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County Registrar-Recorder
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Building & Safety
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(310) 952-1779
Hearing Impaired
(800) 252-9040

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Time Warner Cable
(888) 892-2253

Chamber of Commerce
(310) 217-4590

City Hall
(310) 830-7600

Code Enforcement
(310) 952-1786

Community Center
(310) 835-0212

Crime Prevention
Neighborhood Watch
(310) 847-7481

Disaster Preparedness
(310) 952-1700, ext.1603

Dump Waste
Management
(310) 328-0900

Electricity
Southern California
Edison Co. (800) 950-2356

Gas
Southern California
Gas Co. (800) 427-2200

Graffiti Removal
Landscape & Buildings
(310) 847-3500

Hospital
Harbor General UCLA
Medical Center
(310) 222-2345

Jobs
Career Center
(310) 952-1762

Libraries
Carson Regional
(310) 830-0901
Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.
(310) 327-4830

Parking Enforcement
(800) 654-7275

Parks & Recreation
(310) 847-3570

Post Office
Main No. (800) 275-8777

Sandbags
Street Maintenance
(310) 847-3520

Sewer Clean-up
(626) 458-4357

Senior Services
(310) 952-1775

Senior Recreation
(310) 835-0212

Sidewalk Repair
Street Maintenance
(310) 847-3520

Sheriff's Station
(310) 830-1123

Street Sweeping
Street Maintenance
(310) 847-3520

Telephone
AT&T
(310) 225-3028

Trash Collection
Waste Management
(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

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

Technology Advancement &
Innovation Commission
6:30 p.m., 4th 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)

Mobile Home 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

Elected Officials

Mayor
Albert Robles

Mayor Pro Tem
Lula Davis-Holmes

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Elito M. Santarina

Councilmember
Jawane Hilton

Councilmember
Cedric L. Hicks, Sr.

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E-mail: mrevilla@carson.ca.us

Website:
<http://ci.carson.ca.us>

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.

City Council Approves \$45 Million Community Benefits Agreement with Tesoro

Q&A

Q: *The City Council approved a \$45 million Community Benefits Agreement with Tesoro. What's the purpose of this Agreement?*

A: Tesoro has been working with the South Coast Air Quality Management District (AQMD) to bring together the operation of their refinery in Wilmington with their Carson refinery. The City entered into the Community Benefits Agreement to better protect and improve the quality of life in neighborhoods surrounding the refinery, as well as the quality of life for the entire City. Under the Agreement, Carson residents will not have to ever worry about whether Tesoro will resort to the use of the much cheaper and very toxic and highly volatile compound Hydrofluoric Acid that plagues and worries Torrance residents each and every day that live near the refinery in Torrance. In addition, the large truck yard on Sepulveda Boulevard, east of Wilmington Avenue will be phased out and this will reduce truck traffic in the area.

Q: *We've heard a lot about explosions at the Torrance Refinery in 2015, which almost ruptured the Hydrofluoric Acid Tank at that refinery. Will the Hydrofluoric Acid be used in the refining process in Carson?*

A: No. The City is banning the use of Hydrofluoric Acid in Carson. The U.S. Chemical Safety Board found that if the Hydrofluoric Acid Tank



had been ruptured in the Torrance refinery explosion, that a toxic cloud of gas would have reached the Carson Civic Center, endangering the lives of over 330,000 residents in Carson, Torrance and Los Angeles.

Q: *What can residents hope to see as a result of the Community Benefits Agreement?*

A: The Community Benefits Agreement will provide millions in funding for environmental projects, such as planting over 450 street trees in the neighborhood, renovating landscape median and installing new landscaping on streets and highways, including repairing streets and sidewalks. The Agreement also requires Tesoro to provide the City with annual support for public safety programs.

Q: *How long will the project be under construction and will it create local jobs?*

A: We anticipate that construction will start in September of this year and that it will be completed at the end of 2018. The Los Angeles Economic Development Corporation forecast that the project will generate over 700 jobs. Tesoro will work with the City's Employment Center to employ Carson residents.

