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# The 2009 “Why I Like Carson” Contest is Now On!

All students grades 3-8 are urged to participate in the 2009 “Why I Like Carson” essay-writing contest.

The contest officially opened on September 10 and will conclude with an awards ceremony on December 7.

“Why I Like Carson” is open to all students grades 3-8 who either attend Carson schools, or at-large students, or those who live in Carson but are either home-schooled or attend

schools outside the city. Winning students receive cash prizes from local businesses, medals and certificates of recognition from the City of Carson and other elected officials.

Students who attend Carson schools must participate through their schools. At-large students must fill out a participation form available at the City of Carson Public Information Office. All essays must be received no later than Nov. 2, 2009.

“Why I Like Carson” is an annual contest sponsored by the City of Carson Public Relations Commission, and is the brainchild of former Councilmember Mary Anne O’Neal as an effort to foster community pride among the youth of Carson.

For more information or to learn more about important dates and contest rules, please contact the Public Information Office at (310) 952-1740.

## Carson Unveils 40th Anniversary Brick Pathway

City officials led the Carson community in early this summer unveiling a new brick pathway, which was the Carson community’s special tribute to its 40th anniversary.

Carson celebrated its 40th anniversary in 2008, and the brick project was the last of the many projects and activities hosted by the City to commemorate the milestone event. The bricks on the pathway are engraved with names of community members or their loved ones, organizations, businesses and other individuals that purchased them.

The brick pathway is now the centerpiece of Carson’s



*The brick pathway is the centerpiece of the Xeriscape Garden, the first and only “green” Xeriscape Garden in the South Bay.*

Xeriscape Garden, which also recently underwent a complete makeover, making it the first and only “green” Xeriscape Garden in the South Bay. The use of environmentally-friendly materials – everything from the wood to the mulch under each newly-planted plant – is a testament to Carson’s

commitment to preserve the environment.

The brick pathway and the Xeriscape Garden is located in the Carson Civic Center, between City Hall and the Congresswoman Juanita Millender-McDonald Community Center.



# Free H1N1 Vaccination Events for the Uninsured

The County of Los Angeles Department of Public Health will be hosting free H1N1 vaccination events in Carson to provide the city's uninsured population with access to the vaccine against the pandemic flu.

The vaccinations will take place on November 16 and December 14 at the Home Depot Center Velodrome, located at 18400 Avalon Blvd. in Carson. Vaccinations will be given between 12 noon and 8 p.m. on both days.

The Center for Disease Control's Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices (ACIP) has recommended that certain groups of the population receive the 2009 H1N1 vaccine when it first becomes available. These target groups include pregnant women, people who live with or care for children younger than 6 months of age, healthcare and emergency medical services personnel, persons between the ages of 6 months and 24 years old, and people ages 25 through 64 years who are at higher risk for H1N1 because of chronic health disorders or compromised immune systems.

The H1N1 vaccine is administered in a single shot and is normally available through private settings such as doctor's offices and clinics, retail settings such as pharmacies and workplaces. However, as part of the commitment to ensure the health of the entire community,

the health department will be administering the vaccines for free to those who do not have health insurance.

Results from recently completed clinical studies indicate that the vaccine is safe and does not cause serious side effects. Since the process for making and testing the H1N1 vaccine is similar to the process for creating seasonal flu vaccine, experts are confident that the pandemic H1N1 flu vaccine will be safe and effective.

Flu vaccines may cause mild side effects, such as fever. However, these side effects do not last long and are less serious than the flu.

For more information on the vaccination events, please the City of Carson Emergency Services Division at (310) 952-1700, ext 1633. For general information on H1N1, please contact the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) at (800) CDC-INFO or (800) 232-4636.

## Frequently Asked Questions on Pandemic H1N1 Flu

**What is Pandemic H1N1 flu (formerly known as swine flu)?** Pandemic H1N1 flu is a respiratory infection caused by a new flu virus responsible for large outbreaks in many parts of the world. It has led to many hospitalizations and some deaths in certain parts of the population.

