



NEWS RELEASE

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L.A. COUNTY LAUNCHES 8th ANNUAL CESAR CHAVEZ COMMUNITY SERVICE WEEK TODAY

County Employees Follow Chavez' Example of Service to Others

"We cannot seek achievement for ourselves and forget about progress and prosperity for our community... Our ambitions must be broad enough to include the aspirations and needs of others, for their sakes and for our own." – Cesar Chavez

"Helping and Serving Others" is this year's theme for the County of Los Angeles' Eighth Annual Cesar Chavez Community Service Week March 30 to April 3. During this week, County employees will volunteer in the community, and raise food for needy families. On March 31, the day of Chavez' birthday, Supervisor Gloria Molina will hold a special presentation at the 9:30 a.m. Board of Supervisors meeting at the Hall of Administration, 500 W. Temple Ave., Los Angeles.

To kick-off the County's Service Week, the East L.A. Library will hold a Cesar Chavez birthday party today with the Trio Monte Carlo from 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. at the library, 4837 E. Third St., Los Angeles.

In response to the Salvation Army's report of an increase in requests for housing and food from families suffering from the economic downturn, Molina and her staff will cook a meal and serve 200 families at noon at the Salvation Army's Bell Shelter, 5600 Rickenbacker Rd., in Bell.

"During these difficult economic times, our families and communities are leaning on the County family now more than ever. And, we are pleased to continue our annual tradition of volunteering instead of taking a paid holiday," said Molina. "I also encourage Los Angeles County residents to join us by finding ways in which to help others in need or to volunteer in their communities."

Last year L.A. County employees donated a total of 23,000 pounds of food through the Chavez Week food drive in partnership with the Los Angeles Regional Food Bank, with collection of food items at 234 sites.

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Youth Visual/Literacy Arts Contest at Probation Youth Facilities:

Through artistic expression, youths embrace the values of self-respect and service to community while celebrating Cesar Chavez' love for the arts:

- Youths will participate in an inspirational writing contest at Barry J. Nidorf Juvenile Hall.
- Arts and craft sessions, drawing contest, speakers and Folklorico dancers, Central Juvenile Hall.
- Historical timeline photograph exhibit, Central Juvenile Hall.

County Employee Volunteer Projects:

Community garden, tree planting and beautification projects; beach clean-up; library children readings, tutoring and assistance; help at animal shelters and walking/playing with dogs/cats; and partnership with United Way of Greater Los Angeles, Brotherhood Crusade and Volunteers of East L.A.

- March 30 - April 3, 8 a.m. - 5 p.m., park beautification projects at Ruben F. Salazar Park, Franklin D. Roosevelt Park, Washington Park, all in Los Angeles; and Adventure Park, Whittier.
- March 30 - April 3, 8 a.m.-5 p.m., assisting with after-school programs at El Cariso Park, Sylmar; Jackie Robinson Park, Littlerock; and Loma Alta Park, Altadena.
- March 30 - April 3, 8 a.m.-5 p.m., painting iron fence, Pathfinder Community Regional Park, Rowland Heights.
- April 3, 9 a.m.-1 p.m.: Beach Clean-up Day, Dockweiler State Beach, 8255 Vista del Mar, Playa del Rey.
- April 3, 9 a.m.-1 p.m., Community Service Day sponsored by Volunteers of East Los Angeles (VELA). Meet at 9 a.m. at 4620 E. Third St., Los Angeles. Volunteers will engage in painting, landscaping and gardening activities.
- Castaic Sports Complex
31230 N. Castaic Rd. Assist with youth and adult sports programs, and various other activities
- Chesebrough Park
23505 Sunset Hills Dr.
Valencia Assist with youth sports and after-school programs and activities
- George Lane Gym
5520 W. Avenue L-8
Quartz Hill Assist with sports programs
- Pearblossom Park
33922 N.121th St. East
Pearblossom Assist with arts and crafts and other activities

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- Richard Rioux Park
26233 W. Faulkner Dr.
Stevenson Ranch
Assist with youth sports,
after-school programs and other
activities
- Sorensen Park
16801 E. Avenue P
Lake Los Angeles
Assist with the set-up and clean up for
events and computer updating duties
- Santa Fe Dam
15501 E. Arrow Hwy.
Irwindale
Park beautification project
- Earvin "Magic" Johnson Park
905 E. El Segundo Blvd.
Los Angeles
Beautification /painting project
- Pathfinder Community Regional Park
18150 E. Pathfinder Rd.
Rowland Heights
Beautification / painting project

