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CITY OF MODESTO

City Beat

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EARTH DAY IN THE PARK FESTIVAL SATURDAY, APRIL 20, 2013

Mark your calendars and come celebrate with us Modesto's Annual Earth Day in the Park Festival on Saturday, April 20, 2013. This great family event will be held at the beautiful Graceada Park, located in downtown Modesto on the corner of Needham & Sycamore from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

This popular FREE community event provides a unique opportunity to learn about the environment in a family-friendly atmosphere. It's an entire day of "green" education, free local entertainment, great food, family fun and a much more!

Be sure to attend the free Boyett B Green Recycling Event held on Stoddard Avenue between Park and Sycamore Avenues. This is a convenient drive thru event where all recyclables donated are matched dollar for dollar by Boyett Petroleum. 100% of the funds are applied to the City of Modesto "Adopt a Park" Program to complete funding of the endowment for the new dog park at Elk Park and more park planned improvements. Items accepted for recycling include:

- On site document shredding (limit of 5 file boxes or grocery bags per person)
- CRV Bottles, Cans, Plastic & Scrap Metal
- E-Waste (TV's, computers, laptops, video games, electronics, etc.)
- Ink Jet, toners, cartridges

In addition, Covanta Energy will also be collecting small batteries and cell phones. Look for their booth!

This year's entertainment includes music from local artist and 2012 MAMA award winner The-High-Voltage-Band, returning Country favorite Southern Bend, the Pendletons and a demonstration from the Modesto Police Departments K9 Unit. Please save the date and bring your family and friends to "Celebrate Green with Us!" For more information, visit:

www.modestogov.com/earthday



IMPORTANT NOTICE

In 2011 Governor Brown signed Assembly Bill (AB) 341 into law and it became effective January 1, 2012. If you own and/or operate a business or have rental properties in California, this new law MAY impact you. Assembly Bill 341 now requires businesses that produce four or more cubic yards of waste per week, and multifamily residences with five or more dwellings, to recycle, reuse and/or divert some of their waste from disposal.

Businesses in the City of Modesto that meet the above threshold must place recyclable materials in the bins or containers provided by their local garbage collection company, or may also donate, sell and/or make other arrangements for pick up and recycling of the materials to a "not for profit" organization. Businesses may also self-haul the materials to a recycling facility. Businesses must retain documentation and/or proof of receipt of method of recycling and make it available for inspection by the City of Modesto or CalRecycle upon request.

Information about California's mandatory business recycling requirements is available from the California Department of Resources Recycling and Recovery (CalRecycle) at www.calrecycle.ca.gov/climate/Recycling/default.htm. You can also contact the City of Modesto Solid Waste Division at (209) 577-5458 for more information.

City of Modesto Water Conservation Rebates

High Efficiency Toilet Rebate Program

The City of Modesto is offering a rebate for qualifying High Efficiency Toilets purchased between January 1, 2013 and June 30, 2013. Toilets are the biggest water user in your home! They account for nearly 30% of a home's indoor water use. If you replace an "old water guzzler" with a new "Water-Sense" labeled high efficiency model it can decrease your water use by 11 gallons per toilet each day. City of Modesto residential customers in single and multi-family homes may be eligible for a rebate when replacing an old high-water-use toilet. For complete guidelines and application for the program, please visit the City of Modesto Water Conservation Program website: www.modestogov.com/pwd/water/conservation or call (209) 342-2262.

High Efficiency Clothes Washer Rebate Program

The City of Modesto is offering a rebate for qualifying clothes washer machines purchased between January 1, 2013 and June 30, 2013. Clothes washers are typically the second largest user of water indoors. Replacing your old washer with a new high-efficiency model can save water. City of Modesto residential customers in single and multi-family homes may be eligible for a rebate. For complete guidelines and application for the program, please visit the City of Modesto Water Conservation website www.modestogov.com/pwd/water/conservation or call (209) 342-2262.

HELP SHAPE MODESTO'S FUTURE!

PUBLIC WORKSHOP • GENERAL PLAN AMENDMENT

The City is working to update the General Plan, which is the guide for future growth and development in Modesto. The public is invited to attend and participate in a series of workshops for the project, to provide input, ideas and comments.

The first workshop is scheduled for 6:00 p.m. on Monday, March 18, 2013, at the Petersen Event Center, located at 720 12th Street. For more information, contact Brad Wall or Patrick Kelly at (209) 577-5267.

WASTEWATER BOOTH AT EARTH DAY

Visit the Public Works Department's Wastewater booth at Earth day, April 20 for a **FREE** FOG can, which will enable you to collect cooking oils and grease, let them cool, and then dispose of properly in your garbage.

When Fats, Oil, and Grease, also known as FOG, are washed down the drain, they lead to sewage backups at home or in the community's sewer pipes. These backups can lead to costly damage to your home and the City's sewer system, pollute waterways, and threaten the environment.



For more information about the City's FOG program, please visit us at:

www.modestogov.com/pwd/wastewater/

By following a few simple steps, you can help keep your home's plumbing and our community's sewers trouble free!

Just Can It, Cool It, and Throw It Away!



GARBAGE CAN REPAIR

Is your garbage or green waste can in need of a new lid, wheel, or some other type of repair? Contact your garbage company to schedule the repair; there is no charge for this service. The garbage companies are:

- Bertolotti Disposal (209) 537-8000
- Gilton Solid Waste (209) 527-3781

For more information, or to find out which garbage company services your area, call the Solid Waste Office at (209) 577-5494.