Go Paperless

As a Department that promotes sustainability and as we continue to build our readership, our goal is to eventually distribute the newsletter electronically only. We encourage you to subscribe to the following link and opt in by selecting the Public Works Newsletter for the electronic version. After the sixth issue is released, we will assess how large our electronic circulation is. The electronic newsletters allow the City to share more information while reducing paper production. www.beverlyhills.org/enotice

The holidays are here and that means more time will be spent in the kitchen. The following tips will help prevent a sewer backup from occurring on your property:

1. Do not pour FOG (Fats, Oil and Grease) into the kitchen drain.
2. Recycle oil by securing it in a sealable container and dispose of it in your trash can.
3. Dry wipe all pots, pans and plates of FOG before dishwashing.
4. Do not pour FOG down into the toilet.
5. Do not pour solids (i.e. leftover food, solids from pots, etc.) into the kitchen drain. Use a sink drainer to collect it and dispose it in your trash.

During the holiday season, the City’s solid waste collection service will not take place on Christmas and New Year’s Day. Trash service will resume the following day. For instance, if your normal track pickup is on Tuesday, service will be provided on Wednesday and so forth.

Purchasing New Holiday Lights

Consider ENERGY STAR Certified LED’s!
LED light strands use 75% less energy than conventional incandescent lights and last up to 10 times longer! They also remain cool to the touch and reduce fire risk.

Leaving town for the Holidays?
If you have a gas water heater, turn it to “Pilot” or vacation setting when you are out of town. If you have an electric water heater, shut off the circuit breaker. This action prevent energy loss and increase savings.

Learn about residential programs and tips to help you save money and energy by visiting SCE.com and SoCalGas.com

Proper Christmas Tree Disposal
Please remove all ornaments and decorations; remove stand/base and place the tree next to your trash bin for collection. Christmas trees are collected during your normal trash pick-up days.

Clean energy will be coming to residential areas by February 2019 and May 2019 to our non-residential areas. The City of Beverly Hills and 30 other municipal agencies in Los Angeles and Ventura County believe in a clean energy future that is local. As a result, the municipal agencies formed the Clean Power Alliance (CPA), where we bring the power of choice to our communities and give you a voice in where our energy comes from. The CPA is Southern California’s new, locally operated electricity provider offering higher renewable energy content at competitive rates.

How does it work?
The CPA purchases clean power on behalf of its customers. Southern California Edison (SCE) delivers it. Nothing else changes.

SCE still sends one bill, continues to be your go-to contact for electricity services issues and qualified customers will continue to have access to financial assistance, rebates and incentives.

So What Do You Need to Do?
Nothing! You automatically start service based on your community’s choice. The City of Beverly Hills elected to have 50% renewable energy for the community, but you can choose the option that best suits the needs of you, your business, or your family.

There are 3 options to choose from:
• Lean Power: 36% renewable content at the lowest possible cost
• Clean Power: 50% renewable content at a competitive rate
• 100% Green Power: 100% renewable content and the opportunity to lead the way to a greener future.

For more information, please visit the website at www.cleanpoweralliance.org, email customerservice@cleanpoweralliance.org or call 888-585-3788.
Reporting Potholes
The Public Works Department maintains over 100 centerline miles of street pavement, 40+ centerline miles of alleys and typically repairs more than 1,300 potholes per year. With the rainy season approaching, this is the time when more potholes occur. When rain water seeps into cracks or joints in the pavement, it weakens the soil under the road, leading to more cracking and eventually a pothole is formed.

Please help us keep Beverly Hills streets pothole free by reporting them to Public Works Customer Service or you can electronically submit the request by visiting the City’s website at www.beverlyhills.org, search for “Ask Bev”, click Streets, sidewalks and lights and enter the location of the pothole. The City strives to make repairs within 24-48 business hours of notification.

Catch Basin Screen Installation:
The City is regulated to reduce trash and debris from reaching Ballona Creek and Santa Monica Bay. The City is close to installing screens in all of the catch basins by February 2019.

FREE Water Saving Devices for Your Bathroom & Kitchen
Did you know, the City offers quality brushed nickel low-flow showerheads and aerators for kitchen and bathroom sinks at no cost. To order your devices, please contact Public Works Customer Service.

Town Hall Meetings Set on Proposed Water Rate Adjustments - January 10, 2019
The City of Beverly Hills conducted one Town Hall meeting and scheduled another one as the City considers water rate adjustments for early 2019.

The proposed rate adjustments will work to restructure, protect and stabilize the City’s water system and services. Based on a recent cost of service analysis, rate restructuring will help to ensure customers pay the appropriate amount for their water use.

“We believe this new model will provide water service to residential and commercial customers in a more fair and equitable way,” said Public Works Director Shana Epstein. “Investing in the City’s infrastructure to increase local water production will also provide critical insurance against service interruptions and supply issues.”

In addition, unanticipated fluctuations in revenues can impact water service. Proposed revenue stabilization rates will exist only during water shortages and ensure continued water delivery. Attend one of the upcoming meetings to hear a presentation from Beverly Hills staff regarding the proposed water rate adjustments.

UPCOMING MEETINGS
Readers are encouraged to sign up for the electronic version of the Backbone. Once it is released electronically, you will have immediate access to current meeting dates relevant to the Public Works Department.

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RESOURCES

HELPFUL LINKS:
- Link to sign up for the bi-monthly Newsletter www.beverlyhills.org/enotice
- Water Tracker – www.beverlyhills.org/watertracker
- Water Rates: www.beverlyhills.org/waterrates.org
- Water Conservation: www.bhsaves.org
- www.beverlyhills.org/rebates

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