Q: *What other ways are Tesoro and the City working to improve the quality of life in Carson?*

A: The Tesoro Foundation provided Carson with a \$1.25M grant to build one of the first in Southern California fully accessible playgrounds for children of all abilities earlier this year. If you have a special needs child or know someone who does, I don't have to say anything more about how significant this is for our residents. In addition, we expect additional financial community support for Carson from the Tesoro Foundation. ■

50th Anniversary Events & Volunteer Opportunities



Nominate an Extraordinary Volunteer for "Leaves of Carson"

The City of Carson is now accepting nominations for the "Leaves of Carson", an awards program established to recognize individuals or organizations for their volunteer efforts in the Carson Community.

Seven awardees will be selected in seven different categories, namely public safety, Carson resident, non-profit, education, business, public sector, and posthumous category.

The "Leaves of Carson" honorees will be recognized in an awards program that will take place on January 20, 2018. Their names will be engraved on a leaf and added to the "tree of life", which is displayed at the Carson Center.

The nomination is open to individuals who live or work in Carson, or organizations based in the city.

Nomination forms and the accompanying questionnaire are available at the City of Carson Public Information Office, located at Carson City Hall or on the City's website. The

nomination requirements must be submitted by September 13, 2017 to be considered for the award.

The "Leaves of Carson" is a project of the Public Relations Commission. For more information, please call the Public Information Office at (310) 952-1740.

Sign Up Now To Be A 50th Anniversary Volunteer

Please join us in planning and preparing for the City of Carson's Golden Anniversary celebration by signing up as a volunteer! Your assistance will contribute to the success of various Anniversary projects and events, such as the Tournament of Roses parade float, Rose Vials fundraiser, Golden Tapestry of Carson Quilt Project, and the Historical Scrapbook. For more information, please call (310) 847-3570 and sign up today.

Taste of Carson

Calling all amateur chefs! Please sign up to compete in the Taste of Carson on Saturday, October 28, 2017 from 11 a.m. - 2 p.m. Plan to attend to join in the community sampling. For more information, please call (310) 847-3570.

Gala Ball

Please join us for a banquet to celebrate the 50th Anniversary of incorporation to be held on February 24, 2018 at the Congresswoman Juanita Millender-McDonald Community Center at Carson.



Consider being part of history by buying for your business, friends, or family members. All contributions are tax deductible and checks should be made payable to the Carson Community Foundation. For more information, please call (310) 847-3570 or (310) 830-8310. ■

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Rose Parade Volunteers Needed

The City of Carson will have a float in the 2018 New Year's Tournament of Roses Parade in Pasadena, California. To assist with placing roses on the float please call (310) 835-0212, ext. 1467.

Your Rose on the Parade

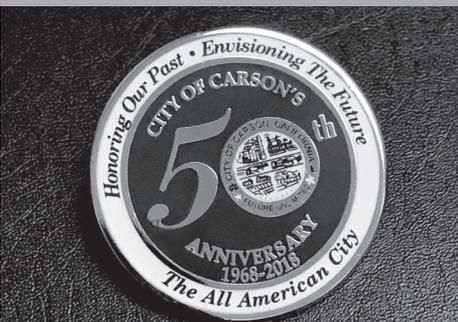
Your personal message can be printed on a label and attached to a vial that will be featured on the City of Carson's Rose Parade Float on January 1, 2018. You get the satisfaction of supporting your community while honoring a family member, friend, or loved one.

Rose vials cost \$10 each, and there is no limit as to how many you can purchase. Payment for rose vials will be accepted during business hours at the City Treasurer's Office.

This opportunity will come to a close on November 30th, so don't miss out!

Commemorative 50th Anniversary Items for Sale

Limited edition T-Shirts and lapel pins available for sale. For more information, please contact (310) 847-3570.



