discipline instruction, counseling, homework, field trips, sports, and interactive lectures on topics such as narcotics, gang awareness, violence, anger management, and critical thinking. At the end of the year, students, their families, and invited guests celebrate the completion of the program in a graduation ceremony.

Neighborhood Watch

Residents throughout Altadena who are concerned about the quality of life in their immediate communities can join a Neighborhood Watch group. There are currently more than 100 Neighborhood Watch groups in Altadena. These groups allow residents to get acquainted with their neighbors and become familiar with various emergency service organizations. In addition to watching each other's homes and property, Neighborhood Watch groups keep an eye on those who need special attention, such as small children, the elderly, and the disabled. Call the Community Relations Deputy at (626) 798-1131 for more information on how you can form or join a Neighborhood Watch group.

LOS ANGELES COUNTY Fire Department



Altadena residents are served by the following County fire stations:

Fire Station 11

2521 North El Molino Ave.
Altadena, CA 91001
(626) 797-2104

Fire Station 12

2760 North Lincoln Ave.
Altadena, CA 91001-4961
(626) 797-1911



SAFE SURRENDER PROGRAM

Thanks to the State and County legislation, new mothers who give birth to an unwanted baby now have safe, legal alternatives. The State of California Safe Surrender Law went into effect in 2001. This law allows new mothers to leave an unwanted baby at any hospital emergency room within 72 hours after the birth. The Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors approved a plan that allows new mothers to safely surrender an unwanted newborn at any Los Angeles County fire station.



If you know of someone who may be at-risk for abandoning a baby, that person may call the Safe Surrender Hotline for information, counseling and referrals at **1-877 BABY-SAFE**. The new hotline is available 24 hours a day, seven days a week, and is staffed by professionals who speak more than 160 languages.

SAFE Surrender 24 HOUR HOTLINE
1-(877) BABY-SAFE
www.babysafela.org

SAFE HOUSE PROGRAM

The Safe House Program, implemented in 1997, is a program which ensures a temporary haven for any person who encounters a threatening situation and needs a safe place to go. Both of the County fire stations listed above that serve the Altadena area are designated Safe Houses.

BRUSH CLEARANCE TIPS

The following information is provided by the Los Angeles County Fire Department to assist you and the community in preventing a fire. It provides valuable safety tips on brush clearance on and around your property, yard landscaping, and things you can do in your community to better prevent and prepare in the event of a fire.

Preparation for wildland fire season is a year-round responsibility. This year's precipitation produced an abundance of growth in easy-to-ignite grass and light vegetation. Individual property owners are urged to comply with brush clearance notices mailed to them. Consider the following suggestions to prepare your property and your family for the brush fire season.

Home and Yard Landscaping

- Remove flammable vegetation and other combustible growth within 30 feet of any structure. Increase this distance to 50 feet in high hazard areas. Thin out or remove other vegetation an additional 70 feet from structures for a total of 100 feet (200 feet in high hazard areas).
- Single trees, ornamental shrubbery and ground covers are permitted, provided they can not readily transmit fire from native vegetation to structures.
- Use plants that are drought-tolerant and fire resistant for landscaping. Maintain plants!

Many fires are started by candles, left unattended in the home. The Los Angeles County Fire Department recommends you use candles with care, keep any flame away from items that can catch fire, and **REMEMBER.....WHEN YOU GO OUT, BLOW OUT!**

LOS ANGELES COUNTY Fire Department

- Space trees and shrubs a minimum of 15 feet apart, or three times their diameter, from other shrubs.
- Trees should be spaced to allow a minimum of 30 feet between canopies at maturity.
- Trees taller than 18 feet: prune lower branches within 6 feet of the ground.
- Trees and shrubs of less than 18 feet: prune lower branches to one-third of their height.
- Maintain all plants by regularly removing dead branches and leaves.
- Remove all stacks of combustible materials.
- Stack wood at least 30 feet from structures. Remove flammable vegetation within 10 feet of woodpiles.
- Keep butane/propane tanks at least 10 feet from any structure and maintain 10 feet of clearance.

