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Trash Collection Waste Management (310) 830-7100

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

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

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

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

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

Economic Development Commission 8 a.m., 1st Thursday, Community Center

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

Cultural Arts Commission 6 p.m., 1st Monday (only when necessary)

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

Youth Commission 7 p.m., 2nd Wednesday

Historical Committee 6:30 p.m, 4th Wednesday

Utilities Users Tax Citizen's Budget Oversight Committee (only when necessary)

Mobilehome Park Rental Review Board

6:30 p.m., 2nd and 4th Wednesdays Relocation Appeals Board (only when necessary)

Community Civic Engagement Board 6:30 p.m., 2nd Tuesday

Sister Cities Association 6:30 p.m., 4th Wednesday

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FRAUD HOTLINE

The City of Carson has established a Fraud Hotline to fight fraud and protect taxpayer's dollars. The Hotline is an option for anyone wishing to anonymously report illegal or unethical activity on the part of the City, its officials, employees, contractors or vendors. The Hotline is open 24 hours a day, 7 days a week and interpreters are available in 20 different languages.

Calls placed to the Hotline are confidential and handled by a third party vendor. You do not have to give your name and your call is not recorded through the use of recording devices, caller identification equipment or any other means.

The City of Carson has taken a pro-active step against fraud by establishing the Hotline. In the event that you become aware of unethical, illegal or irresponsible activity, don't ignore it. Call the Fraud Hotline toll-free telephone number at 1-877-7 HOT TIP or 1-877-746-8847.

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 California in 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.

Captain's Corner

by Captain Jason Skeen



<u>Holiday Family</u> Assistance Program

On Saturday, December 17, 2016, Carson Station deputies, volunteers, explorers, and their families, along with several

community members, volunteered their time and energy to provide tangible assistance to approximately 100 families in need.

The Community Relations Staff at Carson Sheriff's Station started preparing for its annual Holiday Family Assistance Program in early November. As a result of our daily interaction with the community we come across families who struggle to put food on the table and purchasing gifts for their children is not an option. The Carson Sheriff's Station collaborated with several businesses, community groups, churches, and individuals to provide holiday food baskets, clothing and toys for the children who signed up for this program. For those families who were unable to arrange transportation to pick-up their food baskets at the Carson Station, deputies and volunteers personally delivered the needed baskets.

Since 1992, Carson Sheriff's Station has provided more than 3,100 food baskets to local residents during the Holiday Season.

The Carson Sheriff's Station is committed to continuing this program as well as several other community based



programs throughout the year. If you would like to assist or would like further information, please contact Carson Station Community Relations Sergeant Carlos Veramendi at (310) 847-8386, Deputy Aime Ramos, at (310) 847-4019 or Deputy Fred Noya at (310) 847-8385.



In The Spirit of Giving

In the spirit of giving, one of our own members of Carson Sheriff's Station, Sergeant Darrin Offringa gave the ultimate to gift to a fellow Department member in need.

In 2010, Sergeant Darrin Offringa met Training Officer Kevin Ay when he was assigned to train Kevin as a newly assigned deputy to Lakewood Station. The two remained friends and went on to other assignments, but they never lost touch with one another. In November 2013, Kevin was diagnosed with kidney failure. After being hospitalized for a short amount of time, he returned to his duties and he was placed on a kidney donor list. Kevin remained humble, dedicated to his career and family. and he did not really share his life changing event that forced him to undergo dialysis multiple times a week. Later Darrin, discovered the grim news. Darrin checked in on Kevin periodically to make sure he was doing alright and to see if he needed anything. In addition, Darrin had himself tested to see if he was a match. Amazingly Darrin's kidneys were a match for Kevin, which is a 1 in 100,000 chance that two unrelated pairs would be a match.

Without hesitation Darrin felt compelled to donate his kidney to Kevin, so on November 29, Darrin and Kevin successfully underwent the four hour kidney transplant surgery at Ronald Regan UCLA Medical Center. After the surgery Kevin was quoted as saying "I always considered Darrin as a mentor; now he's my brother." Darrin added, "I'm just honored and humbled by the experience and to have helped a good friend." The story gained national attention this holiday season and is just an example of the amazing sacrifices that are made by Department members throughout the year for one another and the communities we serve.