Limited Edition Lapel Pin on sale for \$10



City of Carson 50th Anniversary Golf Tournament Fundraiser



Money raised will go towards the 50th Gala Ball event

Friday, February 23, 2018

- 7:30 A.M. Check in
- 8:30 A.M. Shotgun Start
- 1:30 P.M. Late Lunch/Awards

California Country Club

1509 Workman Mill Rd.
Whittier, CA 90601

\$10,000 Hole-in-One and additional prize holes

Ages 18 and up

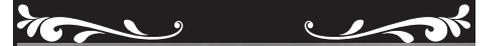
\$125 golf / \$25 lunch only

\$125 fee includes Green Fees, Cart, Goodie Bag, Raffle Ticket, and Lunch Banquet

For more information, contact Veterans Park at (310) 830-9997



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THIS COULD BE YOU!!!

You can also win your share of \$5,000 in scholarship funds!

Applications available at all City of Carson facilities and parks. Submission deadline: Monday, November 20, 2017

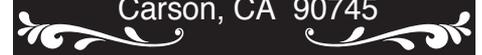
For more information, please contact Dara Sandoval at (310) 816-9381 or dsandova@carson.ca.us



PAGEANT EVENT DATE

Friday
APRIL 27, 2018

Congresswoman Juanita Millender-McDonald
Community Center at Carson
801 E. Carson St.
Carson, CA 90745



Carson Partners Up with PATH to Reach Out to Homeless: Link to Services and Assistance Moving into Permanent Homes



If you need help for yourself or someone else, please call or e-mail:

Hotline: (562) 457-0205

E-mail: southbay@epath.org

Outreach Hours:
Monday-Friday
8 a.m. – 5 p.m.

Domestic Violence Hotline:
(800) 978-3600

For immediate assistance after hours or on weekends, please call 211

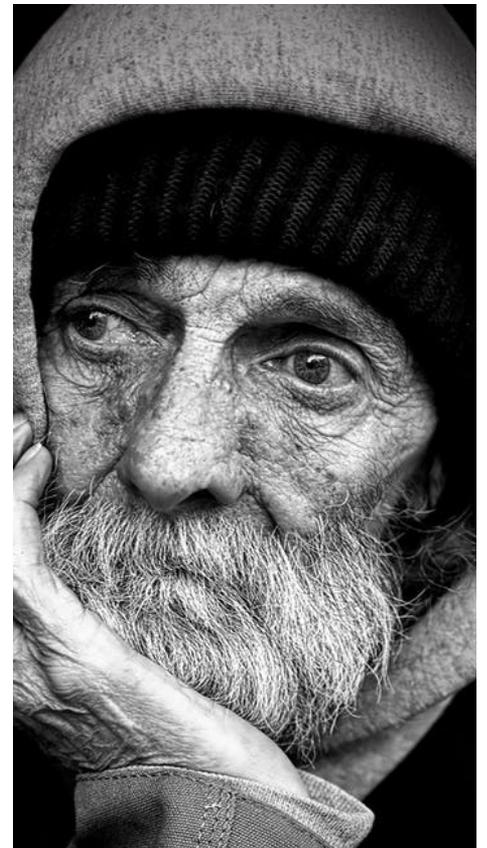
The City of Carson continues to partner with local organizations to combat homelessness such as providing access to County resources such as mental health services, outreach workers, and supportive housing. One of the numerous agencies that the City of Carson is partnering up with is PATH.

Resources & Strategies by City of Carson to Fight Homelessness:

- Contributing City funding towards the cost of rapid rehousing for homeless City residents.
- Dedicating housing funds to provide supportive housing and services for chronically homeless individuals in the City.
- Ensuring that law enforcement and other first responders effectively engage homeless families and individuals.
- Using land use policy to maximize the availability of funds for the homeless and affordable housing.

Services for the Homeless with Partnership with PATH

- Three (3) community meetings focused on community education.
- Connect twenty (20) people experiencing homelessness in Carson to interim housing.
- Contact twenty-five (25) unduplicated and one hundred-fifty (150) duplicated contacts with persons experiencing homelessness in Carson.
- Perform Carson-specific work in Carson for eleven (11) hours per week.



