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SPECIAL **Healthy RC** EDITION

Healthy RC Celebrates its First Birthday



Alternative Fuels



From its inception in June 2008, Healthy RC has been busy laying a strong foundation for building a healthier and greener Rancho Cucamonga. In each of the three program areas—Mind, Body, and Earth—the City is working to make it easier for everyone to make choices that improve health and well-being, develop active minds as well as bodies, and sustain our beautiful environment.

Accomplishments being celebrated at Healthy RC's first birthday include the establishment of policy and long-term goals for the program in order to assure future meaningful accomplishments and the development of public resources to help residents take charge of their own progress.

The Rancho Cucamonga Public Library has obtained \$17,000 in grant funding for its Fit for Life program to provide health and wellness programs as well as to create a Healthy RC book collection. The new Healthy RC website offers additional online resources at www.healthycr.info.

Mind

Body

Community Services has added walking and running clubs to its fitness outreach efforts and healthy dining has received a boost from a new program to identify healthy dining options at area restaurants. A new Bicycling and Trail Guide is a first rate resource for getting residents outside and on the trail to better health and fitness.

Public Works Services has made substantial progress with reducing diesel use, implementing alternative energy technology, reducing energy demand, and implementing water conservation and recycled water programs.

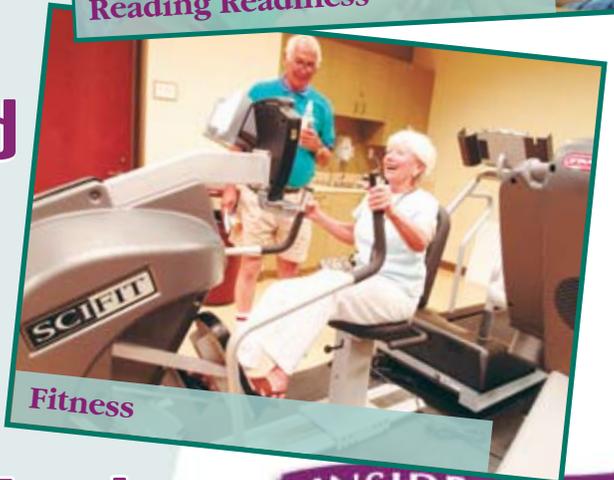
Look inside for further details on these and other accomplishments.

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Fitness



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HEALTHY RC VISION

Healthy RC Inspires a lifestyle that embraces a healthy Mind, Body, and Earth, through lifelong learning and enrichment, active and healthy living and environmental sustainability.

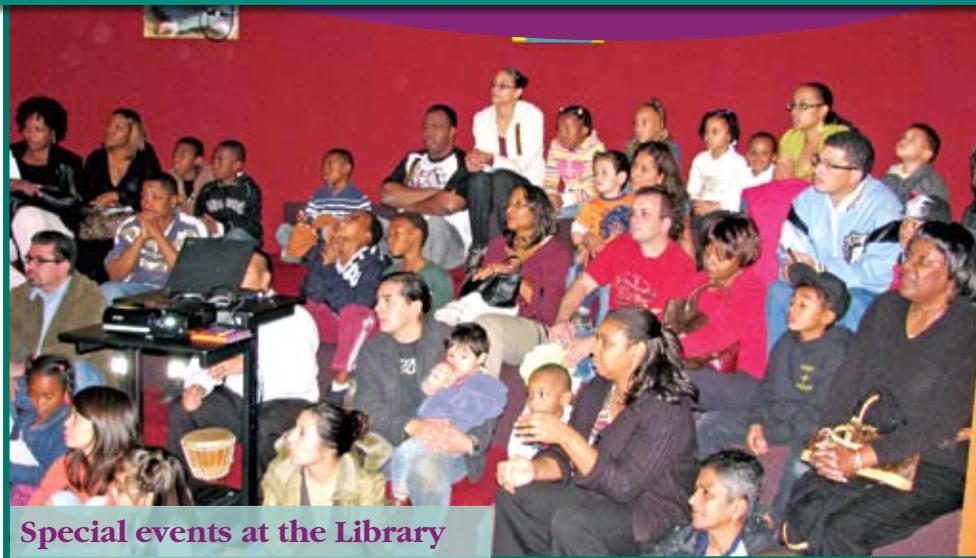


Fit for Life at the Library

Rancho Cucamonga's Libraries are a leading resource for the City's Healthy RC program. While more than 1,200 annual programs and a collection of a quarter of a million materials represent great resources for lifelong learning, the City Libraries geared up for Healthy RC in a number of special ways under its Fit for Life program.

