



City Manager's Bi-Weekly Update to the City Council

The City Clerk's Office

- Election Day is Tuesday, April 12th! – Culver City residents may vote for up to three City Council candidates. Polls are open from 7:00 am to 8:00 pm. For more information and to watch the Culver City Counts video, please go to www.culvercity.org/vote.



Finance Department

- Finance Department Receives Award - The Government Finance Officers' Association (GFOA) has just awarded the City of Culver City a Distinguished Budget Presentation Award. [Click here](#) for a complete list of award winners along with a link to the award-winning budget documents. This award represents Culver City's 25th award in this category.

Fire Department

- April is Earthquake Preparedness Month – Earthquake Preparedness Month has been recognized since the April 1906 San Francisco earthquake. This effort continues to be supported by the state legislature, urging all Californians and governmental agencies to engage in education, evaluation of seismic hazards, mitigation, safety activities, and the exchange of information related to earthquake preparedness. Surprisingly, many Californians don't consider themselves at risk, unless they live on or near the line of a well-known fault, such as the San Andreas or Hayward Fault. This misconception leaves millions of Californians unprepared for an earthquake.

Quick Facts:

- ⇒ Major earthquakes registering magnitudes between 6.3 and 8.3 have occurred in California every 5.4 years, on average, for the past 200 years.
- ⇒ The United States Geological Survey estimates that there is a 90% chance that a major earthquake will strike an urban area in California within the next 30 years.
- ⇒ The majority of Californians live within 20 miles of a major earthquake fault.
- ⇒ Being prepared could save your life!



While California is a world leader in emergency response and recovery capabilities, our responders can't do it alone. It is the responsibility of every individual to take action, get informed, and get actively involved in emergency preparedness. For more information on how you can get prepared, please visit www.culvercity.org/emergencyprep. (Article: *The California Office of Emergency Management*; Photo: Yahoo News)

Parks, Recreation and Community Services Department

- Performing Arts Grant Program – The 2016 Culver City Performing Arts Grant Program features performances by 17 music, dance, and theater organizations. The Culver City Chamber Orchestra presents the first performance, *Family Concert*, on April 10th at the Culver-Palms United Methodist Church (www.ccchamberorchestra.com).



APRIL 10TH, 2016 AT 4PM
Family Concert

West Coast Premiere Triple Flute
Concerto
by Deon Price Culver City Resident
Violin Soloist: Usha Kapoor

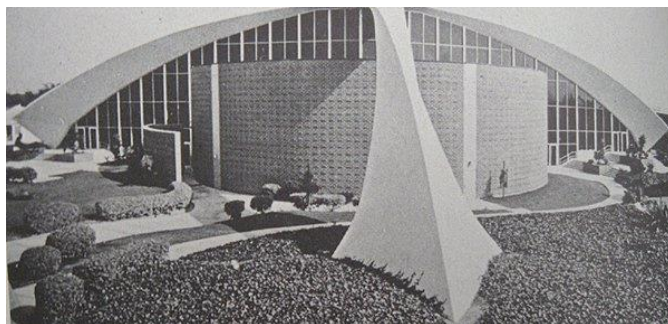
Culver-Palms United Methodist Church
4464 Sepulveda Blvd.
Culver City, CA 90230



- Veterans Memorial Complex Rental Operation – Upcoming public events include Jon Lindsay Productions’ bodybuilding exhibition in Veterans Memorial Building on Saturday, April 9th (<http://lindsayproductions.com/>) and USA Dance – Los Angeles County Chapter on Sunday, April 10th (<http://usadancela.org/>).



- Culver City Historical Society – The Culver City Historical Society invites its members and the community to learn about the exciting changes planned for Culver City High School’s landmark Robert Frost Auditorium. Co-founders of Hodgetts + Fung Design and Architecture Firm will discuss their ambitious renovation plans for the interior of the Robert Frost Auditorium, including the expansion of back-of-house spaces, a steel proscenium arch, handicap access and new air conditioning, lighting and electrical systems.





The General Meeting and Program take place on Wednesday, April 20th at 7:00 pm in the Multipurpose Room of Veterans Memorial Building at 4117 Overland Avenue, Culver City. For information on the Culver City Historical Society, please visit www.CulverCityHistoricalSociety.org. (Photo: Pinterest)

Public Works Department

- Commercial Organics Recycling Bill – As California pursues its recycling and greenhouse gas emissions goals, the City’s Environmental Programs and Operations Division would like to assist businesses in complying with California’s Commercial Organics Recycling law (AB 1826). This bill is in effect for all Culver City businesses and multi-family dwellings as follows:



Since the law went into effect on April 1, 2016, businesses that generate eight cubic yards of organic waste per week must arrange for organic waste* recycling services with Culver City Refuse and Recycling. Please contact our Customer Service line at (310) 253-6400 for all service inquiries, including:

- ✓ Determining applicability to your business
- ✓ Assistance in arrangement for adequate collection service of organic materials
- ✓ Food donation opportunities
- ✓ Personalized recommendations to set up an appropriate organics recycling program, Complimentary training of staff for proper organics separation
- ✓ Free posters and brochures

For more information and resources on AB 1826, please go to <http://www.calrecycle.ca.gov/recycle/commercial/organics/default.htm>. The team at Refuse and Recycling is here to help your business achieve compliance with the new laws. Staff looks forward to assisting you in helping you set up your organics program.