Do You Want to Make Energy Efficient Improvements to Your Home?

The Property Assessed Clean Energy (PACE) model is an innovative mechanism for financing energy efficiency and renewable energy improvements on private property. PACE programs exist for both residential properties commonly referred to as residential Property Assessed Clean Energy (PACE) and or Home Energy Renovation Opportunity (HERO).



PACE programs allow governments to fund the up-front cost of energy improvements on commercial and residential properties, which are paid back over time by the property owners on their property tax bills.

Advantages

- Allows homeowners a new way to finance energy efficient upgrades.
- Approval is primarily based on your home equity, not your credit history or credit score.
 - Helps some property owners deduct payments from their income tax liability.
 - No upfront costs to the homeowner, all cost is financed through Pace
 - Terms Up to 25 years
 - If you sell, the responsibility of remaining payments may be able to transfer to the new owner.

- assessment amount should the property go into foreclosure, since the PACE loan
- Becomes the first lien over a Fannie Mae/Freddie Mac loan.
- These restrictions may reduce the marketability of the house or require the homeowner to pay off the loan before selling the property since most buyers use a loan guaranteed by Fannie Mae or Freddie Mac.

For more information about the PACE or HERO programs, please log on to <https://energy.gov/eere/slsc/property-assessed-clean-energy-programs> or call (855) 437-6411 / (877) 747-4889. ■



Disadvantages

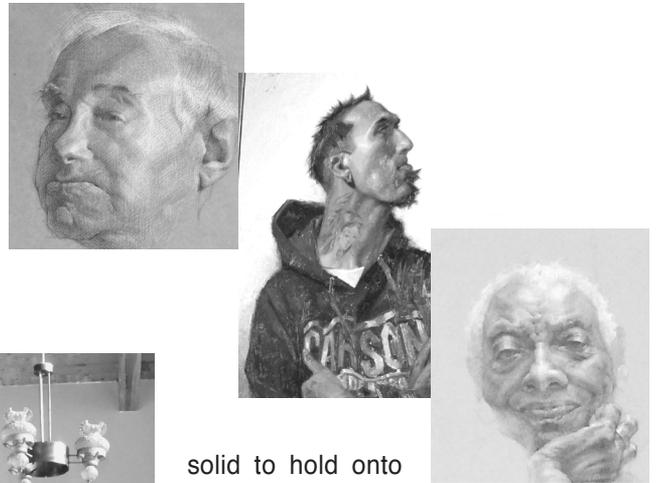
- Available only to property owners.
- A homeowner with a first-lien PACE loan cannot refinance their existing mortgage with a Fannie Mae or Freddie Mac mortgage, nor can a buyer interested in purchasing a home with a first-lien PACE loan use a Fannie Mae or Freddie Mac loan for the purchase.
- Potential resistance by lenders/mortgage-holders whose claims to the property may be subordinated to the unpaid



Sample of Energy Efficient Home improvement projects included in the in these programs:

- Solar Projects
- Heating and Cooling
- Windows and Doors
- Roofing
- Landscaping

Carson Artist Alexey Steele Unveils Newly Founded Artward Gallery in Scottsdale Neighborhood



solid to hold onto during our troubled times,” he adds, “Everyday people of diverse backgrounds form the bedrock of the community.”

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Noted Southern California artist Alexey Steele displayed two new works from his My Neighbors series this past June that presents a passionate and compelling portrayal of representative residents from the City of Carson, at the newly founded Artward Gallery dedicated to his ongoing Love My Neighbor public art project at Scottsdale Townhomes.

Steele is a proponent of the transformative nature of art. He also believes that the answer to many of the difficult issues currently facing society is to get to know and love one’s neighbor, as inspired by the cherished phrase “love thy neighbor.” His My Neighbors: Capturing the Soul of America’s Diverse City art series, which currently totals eight portraits of community members who represent the strength and soul of Carson. The artist hopes that this will also encourage visitors to see their own neighbors from a new perspective and take the message of love for one’s neighbor back to their own neighborhoods in an effort to inspire social change.

