



AUGUST 2015

Back to School

COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

Grants Awarded to Support Arts Education in LA County Public Schools

In July, the Los Angeles County Arts Commission announced \$560,000 in grants to 31 school districts and one charter school network in LA County through *Arts for All's* Advancement Grant Program. These matching grants, ranging from \$10,000 to \$20,800, allow school districts to invest in sustainable practices that advance arts education.



Students from grantee Hawthorne School District celebrate the local arts community at the TakePART Arts Festival.

This year's Advancement Grants will continue to strengthen arts education across the County by addressing an array of needs including: artist residencies, teacher professional development and building or developing arts integration programs in schools.

The Advancement Grant Program is designed to be both flexible and responsive to the shifting education landscape. Responding to the needs of the field is a cornerstone of *Arts for All*'s mission to help school districts to build the infrastructure necessary

to provide high quality arts instruction to all of LA County's public school students.

"Quality arts education enables students to be successful in their academic careers and later in life," says Denise Grande, Director of Arts Education, Los Angeles County Arts Commission. "And we are committed to supporting school districts in their efforts to implement comprehensive K-12 arts education."

Arts for All is the Los Angeles County arts education initiave dedicated to making the arts core in K-12 public education. *Arts for All* was established in 2002 by the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors as a partnership between the Arts Commission and the Office of Education. Learn more at lacountyartsforall.org.



Charitable Giving Campaign

This year marks the 37th annual Charitable Giving Campaign (CGC). In 2014, County employees contributed more than \$1 million to the CGC, which supports local charities that aid our communities in various ways. You can contribute to the CGC by participating in Countywide and departmental fundraisers, making in-office donations, or by signing up for payroll deductions through the Charitable Giving portal on mylacounty.gov. Thank you for your efforts each year, and let's continue to give back and support our local communities by making the 2015 campaign, "Creating Greater Communities" the best yet!

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Los Angeles County Museum of Art (323) 857-6010 www.lacma.org

Through September 20 – Japanese Paintings and Prints:
Celebrating LACMA's 50th Anniversary
Through January 10 – AKTION! Art and Revolution in Germany,
1918-19
Through February 7 – The Magic Medium

Center Theatre Group

(213) 628-2772

www.centertheatregroup.org

Ahmanson Theatre

September 20 through October 31 – The Sound of Music

Kirk Douglas Theatre

September 4 through October 4 – The Object Lesson

Mark Taper Forum

September 23 through November 1 – Appropriate

Dorothy Chandler Pavilion

September 12 through October 3 – Gianni Schicchi and Pagliacci

Hollywood Bowl

www.hollywoodbowl.com

(323) 850-2000

August 28 – Diana Krall

September 1 and 3 – American Classics with Audra McDonald and American Ballet Theatre

Grand Park

www.grandparkla.org

(213) 972-8080

Every Tuesday – Boot Camp

Every Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday – Lunch A La Park

October 10 and 11 - Popol Vuh: Heart of Heaven

October 18 and 19 - The Big Draw along Ciclavia

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Working for You

L.A. County Department of Public Health

Vaccines Protect Children and Our Communities



With back-to-school season around the corner, making sure kids get all of their vaccinations on time is one of the most important things we can do to protect their health. Whether in preschool, middle school, or college, vaccination keeps kids and their communities healthy.

The link between individual and community health is clear when we see how, in early 2015, California experienced a large measles outbreak that started at Disneyland theme parks. The outbreak is believed to have led to nearly 130 measles cases and 20 measles-related hospital stays. This scenario could have been prevented, and policy makers took note.

The sudden increase of vaccine-preventable diseases like whooping cough (pertussis) and measles spurred discussions among policy makers about low vaccination rates in pockets throughout California, leading them to propose health policy solutions. One solution was recently signed into law. Senate Bill 277 signed by Governor Jerry Brown and effective July 1, 2016, is a new State law that eliminates personal belief exemptions to school and child care vaccine requirements. California students are required to submit proof of vaccination to enter child care, kindergarten, and the 7th grade. Waivers will only be allowed for medical reasons for children in child care and public and private schools. The law exempts immunization requirements for students who are in homebased private schools and students enrolled in an independent study program who do not receive classroom-based instruction.