**Is Pandemic H1N1 the same as the seasonal flu?**

No. The virus that causes Pandemic H1N1 flu is a new type of flu virus that is different from the virus that causes the seasonal flu. Both types of flu can be serious. The good news is that getting a vaccine and practicing simple prevention steps such as washing your hands often can prevent them both.

### Preventing H1N1 or Seasonal Flu

No matter the virus, preventing the virus requires little effort. Follow these tips to stay healthy:

- Cover your nose and mouth with a tissue when you cough or sneeze.
- Wash your hands often with soap and water. Gel sanitizers (such as Purell®) are also effective.
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose, or mouth since germs spread that way.
- Avoid close contact with sick people.
- If you're sick, stay home and rest for at least 24 hours after fever ends.

**How is Pandemic H1N1 flu spread?**

The main way that influenza viruses spread is through droplets from a sick person when they cough or sneeze. Flu viruses can also live on surfaces such as tables, faucets or doorknobs for up to eight hours. You can become infected with Pandemic H1N1 by touching an infected surface, then touching your eyes, nose or mouth.

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# The Boulevards at South Bay Continues to

The Boulevards at South Bay is on target and moving forward in completing the many necessary steps to remediate the future 168-acre, mixed use retail and residential project located on the south side of the 405 freeway between Del Amo and Avalon Boulevards. Permits to construct the gas collection, treatment, and condensate handling systems were received in late June from the South Coast Air Quality Management District (SCAQMD), representing a major milestone for the project.

The SCAQMD permits allow for the installation of the gas treatment system, the gas collection and gas condensate systems, all of which are required to mitigate potential environmental risks when developing over an inactive landfill. The SCAQMD is the air pollution control agency for Los Angeles County and is charged with undertaking the necessary steps to protect public health from air pollution as well as monitoring any ill effects from air pollution on communities and businesses. The first stage of the landfill gas collection and treatment system will be installed over a six to nine-month period in areas of the site that are not planned to have buildings or slabs constructed on them.

In addition, the Boulevards' remediation team has been receiving deliveries for 7.5 million square feet of the geosynthetic liner for its landfill



*Helicopter view of liner and pipe being stored on the site*



*Rolls of geomembrane liner at the ready*

cap construction. The team has also taken delivery of some 160,000 linear feet of the polyethylene pipe that will be used for the upcoming construction of the landfill gas collection system. The landfill cap installation has begun and is

almost entirely installed along the slopes at the perimeter of the site. All of the former utilities, like sewer and water lines, have been demolished and design and planning of the new utilities is underway. This month a phased installation of the landfill gas

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system will begin and the geosynthetic liner will be installed above the completed landfill gas system as each phase is completed.

The Boulevards at South Bay, being developed by Orange County, Calif.-based developers LNR Property Corporation's Commercial Property Group and Hopkins Real Estate Group, will include over 1 million square feet of retail and restaurant space, more than 1,300 residential units and up to 300 hotel rooms when it opens in 2012.

Residents with questions or concerns about construction activity are encouraged to call the project information line at (310) 956-5942 or toll-free at (866) 928-4566.



*A forklift unloading polyethylene pipe for the landfill gas system*

# Frequently Asked Questions on Pandemic H1N1 Flu

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## **How serious is Pandemic H1N1 flu?**

Most people will recover from the Pandemic H1N1 without treatment. However, just like the seasonal flu, Pandemic H1N1 can lead to serious health problems. Pregnant women, adults younger than 25 years of age, young children, and people with underlying health conditions such as asthma, diabetes, heart disease and kidney disease are more likely to have complications from the flu.

## **How is Pandemic H1N1 treated?**

Pandemic H1N1 flu is treated the same way that season flu is – with lots of fluid and plenty of rest away from work or school. You may take acetaminophen, ibuprofen or naproxen – not aspirin for fever and body aches. For

more serious cases, a healthcare provider may provide an antiviral medication. Antiviral medication can make your illness milder, make symptoms last a shorter period of time, and prevent more serious complications.