The Brush Clearance Program is a joint effort between the County of Los Angeles Fire Department and the Department of Agricultural Commissioner/Weights and Measures, Weed Hazard and Pest Abatement Bureau (Weed Abatement Division). This program identifies property that is considered to be a public nuisance due to existing fire hazards, and where necessary actions are taken to clear or remove the hazard. The cost of clearance is assessed to the property owner. For more information, contact (323) 881-2413.

FIRE SAFETY TIPS FOR THE HOME

Kee your home safe from fires by following the tips below.

Smoke Detector Safety

- Install a smoke detector on every floor and inside each bedroom of your home.
- Test and clean your smoke detectors monthly.
- Change batteries at least once a year.
- Prepare and practice an escape plan.
- Know two ways out of every room, including bedrooms.

Children and Fire Safety

- Keep lighters and matches away from children.
- Teach children how to call for emergency assistance.
- Use safety plugs in electrical outlets.

Cooking Safety

- Never leave food unattended on the stove.
- Keep dangling clothing away from burners.
- Keep appliances clean and free of grease and food particles.
- Keep combustibles away from cooking areas.
- Turn pot handles inward on stove where you can't bump them and children can't grab them.
- Never use an outdoor charcoal or gas grill indoors.

Portable Heaters

- Keep portable heaters and space heaters at least 3 feet away from anything that can burn.
- Never leave heaters on when you leave home or go to bed.
- Use heaters only in well-ventilated rooms.
- Keep children and pets away from heaters.
- Place heaters where they will not be knocked over easily.

Wood Stoves and Fireplaces

- Use only seasoned wood—never green wood, artificial logs or trash.
- Always use a protective screen.
- Clean interior of fireplaces and chimneys annually.

Roof

- Remove dead branches from roof.
- Clean dead leaves from roof and rain gutters.
- Cover chimney outlet with a spark arrester.

If you see smoke or fire, call 9-1-1 immediately.

OFFICE OF THE DISTRICT ATTORNEY
Victim-Witness Assistance Program

<http://www.lacountyda.org/vwap>

The District Attorney's Victim-Witness Assistance Program (VWAP) is committed to helping victims of crime and vigorously protecting their rights. VWAP's mission is to alleviate the trauma and devastating effects of crime on the lives of victims and their families. Victim advocates provide crises intervention and referrals to counseling and community services. They also guide victims through the court process and assist victims with restitution.



With approximately 85 staff members and volunteers, the District Attorney's VWAP is the largest such program in the nation. VWAP staff members are located throughout the County to help crime victims and their families as closely as possible to their homes. Victim advocates are specifically trained to assist child victims, elderly victims, and victims with disabilities. They also help victims of domestic violence, sexual assault, and gang violence. Bilingual staff members are available to assist victims in several languages including Spanish, Arabic, Korean, Armenian and Tagalog.

VWAP can help crime victims and/or their families receive an array of services, including but not limited to:

- Emergency Assistance
- Property Return Assistance
- Orientation to the Criminal Justice System
- Court Escort/Court Support
- Case Status/Case Disposition Information
- Employer Notification and Intervention
- Victim of Crime Claims and State Compensation Assistance
- Creditor Intervention
- Child Care
- Restitution Information
- Witness Notification and Protection Information
- Funeral Arrangement Assistance
- Crime Prevention Information
- Temporary Restraining Order Information
- Transportation Assistance

In addition, VWAP staff can help victims receive financial assistance from California's Crime Victim Compensation Program for eligible losses, including:

- Medical/Dental Fees
- Mental Health Counseling Fees
- Wage/Income Loss
- Financial Support Loss
- Funeral/Burial Costs
- Job Retraining Costs

If you or someone you know has been a victim of a crime and needs assistance, call VWAP's central office at **(213) 974-7499** or the toll free number **(800) 773-7574**. A victim services representative will speak with you and determine how you can be assisted. Program services are provided free of charge and there is no legal citizenship requirement to receive assistance.