"Safety First, Act Now" (SFAN) Program

The "Safety First, Act Now" (SFAN) Program was developed in early 2014, by the City of Carson in collaboration with the Carson Sheriff's Station. The program involves direct interaction between elected city officials, city administrators, sworn and volunteer members of the Carson Sheriff's Station, and most importantly the residents. The teams walk through pre-selected neighborhoods in Carson knocking on doors to interact with residents to discuss real issues and quality of life concerns regarding public safety, public services, youth programs, the city Parks, and other related topics. The Teams document residents' concerns and suggestions using a Community Safety Survey form to enhance public trust, reduce crime, and improve quality of life in Carson.

The program is designed to improve safety and the quality of life in the City of Carson. Survey results are compiled by Carson Sheriff's Station personnel and presented to the residents a few



weeks later at a community safety feedback meeting. Nine neighborhoods have been surveyed to date and three surveys are scheduled for 2017 so far. ■

Emergencies 9-1-1

Calls for Service (310) 830-1123 Watch Commander (310) 830-1123 Community Relations (310) 847-8386 Visit our website at www.carson.lasd.org

'Future Unlimited', Cultural Diversity, Park Programs and Local Attractions Top Students' List of Why They Like Carson





hirty-one essays written by students from Carson schools stood out in describing their love for their city during the 2016 "Why I Like Carson" Essay-Writing Contest, which concluded with an awards ceremony on November 29, 2016.

The winners included 31 students from grades 3 through 8 from various schools in Carson that received cash prizes ranging from \$50 to \$150, medallions, and certificates of recognition from the Carson City Council and State Assembly office. A project of the Public Relations Commission, the contest was started in 1996 by former councilmember Mary Anne O'Neal in an effort to foster community pride among Carson's youth. The contest generates wide participation from the local schools with over a hundred essays received each year.

Students have different reasons why they like Carson, as described in their essays, with local attractions ranging from the world-class StubHub Center to the SouthBay Pavilion being one of the top reasons.

Other favorites on the students' list are the city's schools, parks, and the numerous activities such as after-school programs and sports activities that keep them busy year round. Students also agree that the cultural diversity in Carson is an aspect that makes them not only like their city, but actually makes Carson "spectacular".

"You will find everything you will need in Carson; you will be surrounded by diverse people. I love the different cultures," wrote Third Grade 1st Place Winner Magaly McKay from Dolores Street Elementary School. Fourth Grade 1st Place Winner Matimbi G. Laurent from Ambler Avenue Elementary and High Achieving Gifted Magnet School echoed the similar sentiment about enjoying to live in Carson because it is a diverse city. "I am proud to see how our city has people

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from diverse backgrounds working and celebrating together. We are learning from each other. It is fun having friends with heritage from different countries."

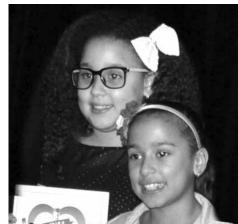
To Fifth Grade 3rd Place Winner Lily Aung from Dolores Street Elementary School, living in Carson is full of wonders commenting that "schools here are the best. There's always something going on in the parks for kids and adults, and fun places to go eat at the SouthBay Pavilion."

Carson's booming housing and economic development didn't go unnoticed by the students. The students expressed delight in their essays over the number of new and modern houses being built and the rapid increase in commercial and retail businesses in the city.

"I love that the City of Carson keeps improving its community. The City is trying to make Carson Street beautiful and vibrant," wrote Fifth Grade Honorable Mention Winner Leah Cardenas from Del Amo Elementary School. For Sixth Grade 2nd Place Winner Isaac Machuca from Rancho Dominguez Preparatory School, his family used to travel throughout the U.S. for entertainment every year until they realized that the City of Carson is a place full of social entertainment.









"Now, family trips consist of a five-minute drive to my favorite places in the city – SouthBay Pavilion, StubHub Center, and Dominguez Park. Spending time in the city that I live in can be far more entertaining than traveling great distance for fun," wrote Machuca. To Joze Miguel Domingo, a Seventh Grade 2nd Place Winner from Andrew Carnegie Middle School, the City of Carson may be a small city, but the simplicity, convenience, and the wonderful residents are far more exciting reasons why his family decided to make Carson their home.