The Rancho Cucamonga Library Services Department received more than \$17,000 in grants from Met Life and the California State Library to conduct health and wellness programs. In a partnership with the Environmental Programs Division, the Libraries hosted more than 500 people for Earth Day. Teen Summer Reading for 2009 focused on becoming active, healthy, and smart.

As well as programs, the Libraries created a Healthy RC book collection for both children and adults at both libraries with hundreds of titles in the Mind, Body, and Earth subject areas and gave out hundreds of health books and materials at City programs all year.



Special events at the Library

City's Vision for a Healthy Future

When the City launched its Healthy RC movement in 2008, an important part of implementing the Healthy RC Vision was to establish specific goals for Healthy RC activities in each of the three program components: Mind, Body, and Earth.

Quality of life is also an important component of the Healthy Mind Goals. Taking a proactive and preventive approach to public safety creates a safe and secure atmosphere for day-to-day living and lowers stress.

HEALTHY MIND GOALS

Lifelong learning is the cornerstone of Rancho Cucamonga's approach to promoting healthy minds. The City will focus on providing facilities, programs, and resources that make knowledge and learning accessible to all and stimulate interest with contemporary and diverse offerings, including activities and partnerships that celebrate the City's diverse population.

Those offerings will include a wide array of cultural, artistic, and literary genres, reaching out particularly to young people and providing experiential opportunities as well as entertainment. The goals also include educating the community and encouraging participation in Healthy RC by informing residents and businesses about opportunities but also by motivating and empowering people.



Victoria Gardens Cultural Center

HEALTHY BODY GOALS

The City is committed to a healthy future by creating active living opportunities through policy-making and community design standards. The City is also providing a wide range of facilities, programs and resources to make physical activity easily accessible and educating and encouraging residents to take advantage of all that is available in Rancho Cucamonga.

As we all know, diet and healthy eating are as important to a healthy body as physical activity. Rancho Cucamonga is committed to ensuring equal access to nutritious food through community design, partnerships, and policy development. A part of Healthy RC is educating the community about healthy eating and nutrition and creating healthy eating initiatives as a part of City programs and partnerships.



Healthy RC events

Healthy Mind

RC Libraries are Resources for Residents

Last year, Rancho Cucamonga's Archibald Library received a complete facelift with more efficient heating and cooling systems, a new technology center, and lots of new books. These improvements and increased programming at both Rancho Cucamonga Libraries supports Rancho Cucamonga's goals for healthy minds as part of the Healthy RC program.

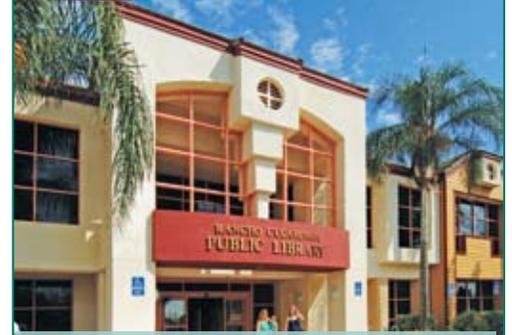
They have also become more critical as the community turns to libraries during these difficult economic times.

More than 35,000 people attended library programs last year. In addition to three book clubs, Rancho Cucamonga Libraries celebrated the mystery genre with The Big Read, a community-wide reading program

supported by a grant from the National Endowment for the Arts. Adults read the book *The Maltese Falcon* by Dashiell Hammett while children read *The Malted Falcon* by Bruce Hale.

Families have also made great use of their Ranch Cucamonga Libraries- with parents seeking opportunities for fun and learning with their youngsters. Great family programs like The Birds of Prey Show, Earth Day, Star Wars Night, and the annual Children's and Teen Summer Reading Clubs have attracted thousands of families.