Steele was awarded a grant by the City of Carson Cultural Arts Commission for 2015-16 which was followed by the grant for 2016-17 to develop the My Neighbors series. In this second collaboration between the City and an artist, Steele focused his attention on the “Scottsdale” neighborhood of Carson. Following his concept that special neighbors exist in every neighborhood Steele found a remarkable and inspiring character in Cirillo Campos, a beloved 75-year old gardener who has been working continuously in Scottsdale for 31-years and is an icon in the neighborhood. Steele decided to paint an epic life-size painting celebrating human dignity shining bright in the world of adversity. To showcase works of his My Neighbors series to the local community and use the Love My Neighbor art project as a tool of continuous community building, Steele established a permanent on-site Artward Gallery. *Digital images of artwork in the exhibition are available upon request by contacting Olga Vlasova at classicalunderground@yahoo.com. ■



“Every street and every neighborhood has their own widely loved neighbors, and I want everyone to look around and say ‘Love My Neighbor’ just as I do,” notes Steele.

“With the My Neighbors art series, I have focused on individuals who are overlooked as the true heroes of our society, as these special people form the bedrock of the community and provide something real and



Trash Talk: When & Where

What is the exact location for placing my trash can container?

At the curb in front of or side of the curb when adjacent to more than one street.

If you have to place your container in an alley it must be placed within 2 feet of the rear property line.

What's the earliest/latest time I can place my trash can out?

6 P.M. the day prior to collection through 10 P.M. on collection day.

Are there any exceptions to when I can place or put up my trash can?

Here are a few examples of when it is necessary for the code enforcement to make exceptions: Resident is leaving town or out of town and has to place or remove containers outside of time frame permitted by the code.

Elderly resident who is receiving assistance from a relative/friend/acquaintance to put their trash out and bring back after pick up.



What can I put in my grey trash can?

The trash cart is for household waste that cannot be recycled.

All materials must fit inside your carts or containers. No loose bags will be collected.

What do I do with bulky items that are too big to fit?

Residential customers may request **two (2) free bulky item pick-ups each calendar year** at no additional cost. Advance notice is required.

To schedule a free bulky pick-up, please contact Waste Management at (800)774-0222 at least 48 hours in advance of your regular service day. There will be a charge for additional items. Please note that if your trash can's contents are too heavy, the driver will attempt service and notify the resident by leaving an Important Notice tag attached to the cart. However, if we are unable to empty the cart, the cart will be tagged and marked as "overweight." It will then be the responsibility of the resident to lighten the contents for the following week's service.

Bulky items include: couches, washers, dryers, refrigerators, water-heaters, lawn furniture, TV's, computer monitors, etc. Bulky wastes do not include large items such as car bodies, C&D Waste in amounts greater than approximately



one (1) cubic yard, Jacuzzi tubs or spas, Universal Waste, or any other items that cannot be handled by two persons. In addition, bulky wastes do not include tires. To avoid having an overweight cart, or causing possible damage to the cart or truck, do not place rocks, concrete, bricks or dirt in carts. Please do not overfill or tightly pack waste into the cart. All trash inside must fall out when the cart is emptied.

How do I dispose of my needles or lancets?

Residents are now able to conveniently and responsibly dispose of needles, lancets, and other sharps from their own homes with Waste Management's (WM) mail back containers. All residents have to do is call WM customer service at (310) 605-6000 to request their free container, and a WM representative will deliver it to their home the following week. On an annual basis, residents will receive one free Sharps Mail-Back container, with a second and third kit available for a \$5.00 co-pay. Limit one at a time.

For more information regarding your waste, feel free to contact Waste Management's Customer Service (800) 774-0222. ■

2017 WHY I LIKE CARSON ESSAY-WRITING CONTEST IS OPEN

Sponsored by the Carson Community Foundation



This contest is for:

- All students grades 3-8 who attend Carson Schools (must participate through school)
- Students grades 3-8 who live in Carson, but attend schools outside the city, charter schools or home-schooled

All participation forms must be received by
Wednesday, September 6, 2017 by 5 P.M.
All entries must be received by the City of Carson
Public Information Office by
Tuesday, October 10, 2017 by 5 P.M.