Getting ready for the upcoming school year requires planning. That's why summer is a great time to make sure your kids are up-to-date on their vaccines. Avoid the back-to-school rush to get needed vaccinations. Follow these helpful tips to get you started:

- 1. Visit <u>www.shotsforschool.org</u> to learn more about school immunization requirements.
- 2. Visit www.publichealth.lacounty.gov/ip/syndication/vaccineSchedule.htm to learn more about which vaccines may be right for you and your loved ones.
- 3. Share *Rx for Prevention* with your healthcare provider: http://tinyurl.com/RxforPrevention. *Rx for Prevention* is a publication of the Los Angeles County Department of Public Health. It keeps healthcare providers abreast of the latest prevention-

- related news. The 2015 editions provide information on new vaccines and updated recommendations for the pneumococcal, meningococcal, and human papillomavirus vaccines.
- 4. Talk to your healthcare provider about any questions that you have about vaccinations.

The health of our children and communities is in our hands. Visit the Department of Public Health's Immunization Program webpage at www.publichealth.lacounty.gov/ip for more information.

Youth Jobs Program

The Los Angeles County Youth Jobs (LACYJ) Program, administered by the County's Department of Community and Senior Services (CSS), provides youth residing in Los Angeles County with Personal Enrichment and Work Readiness Training and subsidized employment. Priority is given to low-income youth who are homeless, currently benefiting from CalWORKs or General Relief, or are in the foster care or probation system.

Personal Enrichment and Work Readiness Training includes fundamental work readiness activities to prepare youth for work experience. Upon completion of training, youth participate in paid work experience that focuses on career exploration and work-based learning activities.

CSS partners with various employers, including cities, local Workforce Investment Boards, non-profit organizations, and businesses throughout the County to provide teens with training and work experience.

In fiscal year 2014-15, the Department of Public Social Services provided funding to CSS for CalWORKs and foster youth to participate in the LACYJ Program. Over 3,000 CalWORKs youth and over 400 foster youth ages 14 to 21 have been placed in subsidized employment. Many CalWORKs youth have reported that the LACYJ Program has helped them transform their lives in positive ways, including finding permanent employment and identifying careers they plan to pursue with continued education.

With the LACYJ Program, youth are given the opportunity to increase skills and connect early in life to the workforce through work-based learning opportunities.

Visit http://youthjobs.css.lacounty.gov/youthjobs.html for more information.

Summer "Lunch at the Library"

Carson Kids Treated to a Surprise Visit from County Firefighters

Kids at Carson Library enjoyed a special visit from members of Fire Station 36 during *Lunch at the Library* this summer. Children and teens asked all kinds of questions about what it's like to be a firefighter – from the preparation it took to join a firefighting crew to the challenges they experienced as they battle blazes across the County.

"Community is one of the Fire Department's core values, and *Lunch at the Library* was a great opportunity to send our firefighters to spend time with our neighbors," said Assistant Fire Chief Tommey Glenn Massey.

"Lunch at the Library has kept local kids healthy, fed, and engaged during the summer months when school was out," said County Librarian Margaret Donnellan Todd. "Libraries are perfect locales because they function as community spaces in the hearts of our neighborhoods and ideal for serving

meals to children whose access to lunch disappeared when school ended and summer began."

"We're filling a role not traditionally associated with libraries," Todd said. "It's new for us but one we're proud to do especially since, without it, local kids might have gone hungry. Instead, they were fed and in an enriching environment where they participated in everything from our Summer Reading Program to our special programming for teens."

Lunches were provided by the USDA Summer Food Service Program. *Lunch at the Library* was a partnership between the Public Library and the Department of Parks & Recreation with support from the California Summer Meal Coalition and the California Library Association.



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from the CEO/Office of Workplace Programs

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Park and Ride lots are all over the County and when you use them, you can save money by (1) reducing the wear and tear on your car, and (2) reducing your commute costs compared to driving alone, and at the same time improving air quality in Los Angeles County.

It's easy! Go to www.go511.com and click on "Park and Ride lots" under the Rideshare link at the top of the page. The map, powered by Google, can show you the nearest Park and Ride lot near your home. There are many ways to Rideshare and using the Park and Ride lots is one way to do it.

