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Programs in Numbers Q2 2018

Mulch Delivery & Pickup:

145 Deliveries

4,639 since 2010

106.5 Tons

2,842 since 2010

Parkway Tree Planting:

122 trees planted

1,902 since 2011

Compost Pilot Program:

8.8 tons

272 since 2014

Edible Garden Food Donations

48.3 pounds

984 since 2011

New Green Business Program

Long Beach Sustainability has launched a new Green Business Program under the California Green Business Network. This program certifies businesses based on state wide standards for sustainability and recognizes them for their efforts. The first business certified under this new program is Bowman Change (pictured above), a local sustainable consulting company.

This program is completely free to businesses in Long Beach and comes with technical assistance to achieve certification requirements for environmental sustainability. All businesses in Long Beach are encouraged to apply for certification or recognition as a participant, which only has 9 requirements.

Businesses that are participants will receive technical assistance, a listing on the Green Business Program website, and access to the local network of green businesses. Certified businesses will also receive a window decal, rights to the program logo, a listing on the CAGBN directory, a certificate signed by Mayor Robert Garcia, and be featured on City social media pages and newsletters. This is in addition to the benefits of saving money on utility bills and protecting our environment. Businesses can sign up at: www.greenbusinessca.org

Residents wishing to support this program can pledge to shop green and look for new green businesses in Long Beach at www.greenbusinessca.org or on the Shop Green app. Tell your favorite businesses about the program to encourage them to go green, or share about the program on social media with the hashtag #GoGreenLB.

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Our Team

Meet the newest Office of Sustainability staff member.



Joseph Bickler joins the Sustainability team as a Green Team Leader to support fieldwork programs, especially mulch delivery. Joe is from South Orange County and he has a background in Environmental Engineering from ASU. His interests include ecology, habitat restoration, horticulture, renewable technologies, and helping communities become sustainable and aware of their natural environment. His hobbies include camping, fishing, hiking, gardening and anything that involves space! Go SpaceX! One of his goals is to bring back native landscapes so that we can experience the awe of nature with our friends and family. Don't be shy to say hello if you see Joe out in the Sustainability truck!



New Dates Available for Smart Homebuyer Workshops

The City of Long Beach Office of Sustainability is partnering with Green Education, Inc. to host three more

Smart Homebuyer Workshops in July and August to support homeowners and new homebuyers in making their homes healthy, comfortable, and environmentally friendly.

Energy efficiency upgrades don't just conserve energy, they also create a more comfortable living space with better indoor air quality for a healthier environment. These workshops will teach participants how they can take advantage of financing and incentive opportunities to increase their home's value, create a healthier living space, and reduce our city's greenhouse gas emissions. Register for a workshop at:

<http://bit.ly/SmartHomesLB>

"A home that is healthy, comfortable, and energy efficient is attainable." Marcia said, "There are financial resources available to everyone, don't leave money on the table."

Workshops will take place on July 21st 9am-11am, August 2nd 6:30pm-8:30pm, and August 23rd 6:30pm-8:30pm at the Gas & Oil Auditorium, 2400 E. Spring Street.

Garden Workshops

Don't miss the upcoming Edible Garden Workshops! To RSVP or for ADA arrangements, contact Kelsey. Forster@longbeach.gov.

First Monday of the month, 11am-12pm

The Civic Center Edible Garden is located at the Civic Center Plaza at 333 W Ocean Blvd. Enter the plaza from Ocean and go up the stairs through the first gate on the right.

EV Charger Giveaway

The City of Long Beach received a donation of electric vehicle chargers from Mercedes Benz. Residents who own or lease an EV may be eligible for a free charger.

Apply for your FREE EV charger online at <http://bit.ly/EVgiveaway>

Recipients will be responsible for any and all related expenses, including City permit and inspection fees.



Sustainability Spotlight

Grades of Green invites Long Beach students to join the fall 2018 global Water Campaign. Grades of Green is a nonprofit created to provide the tools and information needed to empower and inspire students to care for the environment. They offer 40+ Grades of Green Activities aimed to instill environmental values in students focusing on conserving air, energy, waste, water, or toxins. With their latest campaign for water conservation, they are asking students around the world to find solutions to local water issues.

The Water Campaign will launch this fall with student teams working to solve local water problems to conserve more water and protect water resources. Student teams will be paired with teams across the globe to support each other's work and learn about the issues faced in different regions. Teams will also have a Grades of Green Mentor to guide them through the process. Participating in the campaign is free to all schools and student groups, and is valued at over \$1,000 in resources provided per group. Registration is open now, student teams can register online with an adult supervisor at www.gradesofgreen.org.

Once the Water Campaign finishes in the fall, the spring semester will focus on finding solutions for waste reduction through the Waste Campaign. For more information about the Water and Waste Campaigns, email info@gradesofgreen.org.

Our Team

Meet the summer interns:



Jessica Cornejo joins the Office as our Energy Star Portfolio Intern. Jessica recently graduated from CSULB with her BA in Geography with a minor in Environmental Science & Policy. Her work will help track City energy usage and GHG emissions, and further green building principles for the City of Long Beach.



Katherine Hsu joins us as the Green Business Intern. She is currently an undergraduate student at UC San Diego, pursuing her Bachelors in Environmental Engineering with a minor in Business. She hopes to create a sustainable future through environmental advocacy and making a positive impact in her local community.

Climate Central: Take the CAAP Survey!

Long Beach is developing its first ever Climate Action and Adaptation Plan (CAAP), and we need your help! The Long Beach CAAP will be a plan to reduce greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions, prepare the community for the impacts of climate change, improve the quality of life, and enhance economic vitality in Long Beach.



You can provide your input through the CAAP Survey!

Go to lbs.info/ClimateActionLB and find the survey in the Get Involved! section of the page. Please feel free to share the survey with family, friends, colleagues or neighbors in Long Beach. The survey is available in English, Spanish, Khmer and Tagalog. Your input will decide what strategies the City pursues in its plan to reduce emissions and adapt to climate impacts.

Sustainable City Commission Meetings

Every fourth Thursday at 4:00pm in City Council Chambers.

July 26, 2018

Presentations: Long Beach Fleet Services update on the transition to a green fleet, and Long Beach Transit on bus electrification.

September, 2018

Sustainable City Commission Retreat - offsite location

October 25, 2018

Presentations: TBD

Upcoming Events

Thursday July 26, 2018

- 8:00am: Cal Heights Clean Streets litter clean up
- 11:30am: Green Acres Farmers Market - Spring and Clark
- 3:00pm: Uptown Certified Farmers Market - 46th and Atlantic
- 4:00pm: Sustainable City Commission - City Council Chambers

Friday July 27, 2018

- 9:00am: Lincoln Spring Farm Stand
- 10:00am: Downtown Long Beach Farmers Market - 275 E 4th St

Join us at the Longview Litter Patrol

The first Friday of each month the Office of Sustainability teams up with volunteers to take care of this section of Willow Springs Park. Join us for the next event:

August 3rd 3-4 pm, at 2755 Orange Avenue.

Find more sustainable events in Long Beach on our Green Events Calendar at LBSustainability.com

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LONG BEACH SUSTAINABILITY

Long Beach Sustainability's Mission is to provide policies and programs that

Advance **environmental stewardship**,
Support **local sustainability practices**, &
Create a **more livable** and **resilient** Long Beach.

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