For more information, please contact the
Public Information Office at (310) 952-1740.

The "Why I Like Carson" contest is a project of
the Public Relations Commission



2016 Why I Like Carson Award Winners



**CARSON CITY HALL
CITY CLERK'S OFFICE
ACCEPTING PASSPORT APPLICATIONS**

Do you have your passport?

Standard Fees (but not limited to):

PASSPORT MINOR
(under 16)
Book Card Both
\$80 \$15 \$95

PASSPORT ADULT
Book Card Both
\$110 \$30 \$140

(Payable by Check or
Money Order to the US
Department of State)

Execution Fee: \$25
(Payable to the City of
Carson by Cash, Credit,
Debit or Money Order)

Monday - Thursday
9 A.M. - 2 P.M.
(Walk-Ins Only)

For more information,
please call
(310) 233- 4891

Captain's Corner

by Captain Jason Skeen



Don't Become A Victim!

Thefts from vehicles are becoming more common in many parts of Southern California for several reasons. You can reduce the odds of becoming a victim by remembering these important tips:

DO:

- Always lock your car!
- Keep your windows rolled up
- Lock items in the trunk
- Park in well-lit areas at night
- Keep an eye out of your surroundings

DON'T:

- Leave items in plain view
- Leave the engine running when you are away from the vehicle
- Park in remote areas

Your Cooperation Will Help:

Together we can help reduce opportunities for crimes to occur. Please remember to lock your vehicle and remove personal property like cellphones, laptops, purses, or any valuable merchandise. Please call the business line at (310) 830-1123 to report a crime or any suspicious activity. 9-1-1 to report an emergency.

Feel free to also walk into our lobby at:

Carson Sheriff Station

21356 South Avalon Blvd., Carson, CA 90745

Carson Sheriff's Family Assistance Program

The Community Relations Staff at Carson Sheriff's Station is preparing for its annual "Family Assistance Christmas Program." Each December, approximately 200 families who could use some extra help in the Carson community are provided

a Christmas food basket as well as clothing and toys for their children. This year's sign-ups for the Assistance Program will start Monday, November 27 - Friday, December 8, 2017.

Our program is dependent upon donations from the business community to ensure the maximum numbers of families are provided for. Many Carson area residents are in desperate need of our help during the Holiday Season. Since 1992, Carson Sheriff's Station has provided more than 3,000 food baskets to local residents during the Christmas Season.

We request non-perishable food items, unwrapped toys and monetary donations for our program. Donated monetary donations will partially cover the costs for food gift baskets.

The Carson Sheriff's Station is committed to continuing this annual program. If you have any questions or need further information, please feel free to contact Community Relations Sergeant Carlos Veramendi at (310) 847-8386 or Deputy Aime Ramos at (310) 847-4019.

Stuff a Patrol Car Toy Drive

Help bring joy to a family in need!

Donate a new, unwrapped gift for a child (ages 4 to 17) Wednesday, December 6, 2017 10:00 AM - 6:00 PM Toy drive at Target Store located at South Bay Pavilion (in front of Target) 20700 S. Avalon Blvd., Carson, CA 90745

Carson Sheriff's Station Explorer Recruitment

What is the Deputy Explorer Program?

Created in 1969, the Deputy Explorer Program is a career development and education program, open to mature young adults between the ages of 14-20, who have an interest in the law enforcement profession. Its purpose is to provide training and experiences that assist young adults in maturing, becoming more responsible, compassionate, independent, and self-confidence, while serving as a volunteer in their community.

What do we do?

Deputy Explorers volunteer thousands of hours to their respective communities each year. They participate in various community-oriented details, events and activities, such as: working large events, such as parades and fairs, assisting personnel at the front counter of Sheriff's stations, developing

leadership and professional skills, competing in law enforcement related competitions, and participating in uniformed ride-alongs with patrol deputies. The experiences gained from this program allow you to make an informed decision as to whether or not you wish to pursue a career in law enforcement.

