

LAABP

Black History Month Events

Join the LAABP (Los Angeles Association of Black Personnel) for several festive, meaningful events honoring Black History Month.

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The Los Angeles Association of Black Personnel (LAABP) continues its tradition of providing relevant and entertaining cultural events during our February African-American Heritage Month celebration. In celebration of our past, present and future, LAABP will host the following events:

■ **Literary Event and Book Fair:** Feb. 9, 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., City Hall South Lawn. The Los Angeles Association of Black Personnel (LAABP) will host a Literary Event and Book Fair for African American Heritage Month. Meet authors and local writers. There will be many current release books available for purchase and City employees with published books and recorded CDs will also showcase their projects. Free. Visit www.laabp.org or call (213) 978-7254 for information.

■ **Trailblazer Reception:** Feb. 16, 5:30 to 7:30 p.m., City Hall's Tom Bradley Room. The Los Angeles Association of Black Personnel (LAABP) will present and give tribute to African American City employees who have made strides in leadership, professionalism and mentorship opening the doors for other African Americans in City government. Free. Reservations required due to limited space. Contact Shawn McGee at (213) 485-2491 and visit www.laabp.org.

■ **Kuonja: Flavors of Soul and 10th annual Marketplace:** Feb. 22 and 23, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., Fletcher Bowron Square, Temple Street between Main and Los Angeles Streets. Annual two-day celebration of African American Heritage Month will host cultural entertainment Feb. 22 and present the highly anticipated Afrocentric Fashion Show Feb. 23. There will be music, food, art, crafts and more. Free.

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City Employees enjoy the food and gift items available at the Marketplace.



The annual Afrocentric Fashion Show at the Marketplace features many City workers as models.

Newsbrief

ALLEY IMPROVEMENTS:

Jan. 10, Los Angeles officials led by Councilman Tom LaBonge of the 4th District marked the official start of construction on the North Hollywood Alley Improvement project. The retrofit of the alley just west of Vineland from Oxnard to Hatteras in North Hollywood is both a water quality and conservation project that will capture stormwater and allow it to infiltrate into the ground to help recharge the San Fernando Groundwater Basin. The new alley will also relieve flooding in the area while minimizing urban runoff that will drain into the stormwater pipes and out to the Los Angeles River.

Paula Daniels, commissioner of Public Works, said, "Los Angeles has 7,500 miles of streets, and paved thoroughfares are necessary in our way of life in this city. However, we can change the way we pave our streets by implementing permeable pavement and other stormwater solutions that will help keep the water from flowing down our streets and into our waterways. This is the way we are changing Los Angeles' texture to become a more sustainable city!"

Funding for this \$800,000 alley improvement project was mostly provided by the DWP. James McDaniel, senior assistant general manager of the DWP said, "Once this project is complete, each drop captured here in the San Fernando Basin will be a drop that we will not have to purchase from expensive imported sources. This alley will capture approximately 30 acre-feet of water annually—enough to serve 60 households each year. That's enough water to serve the homes that line this alleyway and then some."

Area resident Roberta Romero who participated in the event demonstrated her support of the improvement. "This new alley will beautify our neighborhood, solve our flooding problem and also help the environment," she said. "We are very excited to see this project come to our community."

Construction on the multi-benefit project began today at the southern end of the project at Hatteras. Work will transpire Monday through Friday, 7 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. for two months at each alley reach. Work will be completed in the summer. Impacts to the community include noise, vibration and alley closures.

The North Hollywood Alley Improvement project was designed by Public Works/Sanitation Watershed Protection Division. Construction will be managed and implemented by Street Services. For more information about the project, please call the Department of Public Works Public Affairs Office at (213) 978-0333.



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