Cultural arts nights and festivals have become an exciting tradition at the Paul A. Biane Library. Last year brought over 2,500 people to the Library for programs including "Around the World on 8/8/08,"



Facelift for Archibald Library

Hispanic Heritage Night, Chinese New Year and Black History Month celebrations, and a National Library Week "Arts and Literature Night." The courtyard festivals, in partnership with the Lewis Family Playhouse, were also very popular with families enjoying the James and the Giant Peach Party, Fun with Frog and Toad Festival, the Ferdinand (the Bull) Festival, and the Snowflake Festival.



Energy efficient renovation



New Books



Family friendly programs

HEALTHY EARTH GOALS

Rancho Cucamonga has also created a Sustainability Action Plan to guide policies and City operations and set a course toward achieving environmental sustainability. Implementation is geared to meeting environmental mandates and exceeding them where practical within the constraints of sound fiscal practices. Healthy Earth is a team effort, with the City working with other stakeholders including businesses and other public agencies to explore, use, and share best practices with the community.

Healthy Earth goals also include reducing the amount of trash entering the waste stream and making participation in recycling convenient and maximizing participation. A key component is using sustainability principles that recognize the life cycle of goods and materials, especially purchasing environmentally sound materials.



Recycling

In addition, Rancho Cucamonga will encourage efficient and green transportation practices by both employees and City services operations.

Empowering and educating both employees and community members to become responsible environmental stewards is a key part of the program. The City has created a "Green Team" comprised of staff members from every City department to determine ways the City of Rancho Cucamonga can reduce its impact on the environment. Other highlights of the Sustainability Action Plan include tracking federal stimulus funding opportunities to take advantage of funding for green programs, developing a carbon footprint for the City's operations and developing programs to reduce the City's carbon footprint. Eventually the Sustainability Action Plan will be incorporated into the City's General Plan Update.



Rancho Cucamonga Gets Moving with Walking and Running Clubs



Pacific Electric Trail

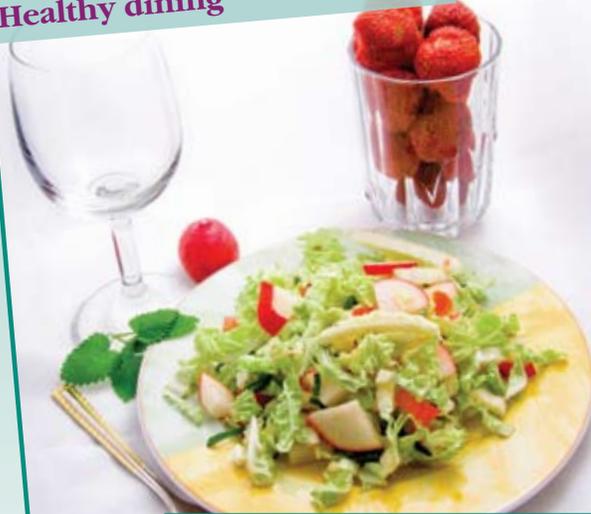
The Community Services Department is the City's key provider of health and fitness activities and programs that get residents moving and promote an active lifestyle. As a part of Healthy RC, Community Services has developed a new set of activities designed to reach out even more to the community. In June 2008, Community Services introduced the Healthy RC Walking and Running Clubs. Since then, the program has grown to 17 clubs with more than 250 members who meet in groups or walk individually and report their progress to earn Healthy RC rewards.

The web-based Healthy RC Challenge is another way Community Services is motivating residents. A fun, interactive way to track the progress of



your fitness program, registering for the Healthy RC Challenge allows you to convert the energy you expend in your exercise program to "steps" whether you walk, run, swim, or bike. You can even form a fitness team and see how much ground you can cover together. More than 500 residents have registered online at RCpark.com and taken the Healthy RC Challenge to date.