OFFICE OF THE DISTRICT ATTORNEY

"Protecting Our Kids" - Keeping Children Safe on the Internet

<http://www.lacountyda.org/vwap>

Much like the real world, the World Wide Web can be an inviting but dangerous place for children. Young people with unmonitored access to the Internet are exposed to a wide variety of risks, including sexual predators, pornography, and opportunities to commit crime.

As a result, the District Attorney's Office has developed "Protecting Our Kids," an online program that helps parents gain control over the family computer and monitor their children's online activity.

"Protecting Our Kids" can be accessed from the District Attorney's Web site at www.lacountyda.org. There, you can download pamphlets on Internet safety and read about:

- Real Cases of Internet Crime
- Parental Control of the Computer
- Megan's Law
- Instant Messaging
- Newsgroups
- Blogs
- Chats
- Online Games
- Juvenile Crime Online and Parental Liability



Ten Things Parents Can Do to Protect Children Online

- Talk with your children about their online activities and the risks and ethical responsibilities of surfing the Web. Tell them you have a responsibility to monitor their Internet use and that you will.
- Keep the computer in a common room in your home, and set time limits for its use.
- Make sure your child knows never to divulge personal information on the Internet.
- Set rules as to what sites your children are allowed to visit and which ones they are not.
- Tell your children to let you know immediately if a stranger tries to make contact with them on the Web.
- Install an operating system that makes you the administrator of the family computer, enabling you to control Web browser settings, content that can be viewed online, and software that can be installed. Consider installing third-party filtering software.
- Insist your children give you their e-mail and chat room passwords. Prohibit them from having multiple e-mail accounts.
- Make sure your children know what online activities are against the law. Illegal activities include making threats against someone else online, hacking, downloading pirated software, creating bootlegged software, sharing music files online, and, (for children under 18), making purchases over the Internet.
- Go online with your kids and find out whom they send Instant Messages to and/or chat with. Do not allow your children to send Instant Messages during homework-related computer time.
- Regularly scan the files on your family computer to see what kind of material your children have downloaded and whether it was obtained legally.



The Los Angeles County Police provide law enforcement protection for the patrons, employees and properties of Los Angeles County. These law enforcement services include the downtown Civic Center, the County's regional airports, County hospitals and clinics, which encompass the largest health care system in the world, as well as one of the most extensive park and recreational systems in the United States. County police officers patrol these diverse areas on foot, bike, ATV, car, 4-wheel drive, horseback and boat.

Explorer Program

The Los Angeles County Police Explorer Program offers young men and women, between the ages of 14-18, the opportunity to find out what police work is all about. The Explorer Program is also a career-oriented program, aimed at preparing young men and women for future law enforcement and job opportunities. The Explorer program is designed to expose youth to new experiences, knowledge, and skills, while at the same time stressing the importance of discipline and the acceptance of responsibility. The young men and women who volunteer to take this challenge are introduced to leadership, professionalism, ethics, social responsibility, healthy self-esteem, decision-making and community service through a variety of programs and training.

Recruitment and explorer information can be obtained by visiting the LA County Police website at www.LACOPSONline.org or calling (562) 940-7228.



California Highway Patrol



2130 N. Windsor Avenue • Altadena, CA 91001

(626) 296-8100

Traffic enforcement and accident investigations in Altadena are provided by the California Highway Patrol. If you have any questions related to traffic violations, accident reports, and vehicle impound, please contact the CHP at the number listed above.

How to Turn Off Your Utilities

Do you know how to turn off your utilities in the event of an emergency or major disaster?

