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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)

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

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

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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Councilmember
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A MESSAGE FROM THE CITY TREASURER

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.

City of Carson to Open Doors as Host Town for the Special Olympics World Games 2015 (LA2015)

Carson selected as an LA 2015 Host Town, providing culture, training and accommodations to international athletes in July 2015

At a special event on October 27 at California State University, Dominguez Hills (CSUDH), the City of Carson announced that the community has been officially selected to participate in the Special Olympics World Games Host Town program from July 21 – 24, 2015. Before the Special Olympics World Games begin on July 25, 2015, more than 7,000 athletes from 177 countries will be welcomed to Southern California through the Host Town program. As many as 100 communities from San Luis Obispo to San Diego will have the honor of being selected as an official Host Town.

“We are thrilled to see so many communities eager to participate in this integral component of the World Games,” said Patrick McClenahan, president and chief executive officer of LA2015, the Games Organizing Committee. “The Host Town program will not only create lasting memories for these athletes and coaches from around the world, but leave a lasting legacy for the communities who are opening their doors, hearts and minds to host these inspiring athletes.”

As a Host Town, the City of Carson will showcase itself as a vibrant city with a small town atmosphere. Located in the heart of Southern California, the diverse social composition of Carson is California in miniature. CSUDH, which also housed athletes for the 1984 Los Angeles Olympics, will provide accommodations during the Host Town program for the delegation of athletes arriving next year.

“The City of Carson embraces the opportunity to have a role in the 2015 Special Olympics World Games and provide a mutually meaningful and memorable experience to the athletes, coaches and volunteers, to showcase our diverse community,” said Carson’s Mayor.

The Host Town program has been an important element of Special Olympics World Games since 1995, and the experience has left a lasting impression on the local communities in Ireland, Japan, China, Greece, South Korea



William Henderson, Kapresha Trotter & Cal State Dominguez Hills Cheerleaders

and the United States, all of which have previously organized Host Town programs as part of the Special Olympics World Games.

LA2015 is actively identifying potential Host Town candidates to be considered for the program. Communities are evaluated on the availability of lodging accommodations, sports practice facilities and recreation/entertainment offerings for the athletes, among other criteria. Host Towns are also responsible for planning activities for the athletes to introduce them to the community and help spread the word about the Games.

The City of Carson joins the growing list of officially proclaimed Host Towns, which includes Long Beach, Thousand Oaks, Calabasas, Studio City, Manhattan Beach, West Covina, Arcadia, Burbank, Santa Clarita, Palmdale, La Mirada, Glendale, Palm Springs, Santa Maria, Santa Barbara, Irvine, Downey, Whittier, Simi Valley, Fountain Valley, Pasadena, Huntington Beach, Fullerton, Solvang, Oxnard, San Diego North County (which includes Del Mar, Encinitas, and Solana Beach), Corona, Mountain Communities of Lake Arrowhead, Inglewood, San Pedro, Poway and Ontario. More Host Town selections will be announced in the coming weeks.

City of Carson Garage And Yard Sale Requirements



Did you know a permit is required to conduct a garage or yard sale in the City of Carson

The following information is a guide to help you through the permit process and avoid any code violations. These requirements have been set forth in the Carson Municipal Code Section 4600 through 4606.

NUMBER OF SALES PER YEAR:

The City of Carson only allows three (3) sales per year per location.

YARD SALE PERMIT REQUIRED:

You must purchase a permit in person by visiting Carson City Hall located at 701 E. Carson Street. Residents must provide proof of residency such as a driver's license or California Identification card, and/or utility bills. An Application for a yard sale is available online at <http://ci.carson.ca.us/content/files/pdfs/buslicense/Yard-SaleApp.pdf>. Cost of each permit is \$19.00 per day (2014).

Each permit issued is good for either three (3) consecutive days, or two (2) consecutive two (2) day weekends, between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 6 p.m. Make sure to post the Yard Sale Permit on the property where the sale is in progress. It shall be visible from the nearest public street. Please be sure to get permission from the property owner where the yard sale will be held.

SIGNS: Posting signs is a key element to ensuring a successful sale.