Take pride. Share the ride.

EVENTS

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Ford on the Road www.fordtheatres.org

August 30 – FREE JAM Session: Mexican Folk Dance (San Fernando Recreation Park)

September 3 – FREE JAM Session: Salsa Dance (Old Town Newhall)

September 5 – Flypoet Summer Classic (Redondo Beach Performing Arts Center)

September 12 – FREE JAM Session: Samba Dance (Downtown Pomona Art Walk)

September 18 and 19 – Quetzal + TAIKOPROJECT (Japanese American National Museum)

September 19 and 20 – Diavolo with New West Symphony (Valley Performing Arts Center)

Share Your Heart Share Your Home

Become a Foster/Adoptive Parent
Department of Children and Family Services

The Dynamic Duo: Larry and Quantiana



Photo: Anne Richardson-Daniel

Sibling connections are one of the strongest bonds we can have growing up. Saturday morning cartoons, riding bikes outside, comforting one another during a scary thunderstorm, or just hanging out together on a lazy summer day. These are just a few of the ways siblings connect with each other. Luckily, Larry (8) and Quantiana (6) were able to stay together in foster care. Through no fault of their own, this loving sibling set cannot safely return to their family of origin. With the help of the Placement and Recruitment Unit and the Heart Gallery LA, we are hoping to find a family for these beautiful kids.

Larry and Quantiana are in need of an active family. So if you are someone who likes to be on the go, then these kids are perfect for you. Whether you take trips to the park or the beach or just cheer them on at their Saturday morning soccer games, Larry and Quantiana are sure to fill your days with laughter and smiles.

Larry loves to play soccer and even wants to try his hand at football when he gets older. Larry is healthy and likes most foods, especially pizza. If you enjoy video games, Larry would also love to play with you. Larry is intelligent and helpful, but school is not his favorite activity. With the right family in his corner, school may become a more positive experience. He does have an Individualized Education Plan to help him stay on task in the classroom.

Little sister Quantiana is a "girly girl" who enjoys playing with her Barbies. She also has an artistic flair and loves to color and draw. Quantiana also likes to be a helper and to assist with family chores. Like her brother, she is healthy and intelligent, but she also struggles in school with attention issues. These kids will certainly thrive with some needed one-on-one attention. If you have room in your heart and home, call (888) 811-1121 and learn more about becoming an adoptive parent today.



A New Look for a Clearer Vision

Introducing the Department of Consumer and Business Affairs' New Logo

This year, the Board of Supervisors updated the Department of Consumer and Business Affair's name to reflect expanded services. The department has a new logo to go with it's new name:



The department's mission is "to promote a fair and vibrant marketplace, we serve consumers, businesses, and communities through education, advocacy, and complaint resolution."

The new logo visualizes that vibrant marketplace of consumers, businesses, and communities in the growing, trend-setting economy of 21st-century Los Angeles County.

- The diverse population of **consumers** in Los Angeles County is represented by the five human forms (in five bright, distinct tones) at the bottom of the logo.
- The businesses of Los Angeles County are represented by the three large buildings in the logo's top half, a sight one can see in many thriving neighborhoods across the County.
- The logo forms a circle which brings together our consumers and businesses—our buyers and sellers—who build and strengthen the communities we all share.

It's a sharp, modern look for an innovative, forward-thinking department that remains dedicated to making the County of Los Angeles a better place to live, shop, and do business.

If you have any questions about a consumer or business issue, contact the Department of Consumer and Business Affairs at (800) 593-8222.

PET VACCINATION



WHAT YOU SHOULD KNOW...

- Vaccinations are administered to develop your pet's protective shield against some of the most common and threatening diseases.
- Proper vaccination will teach your pet's immune responses and help prepare them to fight future infections.
- Core (Vital) Dog vaccines include: Parvovirus, Distemper, Adenovirus and Rabies
- Core (Vital) Feline vaccines include: Panleukopenia, Herpervirus, Calicivirus, Feline Leukemia and Rabies.
- Puppies and Kittens are highly susceptible to diseases and should be vaccinated
 as early as 5-6 weeks of age and given a series of boosters until about 15 weeks.
- Booster shots given at regular intervals after the first series help maintain in protecting your pet from diseases.
- California State Law requires that all dogs older than three months of age be currently vaccinated against rabies
- Your veterinarian will determine the best vaccination plan for your pet at any age so please discuss at your pet's annual wellness exam.
- As with any medical procedure, there's a small chance of side-effects (allergic reactions). It is important to discuss this with your vet.