Healthy dining



Healthy RC Dining

Both residents and visitors can take part in Healthy RC through the Healthy RC Dining program. Eleven Rancho Cucamonga restaurants have signed up so far to create healthy dining options which they identify on their menus with Healthy RC logo stickers. Participating restaurants to date include Boston's Gourmet Pizza, Buffalo Rings and Wings, El Pollo Loco, Mel's Drive In, Monaco's Pizza, Omaha Jacks, Red Brick Pizza, Robek's Juice, Senor Agave, The Melting Pot, and Wahoo's Fish Taco.

Boston's Gourmet Pizza and The Melting Pot have embraced the program fully, going as far as to create an entire Healthy RC menu. You can find out about Healthy RC menu items offered by participating restaurants and find their locations at www.healthysrc.info.

If you are interested in finding out how your business can join, please contact Kristen Compean at (909) 477-2700 ext. 2046 or email Kristen.Compean@cityofrc.us. The program is free of charge to restaurants with menu items that qualify for the program.



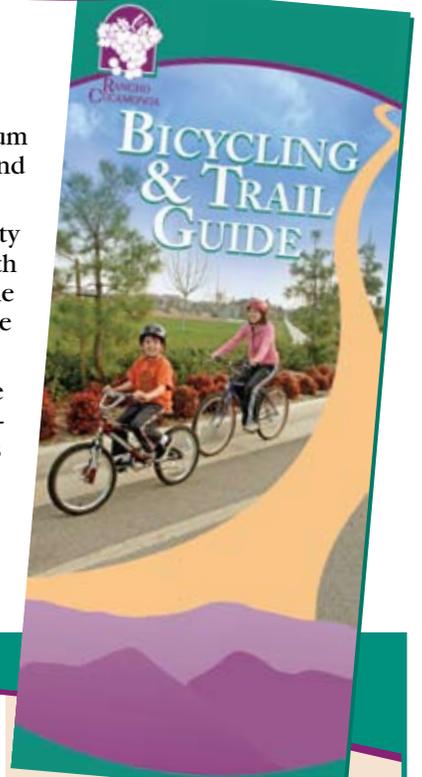
New Bicycling and Trail Guide

The City of Rancho Cucamonga has published the Bicycling and Trail Guide, a compendium of trail etiquette, bicycle safety, and a great map showing the City's major pedestrian trails and bicycle routes.

The map identifies routes that will help get riders and walkers to City parks, community facilities, and major destinations. The routes are segmented by type. The Class I Bicycle Path and Recreational Trail classification is completely separated from traffic. The Class II Bicycle Path is a lane set aside for bicycles on City streets. A Class III Bicycle Path is a signed bicycle route shared with motor vehicles.

The Pacific Electric Trail, now completed from the City boundary on the east to near Base Line Road in the west is also shown. The trail follows the route of the Pacific Electric Railways, also known as the "Red Cars." Once the world's largest interurban and street railways system, the Pacific Electric ended operations with the expansion of Southern California's freeway system. Eventually a 21-mile section of the route will become an intercity urban trail from Claremont in the west to Rialto in the east.

The Bicycling and Trail Guide is available at most City facilities and at some recreational outlets including REI, Sport Chalet, and Bass Pro.



While we have made every effort to provide an accurate and usable map, the depicted bikeway and trail information is advisory only. Map users assume all risks as to the quality and accuracy of the map information, and agree that their use is at their own risk.



Commitment to Alternative Fuels

Public Works Services is serious about sustainability and is taking the City a long way toward its goal of sustainable practices. While updating facilities, buildings, and equipment with new technologies to make them more efficient is a standard practice at Public Works, last year saw some major new developments in the Earth part of the Healthy RC program.

Above ground fuel storage, more environmentally friendly than under ground tanks, has been installed at the Public Works Services Center. Another change is the storage capacity, diesel storage has been reduced to one 10,000-gallon tank, half that of the previous underground storage, reflecting the City's ongoing commitment to implementing alternative fuel technologies.

While some diesel vehicles remain in the City's fleet, diesel is being phased out as rapidly as financially possible. The few remaining diesel vehicles are being retrofitted with California Air Resources Board particulate traps, bringing them into compliance with the most stringent air quality regulations in the nation.