Per Carson Municipal Code 4606, no signs or other forms of advertising a yard sale is permitted on any public property or upon any other property within the City, except one sign, not to exceed 15 by 20 inches, upon the property where the sale is being conducted. The sign must be placed at least five (5) feet from the inside the sidewalk, or if there is no sidewalk, from the inside edge of the curb. No flags, banners or similar items shall be displayed. No sign shall be placed more than two (2) days prior to the yard sale. DO NOT place signs on utility poles, light poles, utility boxes, stop signs, or mail boxes. Don't forget to remove signs by 6 p.m. on the last day of the yard sale.

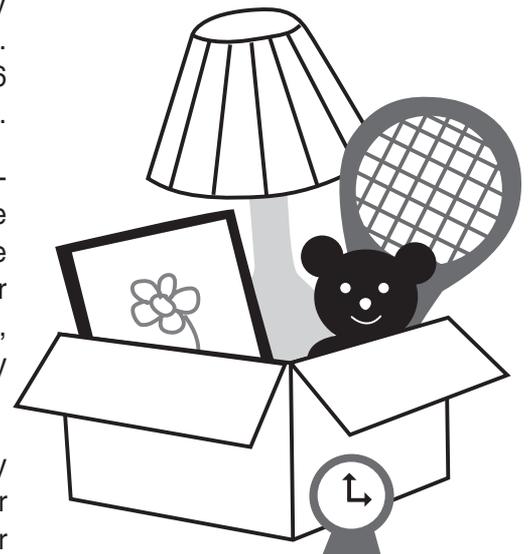
DISPLAY OF GOODS: A proper display of your sale items can entice potential buyers. Do not block the sidewalk, parkway, or any other area within the public right-of-way, as this could be a health and safety hazard.

NO REFUNDS: If it rains on the day of your sale, you may bring your permit (within one week of your

original date) to Business License counter at City Hall and select a new date with no additional charge.

Failure to comply with these regulations will avoid the issuance of an Administrative Citation which carries fines of \$100 for the first offense, \$200 for the second offense, and \$500 for the third.

Please note: To report an illegal garage sale after hours or on weekends or holidays, please contact the City of Carson Public Safety Department at (310) 830-7600, Ext. 1788.



3...2...1: Enrichment Program Put Carson Kids Into Action

The Enrichment Arts program has been active in the City of Carson for the last 3 years. From its humble beginning in 2011, the program started off small with only 15 kids and 2 classes: Voice and Reading.

Currently, the Enrichment Arts program has over 400 kids enrolled from the City of Carson and surrounding cities with various classes offered such as reading, math, voice, tap dance, hip-hop, tennis, golf, hula, zumba for kids, pinterest for kids, piano, and crochet.

The 3-in-1 Enrichment Arts Program incorporates dance, drama and voice.

Parents of program participants like the variety of activities that the Enrichment Program has to offer the kids.

"Before the end of summer camp, Kennedy and I definitely felt like a part of the City of Carson family," said mother Kenya Dixon. "When I found out about 3-in-1 and the counselors explained all the different activities they had for children, my daughter got really excited. The counselors expressed in their description that before the end of summer you will feel like family and they kept that promise," added Dixon.



The 3-in-1 Enrichment Program has put on 3 musical plays: Seussical, Fame Jr., and The World of Yesterday, Tomorrow, and Fantasy and currently working on a fourth play, Annie Jr.

In order to make the production of Annie Jr. a success, a fashion show fundraiser was held on October 24, 2014 to help raise money for microphones, lighting, backdrops and other necessities in order to put on a great production.

This past summer, the Enrichment Arts program decided to incorporate summer camp into 3-in-1. The kids came to camp Monday-Friday, and along with learning dance, drama, and voice they were able to enjoy activities such as arts and crafts, games, field trips, swimming and the camp attendees created their own backdrops and props for their summer play, Fame Jr.

"I love this camp! It's the best ever. It has arts, jazz, and we get to have all sorts of fun" said Samara Bradley.

The production of Fame Jr. was a two day show. There was an indoor production on the first night, and drama under the stars the second night. Together, these two shows brought in a crowd of about 500 people.

The aim of the Enrichment Arts Program is to encourage its participants to step out of their comfort zone and take risk while building self-esteem, increase positive socialization, and build friendship through performing arts.