"Carson is not the biggest city. There is no Empire State Building, there are no celebrity walks of fame, no big casinos, no fancy bars and nightclubs. There is convenience living in Carson. Like an organizer where everything one needs is nicely tucked in a pocket, everything you need for a happy and contented existence is in Carson," wrote Domingo. Finally, the students concur that they like Carson because they feel safe because of the protection they enjoy from the Sheriff's Department. So whether it is the local attractions, the parks and park activities, the cultural diversity, the city's booming economy or the friendly sheriff's deputies, Seventh Grade 1st Place Winner Isaac Perez from Stephen M. White Middle School and Eighth Grade 2nd Place Winner Danielle Dagdagan from St. Philomena Catholic School agree that they like living in Carson because "Future is Unlimited".

"Why do I like Carson? The overarching reason is in the very phrase itself; in the simple yet sincere motto that ensures the limitless and continuous prosperity of the brilliant City of Carson. I like the diversity in Carson, I like Carson's numerous events and recreation it has to offer. I appreciate Carson's well thought investments and I admire Carson's concern for its people," wrote Dagdagan.

The "Why I Like Carson" Essay-Writing Contest is the first project that the Carson Community Foundation has sponsored. The Carson Community Foundation is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization formed in 2016. The foundation is governed by a nine-member Board of Directors that consists of two Carson City Council members, one City Commissioner and six community members. The Foundation is supported by the City of Carson who provides administrative support through the Department of Community Services.



The Carson Community Foundation coordinates individual, business, and corporate giving. The Foundation raises funds to support community events, civic functions and special projects as well as applies for grants that are not available to government agencies. The Foundation affects positive social, cultural, and economic change through charitable giving. It provides an avenue to assist donors in achieving their humanitarian and financial goals. The Foundation supports causes that the community believes in. ■

MOSQUITO-PROOF YOUR HOME THIS SPRING

f the fear of Zika or West Nile virus doesn't make you itch with concern, then perhaps the threat of a dozen mosquito bites will motivate you to grab that nearby can of insect repellent.

This spring, before you reach for the insect repellent or swatter, grab all the trash and containers around your home and clean them up!

Many of our local mosquitoes lay their eggs in or near dirty, standing water. The "baby" mosquitoes swim in the dirty water as larvae and pupae. Then, in about seven days, they eventually emerge as flying adults. Here are some spring-cleaning ideas for renters and homeowners to mosquito-proof your home:

Unused containers? Use them to store winter items! – If you have buckets or large plastic containers outdoors that can collect water, repurpose them or put them where they can't collect water for mosquitoes. Don't forget to cover them tightly to keep water and mosquitoes out.

Put plants in a pot, don't grow them in water – Beautify your home by planting your spring greens in the soil rather than rooting them in water. This will save water and stop mosquitoes from using the standing water to grow into adults. Screen your pesky visitors – Insects such as flies and mosquitoes will enter your home using holes in your window and door screens. When you or your landlord repair screens around your home, you're mosquito-proofing it against annoying indoor biting!

Do a barrel roll – Mosquitoes love rain barrels. After every rain, use this water first and dump out any water that's left on the bottom. Remember, mosquitoes only need a bottle cap of water to complete their life cycle.

Garbage relay – Make it a game with the kids! Have the child fill as many bags of garbage as possible in 10 minutes. By removing plastic bags, broken toys, and other items that can collect water, your next family gathering will be mosquito-free! ■





"Keep Zika Out!" Workshop FREE event!

March 1, 2017 Dominguez Community Center 21156 S. Santa Fe Avenue Long Beach, CA 90810

Morning Workshop: 8:30 A.M. – 9:30 A.M. Evening Workshop: 7:00 P.M. – 8:00 P.M. March 23, 2017 Dominguez Hills Village Club House 1137 Oakhill Circle Carson, CA 90746

7:00 P.M. – 8:00 P.M.

*Light refreshments will be provided.



Waiting List Re-Opens from April 1 -June 30, 2017 for the first 75 Residents

The City of Carson offers programs to assist low to moderate income homeowners with repairs to improve their single-family residence or mobile home. All applicants must meet the eligibility requirements as described below to participate. Register on the City's website at http://ci.carson.ca.us/CommunityDevelopment/Npp.aspx or you may contact the Community Development Department at (310) 233-4829.

