



Danny and his grandpa, Octavio Chapa, Truck Operator, 37 years of City service.

**Public Works**

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# North Central Open House

North Central Sanitation Yard hosts annual open house.



Anthony Graham, Truck Operator, 7 years of City service, with his son, Alaunn.

The Bureau of Sanitation has been hosting its series of annual public open houses over the past couple of months. I had the pleasure of attending the North Central District yard May 30 and learned that many City Employees from various divisions donated their time as volunteers to make the event a great success for the community. Among the Public Works/Sanitation divisions represented were Waste Water and Solid Resources, Recycling, Collection and Disposal, to name a few.

Their goal was a simple one: to showcase each division's occupational contributions to keep our city clean and raise awareness among City residents to their entitled services. I learned that as a City resident myself, I can apply for up to seven free trees! And, the trees are delivered to your doorstep!

Some early-bird LA residents were fortunate enough to walk away on the spot with one free fruit tree per household – had they arrived early enough to win a tree from the limited supply. However, all were welcomed with jamming beats from the DJ booth, fun and educational games for the entire family, knick-knack giveaways including posters, pens, and a desktop pencil holder shaped like a trash bin. I came home with what I considered to be the shiniest penny in the bunch – a nifty ruler made out of recycled currency! How cool is that!

Sanitation truck operators allowed kids big and small to climb in the driver's seat and operate their vehicles. Other truck operators gave demonstrations by moving large and heavy items including a large tree trunk. Again, all of the City Employees volunteered their time. If I could insert a happy emoticon in this article, it would go here. Parents participated as well or observed from nearby as they enjoyed their free food – barbecued hamburg-

ers and hotlinks with a drink and side of chips, courtesy the City.

Free mulch conveniently bagged and ready to haul was given out to all. The Solid Resource and Disposal division also handed out small plants for residential gardens including tomato, strawberry and chili pepper plants. I graciously accepted a pepper plant. My salsa is thankful for the added kick. I am definitely coming back next year!



Priscilla, Student Volunteer, and Khalil, 30 years of City service.



From left: Kim Tran, Environmental Supervisor, 14 years of City service; Angel Ibarra, Clerk Typist, 1 year; and Portia Pio de Roda, Clerk Typist, 1 year, explaining Sanitation services to an LA resident.



From left: Eddie Flores, Truck Operator, 8 years of City service (in the background is his truck, "Betsy"); and Tim Moen, RCTO, 23 years, Club Member.



Armando Gatewood, WWCW II, 28 years of City service.



Hands-on learning for City kids and a volunteer truck operator.



From left: Tina Navarro, Secretary 25 years of City service; Miguel Zermeno, Environmental Engineer, 20 years, Club Member; Peony Ho, Environmental Engineer, 5 years; Epi Solis, Event Attendant II, 6 years; Marcel Zuniga, Clerk Typist, 24 years, Club Member; and Doren Green, Maintenance Laborer, 2 years, Club Member.



Jonathan Zari, 28 years of City service, gives out mulch and advice.

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