For more information on where you can vaccinate your pets, please visit us at

www.animalcare.lacounty.gov

Protect. Care. Adopt.



Toy Loan Annual Summer Fundraiser Underway

The Department of Public Social Services (DPSS) Toy Loan Program is a free toy lending service that allows children to borrow a toy once a week from one of 58 Toy Loan Centers located throughout the County.

The program is a voluntary community effort sponsored in part by the Board of Supervisors and supported through donations. It is the oldest free toy lending program in the nation operated by the Toy Loan Advisory Board, a non-profit 501(c) (3) organization.

This year, Toy Loan is inviting County employees to join its donor base. With additional generous donors, the Toy Loan Program will continue to put smiles on the faces of thousands of children who otherwise may never have the opportunity to play with toys.

Now through the end of September, the Board and DPSS are co-hosting the annual Toy Loan Summer Fundraiser to raise toy and monetary donations. Toy collection barrels are placed in County offices and community-based organizations for individuals to donate new, unwrapped toys.

Child development experts share that play is an essential element for the development of healthy children. Toy Loan agrees and is inspired to give that opportunity to as many children as possible.

Please support this worthwhile program by making a taxdeductible, monetary contribution to help purchase role-playing toys, interactive toys and equipment, science toys and equipment, math games and equipment, adaptive learning toys (for children with learning/development disabilities), books, board games, sports equipment, and more.

For more information, or to make a toy or monetary donation, please call (213) 744-4344 or visit http://dpss.lacounty.gov/dpss/toyloan.





New Tool May Help Paramedics Save More Lives

The Fire Department's new Zoll X-Series Monitor Defibrillators will help paramedics perform more effective CPR, hopefully leading to more positive outcomes with patients.

"The technology and their ability to read EKGs is way better," said Fire Department Medical Director Dr. Clayton Kazan about the new monitors. "The state-of-the-art monitors are lighter in weight; equipped with Wi-Fi and a 3G signal; faster at measuring vital signs; better at measuring carbon dioxide levels; and able to measure a patient's carbon monoxide level, among other features."

The See-Thru CPR technology, which separates the CPR compressions and the patient's underlying heart rhythm, is a big plus. Previously, paramedics had to stop CPR to see if a patient's heart rhythm had changed. "This will allow us to keep continuous CPR going and still let us see the heart rhythm underneath. The rhythm is going to determine how we treat the patient," Kazan adds.

Fire officials can examine the data to find opportunities to improve care. These lessons will then be incorporated into future training sessions, Kazan said. Ultimately, he hopes the monitor's feedback will lead to even better outcomes for patients.

The introduction of the monitors comes as the Fire Department works toward a switch to electronic patient care records (ePCR).

"As we begin working on developing our ePCR, the new Zoll technology will allow the movement of data from the monitor into the patient's PCR," Kazan said.

The Fire Department is in the process of teaching more than 1,300 paramedics how to use the X-Series monitor. The monitors were rolled out to the field at the beginning of August.

DHR's Wellness Corner

Bringing you inspiration from around the County

A "Heart-felt" Thanks to the DHR Wellness Team By Michael Seward (Department of Human Resources)



Another New Year's Day Another trite arrived. resolution to "do better" this year was in the making. My weight had hit an all-time high. My family members, friends, physician, and co-workers had all expressed concerns about my health. The timing could not have been more right for a drastic transformation. Yet, what would be the catalyst that would start the ball rolling? Why, the Greatest Loser Interagency Challenge (GLIC), of course!

