

# West LA Sanitation Yard Has Open House May 22

On Saturday May 22, the Sanitation's Western District held its second annual Open House for the surrounding community. "This year's turn out was phenomenal," said April Broussard, a Clerk Typist. Rita Robinson, Director of Sanitation, also complemented the District and reaction from the public.

The Solid Resources Collection Division collects and distributes refuse from the Harbor to the San Fernando Valley.

"This Open House is designed to educate the community on how the Department operates, and how the residents play an important role in how to dispose of their trash," says Michael Jackson, a Refuse Collection Supervisor. "One of the most important steps in collecting refuse, is recycling correctly. It's also good for our environment," says Bonaventure Butts.

Mr. Butts, Mr. Briscoe, and Mr. Hunt displayed their cooking skills, firing up two grills. The menu included chicken breasts, hot dogs, hot links and hamburgers will all the fixings.

With more than 300 residents in attendance, residents were able to receive complete in depth tours, which included interaction with employees and the ability to find out how each truck operates and its purpose. There were gifts, refreshments, games, prizes and free

mulch. Most of the children were amazed with the operations. They were able to sit in the trucks, honk the horns, and take pictures with drivers. Richard Humphrey, a Refuse Collection Truck Operator, provided a "connect the dots" truck, and blew up balloons for all the children. Melford Oshon and Julian Chavez, gave the children rides in the Satellite truck, and showed them how to operate the two-way radio. Raymond Lucas's son told him he can't wait until next year.

The booths displayed informative yet fun displays for children. Lourdes Lozano handed out Energy Efficient Light Bulbs, courtesy of DWP; Jonathan Polk and Wayne Downing had actual Safety and Training videos for residents to view; and Daryl Gale and Will Cosey educated residents about the Hotline, and to call the (800) 773-CITY for bulky item requests. Jon Reed spoke to several residents that stated they knew nothing about a free service for bulky items.

There were 35 employees that volunteered his or her time. They ranged from refuse drivers, office staff, supervisors, a superintendent, a division manager, mechanics, the Hotline, public affairs, and the executive office.

Congratulations to all who made this second annual open house a big success. 🍷



From left: Scott Stanton, Marviana Jones, Jon, April Broussard, Bonaventure Butts and Willie Hunt.



From left: Tom Rimer, Equipment Mechanic, 15 years; Jacque Lorrane, Supervisor Auto Mechanic, 24 years; and Alan Schitt, Equipment Mechanic, 18 years.



Paul Porter, 9 years.



Trucks Lineups and Sanitation Truck.

This is where your trash is compacted and makes its way to the landfill.



Ed Campbell, with his wife, Kristi Campbell. Ed was the coordinator of the event.



Raymond Lucas, 23 years, with his son, Rayjon.



From left: Marviana Jones, Sal Miranda, Michael Jackson, Pete Galvan and Phillip Valenzuela.



LA City Councilman Tom LaBonge with his son, Charles.



Raul Cobos Medina, Truck Operator, 8 months.



Sal Ramero, Management Analyst, 9 years.



Scott Stanton, Truck Operator, 1 year.



From left: Daryl, Clerk Typist, 1 year; and Wil Cosay, Senior Clerk, 4 years, at the Hotline booth.



Desmond Gardner, Container Services (Valley), 5 years.



From left: Bonaventure Butts, Paul Porter, Marviana Jones, Jon, Donald Brown and Willie Hunt.



From left: Willie Hunt, 20 years; and Bonaventure Butts, 25 years.



From left: Richard Humphrey, Refuse Collection Operator, 18 years; and Wayne Downing, Safety & Training, 23 years.



From left: Donald Brown, 18 years; and Frank Briscoe, 16 years.



Leo Martinez, Superintendent, 21 years.