SINGLE-FAMILY HOME GRANTS

Grants are available for up to \$10,000. Items eligible for rehabilitation include: roofing, new driveway, exterior painting, stucco, faulty plumbing, heating and hazardous wiring repairs and security lighting.

MOBILE HOME GRANTS

Grants are available for up to \$7,500. Eligible items include: roofing, replacement of deteriorated stairs, faulty plumbing and heating, hazardous wiring repairs and security lighting.

- Household income shall not exceed the maximum total household income guidelines. Total household income is all income currently being received by all persons who live in the dwelling.
- Dwelling shall be owner-occupied, single-family homes and must have maintained ownership for the minimum of one (1) year at time of application submittal. (Condos, townhouse, etc. are not considered single-family dwellings.)
- Dwelling shall be over 25 years old and be classified as Moderate Income Housing Stock.
- Grants are to be used on a one-time per property basis, per applicant and cannot be used in conjunction with the Deferred Loan Program.

SINGLE-FAMILY HOME DEFERRED LOANS

The maximum loan amount is \$25,000 or the amount needed for rehabilitation, whichever is less. The Deferred Loan interest rate is 3%. Payment in full, principal and accrued interest is due when title is transferred, property is refinanced with cash-out or property changes ownership. The Deferred Loan is to be used on a one-time per property basis and cannot be used in conjunction with the Grant Program.

GRANT GUIDELINE 2016/17						
MAXIMUM TOTAL HOUSEHOLD INCOME						
Person(s)	Household	PERSONS	Household			
	Income		Income			
1	\$48,650	5	\$75, 050			
2	\$55,600	6	\$80,600			
3	\$62,550	7	\$86,150			
4	\$69,450	8	\$91,700			

*HUD updates the income guidelines every year. Contact NPP staff for more details.

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People. Planet. Employment.

Who is Grid Alternatives?

GRID Alternatives is a national nonprofit whose mission is to make renewable energy technology and job training accessible to underserved communities. We bring together community partners,volunteers and job trainees to implement solar power and energy efficiency for low-income families,providing energy cost savings,valuable hands-on experience, and a source of clean, local energy that benefits us all.

GRID Alternatives Greater Los Angeles (GLA) is a local affiliate of GRID Alternatives. Through the simple act of installing solar electric systems, we are able to provide families a long-term solution to high energy bills, and offer community members hands-on experience that can help them obtain employment in the rapidly growing solar industry, all while producing clean energy and reducing carbon emissions.

We partner with local municipalities, corporations and foundations to provide solar electric systems; businesses, community and technical colleges to provide job training; and nonprofit organizations, affordable housing providers, and other community organizations to reach the families we serve.

Impact to Date

People: \$21 million+

Savings: Over \$16 million saved for nearly 1000 low-income families.

Planet: 65,000 tons+

Emissions Prevented: More than 65,000 tons of greenhouse gas emissions prevented over the life of the systems we've installed, the equivalent of taking 9,042 cars off the road for 1 year.

Employment: 3,500+

Training: Over 3000 volunteers have gained hands-on job training experience through our installations.



Cheered on by their volunteer installation team, a local family flips the switch on a system that will save them \$22,000 over its expected 30-year lifetime.

Do You Qualify For A No-Cost Solar System?

- Own and live in your home
- Home must be located within
 a disadvantaged community
- Household income must be below the area median income.

For more information, please contact GRID Alternatives today

(213) 213-5899

glaoutreach@gridalternatives.org gridla.org ■

HouseHold	Gross Income
Size	(LosANgelesCounty
1	\$48,650
2	\$55,600
3	\$62,550
4	\$69,450
5	\$75,050
6	\$80, 600
7	\$86,150
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Job trainees from Homeboy Industries in East Los Angeles receive hands-on experience at an installation project.

Host Families Sought for Visiting Foreign Students This Summer



Garson Sister Cities Association (CSCA) is seeking host families for foreign students who will be visiting from Soka City, Japan this summer.

Six students, accompanied by a chaperon, will be visiting Carson from July 22 through August 5. The Carson Sister Cities Association needs volunteer families to open their homes to the delegates for one or both weeks of the visit.

