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# West LA Sanitation Open House

**West LA Sanitation Yard hosts 10th annual open house.**



Story and photos by Debbie Schroyer, Club Counselor

More than 3,000 neighbors were expected to attend the 10th annual Public Works/Sanitation West LA Yard open house, held June 30.

Guests could learn what recycling and waste minimization is all about.

The Open House had lots of interactive activities. The kids could sit in a truck and work the mechanics (with the help of a Sanitation employee, of course), take a ride in one of their trucks (a special route was set up around the yard), look inside the trash truck itself, identify the different kinds of mulch, play games and enjoy food and music, and more!

In 2003, Public Works/Sanitation launched the first open house to the public at this West Los Angeles location. The original goal of the program was to reconnect Sanitation drivers with residents after the implementation of the automated trash trucks in 2000. Since then, the open houses have grown to encourage and teach the current and next generation of Angelenos about the importance of recycling, recycling techniques and the city's recycling operations.

*Special thanks to Lloyd Gaines, Yard Superintendent, for the invitation to cover this exciting event.*



Miguel Zuniga, ACTO, 5 years of City service, demonstrates how to operate the truck.



Ron Cole, Supervisor, 23 years of City service, Club Member, shares the details of the latest new and improved truck. It's a two-axel truck and runs on LNG (liquefied natural gas). Ron was instrumental in pulling the details together for this new truck!



William Neder brought his sons to help out today, too (from left): William; David; William Neder, GA, 4 years of City service, Club Member, and Jimmy, pictured here with a truck transmission.



Anthony "DJ Sweat" Hatten, North Central Yard, Driver, 26 years of City service, Club Member provides the music for the event.



Robert Sosa, Supervisor, 22 years of City service, assists people in and out of the truck for their ride around the yard.



Rounding out the team with the cooking of burgers and hot dogs is Andre Green, RCTO II, 20 years of City service, Club Member with co-worker Joseph Norwood.



Furniture can be recycled.



Electronics can be recycled.



Stephanie Huerta, Elvin Alfaro, and Rosy Mendez, all with Conservation Corps. They were responsible for the raffle and prizes of shirts, hats and bags.



From left: Joseph Norwood, RCTO II, 25 years of City service, Club Member; Willie Hunt, RCTO II, 25 years, Club Member; Rhonda Wright RCTO II, 28 years, Club Member; Rhonda's mom (helping out, too); and George Dominguez, RCTO II, 8 years, Club Member.



Eddie Villasenor, Acting Supervisor for the WLA shop, 5 years of City service, Club Member.



From left: William Neder, GA, 4 years of City service, Club Member; Paul Blount, SRPCD, 37 years, Club Member; John Karroum, Civil Engineering Associate, 7 years; and James Kurz, Solid Waste Disposal Supervisor, 33 years, Club Member.



Gerardo Ramirez, Supervisor, 26 years of City service, Club Member, with his daughter, Celeste, and wife, Sandra.



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