"I think 3-in-1 camp is probably the best thing that's happened to me in my whole life," said participant Isabel Lazo.

The Enrichment Arts program has a new session every 3-4 months. All classes are held at the Congresswoman Juanita Millender-McDonald Community Center. The program is open to the youth between the ages of 5-16 years of age. The next session starts in February 2015. For additional information and enrollment information, please call the Human Services Division at (310) 835-0212 ext. 1410.

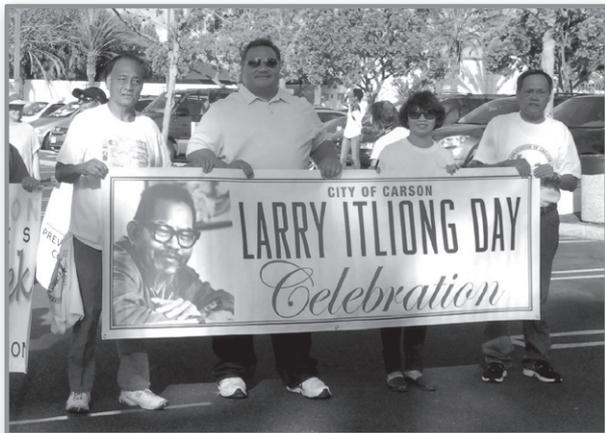


City of Carson Celebrated Filipino-American History in the Month of October with Star Studded Performances

A showcase of amazing talents and performing artists in music, creative arts, and varied forms of entertainment from the Filipino-American community rocked the SouthBay Pavilion every weekend of October to celebrate Filipino-American History Month.

On top of the celebration at the SouthBay Pavilion, on October 25, a tribute march started the culmination ceremony around the vicinity of Congresswoman Juanita Millender-McDonald Community Center and City Hall to honor the life's work and legacy of Larry Itliong – a Filipino-American labor leader and organizer.

Hundreds of participants from various organizations joined the peaceful march. The October 25 program featured Philippine folk singer Florante and Jazz Singer Charmaine Clamor. They were joined by local singers Angel DeVera and Jo Awayan.



Parks and Recreation Chairman Alex Cainglet and Kat Iniba, host of the show called "Halo Halo with Kat Iniba" co-hosted the ceremony.

Larry Itliong was responsible for organizing immigrant farm workers and cannery workers for over 30 years. He helped establish the Alaska Cannery Workers Union in the 1930s and helped get a contract that called for eight-hour days with overtime pay.

In 1965, Larry Itliong led the successful "Great Delano Grape Strike" to protest the low wages and miserable working conditions. In 1966, he led the Agricultural Workers Organizing Committee and merged with the National Farm Workers Association led by Cesar Chavez to form the United Farm Workers union.

In 1970, Larry Itliong founded and became the president of the Filipino American Political Association (FAPA), the first national political Filipino American organization and a crucial alliance between Filipino professionals with 30 active chapters throughout the United States.



On October 2010, Carson City Council passed a resolution establishing October 25 as Larry Itliong Day in Carson.

The Filipino-American History Month Celebration is an annual event during the four Saturdays of October in the City of Carson. The events are done in collaboration with the SouthBay Pavilion, Mutch Carino of Maxx Promos, Filipino American Chamber of Commerce-South Bay Los Angeles, and the Bayani Campaign Coalition Task Force.

Latin Jazz Legend Poncho Sanchez Led This Year's Carson's Jazz Festival Line-up

Three-decade leader and legend of straightahead jazz, gritty soul music, and infectious melodies and rhythms, Poncho Sanchez, topbilled the City of Carson's annual Jazz Festival on September 27 at Anderson Park.

Other jazz bands and artists that performed in the annual show included Jazz in Pink, Kristlyn Jazz Quartet, Mekiel Ruben Band, A. Ray "The Weeper" Fuller, Tizer, and Rick Parma-The Saxman.

The Jazz Festival, which took place from 11a.m. to 6 p.m., featured non-stop live jazz entertainment as well as activities for every member of the family.

Aside from non-stop entertainment, the festival kicked-off the Breast Cancer Awareness Campaign and free health screenings was a part of the Health and Wellness Expo.

