

CITY HIGHLIGHTS

The Culver City Fire Department Announces Two CERT Training Opportunities in 2010.

The Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) is a free 22-hour training program offered to both Culver City residents and businesses; participants must be a minimum of 16 years of age. The instruction is provided by Culver City Fire Department personnel and CERT teachers. Class size is limited to 25 individuals to allow for "hands on training." Training takes place at the Fire Department Training Facility at 9275 Jefferson Blvd. just east of Duquesne Ave next to the Transfer Facility.



The program is designed to train participants on the following:

- Prepare for, and take care of, family, neighbors & community before, during & after emergencies or disasters.
- First aid in disasters.
- Intro to disaster response.
- Medical operations.
- Fire Suppression.
- Disaster Psychology.
- Light search and rescue.

If you are interested in training to become a Culver City CERT member, you must complete the FREE 22-hour training program. There are two (2) remaining CERT training courses available for 2010:

CLASS 1: July 13, 17, 24 & 31.

CLASS 2: October 19, 23, 30 & November 6.

The first day of the course is on Tuesday night from 7:00 pm to approximately 9:30 pm. The rest of the course is conducted on Saturdays from 9:00 am to 4:30 pm.

To sign-up for CERT training you can choose one of the following:

- download the CERT Sign-Up Flyer on the Culver City Fire Department website www.culvercity.org
- download the CERT Sign-Up Flyer on CERT's website www.culvercitycert.org
- Contact CERT at (310) 253-5903.



Culver CityBus Continues Excellence in Air Quality Programs and Funding

The Culver City Transportation Department is pleased to announce that six more compressed natural gas (CNG) buses, purchased with air quality grant funds, have been put into service for the Culver CityBus Rapid Line 6 operation. These new additions contribute to the City's growing fleet of clean-burning alternative fuel vehicles operating on CNG. These buses were purchased with the assistance of Clean Transportation Funding from the MSRC in the amount of \$25,000 for each transit bus, totaling \$150,000.

The MSRC is the Mobile Source Air Pollution Reduction Review Committee, whose sole mission is to fund projects that reduce air pollution from motor vehicles within the South Coast Air Quality Management District (AQMD) in Southern California, which includes all of Orange County and portions of Los Angeles, Riverside and San Bernardino counties. Their discretionary funds are also used for related planning, monitoring, enforcement and technical studies. Historically, project categories have included:

- Clean fuel infrastructure
- Clean vehicle programs
- Ridesharing
- Development of alternative fuel vehicles and parts
- Educational projects

Over the years, the MSRC has refined their funding process to focus on projects that reduce emissions in the most cost-effective manner. Over the past five years, the Culver City Transportation Department has received over \$2 million in funding from the AQMD and the MSRC, for projects including:

- Purchases of Heavy-duty Alternative Fuel Engines for CNG transit buses & refuse vehicles
- CNG Fueling Infrastructure Programs - such as the City's CNG Station Expansion Project
- The "Showcase Program" for Heavy-duty Off-road Diesel Vehicle Retrofit Devices, and
- The Local Government Match Program - for the purchase of heavy-duty on-road alternative fuel vehicles - including a sewer truck which was the first of its kind to be manufactured in its class & application.

The MSRC posts its funding opportunities on its website, and City staff identifies the best suited vehicles to be included in the application by evaluating diesel vehicles nearing the end of their lifecycles, and determining whether a CNG alternative vehicle is available.

Public outreach is an important component of Clean Transportation Funding grants. In addition to this announcement and postings on the City's website, the City periodically showcases some of its new CNG vehicles for the City Council, the City staff, and the community in front of City Hall. The Rapid bus, sporting the new design for the rapid service on line 6, was displayed for Congresswoman Diane Watson during her recent visit to Culver City. Rapid bus service provides limited stops between the Metro Green Line station near LAX, all the way north along Sepulveda Boulevard to UCLA.

By replacing diesel fueled vehicles with those running on clean-burning CNG, the City is significantly reducing toxic emissions and greenhouse gases from the air, namely particulate matter and nitrous oxides which have been proven to contribute to poor air quality and public health issues in our region.

Culver City has been on the progressive alternative fuel path since 1996, and has won numerous recognitions and awards for its clean - green - fleet vehicle policies and operations, recently being named as the #1 Best Green Fleet in North America 2009. The City also received the distinction of being the #5 Best 100 Municipal Fleet in North America 2009, and received the NGV America Clean Air Achievement Award for outstanding contributions to the advancement of natural gas as a vehicular fuel.

