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Programs in Numbers 2016

Mulch Delivery & Pickup:

573 Deliveries
3,434 since 2010

343.8 Tons
2,287 since 2010

Parkway Tree Planting:

161 trees planted
1,568 since 2011

Compost Pilot Program:

80 tons
171 since 2014

Edible Garden Food Donations

113 pounds
809 since 2011

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City Council Approves Willow Springs Construction

On January 10th, 2017, City Council approved the 11.5 acre habitat restoration project at Willow Springs Park. The project includes 1 acre of wetlands and 10 acres of upland restoration. Invasive plants will be removed and native plants installed to create habitat for native animals. This project extends the 3 acres of park already restored at Longview Point in 2012. Walking trails will connect Longview Point to the newly restored areas providing additional route options to visitors.

Willow Springs Park is a 48 acre, mostly undeveloped area. A little known aspect of the park is that it is the site of artesian springs that were tapped in 1882 to be the original water source of Long Beach during its founding as Willmore City.

The Office of Sustainability and Parks, Recreation and Marine partnered on this project to create a vision for the park that is truly sustainable. Park construction will use as much of the remaining infrastructure as possible, building on the history of the land as the original water source for the City and then as profitable oil fields. The new park will share the history of the land, while teaching visitors about the natural history of plants and animals that are reestablished.

Funding for this project comes largely from the Urban Greening for Sustainable Communities Grant Program, funded by the State of California Natural Resources Agency through Proposition 84, which awarded Long Beach \$924,000 in June 2014. Park construction will begin this week and is expected to last through May 2017. Longview Point will remain open during this time and the public is welcome to visit as construction progresses at 2755 Orange Avenue, Long Beach.



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Commissioner Spotlight

Alan Tolkoff



Alan Tolkoff is an ardent supporter of the urban forest and was instrumental in helping Long Beach become one of the first Tree City USA honorees. He has held leadership positions on numerous city commissions, committees and nonprofit boards. A 27-year resident of Long Beach, he lives with his wife, their son and two cats. He is on a mission to bring back the most sustainable writing instrument yet devised – the fountain pen.



Long Beach is Giving Away 270 EV Chargers

The City of Long Beach has launched an Electric Vehicle (EV) Charger Giveaway Program as part of the new expedited permitting process for electric vehicle charging stations. Beginning January 9, 2017, the City is distributing 270 EV chargers free of cost to eligible Long Beach residents. The City's Office of Sustainability estimates that nearly 1,300 electric vehicles are currently being used by Long Beach residents with approximately 20 more added each month.

The giveaway program coincides with the launch of a new expedited permitting process for residential EV charger installation. Single-family homes and owner-occupied units of multi-family residential projects consisting of four or less units are eligible for expedited permitting.

EV chargers will be provided to the first 270 permitted applicants. While the EV chargers are complimentary, recipients are responsible for any expenses related to completing the electrical work necessary to accom-

Edible Garden Update

Due to civic center construction, the Civic Center Edible Garden has been moved to an alternate location. Garden classes have been paused, however we continue to grow and harvest produce for the community, and engage youth in job training from our new location.

The Civic Center Edible Garden uses rain barrel water collection, recycles kitchen scraps to make compost, and harvests seeds to recycle for future crop plantings, to grow local and organic produce which is given to Food Finders, a local nonprofit organization (www.foodfinders.org).

modate the charger, installation, and upkeep of the device, including City permit and inspection fees which start at \$148.

The EV charger giveaway is made possible by Mercedes-Benz USA. The KEBA KeContact P20 Level 2 chargers are compatible with a 240-volt electrical source of power, and can deliver a full charge to most electric vehicles in less than six hours.

For more information go to the EV Charger Giveaway program page on sustainablelb.com



Climate Action and Adaptation Planning

In November 2015, Long Beach Mayor Robert Garcia signed an official commitment to the Compact of Mayors, a global coalition created to collectively reduce greenhouse gas emissions and enhance resilience to climate change. Long Beach joins over 600 cities around the world in this monumental effort to plan for the impacts of climate change.

Long Beach will be producing a Climate Action and Adaptation Plan (CAAP) as part of its participation in the Compact of Mayors. The CAAP will assess Long Beach's greenhouse gas emissions and vulnerabilities to climate impacts, and develop strategies to reduce emissions and cope with the challenges of a changing climate.

The development of the CAAP is officially beginning this year with project assistance by AECOM Consulting. This will be Long Beach's first comprehensive plan dedicated to addressing and preparing for the impacts of climate change. A key component of the CAAP development process will be ongoing community outreach and engagement. To learn more and sign-up for CAAP updates, visit: www.lbds.info/climate.

Climate Central

The two strategic responses to planning for climate change are mitigation and adaptation. Mitigation refers to efforts to reduce or prevent emissions. Adaptation addresses the impacts of climate change and develops actions to help cope with changing climate conditions (droughts, extreme heat, sea level rise, etc.). Both approaches are essential in creating a climate resilient city; a city that effectively manages risks, protects and improves the quality of life, and works to ensure it maintains its livability and vibrancy.



Our Team

The Office of Sustainability has added new staff this year to bring us back to full capacity and enable us to achieve our goals in 2017.



Courtney Chatterson joins us as our Communications Specialist managing the website, news, and social media, as well as community outreach and engagement.



Tyler Bragg joins the Office as a Team Leader for our field programs, the Compost Pilot Program, Mulch Delivery and Pickup Program, and Parkway Tree Planting Program.



Carrie Metzgar worked with the Office during her state fellowship last year and now joins us as the Climate Change Specialist, helping us communicate the impact of our work.

Sustainable City Commission Meetings

Every third Thursday at 4:00 PM in City Council Chambers

January 26th, 2017

Theme: Resilience

Presentations: Aquarium of the Pacific, CSULB Sustainability

Other Items: Climate Action and Adaptation Plan Update, EV Charger Giveaway Update

February 23rd, 2017

March 23rd, 2017

Upcoming Events

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

Thu Jan 26, 2017 8:30am

- 9:30am **Cal Heights Clean Streets Clean Up**—north side of Wardlow Road at Lime
- 11:30am - 5:30pm **Green Acres Farmers Market**—Spring Street & Clark Avenue
- 3pm - 6:30pm **Uptown Certified Farmers Market**—Atlantic Avenue & E 46th Street
- 4pm - 6pm **Sustainable City Commission Meeting**—Long Beach City Council, 333 W Ocean Blvd

Fri Jan 27, 2017

- 9am - 6pm **Lincoln Spring Farm Stand**—E Spring St at Atlantic
- 10am - 2pm **Downtown Long Beach Farmers Market**—City Place Shopping Center, 275 E 4th St

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Sustainable Long Beach'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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