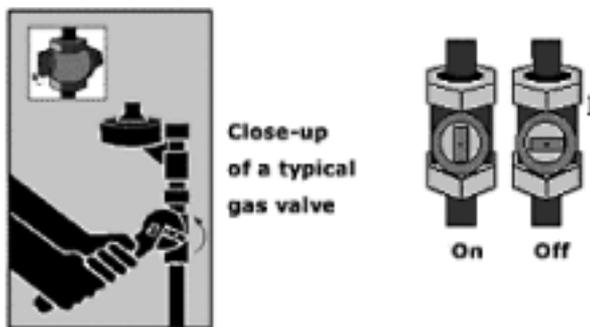
If you find yourself in an emergency situation - **Don't Panic!** It is not always necessary to turn off utilities. The Los Angeles County Fire Department encourages you to follow these simple instructions to shut off your utilities:

Gas

Identify the location of your gas meter beforehand and check all your appliances for shut off valves. The Gas Company adds a distinctive odor to natural gas for easy detection. If you smell gas, or hear the hissing sound of gas escaping, evacuate the area. NEVER light a match, candle, cigarette or turn electrical appliances and lights on or off. After an emergency, only your utility company can turn the gas back on safely. If you cannot reach the Gas Company in an emergency, call the Fire Department by dialing **9-1-1**.

To shut off your gas, it is recommended you follow these instructions:

1. As you face the meter, you will see a pipe running from the ground to the meter. There is a shut-off valve running parallel with the pipe, usually located about 6 to 8 inches above ground.
2. Take a 10" or 12" adjustable wrench and turn the valve 1/2 turn in either direction until the valve is crosswise to the pipe.



Visit the Gas Company website at www.socalgas.com for earthquake safety and other information. If you need service, call the Gas Company at **1 (800) 427-2200**.

Electricity

Identify the location of your electrical switch or fuse panel and learn how to turn the electrical system power off. They are usually located in a metal box on an outside wall near the electric meter. It helps to label each circuit breaker, so you can easily identify the problem. Check your neighborhood to determine if there is a widespread power outage. If your neighbors don't have power, call Southern California Edison (SCE) at **1-(800) 611-1911**. If your household is the only one without power, it may be a "tripped" circuit breaker or a blown fuse. We do not recommend using candles for lighting during an outage since candles can become a fire hazard. Use flashlights or battery powered lanterns instead.

To shut off your electricity, it is recommended you follow these instructions:

1. Turn off the lights and unplug appliances you were using and check the circuit breaker panel to find the tripped switch.
2. To reset a circuit breaker, switch it off and on again. If the switch is a push button, it will pop out. Push it all the way in to reset it.
3. If the breaker trips again when you turn on the lights, it may be overloaded. Disconnect the appliance and plug it into another outlet. If you still do not have electricity after resetting the switch, turn off the main breaker switch and all the breaker switches. Then turn on the main breaker switch and reset each circuit breaker.
4. If you do not feel confident to perform any of these procedures safely, please contact a qualified electrician.

To report power outages or lines down, please call **1-(800) 611-1911**. Visit SCE's website for safety tips at www.sce.com.

How to Turn Off Your Utilities

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Water

Identify the location of incoming water valves that are connected to your sinks, laundry area and restrooms. In the event of a natural disaster, you may need to shut off the main valve to stop contaminated water from entering your home due from a broken water or sewage line that services your area.

To shut off your water, it is recommended you follow these instructions:

1. Locate your water meter. It is usually located near the street in front of your home.
2. Remove the concrete meter cover.

3. Using the appropriate tool or your hand, turn the valve to the right until it is closed.

For information on how to identify safe drinking water in your home, and proper water storage, please visit the American Red Cross website at www.redcross.org and refer to the “Food and Water in an Emergency” section.

It's a good idea to keep an adjustable wrench with your emergency supplies or next to your valve. For fire safety tips, please log onto the Los Angeles County Fire Department website at www.lacofd.org.

What do I do if I see a dead bird?

Counting dead birds helps Public Health track the disease around the County. If you find a dead bird, please call Los Angeles County Veterinary Public Health at (877) 747-2243 or California Department of Health Services at 1-877-WNV-BIRD

Do you have a mosquito problem?

Altadena residents may visit the website www.sgvmosquito.org or may contact the San Gabriel Valley, Mosquito and Vector Control District at (626) 814-9466.