The Southern California Gas Company has published a case study focusing on the City's natural gas fleet, noting fuel savings equaling over \$1 million annually, using CNG over petroleum fuels. The Culver CityBus fleet operates 100% on CNG, and citywide, over 100 alternative fuel vehicles are in use across all City departments. Culver City is very proud to be doing our share for clean air!

To learn more about Clean Transportation Funding from the MSRC, please log onto their website at www.cleantransportationfunding.org



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The Culver City Fire Department reminds you to **STAY SAFE** and leave fireworks to the professionals!

In 2007, 9,800 fireworks-related injuries were treated in U.S. hospital emergency rooms according to the National Fire Prevention Association (NFPA). In 2006, an estimated 32,600 reported fires were started by fireworks. These fires resulted in 6 civilian deaths, 70 civilian injuries and \$34 million in direct property damage.



Fireworks lead to thousands of injuries requiring emergency room treatment. Injuries can include disfigurements that can last a lifetime, and even death.

Fireworks safety facts:

- In 2007, 42% people injured by fireworks were under the age of 15.
- Fireworks and sparklers are designed to explode & throw off showers of hot sparks. The tip of a sparkler burns at a temperature of more than 1,200 degrees Fahrenheit; hot enough to cause 3rd degree burns! Glass melts at 900 degrees Fahrenheit!
- 22% of 2007 fireworks related injuries were caused by sparklers.
- The risk of fireworks injury is two-and-a-half times as high for children ages 10-14 as for the general population.
- Fireworks can result in severe burns, lacerations, scars, fractures, amputations, blindness, or even death.

Fireworks are illegal in the City of Culver City. Do not use consumer fireworks!

Per Culver City municipal code 9.02.205:

"It shall be unlawful for any person to use, possess, sell or discharge any fireworks of any kind within the city."

"A person may use, store and possess fireworks in order to conduct a public display of fireworks after obtaining a permit pursuant to this subchapter."

Remember:

- Stay back at least 500 feet from professional firework displays.
- After a firework display, children should never pick up fireworks that may be left over as they may still be active.
- All fireworks, legal or illegal, should be considered suitable only for use by trained professionals.
- Contact authorities if you find fireworks. Do not handle them direct authorities to them.
- Stay away from areas where amateurs are using fireworks.

Parks and Service Foundation Recreation Scholarships

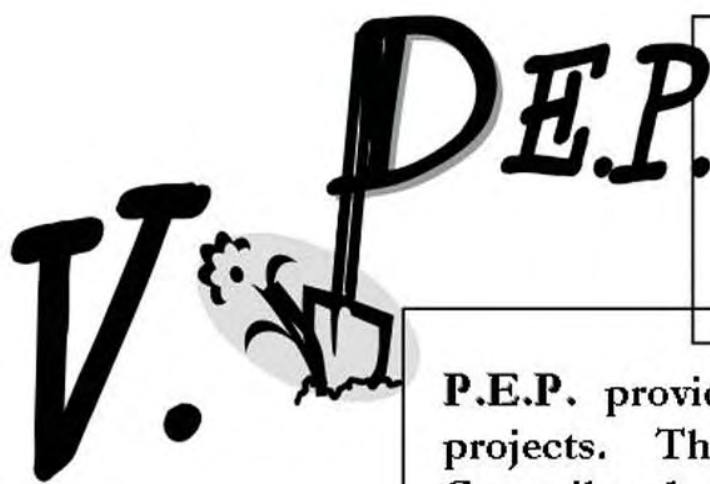
The Culver City Parks and Service Foundation (CCPSF), a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization, offers need-based scholarships for the payment of total or partial enrollment fees for some of the programs and activities offered by the PRCS Recreation Division.



If your child is 3 to 17 years of age, he or she may be eligible for a scholarship. Applicants must live in Culver City, demonstrate financial need, and select a CCPSF approved recreation program or activity. School-age children must attend Culver City Public Schools.

Brochures are available at the Recreation Registration Office in the Veterans' Memorial Building.

**TO REPORT GRAFFITI,
PLEASE CALL THE
GRAFFITI REMOVAL HOTLINE AT
(310) 253-5555**



The **PARK ENHANCEMENT PROGRAM (P.E.P.)** and **VOLUNTEERS IN PARKS (V.I.P.)** enable community groups, individuals and businesses to improve Culver City parks through volunteerism.

P.E.P. provides \$500 grants for approved park projects. The program is funded by the City Council and administered by the Parks Division.

V.I.P. & P.E.P. applications are accepted on a continuing basis and can be found on the Parks Division web page at www.CulverCity.org.

V.I.P. is for those who have all of the resources necessary to plan, finance, coordinate & complete park projects.

CALL

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