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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

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   - **October to May** - Two (2) days per week watering
     - North of Santa Monica Blvd. - Monday & Friday
     - South of Santa Monica Blvd. - Tuesday & Saturday

2. Eight (8) minutes per station for sprinklers should be sufficient for grass. Drip irrigation should run longer.
3. Do not allow sprinkler water to run off the landscape.
4. Put a back-up battery in the back of your controller so your settings are saved if the electricity goes out.
5. For more tips and ideas, visit www.BHSaves.org

Test your water pressure a couple times a year.
It is a good idea to test water pressure as part of a plumbing maintenance checklist. It is quick and easy and all you need is a simple and inexpensive pressure gauge, available at most hardware or home improvement stores.

To test your water pressure, you will need a pressure gauge that measures in pounds per square inch (PSI). Normal water pressure is typically between 30 and 80 PSI for water entering your home; however, it is recommended to not exceed 60 PSI. The pressure may be adjusted anywhere from 25 to 75 PSI with a simple turn of a screw, if you have a pressure regulator installed on your plumbing system. You can also hire a plumber to assist with this project.

Too much water pressure can put extra strain on your home’s plumbing system and can cause toilets to run, faucets to drip, water hammers and in extreme cases, can cause blowouts in flex lines or washing machine hoses, which can cause flood damage to the house. Keep in mind that like all plumbing fixtures and valves, water pressure regulators can also go bad at some point.

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City Receives Grant Funding to Support Sustainability Efforts
The City received grant funding from the Mobile Source Air Pollution Reduction Committee (MSRC) to help fund the purchase of 10 compressed natural gas (CNG) vehicles, nearly doubling the City’s CNG fleet inventory. The grant also helped fund the construction of the City’s CNG fueling station. The CNG station will provide a cleaner energy source for the City’s growing inventory of cleaner air vehicles. The City recently converted to using 100% renewable diesel fuel and 100% renewable natural gas to support 55% of its total fleet fueling operations. This is all part of the City’s ongoing efforts to becoming more sustainable, while providing key services to the community.

Parking Space Monitoring System Installation
We are in the final phase of installing the Parking Space Monitoring System in the remaining six locations:

- 333 N. Crescent Drive
- 9361 Dayton Way
- 440 N. Camden Drive
- 221 N. Crescent Drive
- 450 N. Crescent Drive
- 241 N. Beverly/242 N. Canon Drive

We hope to enhance the customers’ parking experience with the well-lit, easy to read entry signs, parking and navigation. Each space is individually monitored and its status is indicated for real time guidance.
CPA Clean Power Alliance
As a member of the CPA, residential customers will start receiving greener renewable energy by February 2019 and commercial customers by May 2019.
Enrollment information will be included in your Southern California Edison utility bill by December 2018. For more information about this program, please visit www.beverlyhills.org/cleanpower.
In the upcoming months, look for information in your Southern California Edison utility bill.

LED Streetlight Project
The City will be replacing its streetlights with LED lighting. The replacement of approximately 5,500 streetlights with LEDs will help the City become greener and significantly reduce energy costs, while still illuminating the City. The City’s vendor, Express Energy, will be installing the LEDs starting in mid-October. This work and the project should last about six-months. Residents and businesses will receive notices in advance of installation, as it will temporarily affect curb parking during installation days.

Replacement of Damaged or Missing Green Waste Containers
Now through November
Staff will be replacing damaged or missing green waste containers in the alleys servicing single family properties south of Wilshire Blvd.
As a reminder, green waste containers are to be used for vegetative trimmings. If the trimmings are too large to fit in the green waste container, please contact Public Works Customer Service to arrange a special pick-up for trimmings. Larger trimmings will need to be trimmed to four feet in length, bundle tied and placed next to container prior to special pick-up.

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.

October 9, 2018 | 7:00 pm
City Council Meeting Formal Session | City Council Chambers

October 11, 2018 | 8:00 am
Public Works Commission | Meeting Room 280A

October 16, 2018 | 7:00 pm
City Council Meeting Formal Session | City Council Chambers

October 24, 2018 | 7:00 pm
La Cienega Park and Recreation Complex Town Hall Meeting
La Cienega Community Center — 8400 Gregory Way

November 6, 2018 | 7:00 pm
City Council Meeting Formal Session | City Council Chambers

November 8, 2018 | 8:00 am
Public Works Commission | Meeting Room 280A

November 20, 2018 | 7:00 pm
City Council Meeting Formal Session | City Council Chambers

December 11, 2018 | 7:00 pm
City Council Meeting Formal Session | City Council Chambers

December 18, 2018 | 7:00 pm
City Council Meeting Formal Session | City Council Chambers

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
Water Conservation: www.bhsaves.org

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