For more information, contact:
the County Health Department at 1-800-975-4448 or www.lapublichealth.org.



The Los Angeles County Department of Public Works administers the following public transit services in the unincorporated area of Altadena. You may find additional information about these and our other public transit services at the Public Transit Website at <http://ladpw.org/pdd/transit/>.

Bus Stop Amenities

There are twenty-four advertising bus stop shelters in the unincorporated Altadena area that are equipped with benches and trash receptacles. There are also fourteen stand-alone trash receptacles and two non-advertising bus stop benches, which are serviced twice a week. To report a dirty shelter, please contact Public Works at (626) 458-3961.

Dial-A-Ride

The Pasadena Dial-A-Ride is a shared ride, curb-to-curb transportation service for residents of Pasadena, San Marino, and the unincorporated County areas surrounding these Cities, including East San Gabriel, Altadena, and Kinneloa Mesa. The service will take you anywhere within these jurisdictions.

Service is for residents 60 years and over; or under 60 years with a disability certified by your physician. Upon verification of your application, a membership card will be issued. Once you have received your card, just call the Dial-A-Ride reservation office and arrange your trip.

Fare: The fare is \$0.50 per one-way trip.

Hours of Service:

Monday-Friday	7:00 a.m. - 9:00 p.m.
Saturday	9:00 a.m. - 7:00 p.m. (including New Year's Eve, the day after Thanksgiving and Christmas Eve)
Sunday	7:00 a.m. - 7:00 p.m.

Service is not provided on the following Holidays:

- New Year's Day
- Memorial Day
- Independence Day
- Labor Day
- Thanksgiving Day
- Christmas Day

To obtain an application, call (626) 744-4094. To schedule a ride, call (626) 791-7200.

Seasonal Services

Hollywood Bowl Park-And-Ride Express Bus Service

From June through September of each year, Public Works, in cooperation with the Hollywood Bowl and the Los Angeles Philharmonic Association, provides an express bus transportation service to Summer Season performances at the Hollywood Bowl. This bus service is provided by several transportation vendors from various park-and-ride lots throughout the County of Los Angeles.

The service provides buses that are air-conditioned and wheelchair accessible. The fare is \$2.50 each way. Passengers with pre-purchased ride tickets receive boarding preference, provided they arrive no later than five minutes before their selected departure time. Advance tickets are available at Ticketmaster outlets (213) 480-3232, the Hollywood Bowl Box Office (323) 850-2000, and online at hollywoodbowl.com.

The Park-and-Ride Lot nearest to Altadena is located at the Pasadena Public Parking Lot, located on the northeast corner of Marengo Avenue and Ramona Street. It is a 30-minute ride to and from the Hollywood Bowl.

Summer Beach Bus

The Altadena Summer Beach Bus is a seasonal service that operates from mid June through Labor Day. Patrons can ride the bus to Santa Monica Beach from six locations in the Altadena area. The six stops in Altadena are:

Loma Alta Park, the County Library at Mariposa Street and Santa Rosa Avenue, and four MTA bus stops at the intersections of Lincoln Avenue and Ventura Street, Altadena Drive and Maiden Lane, Allen Avenue and New York Drive, and Altadena Drive and New York Drive.

The service provides coach buses that are air-conditioned and wheelchair accessible. The fare is \$1.00 each way for all children and adults; and \$0.50 for senior citizens (62 years and older) and person with disabilities. An adult must accompany passengers under the age of twelve.

For additional information, please contact Public Works at (888) 769-1122, or visit the website at www.ladpw.org/pdd/transit/page_03.cfm.

CONNECTING WITH METRO GOLD LINE



The Metro Gold Line links commuters to the regional transportation network at Union Station in downtown Los Angeles. Altadena residents and visitors alike can travel by rail to Colorado Blvd., Old Pasadena, Pasadena City College, the Southwest Museum, Chinatown, Downtown Los Angeles.