On February 2, 2015, I tipped

the scale at nearly 305 pounds. Needless to say, my height/ weight proportions were a bit out of alignment. Obviously, the first place to start was with my diet. Hippocrates, the father of modern medicine, purportedly coined the statement "Let thy food be thy medicine, let thy medicine be thy food." Based on that premise, I re-read my dust-covered copy of Dr. Joel Fuhrman's "Eat to Live" in order to establish my dietary plan-of-attack. As far as the physical activity aspect was concerned, I encouraged members of my GLIC team to join me in daily walks to increase their levels of physical activity. I stuck to my eating plan religiously and began to regularly walk the stairs (up and down) at the World Trade Center, as well as walk to and from the Hall of Administration. When all was said and done at the end of the GLIC competition, I had lost almost 70 pounds.

Fortunately, the end of GLIC was not the end of the road. The Race Around the World (RATW) started where GLIC left off. RATW gave me the inspiration to even further increase and enhance my physical activities. As a result of participating in these two programs, I have lost nearly 100 pounds as of the writing of this testimonial. Perhaps the greatest reward of all occurred when my physician told me that I probably added at least 10 years or more to my life expectancy as a result of the positive changes I made. I know my family is certainly thankful for that benefit. Of

course, the real test will be to see if I can keep the weight off

To that end, I am glad that the DHR Wellness Team will continue to provide us with the ongoing Countywide Fitness Challenge events, as well as the special events such as GLIC and RATW. I am extremely thankful to the DHR Wellness Team for their hard work, commitment, and for the quality programs they provide. I look forward to being an "active" contributor in furthering the health and well-being of not only myself, but also my fellow County employees.







Passwords are Critical to Protecting Your Assets

from the Countywide Information Security Program

Password use is prevalent in all computing systems (Windows and Apple), applications (email and banking), and devices (smartphones, tablets, laptops) where a strong password reduces your risk of an intruder or hacker from unauthorized access to critical information (confidential or sensitive data).

If your password falls into the wrong hands, a cybercriminal can impersonate you online or change your account information, which may cause personal and/or organization harm (financial and identity). Here are some tips for creating and protecting your passwords during the performance of your job and during your personal activities.

Creating Strong Passwords

- Use a passphrase that is at least eight (8) characters in length (the longer the better).
- Use a mix of upper and lower case letters, numbers, and symbols.
- Avoid words and proper names, regardless of language. Hackers use programs that try every word in a dictionary.
- Don't use passwords that are based on personally identifiable information (PII) that can be easily accessed or guessed. For example, your date of birth, social security number, etc.
- Use a unique password for each of your important accounts.
- Change passwords regularly. If you believe your system or an online account you access has been compromised, change your passwords immediately.
- Use of two-factor (or multi-factor) to sign-on (authenticate) to systems and applications that stores confidential/sensitive information is prudent. Two-factor is defined as "something that is known" like your password and "something that you have" like a token (RSA token and in some cases your smartphone).

Protecting Your Passwords

• Develop a mnemonic for remembering complex passwords, or write down hints to passwords, but not the passwords themselves. Store the hints in a safe place away from your computer.

- Do not share your password with anyone attackers may try to trick you via phone calls or email messages into sharing your password.
- Do not reveal your password on surveys, questionnaires, or security forms.
- Decline the use of "Remember Password" feature in browsers (Internet Explorer, Safari).
- Always remember to logout when using a public computer (shared computer at work, library).

Your Departmental Information Security Officer (DISO) can provide answers to questions that you may have regarding passwords usage. The County of Los Angeles Board of Supervisors' Policy # 6.101 – Use of County Information Technology Resources – provides additional information in the section titled Access Control and Authentication.

For more information, please visit:

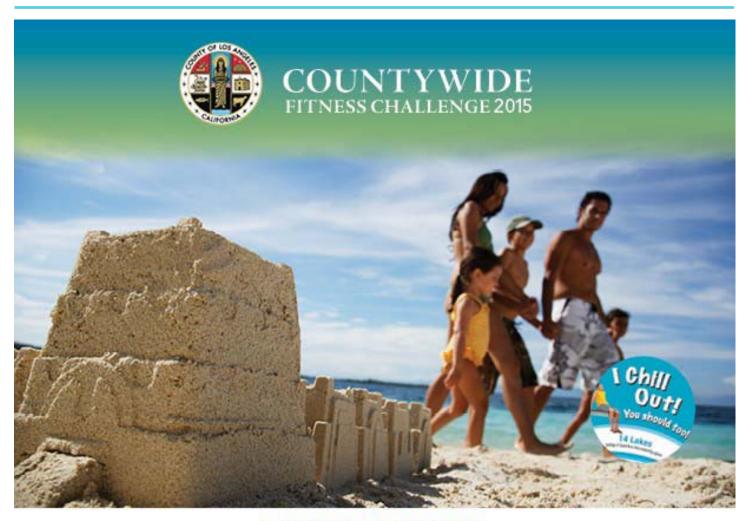
- The Countywide Information Security Intranet website http://infosec.mylacounty.info
- The Multi-State Information Sharing & Analysis Center http://msisac.cisecurity.org/
- The Two Steps Ahead Campaign by Stop|Think|Connect http://www.stopthinkconnect.org/campaigns/details/?id=460

Beach Shuttle



Catch a free ride on the Beach Shuttle to and from Playa Vista, Marina del Rey, and Venice Beach, and enjoy the surf, sand and surroundings of Marina del Rey in a hassle-free and relaxing way. The Beach Shuttle operates weekends now through September 27, 2015 from 10 a.m. through 10 p.m., Fridays and Saturdays and 10 a.m. through 8 p.m., Sundays and holidays.

For route map and other details, please call (310) 305-9545 or visit http://beaches.lacounty.gov.



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Retirees

Congratulations to the following employees who are joining the ranks of the retired after their many years of service to the County of Los Angeles:

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Chip-enabled Credit Cards Changing the Way We Pay

Swipe the card and sign your name. For decades, it's been the way American consumers and businesses have used credit cards to buy and sell goods and services. It will soon become a relic of the past.

Chip-enabled cards, a newer and more secure technology, will soon replace traditional credit cards. All major credit card companies are currently making the transition and the Department of Consumer and Business Affairs wants you to be ready. If you have not received new chip-enabled cards from your credit card company, you will get them soon.

What are chip-enabled cards?

Chip-enabled cards—also known as chip cards, smart cards, or EMV cards—have a microchip built into the card. Each time you use the card, a unique transaction code is created, sent to the credit card company, and never used again. Even if that data is stolen, it can't be used for future fraudulent purchases.

Traditional credit and debit cards have personal data stored on the magnetic stripe on the back of the card. If someone steals that information from a card, they can create a duplicate of the card and use it without your knowledge or permission.

During this period of transition, new cards will likely have both a chip and a magnetic strip, so they can be used by businesses that don't yet have the updated payment systems. Most big businesses have begun upgrading their payment systems.

How do chip-enabled cards work?

Just like swipe-and-sign, using a chip-enabled card requires two steps:

 Reading the card: Most often, a consumer will slide their card into a slot. Some systems will allow a simple tap of the card. A screen will then show you when the card has been read. 2. Verifying the purchase: Consumers will still use a signature to complete their purchase at most businesses. Eventually, all purchases will instead require a PIN number.

Why is this change necessary?

Chip-and-PIN is the global standard for credit card usage. Meanwhile, in the past decade, credit card fraud has doubled in the United States. Reports say that half of the world's credit card fraud happens in America.

For questions about chip-enabled cards or other consumer issues, contact the Department of Consumer and Business Affairs at (800) 593-8222.



Mariinsky Ballet

St. Petersburg, Russia's world-renowned Mariinsky Ballet (formerly the Kirov Ballet) opens the 12th Season of Glorya Kaufman Presents Dance at The Music Center on October 8-11, 2015 with the Southern California premiere of Alexei Ratmansky's *Cinderella*. Mariinsky Ballet and American Ballet Theatre Principal Dancer Diana Vishneva will perform the lead role of Cinderella on opening night.

Single tickets start at \$28 and will be on sale on August 31, 2015 at the Dorothy Chandler Pavilion Box Office, 135 N. Grand Avenue, Los Angeles, CA 90012. Tickets are also available by calling (213) 972-0711 and online at musiccenter.org/Cinderella. Call (213) 972-8555 or e-mail mcgroupsales@musiccenter.org for groups of 10 or more.