

DWP

Happy Retirement, Luis

Luis Castillo retired last year after 34 years of City service.

Story and photos provided by Belinda Crawford, DWP

Luis Castillo enjoyed a retirement party at Shanghai Red's restaurant in Marina del Rey. He retired last year.

Luis was hired on a emergency appointment as a relief Commercial Service Representative with the conversion task force, back in the days of tab cards and ledgers. In June 1976, he was permanently hired as a Meter Reader.

He transferred to a Telephone Operator in October 1979 and later became a Customer Service Representative in Customer Service Division in February 1981. After working in various positions within that classification, he became a Conservation Service Representative in Systems Development Division from May 1985 until October 1998. After the Hot Line Conservation group was disbanded, he

returned to Customer Services Division, where he worked as a Billing Representative. He went back out to the field in his last appointment in Customer Service, as a Field Service Representative in January 1991, and five months later he was hired as a Water Service Representative for Water Sales in Water Distribution. Luis' next assignment as a Water Service Representative sent him to Water Quality Compliance, Cross Connection Control Unit, in February 1996. In March 2007, he became the supervisor of the same unit.

Congratulations, Luis! We hope you are enjoying your retirement.

Congratulations



Newsbrief

SAFE DISPOSAL:

Public Works/Sanitation reminds residents, business owners and the general public that all chemicals require safe disposal.

The improper disposal of chemicals or hazardous waste can pose serious risks to unsuspecting sanitation workers, the community, animals and the environment. Discarding hazardous waste directly into the environment through sewers, storm drains and the regular trash can bring the material full circle right back into our homes and businesses.

Sanitation Director Enrique Zaldivar points out, "In light of a recent case wherein chemicals were mixed and illegally dumped in a popular downtown Los Angeles hotel, we would again like to remind the public of two key things when dealing with any type of chemical: (1) Never mix chemicals, and (2) It is illegal to dump chemicals down storm drains, sewers or in the regular trash. It is important that chemicals be disposed of properly and legally. The City has established safe and convenient disposal options for businesses that generate small quantities of hazardous waste and for residents to dispose of household chemicals."

The City provides businesses with a legal and affordable solution for hazardous waste disposal. State and Federal laws require all businesses that generate or accumulate hazardous waste to comply with regulations for proper disposal. However, through the City's program, businesses that generate small quantities of hazardous waste, as determined by the Environmental Protection Agency, may be exempt from many of the regulations if they use one of the City's permanent collection sites located throughout the City and known as S.A.F.E. Centers.

City and County residents can also utilize any of the City's S.A.F.E. Centers to properly and legally dispose of household hazardous waste. S.A.F.E. Centers are open every weekend and provide a timely and convenient way to dispose of household hazardous waste. In addition, the Bureau of Sanitation sponsors periodic mobile collection events throughout the City where residents can drop-off their hazardous waste for proper disposal.

"We urge qualified businesses and residents to properly dispose of their hazardous waste at our S.A.F.E. Centers located throughout the City and at our Mobile Collection Events," said Board of Public Works President Cynthia Ruiz.

S.A.F.E. Center Hours of Operation

- Hyperion Treatment Plant:
7660 W. Imperial Hwy, Gate "B,"
Playa del Rey
9 a.m. - 3 p.m. Sat. and Sun.
- Central Los Angeles:
2649 E. Washington Blvd., Los Angeles
9 a.m. - 3 p.m. Fri., Sat. and Sun.
- San Pedro:
1400 N. Gaffey St., San Pedro
9 a.m. - 3 p.m. Sat., Sun., Mon.
- Sun Valley:
11025 Randall St., Sun Valley
9 a.m. - 3 p.m. Sat., Sun., Mon.
- UCLA:
550 Charles E. Young Dr. West Los Angeles
8 a.m. - 2 p.m. Thurs., Fri., Sat.
- Glendale:
4600 Colorado Blvd., Los Angeles
9 a.m. - 3 p.m. Sat. and Sun.

S.A.F.E stands for Solvents, Automotives, Flammables and Electronics - items hazardous to the environment (including people and animals) that should not be disposed of in the regular trash and should instead be delivered to a S.A.F.E. Collection Center or a Mobile Collection Event.

For additional information on hazardous waste disposal, visit the Bureau of Sanitation's Website at: www.lacity.org/SAN/index.htm or call (800)-98-TOXIC (800) 988-6942 or dial 3-1-1.



"We make a living by what we get, we make a life by what we give." - Sir Winston Churchill

Saturday, March 21, 2009

8:00 am to 3:00 pm

Please join us as we shave our heads to raise money for childhood cancer research!
Free Pancake Breakfast and Childwatch Registration! Blood & Bone Marrow Drive!

To shave or donate please visit www.stbaldricks.org

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LOCATIONS!**

Fire Station 81
14355 Armintha Street
Panorama City, CA 91402

Fire Station 112
444 South Harbor Blvd., Berth 86
San Pedro, CA 90731

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