The Foothill Extension of the Metro Gold Line will continue to the cities of Arcadia, Monrovia, Duarte, Irwindale, Azusa, Glendora, San Dimas, La Verne, Pomona, Claremont and Montclair. Light rail will assist with the planning goals of redistributing growth and strengthening established downtowns in the foothill communities. It will offer shorter commuting trips, increased energy savings, (estimated 1.5 million gallons of gasoline each year), and reduced levels of pollution, (estimated 4 tons of carbon monoxide), and more.

The Gold Line offers three stations in Pasadena

Lake Station:

Located at 340 North Lake Ave. at Maple Street/Corson St.



Station Overview

After leaving Old Pasadena, the Metro Gold Line travels east through an existing railway tunnel and surfaces in the median of the 210 Freeway. Passengers access the station from the Lake Avenue overpass by elevator or stairs. This station serves the office buildings, churches, shops and restaurants in neighborhoods adjacent to the Lake Avenue corridor. The station design is called Everyday People, 2003. The large scale, black & white photo portraits of people caught in everyday gestures are laminated within special dichroic glass at the mezzanine level producing a moving dialogue between the actual and the illustrated.

Travel Time

To Union Station: Approx. 30 minutes

To Sierra Madre Villa Station: Approx. 6 minutes

Allen Station:

Located at 395 North Allen Ave. at Maple Street/Corson St.

Station Overview

The Allen Station is the second station in the median of the 210 Freeway. This station serves residential areas to the north and south of Colorado Boulevard as well as Cal Tech and Pasadena City College. The station design is called the Rider's Dream, 2003. It portrays a tradition of "papel picado," or paper cutouts, metal grillworks enhance the station entry and stair landing while a large "Sun Marker" casts patterned shadows at the station platform.

Del Mar Station:

Located at 230 South Raymond Ave. at Del Mar Blvd. /Dayton St./Fair Oaks Ave.

Station Overview

The station is on the southern edge of Old Pasadena and within walking distance of an abundance of shops, restaurants and theaters. Across the street is Central Park, the site of many special events including the city's annual jazz festival. The station itself is surrounded by several new residential buildings and after construction is completed will also feature public plaza areas, retail stores and the restored Santa Fe Depot. The station design is called the Kinetic Energy, 2003. The paralleling of the rail tracks, metal fence panels serve as functional barriers while evoking the rich vocabulary of rail transportation imagery from the 19th and 20th centuries.

TELL US WHAT YOU THINK ABOUT COMMUNITY CONNECTION

We encourage you to complete and send back this survey. Your responses and comments will provide valuable information to us in our endeavor to serve you better.

Please circle the number that you feel best describes the statements regarding **CommunityCONNECTION**.

CUSTOMER RELATIONS	DISAGREE	TEND TO DISAGREE	TEND TO AGREE	AGREE	NO ANSWER
1. The information in Community Connection is useful.	1	2	3	4	N/A
2. Community Connection is easy to read.	1	2	3	4	N/A
3. Community Connection made me more aware of the services the County offers in my community.	1	2	3	4	N/A
4. Community Connection helped me find out about a service I did not know existed.	1	2	3	4	N/A
5. Community Connection contains the information I need to obtain County services.	1	2	3	4	N/A
6. I feel Community Connection has improved my access to County services.	1	2	3	4	N/A
7. Community Connection helped me better understand the County's role in providing municipal services to my community.	1	2	3	4	N/A

You may use the space below to provide comments or you may write to us at the address listed below:

Mail your completed survey form to the following address:

CAO/OUAS-SP
 723 Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration
 500 West Temple Street • Los Angeles, CA 90012

Or drop it off at one of the following locations

Altadena Community Center
 730 East Altadena Drive • Altadena, CA 91001

Loma Alta Park
 3330 North Lincoln Avenue • Altadena, CA 91001

<https://lacws.co.la.ca.us/cao/altadena.htm>

Healthy Planet

Keep Your Community Clean

(888) CLEANLA



Hazardous Household Waste Collection Events

The health and safety of people and animals, as well as the health of our communities and the environment is endangered when household hazardous waste products are discarded in household garbage, sinks or storm drains.