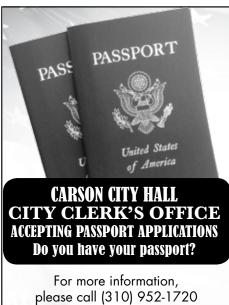
The visit is part of the Sister Cities Student Exchange Program, which takes place every four years. The City of Carson has hosted over a hundred students from Soka ever since the two cities began their sister cities relationship in 1989.





Activities lined-up for the delegation include excursions and educational tours during the day. The delegates are expected to spend most evenings and weekends with their host families. All host families must be members or become members of CSCA.

To become a host family, please fill out an application form available at the Public Information Office, located at Carson City Hall, 701 E. Carson Street. The approval process will include a confidential law enforcement background check. For more information, please call (310) 952-1740. ■



Standard Fees (but not limited to):

PASSPOR	ΓMINO	DR (under 16)			
Book	Card	Both			
\$80	\$15	\$95			
PASSPORT ADULT					
Book	Card	Both			
\$110	\$30	\$140			
Processing Fee \$25.00					

"Who is César Chávez?" Essay Contest March 2017

The contest is open to Carson residents:

- Grade 12 high school students.
- Participants may be enrolled in a high school outside of Carson, but must be City of Carson residents.

For more information, please call (310) 952-1742

Commercial Improvement Program



t has been proven that commercial development that is inviting in appearance will attract more customers. The customer equates the appearance of a business with the quality of service that they can expect to receive once inside. Improvements to the exterior of your businesses helps to increase profits, while eliminating blight and making the area more attractive.

The Commercial Improvement Program is funded through the Community Development Block Grant Target Program. The program was designed to improve the physical condition of the existing commercial buildings located in the CDBG Target Areas. Through these improvements, the City hopes to stimulate economic growth and improve the visual quality of existing commercial properties that will encourage residents and visitors alike to patronize the great places within the City to shop and work.

Eligible Improvements

The following is a list of eligible improvements you may want to consider for the exterior of your business.

- Primarily Exterior Painting & Stucco
- Attached Signage
- New Store Front
- Awnings
- Architectural Detailing

• Parking Stalls (where such improvements may improve disabled access)

Easy Steps To Get Started

 Evaluate your storefront and determine a plan of action. Complete an application and submit a current photo (digital or printed) of your existing storefront.

- Staff will review your application and determine if it's an eligible project.
- The City of Carson will inspect your business and determine the scope of work based on your request and program guidelines.

Façade Improvement Assistance

Assistance ranges from Small Façade Rehabilitation Projects to Substantial Commercial Rehabilitation Projects. These programs are available to both property owners and tenants (with owner consent). See target area map on the website: *ci.carson.ca us./ business development/commercial improvement program*.

Façade Improvements Assistance

Up to \$25,000

Substantial Rehabilitation Assistance

• Up to \$95,000

Key Incentives

- Owner/Tenant only needs to match 5 to 10% of the requested grant amount.
- No Architectural Costs, if the City's architect is used. All architectural designs will be reviewed by city's architect.
- Title and recording fees are paid by City of Carson.

Program Requirements

Projects must conform to the City's design guidelines. A professional architect/ designer must be involved in the project design. Projects must conform to the City's Zoning Code and Planning Ordinances. Contractors must bid the job according to the City guidelines. All permits are the responsibility of the property owner. Federal and/or local funds are used for the program. Whenever such funds are used, either in whole or in part, Davis-Bacon and/or State prevailing wages (whichever is higher) must be paid for all on-site construction labor relating to the project.

The Federal Davis-Bacon Act requires the payment of prevailing wage rates (which are determined by the U.S. Department of Labor) to all laborers and mechanics on Federal government construction projects in excess of \$2,000. Construction includes alteration and/or repair, including painting and decorating of public buildings or public works, including private projects using Federal funds.



How Do I Find Out More?

For more information, please contact The City of Carson Community Development Department

Commercial Improvement Program 310-830-7600, ext.1309 or 1310 ci.carson.ca.us/business development/commercial improvement program Monday - Thursday • 7:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m. (Closed Fridays) ■