In order to fuel the new alternative fuel vehicles, the City is finishing construction of a new Compressed Natural Gas (CNG) fueling station at the Public Works Services Center. The fueling station and purchase of CNG vehicles has been underwritten by \$337,000 in grants from the South Coast Air Quality Management District. In addition to the 8 CNG vehicles currently in the fleet, the City also has 21 hybrid electric vehicles with more alternative fuel vehicles on the way. While the CNG fueling station is currently not open to the public, there are plans to add a public access station in the future.



Saving Money and Saving the Earth



The Frontier Project

Celebrate the opening of **THE FRONTIER PROJECT**, the Inland Empire's first sustainable demonstration building in Rancho Cucamonga.

Saturday, November 7
11 a.m. - 2 p.m.

Learn how to make your home or business more environmentally efficient. Workshops, speakers, product demonstrations, tours, food, and fun.

Visit www.frontierproject.org for more information. 10440 Ashford St., Rancho Cucamonga, (909) 483-7484

Healthy RC Website Launched www.healthyRC.info



Rancho Cucamonga residents looking for a greener, healthier lifestyle got a helping hand from the City last year with the launch of the Healthy RC website, www.healthycrc.info. The new website offers local resources for a healthier Rancho Cucamonga.

The Healthy Mind portion of the site is designed to fire up your imagination and stimulate your brain; from links to e-books you can download without an emission-producing drive to the library to serenity-inducing yoga classes.

The Healthy Body portion of the website provides links to Rancho Cucamonga eateries offering healthy dining items and City resources from exercise programs to trails to get you up and moving.

The Healthy Earth page is a one-stop shop for information that will show you how to reduce your carbon footprint and make better environmental choices in your everyday life. Links for water and energy conservation, ridesharing, recycling, and online City services make it easy to be earth friendly.

Recycled water in medians



Energy saving LED's



Water Conservation

Regarding water conservation, Rancho Cucamonga has partnered with area water agencies to create a landscape ordinance that reduces water use to the standards being proposed by a statewide model ordinance. The City ordinance includes a maximum allowance for water that can be used to irrigate a newly developed landscape. The City of Rancho Cucamonga has always made an effort to be water efficient. When the Public Works Services compared the City's historic water use with the new standards, almost all City parks met the standard.

The City has also started a recycled water program. Landscaped medians on Sixth Street, entry monuments at Haven Avenue and Fourth Street, and the Empire Lakes Gold Course are using recycled water.

Recycled water is thoroughly treated, extensively tested wastewater. Advanced treatment removes bacteria and pollutants, then the water undergoes exhaustive tests to ensure it meets strict standards set by the California Department of Public Health and Regional Water Quality Control Board. The water is delivered in a system that is completely separate from the drinking water system and is carried in clearly marked purple pipes.

Seven more sites will come online before year's end. Rancho Cucamonga is using recycled water provided by a partnership with the Cucamonga Valley Water District and the Inland Empire Utilities Agency.

Energy Efficiency

Energy efficiency is another part of Rancho Cucamonga's move toward sustainability. At the Family Sports Center, Public Works replaced 36 gymnasium lights with florescent lighting, saving 184 watts per fixture and reducing the waste heat from the bulbs too, making it easier to cool the building. LED lights, another energy-reduced lighting technology, are already being used in traffic signals both for new signals and as replacements when fixtures burn out. In traffic signals, LED lamps last five times as long as conventional bulbs and in other uses their lifespan can be as much as 20 times greater than conventional lamps. The City is researching other suitable uses for LED fixtures.

Alternative fuels, water conservation, and energy efficiency—they all add up to a greener Rancho Cucamonga. You may not realize, however, that these green initiatives also conserve another important resource—money. Paying less for vehicle fuel, less for landscape irrigation, and cutting electricity costs for lighting and cooling all add up to important savings.

New Online Services Reduce Trips

Already recognized for its robust array of online services, the City of Rancho Cucamonga has added more opportunities to deliver services online, reduce costs and reduce the City's carbon footprint. Every time a service can be delivered online and avoid a mailing, or a vehicle trip, Rancho Cucamonga gets a little greener.

This year, these new online services were added to the City's website at www.cityofrc.us.