** Organic waste is defined as: food waste, green waste, landscape and pruning waste, nonhazardous wood waste, and food-soiled paper waste that is mixed in with food waste.*



- Tree Trimming Moratorium – In continued accordance with the Public Works Department’s bird nesting moratorium, the Department will cease tree trimming and removal operations during the months of April and May (with the exception of emergency situations). These months are the peak periods of the bird nesting season so the City would like to help ensure active nests are not harmed. Other functions such as plantings and watering will occur as needed or scheduled.
- Electric Vehicle Charging - NRG, the firm the City entered into an agreement with to install three Electric Vehicle Charging Stations for public use at the Ince Parking Structure, reports that the charging stations’ use has nearly doubled over the past four months (from 235 to 463 charges per month). NRG is monitoring the frequency of their use and though considered high, they indicated the usage does not warrant the installation of additional charging stations.



Transportation Department

- Metro Implements Paid Parking Pilot Program at Culver City Expo Station – Metro has announced that beginning in May, they will no longer offer free parking at nine rail stations. The change is part of a pilot program to test the feasibility of rolling out paid parking for all of Metro's 48 (soon to be 57) parking lots. The first parking lots in the pilot program are: the following Expo Line stations - Culver City, Expo/Bundy, Expo/Sepulveda, 17th Street/Santa Monica College, and La Cienega/Jefferson; North Hollywood and Universal City on the Red Line; and Atlantic and Sierra Madre Villa on the Gold Line. The chart below demonstrates proposed Metro station parking rates.

Station	Rail Line	Transit User Daily Rate	Transit User Monthly Rate	Non-Transit Rider Daily Rate	# of Parking Spaces
Expo/Bundy	Expo II	\$2	\$59	\$20	250
Expo/Sepulveda	Expo II	\$2	N/A	\$15	260
17th St/SMC	Expo II	\$2	\$59	\$20	67
La Cienega/Jefferson	Expo I	\$2	N/A	\$17	485
Culver City	Expo I	\$2	N/A	\$17	586
Sierra Madre Villa	Gold	\$2	\$29 (existing rate)	\$17	965
Atlantic	Gold	\$2	\$29 (existing rate)	\$15	284
Universal	Red	\$3	\$55 (existing rate)	\$25	546
North Hollywood	Red	\$3	\$59 (existing rate)	\$25	1,310
Total					4,753



Currently, the operations of Metro owned parking facilities are being maintained by Metro’s annual budget without generating any parking revenue to recover a portion of its costs. Metro estimates the pilot 9-station program is estimated to generate approximately \$600,000 in annual revenue.

The pilot will include a new operating plan where TAP card readers will be used to verify that people parking in the lots are actually using transit. The Metro board will have chances to reevaluate the pilot, including a report back scheduled for September 2016.

- Metro Plan to Ease Traffic – On March 31st, staff attended a briefing session where Metro representatives explained their plan to ease traffic in Los Angeles County. “If we don’t plan now for future growth, gains of recent years will give way to more traffic congestion,” representatives shared. Metro is inviting comments from members of the public. Interested parties are invited to attend one of nine public meetings that have been scheduled or participate by submitting comments through their website or social media. Find more information about the Plan and/or details about how to participate:

Online by visiting:	www.metro.net/theplan
Via E-mail to:	ThePlan@metro.net
Facebook and Twitter:	#metroplan
US Mail:	The Plan Metro One Gateway Plaza Los Angeles, CA 90012-2952

- Expo Line Phase 2 Extends to Santa Monica - The Expo Line Phase 2 Opening Ceremony is scheduled to take place on Friday, May 20th with a breakaway banner event just east of the downtown Santa Monica Station at Colorado Avenue and 4th Street. The complete Expo Line is expected to be open to the public by the afternoon, and all rides will be free. The new Line extension will complement transportation options such as 500 Breeze Bikes at 75 locations citywide; Big Blue Bus service, which will connect to each Expo Line Phase 2 station; 1.5 miles of new off-street bike/pedestrian paths along the Expo route in Santa Monica; and 12 diagonal pedestrian crossings in downtown Santa Monica. Santa Monica will also be launching new Zipcars and ride share opportunities, in order reduce vehicular emissions within the city. Expo’s Culver City Station will mark the line extension opening at an event currently scheduled for May 21st from 10:00 am – 4:00 pm. More details will be provided at a later date.