Volunteers will assist with after-school programs and activities at these parks:

El Cariso Park
13100 Hubbard St
Sylmar

George Lane Park
5520 W. Avenue L-8
Quartz Hill

Crescenta Valley Park
3901 Dunsmore Ave.
La Crescenta

Loma Alta Park :
3330 N. Lincoln Ave.
Altadena

Jackie Robinson Park
8773 E. Avenue R
Little Rock

Val Verde Park
30300 W. Arlington Rd.
Val Verde

Volunteers will assist with landscape, gardening and wall painting at these parks:

Washington Park (Florence-Firestone
District)
8908 S. Maie Ave.
Los Angeles

Adventure Park (Southeast)
10130 S. Gunn Ave
Whittier

Ruben F. Salazar Park
3864 Whittier Blvd.
Los Angeles

Franklin D. Roosevelt Park
7600 Graham Ave.
Los Angeles

Animal Shelters

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| 11258 S. Garfield Ave. Downey | 12 - 7 p.m. |
| 216 W. Victoria St. Carson | 12 - 7 p.m. |
| 4275 N. Elton St. | 12 - 7 p.m. |
| 5210 W. Avenue I Lancaster | 12 - 7 p.m. |
| 31044 N. Charlie Canyon Rd. Castaic | 9 a.m. – 5 p.m. |
| 29525 Agoura Rd. Agoura | 9 a.m. – 5 p.m. |

County Public Library – Homework Centers, arts projects and storytime.

Artesia Library
18722 S. Clarkdale Ave.
Artesia

A C Bilbrew Library
150 E. El Segundo Blvd.
Los Angeles

Clifton M. Brakensiek Library
9945 E. Flower St.
Bellflower

Canyon Country Joanne Darcy Library
18601 Soledad Canyon Rd.
Santa Clarita

Carson Library
151 East Carson St.
Carson

City Terrace Library
4025 City Terrace Dr.
Los Angeles

Charter Oak Library
20540 "K" Arrow Hwy.
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Culver City Julian Dixon Library
4975 Overland Ave.
Culver City
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East Los Angeles Library
4837 E. 3rd St.
Los Angeles

El Camino Real Library
4264 E. Whittier Blvd.
Los Angeles

East Rancho Dominguez Library
4205 E. Compton Blvd.
East Rancho Dominguez

Masao W. Satow Library
14433 S. Crenshaw Blvd.
Gardena

Hacienda Heights Library
16010 La Monde St.
Hacienda Heights

Hawthorne Library
12700 S. Grevillea Ave.
Hawthorne

La Puente Library
15920 E. Central Ave.
La Puente

Sunkist Library
840 N. Puente Ave.
La Puente

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Lake Los Angeles Library
16921 E. Avenue O, #A
Palmdale

Angelo M. Iacoboni Library
4990 Clark Ave.
Lakewood

George Nye, Jr. Library
6600 Del Amo Blvd.
Lakewood

Lancaster Library
601 West Lancaster Blvd.
Lancaster

Lennox Library
4359 Lennox Blvd.
Lennox

Little Rock Library
35119 80th St.
Little Rock

Live Oak Library
4153-55 E. Live Oak Ave.
Arcadia

Lynwood Library
11320 Bullis Rd.
Lynwood

Lloyd Taber-Marina del Rey Library
4533 Admiralty Way
Marina del Rey

Montebello Library
1550 W. Beverly Blvd.
Montebello

Norwalk Library
12350 Imperial Hwy.
Norwalk

Paramount Library
16254 Colorado Ave.
Paramount

Quartz Hill Library
42018 N. 50th St. West
Quartz Hill

Rosemead Library
8800 Valley Blvd.
Rosemead

Rowland Heights Library
1850 Nogales St.
Rowland Heights

San Fernando Library
217 N. Maclay Ave.
San Fernando

Valencia Library
23743 W. Valencia Blvd.
Santa Clarita

South El Monte Library
1430 N. Central Ave.
South El Monte

Leland R. Weaver Library
4035 Tweedy Blvd.
South Gate

Graham Library
1900 E. Firestone Ave.
Los Angeles

View Park Library
3854 W. 54th St.
Los Angeles

Woodcrest Library
1340 W. 106th St.
Los Angeles

West Covina Library
1601 West Covina Parkway
West Covina

Willowbrook Library
11838 Wilmington Ave.
Los Angeles