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| **Thursday, November 13, 2014141113-1**  **In this Issue:**  **Metro Monthly Green Tips: November 2014**  **Expo Phase 2 Construction Notice**  **Caltrans Interstate 5 Construction Notices** |
| **Metro Monthly Green Tips: November 2014**  November has arrived and with that comes dinner gatherings, cooler temperatures and less hours of day light. This month’s Green Tips reminds us to utilize our daylight and help support your community during Thanksgiving festivities.  1. Rise and Shine  In 2008, Energy Department experts studied the impact of the extended Daylight Saving Time on energy consumption in the U.S. and found that the extra four weeks of Daylight Saving Time (which was changed in 2007) saved about 0.5% in total electricity per day. While this might not sound like a lot, it adds up to electricity savings of 1.3 billion kilowatt-hours -- or the amount of electricity used by more than 100,000 households for an entire year. Daylight Saving Time is designed to save energy by making use of daylight more effectively in residential lighting in the evening hours, when the majority of people are home from work or school. Do your part by using daylight when you can or using task lights for specific work that you are doing at your home.  2. Thanksgiving Dinner  Take a trip to your local farmers' market to purchase locally grown produce and handcrafted goods, meet farmers in your community and stock up on supplies for your holiday meals. The average U.S. family wastes $600 in food annually. Rather than throwing out uneaten fruits and veggies at Thanksgiving and at other meals, transform them in a compost bin. LA Sanitation provides workshops on residential composting and has bins for sale to use to transform your scraps into fertile soil that will help your plants thrive through Fall.  3. Holiday Volunteering  The holiday season encourages many to consider helping people. It may be easier than you think to make a difference in the lives of families in your neighborhood and city – something as simple as a random act of kindness such as opening the door for someone. Consider volunteering at a community food bank or at a homeless shelter to serve food. One of the best ways to show your appreciation for people is by using the talents and skills you have to help others. If you bake, make some cookies for people to enjoy. If you crochet or knit, consider making clothes for children in foster care. Any talent can be used to help the community in meaningful ways.  Implement these Green Tips this month and you will help contribute to a healthier, greener environment.  **Expo Phase 2 Construction Notice**  Roadway Improvements As part of construction of Phase 2 of the Expo Light Rail Line, work crews will implement full street and lane closures on Barrington Avenue between Olympic Boulevard and Tennessee Avenue. The work is being managed and performed by the Expo Phase 2 design-build contractor *Skanska-Rados Joint Venture (SRJV),* and its subcontractors. Continuous lane closures are scheduled to occur from Friday, November 14, 2014 at 9:00 a.m. through Monday, November 17, 2014 at 6:00 a.m. Continues full street closures will occur Friday, November 21, 2014 at 9:00 p.m. through Monday, November 24, 2014 at 6:00 a.m. To view the complete construction notice, please click [here](http://www.buildexpo.org/wp-content/uploads/111214-Barrington-Avenue-Closures-for-Roadway-Improvements.pdf).  **Caltrans Interstate 5 Construction Notices**  Between Magnolia Boulevard and Buena Vista Street The California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) will conduct a series of freeway improvements between Magnolia Boulevard and Buena Vista Street as part of the I-5/Empire Project in Burbank. Construction activities and closures are scheduled to begin Sunday, November 16, 2014 through Friday, November 21, 2014. To view the complete Caltrans notice, please click [here](http://libraryarchives.metro.net/DB_Attachments/141113_I5_Empire_Burbank.pdf). | |
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