The festival included a wide variety of food, crafts and display booths, a kiddie area with carnival games and various stage activities. It was also a showcase

of talents in dancing as musicians, soloists, and bands took turn entertaining the crowd.

One of the longest running events in Carson, the jazz festival draws a huge crowd from all over the Los Angeles Metropolitan Area, having topbilled such performers as Angela Bofill, Ronnie Laws and other big names in the jazz music industry.

Dozens of booths enclosed Anderson Park selling a variety of products and promoting upcoming events in Carson and surrounding areas.

This year's Jazz Festival was sponsored by the Carson Citizens Cultural Foundation, in conjunction with the City of Carson.

Whether it is your first Jazz Festival or your twentieth, Carson's Jazz Festival is both mesmerizing and memorable – what with a long line up of jazz performers and a plethora of booths offering



a variety of delicacies, arts and crafts, games and activities for kids.

Over a half a year of planning and thousands of hours put in by community volunteers working across different committees are involved in putting together each annual seven-hour event.

Mayor's State of the City Address

A long list of accomplishments and promising preview of the coming year highlighted the 2014 State of the City Address, which took place on October 28 at the Congresswoman Juanita Millender-McDonald Community Center.

Addressing over 300 guests representing the business community, civic organizations and the general public attended the annual event in which the Mayor presented his report card and provided an update on upcoming City projects.

The Mayor placed key emphasis in "achieving a successful image for the city," a goal that he shares with the entire City Council. To this end, he cited projects that play strategic roles in moving the city forward, including the continuing expansion of the Auto Row on the 405 freeway, new, big name businesses in various locations and several newly-completed housing projects throughout the City.

The City's aggressiveness in its pursuit of a new image for Carson, the Mayor

said, is also reflected in terms of the numerous infrastructure projects, park improvements and the expansion of available programs for its citizens.

In addition to the flourishing representation of the City's economic development front, the Mayor also described the Carson's current state as "safe and sound." He shared positive information in the area of public safety and complimented the Carson Sheriff's Station for its successful crime prevention programs.

Southern California Edison Energy Assistance Program for Limited Income Residents

The Energy Savings Assistance Program can help you conserve energy and save money. For income-qualified customers, Southern California Edison (SCE) will provide free appliances* and installation of energy-

efficient refrigerators, air conditioners and more, as well as home efficiency solutions like weatherization that will help you save energy and money every day.

**In some instances you may be required to pay a co-payment*



Are You Eligible for Free Appliances?

If you qualify, SCE will cover the costs—including installation—of new energy-efficient appliances.

To be eligible for the program, you must meet the qualifications below:

- Be a homeowner or renter who receives electric services through a residential meter
- Have an active SCE service account
- Meet the program eligibility requirements, including the installation requirements
- Meet the income qualifications



For more information, please call (800) 736-4777 or log on to <https://www.sce.com/wps/portal/home/residential/assistance/energy-saving-program>.

Southern California Gas Company Offers Energy Savings Assistance Program

Southern California Gas Company (SoCalGas) offers no-cost energy saving home improvements and furnace repair or replacement services for qualified limited-income renters and homeowners.

Available energy-saving services may include:

- Attic insulation
- Door Weather Stripping
- Caulking
- Low flow shower heads and faucet aerators
- Water heater blankets
- Evaporative cooler covers and A/C covers
- Pipe insulation
- Faucet aerators
- Minor repairs to exterior doors and/or windows
- Energy Education
- Furnace repair or replacement (owner-occupied only)
- Water heater repair or replacement (owner-occupied only)

There are two ways you may qualify:

1. If you or another person in your household receives benefits from any of the following:
 - Medi-Cal/Medicaid
 - Medi-Cal for Families A & B
 - Women, Infants, & Children (WIC)
 - CalWorks (TANF) or Tribal TANF
 - Head Start Income Eligible—Tribal Only
 - Bureau of Indian Affairs General Assistance
 - CalFresh (Food Stamps)
 - National School Lunch Program (NSLP)
 - Low-income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP)
 - Supplemental Security Income (SSI)
2. Total income for all persons in your household meet income guidelines.

For more information, please call SoCalGas at (800) 331-7593 or log on to <http://socalgas.com/for-your-home/assistance-programs/esap/>.

