



EcoNotes



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Make Every Day Earth Day!

In the past, the April issue of *EcoNotes* has been devoted to Earth Day. We have provided the latest information on Earth Day celebrations and earth-wise activities. This year, we set out to do the same, but found that there were surprisingly few local activities during Earth Week 2001 (April 16 – 22). There are regional, state, national, and global activities – but nothing significant is happening in Claremont or the surrounding communities.

What does this mean? Have we lost interest since last year's 30th anniversary celebration of Earth Week? Have we become blasé about our environment? Perhaps we can take this as a good sign, that people don't need to set aside a specific day or week to think ecologically. We do it every day, right?

We prefer to think the latter. We ask that, if you are unable to travel to a specific Earth Week activity, you find some way to recognize the significance of acting responsibly. Whether you chose to ride your bike instead of drive or make a trip to the thrift shop with your old furniture, whatever you do to celebrate the earth will make a difference.

We hope you will read this issue of *EcoNotes* and find new ways to live with the environment in mind. This issue, and an archive of past issues, can also be found on the Claremont McKenna Web site (www.claremontmckenna.edu).

Earth Day 2001

Here is a list of Earth Day celebrations happening around Southern California.

Green Power Earth Day

April 19, 2001 will be dedicated to the students of Los Angeles. Youth from all areas of the city will experience a day full of activities and education for Clean Energy. Students will stand hand in hand as they will form a giant Clean Energy aerial art message. Exposition Park, Los Angeles – 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Sierra Club, Angeles Chapter 90th Anniversary Gala

Come celebrate ninety years of the oldest and largest chapter of the Sierra Club. Awards will be presented to Martin Sheen, Nell Newman of Newman's Own Organics, Earth Island Institute, and Congresswoman Loretta Sanchez. The event will be held at the Regal Biltmore Hotel. Tickets are \$150 per person, with proceeds benefiting Chapter campaigns. The gala will be held from 6 to 10 p.m. on April 19. Visit www.sierraclub.org for more information.

Earth Day 2001

Join us on Earth Day at scenic Torrey Pines State Reserve! We will be working on numerous trail maintenance projects throughout the Reserve. Community service groups and youth organizations are welcome. We will meet from 8 a.m. to 12 p.m. at Torrey Pines State Reserve in San Diego. Visit www.parks.ca.gov/south/sandiego/ for more information.

(This information was provided by www.earthday.net.)

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Rideshare Update

Did you know that in the next 25 years, there will be an anticipated influx of 7 million people in Los Angeles, Orange, Riverside, San Bernardino, Ventura, and Imperial Counties with an estimated 3 million in Los Angeles County alone? This population jump will be the equivalent of adding another city of Los Angeles to the County. Local and regional planning authorities have drafted plans proposing a series of projects and programs aimed at *keeping traffic flowing*.

By 2025, Southland motorists will be putting as many as 55% *more miles* on the road according to the Southern California Association of Government's Regional Transportation Plan. Yet the road and freeway system itself is expected to grow *by less than 10%*. One doesn't have to be a math wizard to figure out that it doesn't add up!

The transportation plans are currently undergoing a period of review and comment, and the agencies are holding numerous public hearings, workshops, and forums throughout Southern California.

For details on the Regional Transportation Plan, visit Southern California Association of Government's web site (which also invites the public to comment on-line) at www.scag.ca.gov. For the Metropolitan Transportation Authority's Long-Range Plan, log on at www.mta.net.

Survey says...! Survey week is April 16-20 and we will be asking employees, once again, to complete and return their rideshare survey forms. It isn't difficult and it doesn't take a lot of time, just fill in the blanks and bring the form to the annual "Clean Air Affair and Rideshare Picnic" on April 26. By returning the form at the picnic you will receive a "free" lunch and a gift, and you will also receive an adult admission ticket to the Los Angeles County Fair in October!

The Claremont Colleges' annual "Clean Air Affair and Rideshare Picnic" will be held outdoors, Thursday, April 26, from 11:30 a.m. – 1:30 p.m. in the Mudd Quad, Dartmouth & 10th, North of Honnold/Mudd Library. In case of rain, we will move into the Smith Center on Pomona's campus. Why should you attend? It's fun! You can win prizes! And, you will get a FREE lunch and gift! Remember to bring your rideshare survey form to the picnic in order to receive the free lunch and gift!

--Jill Nicholas and Susan Cozzitarto

A Second Chance

With the end of the school year fast approaching, it's time for students to start thinking about what they are going to take home with them and what they are going to toss. Before you toss it, give it a second chance. Following is a list of second-hand stores in our area that gladly take donations. Many will pick up your sofas, chairs, and other large items. Give them a call ahead of time to see what services that they offer.

Claremont

Cancer Federation Thrift Store (621-2244)

The Economy Shop (626-7334)

Montclair

Quality Thrift Shop (621-1102)

Super Savers Thrift Store (398-1455)

Ontario

Leroy's Boys Home Thrift Store (983-2442)

Old & New Treasures (467-3559)

Weird Thrift Store (988-3077)

Upland

Rainbow Thrift Store (985-4558)

Wrightprice Thrift Store (931-3390)

Multiple Locations

Salvation Army Thrift Store (800-958-7825)

United Cancer Research (800-443-4224)

This information is excerpted from the County of San Bernardino's "Reuse, Repair & Recycling Guide." It has a wealth of information about giving new life to the things you might have thrown away. To get a copy for yourself, call 800-722-8004.

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