## **If you get sick, should you get tested for Pandemic H1N1 flu?**

Your healthcare provider will decide whether flu testing is needed. Most individuals with healthy immune systems do not need to be tested for Pandemic H1N1 because they will likely recover on their own. However, patients who are hospitalized, or people that have special medical conditions that weaken their immune system such as pregnant women, people with diabetes, infants and people over 60 years of age should

get tested to be certain they'll get the treatment that is best for them.

## **Should you get vaccinated against Pandemic H1N1 flu?**

The vaccine for Pandemic H1N1 flu is different from the seasonal flu vaccine that is recommended each year. Just like seasonal flu vaccines, Pandemic H1N1 vaccines are expected to be safe, effective and the best way to prevent the flu.

## **Are Pandemic H1N1 flu vaccines mandatory?**

You aren't required to get Pandemic H1N1 flu vaccines, but getting vaccinated is the best way to prevent this flu.

(Source: Los Angeles County Department of Public Health. On the web at <http://publichealth.lacounty.gov/H1N1>)

## CWC Grants Scholarship to 15 Students

The Carson Women's Club has awarded scholarships to 15 high school students from Banning, California Academy of Math and Science (CAMS), Carson, King/Drew and Narbonne High Schools and five continuing students.

The recipients of this year's scholarships were Tai Sonya Tidwell, Jaime M. Sykes and

Gabrielle Jessica Zimmer of Banning High School; Tina Lu Booker, Janny Ma and Mark Anthony Mendoza of CAMS; Trayshana Harris, Cynthia Alvarez and Julienne Alfi De Vera of Carson High School; Chanel Amber Mitchell, Kanasha Sandra Rena Pompey and Kaneca Mary Sharon Pompey of King/Drew; Johnnie Renee Jackson, Czarina Rae San Jose

and Alicia Esmeralda Perkins of Narbonne High School; and Kisa Fulbright, Aminika C. Lott, Amber Alexander Little, Lauren C. Hamilton and Ricardo Alejandro Pulido, all continuing students.

The scholarships were awarded at a special luncheon ceremony held June 27.





# Trick or Treat Safety Tips


**T**rick or Treating should be one of the great adventures of Halloween for kids! They can get dressed in scary costumes and go door to door, begging "Tricks or Treats!" from neighbors or at the local mall. Lots of towns have a Harvest


Festival so kids can Trick-or-Treat safely. But going door to door is the stuff of childhood memories! It should be a fun time, without trouble and pain, so following some easy tips can keep your child safe every Halloween.





 Children should go out during daylight hours only unless accompanied by a responsible adult.


 Plan a safe route so parents know where their older kids will be at all times. Set a time for their return home. Make sure that your child is old enough and responsible enough to go out by themselves.


 Let your children know not to cut through back alleys and fields. Make sure they know to stay in populated places and don't go off the beaten track. Stay in well lighted areas.


 Stop only at familiar houses in your own neighborhood unless they are accompanied by an adult.

 Small children should never be allowed to go out alone on Halloween. Make sure an older sibling or adult is with them.

 Instruct your children not to eat any treats until they bring them home to be examined by you.

 Instruct your child to never go into the home of a stranger or get into their car.

 Make sure your child carries a flashlight, glow stick or has reflective tape on their costume to make them more visible to cars.

 Let them know that they should stay together as a group if going out to Trick or Treat without an adult.

*(source: halloweenonline.com)*

## Upcoming Events

October 15

### Senior Recognition Awards

#### Banquet

11 a.m. - 2 p.m.

Congresswoman Juanita

Millender-McDonald

Community Center

Info: 310-952-1775

October 22

### Mayor's State of the City

#### Address

11 a.m. - 2 p.m.

Doubletree Hotel

Info: 310-217-4590

October 30- November 1

### Halloween Carnival

#### East Parking Lot

Congresswoman Juanita

Millender-McDonald

Community Center

Times vary

Info: 310-847-3570

November 11

### Veterans Day Celebration

10 a.m. - 1 p.m.

Veterans Park

22100 Moneta Avenue

310-830-9992

December 7

### 2009 "Why I Like Carson"

#### Awards Ceremony

6 - 8 p.m.