Country Western Fair Makes its Debut Back to Dominguez Park

After several years of hiatus, the City of Carson held its annual Country Western Fair at Dominguez park on October 11.

The fair featured non-stop live country music entertainment, line dancing, western riders and entertainment for the entire family. There was a petting zoo, carnival rides, games, raffles and prizes, boxing exhibition, car show, horse show, and much more.



1st Annual Hispanic Heritage Month Celebration with Music and Festivity



Grammy Award Winner Mariachi Divas de Cindy Shea took centerstage as the City of Carson presented the first Hispanic Heritage Month Celebration on September 21 at Carson Park.

The performers featured in this year's program included the Tlanex-tli Tlacotan Aztec Dancers, Grupo Folklorico Faisan, Pasion Latina, Alma Latina, Raices Peruanas, Alma De Oro, and Carson's very own Mariachi Academy. Comedian Ralph Figueroa was the emcee for the event.

National Hispanic Heritage Month recognizes the contributions of Hispanic and Latino-Americans in the United States and celebrates the group's heritage and culture.

2014 Carson Scholarship Pageant Kings and Queens Crowned

The City of Carson crowned Mr. Teen, Miss Carson and Miss Teen Carson in a scholarship pageant on October 10.

The contestants competed in the areas of talent, short speech, question and answer, evening and swimwear.

The Miss Carson Pageant began many years ago in 1971 and the previous one was held last year during the city's 45th Anniversary.

"We are proud to bring this prestigious event once again this year," said the Mayor of Carson. "It is important for us to honor and recognize the many talented young gentlemen and ladies in the City of Carson and the future they will represent," he added.

The significance of the Carson Scholarship Pageant is to provide assistance for young male and female residents of Carson to further their education, be a vibrant representation of our younger generation, and a proud resident of the City of Carson.



*Miss Carson 2014
Cristina Garcia*



*Mr. Teen Carson 2014
Michael Whittiker, III*



The Los Angeles County Regional Park and Open Space District provided a grant to fund the Outdoor Fitness Zones Project in the City of Carson. The City received a grant in the amount \$250,000 for the creation of these Outdoor Fitness Zones.

In fighting the rise of obesity within the City of Carson, in 2012, the City Council passed a Resolution banning all high fat snack and high sugar drinks sold in vending machines within city parks. The passing of this resolution was accomplished through a collaborative effort with the California Center for Public Health Advocacy. The City

Check out the Brand New Outdoor Fitness Zones

of Carson Parks and Recreation Commission recommended to City Council the adoption of the Healthy Eating Active Living Cities Campaign.

In an effort to take this campaign further, the City has upgraded all of its playground equipment and has completed its last installation of (4) playground equipment in 2013. Now, all twelve parks as well as four mini-parks within the City of Carson are equipped with ADA accessible playground equipment for youth to seniors to enjoy.

The City's capital project of outdoor exercise equipment for (5) of its twelve parks has been completed. The installation of outdoor exercise equipment has provided accessibility of outdoor equipment for individuals from youth to seniors, which will aid in the fight against obesity. The inactivity of citizens is on the rise and the use of open space is on the decline. The creation of outdoor exercise equipment would

provide a new way of bringing the community out to a neighborhood park and exercise as they walk along the trails.

The City of Carson provides its residents with a master plan system of community and neighborhood parks, facilities, and a wide range of recreational opportunities for the beneficial use of leisure time and the installation of outdoor exercise equipment will increase the opportunity to live a healthier life.

You can find the outdoor fitness zone at Anderson, Calas, Dolphin, Dominguez, and Hemingway Parks. Each park has 7 different exercise "zones" that can be used for multiple exercises. Some can be adjusted to increase or decrease resistance to better suit the user. It is a great addition for those that walk at the parks because they now have multiple exercise zones they can incorporate into their walks.

SoCalGas Says Get a Jump on Winter: Now is Best Time to Prep Furnace, Light Pilots

Utility Offers Rebates for Energy-Efficiency Upgrades to Help Keep Bills Low

The winter heating season is around the corner. Southern California Gas Co. (SoCalGas) says don't wait; now is the time to inspect heating appliances, relight pilots and perform any needed maintenance on hot water heaters, furnaces, and other gas-fired equipment to avoid health or safety hazards.