How do you get started?

First, you need to contact the Explorer Advisor at Carson Sheriff's station. You will need to complete an Application and Screening Questionnaire, pass an oral interview, be fingerprinted as part of your background check, and get a medical examination. If you are accepted by the Explorer Advisor, you will have to complete the Explorer Academy training program at the Explorer Academy closest to your home.

What is the Explorer Academy?

All applicants must successfully complete the Explorer Academy before they can become a Deputy Explorer. The academy is 18 weeks long and is held each Saturday, for about 10 hours. There are academic requirements, physical training (each week), defensive tactics training, first aid, CPR, leadership development, career development, classroom lectures, practical application exercises, and much more. Academy recruits must maintain a GPA of 70%, while attending the academy.

Academy recruits must purchase their uniforms and physical training gear, and adhere to the grooming standards of an academy recruit.

Next Explorer Academy class is scheduled to begin September 23, 2017. Any questions, please contact Deputy Aime Ramos at 310 847 4019 or Sergeant Carlos Veramendi at 310 847 8386. ■



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



5 Fall Facts About Mosquitos

When it is fall in Carson, people can expect many things to change. The winter decorations may already be featured in stores, the weather may be a bit cooler, and the leaves are ready to change colors. But one thing hasn't changed: mosquitoes.

Mosquitoes are still very active during the fall. Here are 5 interesting facts about mosquitoes to carry you through to winter:

1 Only female mosquitoes bite – The female mosquitoes need to use the protein in our blood to develop her eggs. All mosquitoes, female and male, drink nectar as a food source.

2 West Nile virus is still here – We can expect more people to get sick from West Nile virus in the fall. When female mosquitoes bite, their saliva sometimes contain the virus that will enter our bodies.

3 Mosquito repellent works – There are four ingredients to look for: DEET, oil of lemon eucalyptus,

Picaridin, and IR3535. There are extensive research showing these to be effective against mosquitoes. Make sure to apply them to the skin.

4 Citronella candles and repellent bracelets are not very effective – A small breeze can carry away the effectiveness of candles. The bracelets only protect the area around the wrist. Mosquitoes will find a way to land on any exposed skin that doesn't have insect repellent.

5 Your patio or yard is hiding hundreds of mosquitoes – Mosquitoes lay their eggs using standing water. Anything that can hold water for more than a week needs to be emptied regularly. This includes plant saucers, buckets, and even rain barrels.

If you have questions or would like more information, you may contact your local vector control for help at www.ReportMosquitoes.org or call (562) 944-9656. ■

Carson Women's Club Awarded \$20,000 in Scholarships

The Carson Women's Club honored 15 high school seniors with \$1,000 each, and 10 continuing college students with \$500 each, at its annual scholarship luncheon on May 27, 2017, held at the Congresswoman Juanita Millender-McDonald Community Center, in Carson.

High School Graduate Honorees:

California Academy of Math & Science

Bianca Bonsol
Lauryn Hudson
Joneil Lynch

Carson High School

Alexus Fears
Cynthia Ortiz

Harbor Teacher Preparation Academy

David Capiz
Katryn Cardenas
Chestan James

King Drew Medicine & Science Magnet H.S

Jasmin Bumpas

Narbonne High School

Jamie Esquivel
Elise Turner

Rancho Dominguez Preparatory School

Olusheun Akinrimisi
María Nieves
Reyna Olivas
Leilanee Urrutia

Continuing College Honorees:

Christal Cotton
Christina Cotton

CSU Long Beach

Jaylin Bell
Malik Rivers

Cal Poly Pomona University

Elijah Sisson

Cal Poly San Luis Obispo

Jamie Marcos

UCLA

Megan Martin
Kyra Decastro

Mt. Saint Mary's University

Myka Santiago

Loyola Marymount University

Ofelia Pulido