Congresswoman Juanita

Millender-McDonald

Community Center

310-952-1740





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**City Hall**  
(310) 830-7600

**Code Enforcement**  
(310) 952-1700, ext. 1786

**Community Center**  
(310) 835-0212

**Crime Prevention**  
Neighborhood Watch  
(310) 847-7481

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(310) 952-1700, ext.1603

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Carson Regional  
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(310) 327-4830

**Parking Enforcement**

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**Parks & Recreation**

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**Post Office**  
Main No., (800) 275-8777

**Sandbags**

Street Maintenance  
(310) 952-1700, ext. 3520

**Sewer Clean-up**

(626) 458-4357

**Senior Services**

(310) 952-1775

(310) 835-0212

**Sidewalk Repair**

Street Maintenance  
(310) 952-1700, ext. 3520

**Sheriff's Station**

(310) 830-1123

**Street Sweeping**

Street Maintenance  
(310) 952-1700, ext. 3520

**Telephone**

AT&T  
(310) 515-7979

**Trash Collection**

Waste Management  
952-1700, ext. 3508  
or (310) 830-7100

**Tree Trimming/ Street Maintenance**

(310) 847-3520

**Water**

California Water Service Company, (310) 257-1400  
Golden State Water Company  
(800) 999-4033

**Youth Services**

(310) 952-1788

**Meetings**

Meetings are in City Hall and the Community Center unless otherwise noted, and are open to the public.

City Council/Redevelopment Agency 6 p.m., 1st and 3rd Tuesdays

Citywide Advisory Commission 7 p.m., 2nd Thursday (Only when necessary)

Economic Development Commission Noon, 1st Thursday, Community Center

Environmental Commission 6:30 p.m., 1st Wednesday

Fine Arts and Historical Commission 7 p.m., 1st Monday

Human Relations Commission 6:00 p.m., 3rd Wednesday

Parks and Recreation Commission 6:30 p.m., last Thursday

Planning Commission 6:30 p.m., 2nd and 4th Tuesday

Public Relations Commission 12:00 p.m., 4th Tuesday,

Public Safety Commission 6:30 p.m., 3rd Thursday

Public Works Commission 6:30 p.m., 2nd Monday

Senior Citizen Advisory Commission 4 p.m., 2nd Monday

Veterans Affairs Commission 6 p.m., 3rd Monday

Women's Issues Commission 6 p.m., 4th Monday

Mobilehome Park Rental Review Board 6:30 p.m., 2nd and 4th Wednesdays

Youth Commission 7 p.m., 2nd Wednesday

Relocation Appeals Board (Meetings are held when required)

Sister Cities Association 7 p.m., 4th Wednesday

Beautification Committee 6:30 p.m., 2nd Tuesday

**Elected Officials**

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Councilmember  
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**CITY OF CARSON POSITION STATEMENT**

Carson is a vibrant city with a small town atmosphere where relationships are important. This is clearly visible throughout the community, from the stable single family neighborhoods, which make up nearly eighty percent of the city's residences, to the partnership between businesses and volunteer driven agencies which strengthen the city's remarkable social fabric.

The social composition of Carson is Californian miniature. It is a city with a balanced ethnic and cultural mix living together in harmony and prosperity.

The community takes pride in the large percentage of Carson students who attend college, many to California State University, Dominguez Hills, a valuable asset to the city.

Carson's strategic position in the heart of the powerful economic engine that is Southern California attracts international corporations which recognize the city's bright future. The city's proximity to the West Coast's two major ports, as well as its intersection by four Southland freeways, makes it a major gateway to the Pacific Rim. We, the people who live and work in Carson, take pride in our city and will continue to build relationships which ensure that future.

City of Carson  
**VETERANS DAY**  
*Celebration*  
Wednesday, November 11, 2009  
10 a.m. to 1 p.m.  
Veterans Park  
22400 Moneta Avenue  
Carson, CA 90745  
FREE admission, all ages,  
refreshments, and  
live entertainment!

For more information, call (310) 830-9992  
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