



# The Backbone

## Go Paperless

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. The electronic newsletters allow the City to share more information while reducing paper production. [www.beverlyhills.org/enotice](http://www.beverlyhills.org/enotice)



## Earth Day Celebration

The City of Beverly Hills will be celebrating the 21st Annual Earth Day event at the Farmer's Market on Sunday, April 28th. The Public Works Department will have informative booths with along with information about the City's sustainability efforts, free compost giveaway, free shredding services, a free repair clinic, animal shows, and much more for the community take part of on that day.

For more information visit: [www.beverlyhills.org/earthday](http://www.beverlyhills.org/earthday)



## Sandbag Tips

Properly placed sandbags can be an effective way to protect property during heavy rains by diverting water around low-lying structures.

### Plan Ahead

We encourage residents to get an early supply of sandbags at local hardware, landscaping, or home improvement stores in advance of the rainy season and large storm events.

When heavy rains are forecast, Public Works can provide a limited number of emergency sandbags (up to 5 sandbags per property per year) while supplies last to help divert runoff away from buildings and to help prevent flooding and mudslides. Please bring your ID to prove residency.

### How to Use Sandbags

- **DO** consider the terrain and vulnerable structures when laying out sandbags. Identify areas prone to flooding around your property, such as low windows or doors.
- **DO** use caution and safe lifting techniques when handling sandbags.
- **DO** create a channel for water to flow away from structures.
- **DO** use a solid plastic sheet or tarp in between the sandbags and the vulnerable area to prevent water seepage.
- **DO** push each sandbag into place.
- **DO** regularly check on the sandbag barrier to ensure it is intact and effective.

• **DO** stagger sandbags (like bricks in a wall) to create a stable structure when using multiple layers.

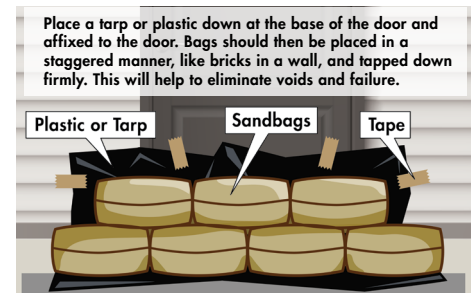
• **DO NOT** stack sandbags higher than three layers.

• **DO NOT** block drainage systems or natural flow paths as this can increase risk of flooding.

• **DO NOT** build a fortress around the perimeter of the property. This is typically unnecessary and doing so can actually trap rainwater between sandbag walls and structures, increasing the risk of property damage.

### How To Store Sandbags

If you want to keep the clean sandbags for a potential future flooding event, make sure to store them in a dry place preferably indoors or undercover. A great tip is to get a garbage can with lid and keep the bags in there.



## Burton Way Resurfacing Project

The Burton Way Resurfacing project will begin in March 2024 and construction will last approximately 6 to 8 months. The project will resurface the street pavement along Burton Way between Rexford Drive and the east City limits at Robertson Boulevard to rehabilitate pavement deterioration over time. Also, key improvements include upgrading curb ramps to meet accessibility requirements, installation of a concrete bus pad, and restriping travel lanes including buffers on the existing bicycle lanes. Typical work hours will be Monday through Friday 8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. and the work hours may vary depending on the work activities and locations. Traffic lanes along Burton

Way may be reduced by one lane, with turn restrictions, but no lane closures are expected during peak traffic hours.

For any additional questions, please reach Public Works Customer Service at (310) 285-2467 or email [AskPW@beverlyhills.org](mailto:AskPW@beverlyhills.org).



## Active Adult Mobility Program

### Expanding Transportation Options for Older Adults

In February, the Public Works Department launched the Active Adult Mobility Program. As part of this program, the City is studying ways to expand safe and reliable transportation options for active older adults who may begin to drive less frequently. This includes evaluating our existing mobility services for adults to determine if they meet the unique needs of our aging community members.