The following are examples of household hazardous waste products that may be found in and around your home:

- Lawn/Garden-Care Products
- Paint and Paint-Related Products
- Automotive Fluids and Batteries
- Beauty Products and Medicines
- Household Cleaners
- Electronic equipments

The County sponsors Household Hazardous Waste Collection Events where residents can drop off their hazardous waste. Collection Events are scheduled in different areas throughout the County and are free to the public. To find a collection event near you or to report illegal dumping in the storm drains, please call **(888) CLEANLA** or visit the CLEAN LA website at www.888CleanLA.com.

Tire Disposal/Storage

Tires that are illegally dumped or improperly stored can pose a serious threat to public health and safety, as well as to the environment. The County sponsors free waste tire collection events. For more information or to report illegal dumping, please call **(888) CLEANLA** or visit the CLEAN LA website at www.888CleanLA.com.

Smart Gardening Workshop(s)

Help the environment by learning smart gardening techniques on backyard and worm composting, grass recycling, water-wise gardening, and fire-wise gardening. Please visit www.smartgardening.com for additional information and to receive a free Smart Gardening CD.

Residential Recycling

Christmas tree recycling: curbside service to Altadena residents is provided by the waste hauler who serves your area. Dates and time for the Christmas tree recycling program will be available in mid-December. Please contact **(888) CLEANLA** or visit the CLEAN LA website at www.888CleanLA.com for schedules.

Smart Business Recycling Site Visits

The County implement a Smart Business Recycling Program for all unincorporated areas, including Altadena. This program offers FREE on-site waste evaluations with recommendations to assist business owners and managers with enhancing their management of solid waste, and possibly reducing their waste disposal costs, as well. Businesses can request a FREE evaluation and obtain other solid waste and recycling information by calling the toll-free Program Hotline **(800) 741-9236**, or by visiting www.businessrecycling.com.

Generation Earth

Generation Earth, a secondary school environmental education program, provides middle and high school teachers and student leaders in Los Angeles County with a variety of tools free of charge to create environmental programs at their school. Students not only learn more about local environmental issues, but are empowered by the positive results they create on campus. A variety of resources are made available to schools who participate. Call **(818) 623-4856** for more information.

