

Preserving Turlock's Next 100 Years

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"100 Things to Go Green"

Earth Day, Everyday!

As Earth Day has come and gone this year, it is important to remember that doesn't mean it isn't still important to continue to be a good steward of the Earth. Activities such as recycling, conserving energy, water and natural resources and avoiding wasteful behaviors should be practiced year-round in the home, school, work and anywhere else you may go. If you would like to learn more about how to live a more Earth-friendly lifestyle, visit the City of Turlock's website and click on the "Go Green" tab and remember that Earth Day is everyday!

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Healthy Earth = Healthy Families Festival

This year's festival was aimed at educating and promoting environmental preservation activities as well as family togetherness and healthy living. Proving to be a hit with attendees, the days festivities included entertainment, food, fun and kids activities focused on celebrating Earth Day and environmental stewardship as well as recreational activities. Guests participated in Earth Day activities, interactive booths, hybrid vehicle displays, Earth Day games & crafts, environmental education booths and the Python Ron Show. Recreational activities included fitness demonstrations, sports, vendor booths, inflatable games (*obstacle course, bounce houses, etc.*), climbing walls, a family scavenger hunt, 1 Mile Family Fun Run "Dash for Cash" and the Freckles the Clown show.

Green Teen of the Month

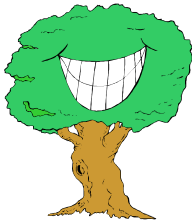


March's
Green Teen
of the Month
Ariel Vierra

Ariel is a senior at Turlock High School and an active member of the SAVE Club. She dedicates numerous hours to environmental beautification and awareness projects. "I will continue my efforts in doing my part in helping the environment," Vierra said. Ariel's suggestions on how to practice conservation at home include, "always do everything in moderation and try to recycle, reduce, and reuse."

Arbor Day Tree Planting Celebration

This year's Arbor Day Celebration was a step above the ordinary. Not only did the City of Turlock celebrate the earth conscious, annual



holiday but took the opportunity to commemorate the City's Centennial Anniversary as well. In recognition of the 100 year landmark, there were 100 trees planted in the newly dubbed "Centennial Park". Community citizens throughout Turlock sponsored the trees and were encouraged to be a part of the festivities by planting their trees. Additionally, a commemorative plaque with each of the tree sponsors' names is prominently displayed at the park site.

The Arbor Day tree-planting event normally combines City crews and City school children in a day of planting trees. Not only do the children learn hands-on of the important roles trees play in our community, but also new trees help anchor soil thus minimizing soil erosion. New trees help minimize runoff volume by capturing rain in the tree canopy; and the new trees help keep runoff temperatures cool as well.

Medeiros Students Learn What It Means To "Go Green"

This year Sandra Tovar Medeiros Elementary School will celebrated the first "Go Green Week" on April 21st-25th by participating in activities that educated students about the importance of environmentally-responsible behavior. The program included activities such as; school site visits by local business representatives, a school-wide recycling contest, and a "Wear Green Day". Green bracelets were worn by students and faculty throughout the entire week to raise awareness of the importance of environmental stewardship. The week was coordinated in conjunction with Earth Day, April 22nd and concluded with the City of Turlock's Arbor Day Tree Planting on Friday, April 25th and the annual Healthy Earth, Healthy Families- Family Fun Festival on Saturday, April 26th.

Through a partnership involving teachers, administrators and custodians and parents, the City of Turlock offers various programs to students that teach conservation and pollution prevention strategies through the practical application of recycling, composting, water conservation and waste reduction activities. The program encourages active participation in environmentally-responsible behavior inside and outside of the classroom. For more information on the City's programs, contact the Municipal Services Department at 209.668.5590, send an email to tcordell@turlock.ca.us or on the web at www.ci.turlock.ca.us/gogreen

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