The program kicked off at the Annual Valentine's Day Dance, hosted by the Beverly Hills Active Adult Club and Police Officers Association. Staff hosted a booth to obtain feedback from seniors on their experiences traveling in Beverly Hills, which will help the City determine new transportation services or updates to existing mobility programs.

Over the coming months, the City will be attending additional meetings and events to ask our older adult community:

- How do you currently get around Beverly Hills?

- Are any travel modes challenging for you to use? If so, why?
- Which travel modes would you like to use more often?
- How can the City help make traveling easier or better for you?

If you have thoughts you would like to share, please contact the City in one of the following ways:

**Phone:** (310) 285-2467

**Email:** [AskPW@beverlyhills.org](mailto:AskPW@beverlyhills.org)

**Letter:** Beverly Hills Public Works Transportation Bureau  
345 Foothills Road  
Beverly Hills, CA 90210



## Arbor Day 2024

Arbor Day, which literally translates to "tree" day from the Latin origin of the word arbor, is a home-grown holiday that began in the United States in 1872. Mr. Julius Sterling Morton, a newcomer to the treeless plains of Nebraska, was a proponent of the beauty and benefit of trees. Each year the event is celebrated with a day of planting new trees, "sprucing up" local communities, and honoring nature and the environment.

The US-based Arbor Day Foundation has helped grow 500 million trees in the past 50 years. Trees help to mitigate global warming and promote health and well-being in urban areas.

While most holidays honor events in the past, Arbor Day is all about looking to the future. Across the country Americans plant trees to recognize the important role they play on earth and gather every year to celebrate trees and plant for a greener tomorrow.

Our Arbor Day Celebration in Beverly Hills is traditionally held on the last Friday in April. This year it will take place on Friday, April 26 at 10:30 AM at Roxbury Memorial Park.

Along with a California Live Oak Tree being planted, City of Beverly Hills representatives and the Roxbury Active Adult Club will be on hand to celebrate the trees and nature. A beneficial ladybug release will also take place.

## UPCOMING Meetings

### Purple Line Extension Outreach Meeting

Wednesday, March 6, 2024 | 12:00 PM

- ▶ Municipal Gallery

### Traffic and Parking Commission Regular Meeting

Thursday, March 7, 2024 | 9:00 AM

- ▶ City Hall Room 280A

### City Council Meeting Formal Session

Monday, March 11, 2024 | 7:00 PM

- ▶ City Hall Council Chambers

### Public Works Commission Meeting

Thursday, March 14, 2024 | 8:00 AM

- ▶ City Hall Room 280A

### City Council Meeting Formal Session

Monday, March 18, 2024 | 7:00 PM

- ▶ City Hall Council Chambers

### Council Installation

Tuesday, April 2, 2024 | 7:00 PM

- ▶ TBD

### Purple Line Extension Outreach Meeting

Wednesday, April 3, 2024 | 12:00 PM

- ▶ Online

### Traffic and Parking Commission Regular Meeting

Thursday, April 4, 2024 | 9:00 AM

- ▶ City Hall Room 280A

### Public Works Commission Meeting

Thursday, April 11, 2024 | 8:00 AM

- ▶ City Hall Room 280A

### Earth Day Celebration

Sunday, April 28, 2024 | 9:00 AM

- ▶ Farmer's Market

To View City Council Meetings please visit [www.beverlyhills.org/councilmeetings](http://www.beverlyhills.org/councilmeetings)

To View Purple Line Outreach Meetings please visit [www.beverlyhills.org/purpleline](http://www.beverlyhills.org/purpleline)

## RESOURCES

### Helpful Links:

**Public Works Website:**  
[www.beverlyhills.org/publicworks](http://www.beverlyhills.org/publicworks)

**Link to sign up for the bi-monthly Newsletter:**  
[www.beverlyhills.org/enotice](http://www.beverlyhills.org/enotice)

**Water Tracker:**  
[www.beverlyhills.org/watertracker](http://www.beverlyhills.org/watertracker)

**Water Conservation:**  
[www.bhsaves.org](http://www.bhsaves.org)  
[www.beverlyhills.org/rebates](http://www.beverlyhills.org/rebates)

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