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Pledge to Tip, Toss, & Take Action Against Mosquitoes

As the weather heats up and Angelenos head outside, the Greater Los Angeles County Vector Control District (GLACVCD) reminds residents to take action against mosquitoes by removing standing water and wearing insect repellent to protect themselves from mosquitoes and the diseases they can transmit such as West Nile virus. In honor of National Mosquito Control Awareness Week (June 21-27, 2020), GLACVCD is launching the #TipTossTakeAction campaign, providing messages and recommendations for residents, organizations, and cities to work together to increase awareness and preventative measures against mosquitoes.

"The #TipTossTakeAction campaign allows residents and city officials to take an active role in protecting their communities by working closely with GLACVCD staff," said Mary-Joy Coburn, Director of Community Affairs at GLACVCD.

West Nile virus (WNV) is the most prevalent mosquito-borne disease in the U.S. according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC). California had the highest number of WNV disease cases in the nation in 2019, with 225 cases reported. There is no human vaccine for WNV, a disease that can cause debilitating cases of meningitis, encephalitis, and even death.

GLACVCD launched TipTossTakeAction.org, a resource website, where individual residents can take the pledge to protect their communities, gather digital resources to share with their neighbors or online networks, and read about the latest mosquito news. Visit the District's social media pages on Facebook, Twitter, and Instagram (@GLAmosquito) for more posts and to share with your network.

Pledge **today** by midnight to enter to win a future visit to Splash! Visit www.glacvcd.org/tiptosstakeaction.



**BEWARE:
\$2000
FINE FOR
ILLEGAL FIREWORKS
IN BELLFLOWER**

**RESPECT YOUR
CITY & NEIGHBORS
\$2000 CITATION**

Illegal fireworks ARE NOT permitted. If they explode or shoot into the air, they are illegal. In Bellflower, "Safe and Sane" fireworks may only be discharged from July 1st-5th. If you observe someone discharging illegal fireworks, call the Lakewood Sheriff's Station at (562) 623-3500.

**GIVEAWAY!
WIN A FAMILY 4-PACK
OF TICKETS TO**



Enter and earn up to 3 chances to win!

How to enter:

1. Take the pledge at tiptosstakeaction.org.
2. Like this post and tag 3 friends.
3. Upload a video or photo of you removing standing water on social media, tag us @GLAmosquito and use #MosquitoWatch2020.




**DEADLINE:
June 25th
by midnight**

Must be 18+ yrs to enter or have parent's permission and live or work in GLACVCD jurisdiction. Winner announced via Facebook Live June 26th @ 3 PM

Citizen Satisfaction Survey Results Are In

In a recent citizen survey conducted by an independent research company, respondents in Bellflower identified major priorities including; addressing homelessness, the need for street repairs, youth programs, local control and finding the funds to ensure such programs. The survey results can be viewed at www.bellflower.org or you can watch the zoom presentation on the City's YouTube channel (search: City of Bellflower).

Bellflower Restaurants Thrive



ABOVE: Bellflower recently passed an ordinance to allow for outdoor dining and retail sales. Applications available. For more info call (562) 804-1424 ext. 2249.



ABOVE: Keenan Handy and wife landed an interview on ABC7 News this morning (June 25, 2020) to talk about their recent success. Tune in!

Traffic Safety Tips for Walking & Cycling

Parents and caregivers face a daunting task right now: keeping their children safe, active and engaged while schools are closed. Medical experts say as long as families follow government guidelines for social distancing (staying at least six feet apart from others who do not live with you) activities such as walking and bicycling are important to maintain good physical and mental health during this stressful time.

Few things to remember:

- Choose routes close to home that are less crowded. Be sure to make a reservation for visiting local trails. While out, don't touch banisters, benches, pull-up bars, "walk" buttons on stop lights and other outdoor surfaces. It is required to wear a mask when out in public (if not alone or when social distancing can't be maintained).

- Wash your hands with soap after you return, once before taking off your mask and again afterwards. Wash/discard of your mask safely. A consideration is to leave your shoes outside.

- Although there is less traffic on the streets, empty roads often induce drivers to speed. So it is important to remember traffic safety when you and your children are walking or bicycling.

For more info call (818) 786-4614 or visit www.safemoves.org.

Temporary Eviction Moratorium and Rent Freeze Extension Information

On Tuesday, June 23, the L.A. County Board of Supervisors approved an extension of the temporary eviction moratorium. Effective since March 4, 2020, the order has been extended through July 31, 2020, and may be extended by the Board on a month-to-month basis. The moratorium implements a Countywide ban on evictions for residential and commercial tenants, and space renters living in mobile-home parks, for nonpayment of rent, if the tenant or space renter can show they have been financially impacted related to the COVID-19 pandemic.

This moratorium is not a waiver of rent. Residential tenants and commercial tenants with nine (9) or fewer employees will have up to 12 months following the end of the Moratorium Period to repay any past due payments. Commercial tenants with 10 but less than 100 employees will have up to six (6) months following the end of the

moratorium to pay back any past due rent in equal payments unless prior arrangements were made with the property owner.

Tenants must notify their landlord, through a self-certification, within 7 days after rent is due, unless extenuating circumstances exist. Tenants are encouraged to deliver notice to their landlord in writing. If they are able to do so, tenants are encouraged to pay partial rent during the moratorium.

If you still have questions or need assistance, call (833) 223-736, visit www.rent.lacounty.gov or email rent@dcbalacounty.gov.

Additionally, the City of Bellflower contracts with the Fair Housing Foundation to address housing issues such as discrimination, rental rights, provide mediation to resolve tenant/ landlord disputes and more. Virtual Walk-In Clinic appointments are offered via Zoom every Wednesday. To schedule an appointment call (800)446-3247 ext. 1111.

FREE products are ready for curbside pickup at City Hall! To schedule a pickup for 2 floor decals and one window cling, call (562) 804-1424 ext 2249 or email amiyashiro@bellflower.org.