Environmental Defenders

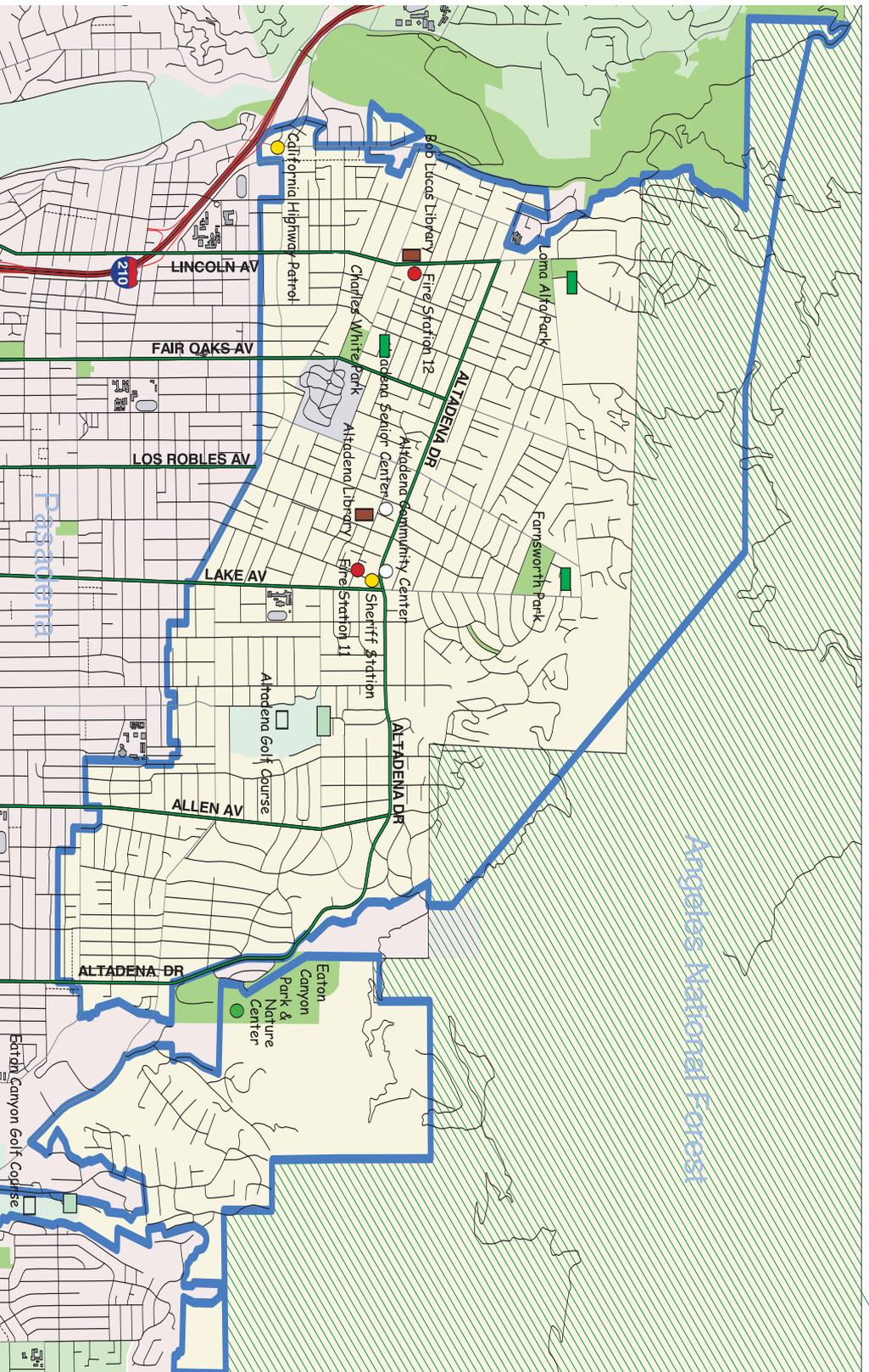
The Environmental Defenders Program reaches children in grades K-6 with important environmental messages through an exciting, interactive, multimedia in-school assembly. Students who pledge to become a Super Environmental Defender by taking specific actions to protect the environment receive a prize. A technical assistance program consisting of lesson plans and other tools to create on-campus recycling and pollution reduction programs is also provided to schools and teachers free of charge. To schedule an assembly call **(310) 552-4192**.

Tree Trimming

All parkway trees maintained by the County Department of Public Works are trimmed on either a two- or five-year cycle. Private contractors are hired for tree trimming. Trimming is done to promote the health of the trees, reduce liability from limb breakage and wind damage, and improve the appearance of trees.

Please call **(626) 337-1277** for street service.

Altadena and Kinneloa Mesa



- Community/ Senior Centers** ○
 - Parks** ■
 - Law Enforcement** ●
 - Fire Stations** ●
 - Libraries** ■
 - Golf Courses** ■
 - Nature Center** ●
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| Altadena Community Center
730 E. Altadena Drive | Charles White Park
77 Mountain View Street | Altadena Sheriff Station
780 E. Altadena Drive | Fire Station 11
2521 N. El Molino Avenue | Altadena Library
600 E. Mariposa Street | Altadena Golf Course
1456 E. Mendocino Street | Eaton Canyon Park & Nature Center
1750 N. Altadena Drive |
| Altadena Senior Center
560 E. Mariposa Street | Farnsworth Park
568 E. Mount Curve Ave. | California Highway Patrol
2130 Windsor Avenue | Fire Station 12
2760 N. Lincoln Avenue | Bob Lucas Library
2659 Lincoln Avenue | Eaton Canyon Golf Course
1150 N. Sierra Madre Villa Avenue | |
| Loma Alta Park
3330 Lincoln Avenue | | | | | | |