Solicitation and management of bids for materials and services

Now vendors can create and maintain their company information online, receive bid notifications, and submit proposals and quotes.



Auctions of surplus City equipment

Everything from vehicles to fire fighting equipment is offered for sale on the City's new online auction site. Click the "Purchasing Online" icon on the City's homepage at www.cityofrc.us.

Pet Licenses and Web Donations

Animal Services has gone online with pet licensing and now offers all website visitors a chance to support the work of Animal Services by donating online at www.rcpets.info.

Volgistics—keeping track of City volunteers

Volunteers contribute thousands of hours of

valuable time and save the City many thousands of dollars annually. Now volunteers can apply online, sign up for work shifts, and track their hours of service via the internet.

Business License Online

Get your own personal identification number (PIN) and renew your business license online.

My Neighborhood

No more trips to City Hall for basic geographic information about a property. My Neighborhood allows users to search for a property based on an address and retrieve information about zoning, General Plan designations, services, utilities, special districts, flood control, school districts, and nearby parks.

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FY 2009-2010 Budget Update

City Council Adopts 2009 Goals

Every year in January, the Rancho Cucamonga City Council establishes its goals for the year. Here is a summary of the 2009 adopted goals:

1: PUBLIC SAFETY:

Proactively develop public safety programs and facilities to meet community needs.

2: ORGANIZATIONAL DEVELOPMENT:

Develop and implement workforce development programs for the internal City organization.

3: PARKS AND RECREATION DEVELOPMENT:

Proceed with planning and development of major parks and recreational projects.

4: ENHANCING PREMIER COMMUNITY STATUS:

As the community matures, undertake programs and projects to enhance Rancho Cucamonga's position as the premier community in our region.

5: MID AND LONG RANGE PLANNING:

Begin efforts to develop mid-range and long-term goals and vision for the City

The City of Rancho Cucamonga has adopted a balanced budget for Fiscal Year 2009-2010. The City's policy of fiscal responsibility is to meet the challenges of the current economy by using a menu of options designed to scale back, cut costs, and save money to contain what will be the third year of general revenue decline, while continuing to meet residents' needs for services and overall quality of life.

Rancho Cucamonga is not alone in having to deal with these challenges. Virtually all other local government agencies as well as the State of California are in a similar situation. The City's General Fund supports the majority of basic public services and relies on revenues that are primarily tied to the general economy. The credit squeeze on new development and business, decreased consumer spending, declining property values, increased property tax delinquencies, continuing mortgage defaults, and the general economic downturn affect the City's main revenue sources.

Overall, the City's sales tax revenues, 40% of the General Fund, are down 18.5% over the past two years as a result of reduced consumer spending and consolidations and bankruptcies in the retail sector leading to closed storefronts. As business revenues have decreased, so have business license fees, down approximately 15% from their high point. As new

development has declined, development fees have also declined. The same is true for property tax revenues, affected not only by mortgage defaults but also by property tax defaults and property value declines. As unemployment has risen and businesses have cut back, business travel has declined leading to a 16% decline in transient occupancy tax from hotels. The State Budget crisis continues to affect revenues passed through from the State, such as vehicle license fees. The bright spot is the stability and nominal growth of franchise fees, primarily based on increases in commodity prices for natural gas, electricity and refuse collection.

Rancho Cucamonga's 2009-2010 budget is balanced through the following deficit reduction measures: leaving vacant staff positions unfilled where feasible; re-organizing to bring services formerly provided by outside contractors in-house; reducing expenses for travel, electricity and water, and other material purchases; reassigning General Fund staffing costs to capital projects as appropriate; suspending depreciation costs; implementing a one-time incentive to employees for voluntary early retirement; and using approximately \$900,000 in reserves.

The current economic downturn has been far more extensive, deeper, and longer than anyone could have imagined. As difficult as the fiscal situation has been, the Departments and their staff have been dedicated to providing the best possible services under extraordinary conditions. The City will continue to provide the highest quality services possible at the most efficient cost and within the City's ongoing revenues.

CITY OPERATING BUDGET CITY GENERAL FUND, LIBRARY FUND, AND FIRE DISTRICT FUNDS