"Heating appliances should be serviced annually to keep them operating safely and efficiently," said Gillian Wright, Vice President of customer service for SoCalGas.

"To avoid the rush in winter and enjoy a shorter wait time, customers are encouraged to schedule an appointment online now at socalgas.com or call a licensed heating contractor to provide this service for you."

Failure to perform annual maintenance on gas appliances may result in exposure to carbon monoxide, which can cause nausea, drowsiness, flu-like symptoms, and even death.

SoCalGas offers these simple low-cost/no-cost tips to help keep winter gas bills low:

- Have a qualified, licensed technician test, clean and adjust your equipment.
- Perform routine maintenance recommended by the manufacturer, according to the owner's manual. This includes replacing dirty air filters and cleaning intake screens, condenser coils, supply registers and return grills.
- Identify and repair leaky or disconnected ducts.
- Caulk cracks around windows, doors and other openings.
- Set programmable thermostats to turn heating on 30 minutes before people arrive and off 30 to 60 minutes before they leave. Set thermostats no higher than 68 degrees Fahrenheit during occupied periods in the winter.

SoCalGas is offering a variety of programs to help customers manage winter gas bills. These include:

- Ways to Save Interactive Tools. Answer a few questions to get your home energy analysis, along with customized energy-efficiency recommendations. You can create an energy action plan, track and update your progress and see how your actions help you save energy and money. Visit socalgas.com (Search "SAVE MONEY WIZARD").
- Energy Efficiency Rebates for Homes. This program offers qualifying energy improvements to your home or multi-family property. SoCalGas offers many ways to save energy and money by upgrading residential natural gas equipment that meets program requirements, such as furnaces, hot water heaters, tankless water heaters, clothes washer, wall or attic insulation, and low flow showerheads.
- SoCalGas' Rebates for Property Managers and Owners. This provides a variety of rebates and incentives to qualified customers for upgrading to new energy-efficient equipment, qualified central heating system, storage water heaters, insulation, tankless water heater, hot water controllers, and pool heaters.
- Energy Efficiency Business Seminars. SoCalGas offers seminars that provide information about improving the energy efficiency of a business. Topics include basics in lighting, boilers, equipment maintenance and more. Seminars are geared towards facility managers, building owners, contractors and restaurants, but are applicable to many businesses.

For more information about these programs, call SoCalGas at 1-800-GAS-2000 or visit www.socalgas.com/business.

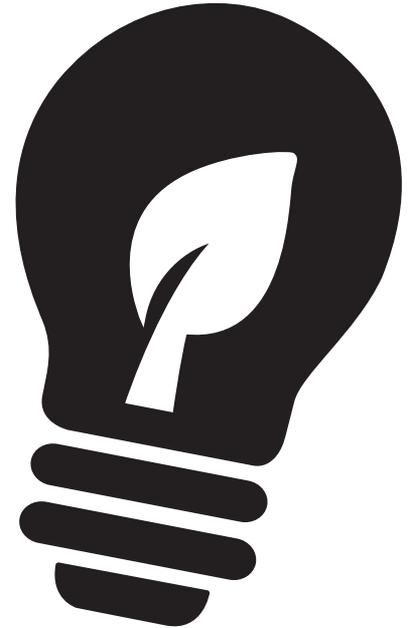
A Message from Southern California Edison to Conserve Energy

In Southern California, it costs more to produce electricity in the summer, when energy demand is at its peak, and less to produce electricity in the winter, during periods of lower demand. When you use energy wisely, you'll be saving money and the environment.

That's why the City of Carson and Southern California Edison (SCE) are partnering to encourage energy efficiency and conservation.

Using energy wisely in our everyday lives is a smart way to ensure our planet and its natural resources are protected. Simple changes to your daily routine on how and when you use electricity can make a difference.

For example, switch off unnecessary lights and at the end of the day turn off office equipment. Even using your washing machine, dryer or dishwasher before noon or after 6pm can help conserve energy when demand is at its highest.



Energy management is the first and best way to manage your energy use not only at home, but at work too. It can help create a brighter future for us all. By becoming more energy conscious, you'll help California conserve valuable energy resources now and well into the future.



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