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City of Malibu Observes Earth Month with Environmental Education Events, Sustainable Straw Give-Aways, Recycling Events and More

(Malibu, CA) – The City of Malibu encourages the entire community to join the 2018 Earth Month environmental activities, which include collection and recycling events for electronic and household hazardous waste and polystyrene foam, secure document shredding, and an environmentally-themed Malibu Library Speaker Series, all free of charge and open to the public.

“Every Malibu resident should be proud to live in such an earth-friendly community,” said Mayor Rick Mullen. “Join us during Earth Month to celebrate the environmental policies, educational opportunities, and recycling events that will help us preserve Malibu’s natural beauty for generations to come.”

A focal point of the Earth Month activities will be outreach and education efforts by the Environmental Sustainability Department about the City’s ordinance banning single-use plastic straws, stirrers and utensils that was passed by the Council in February and goes into effect June 1. As part of its outreach efforts, the City will distribute sustainable paper straws branded with “Keep it Clean Malibu” and #StrawlessOcean, together with information about how to comply with the ordinance and the sustainable alternatives that are commercially available.

The City has re-usable steel straws branded with #KeepitCleanMalibu available to anyone who comes to Malibu City Hall to pick one up during office hours, Monday to Thursday 7:30 AM to 5:30 PM and Fridays 7:30 AM to 4:30 PM. All we ask is that they post a photo on social media with the hashtags #MalibuForAStawlessOcean and #KeepitCleanMalibu to encourage everyone in the community to join the movement to stop using single-use plastic items to keep plastic pollution out of the environment.

Earth Month Proclamation in City Council

The City Council proclaimed March 24 through April 30, 2018 as “Earth Month” in Malibu during the March 12 City Council meeting.

Earth Hour – March 24

On Saturday, March 24 from 8:30 PM to 9:30 PM the City will observe Earth Hour by turning off facility lights for an hour to raise awareness about the need to conserve energy and to address climate change. Malibu residents and businesses are encouraged to join millions of people around the world for Earth Hour and commit to an action that protects the planet for the rest of the year. Learn more about Earth Hour at www.EarthHour.org.

Daily Environmental Tips

The City will post daily environmental tips on the website and social media March 24 to April 30. To see them all, visit www.MalibuCity.org/EarthDayTips starting on March 24.

"Waste to Waves" Polystyrene Foam Collection

Help prevent the plastic pollution that is devastating marine ecosystems and wildlife by dropping off polystyrene foam (white #6 block only, no peanuts or take-out food containers) at Malibu City Hall's upper parking lot April 1-30. As part of its "Waste to Waves" project, Sustainable Surf will recycle the polystyrene foam into foam cores to make more sustainable surfboards.

www.WasteToWaves.org.

Pepperdine Healthy Planet, Healthy You Sustainability and Wellness Fair

Malibu's Environmental Sustainability Team will be doing outreach about the City's environmental programs and policies and giving away re-usable, stainless steel smoothie straws with brush cleaners at Pepperdine University's Healthy Planet, Healthy You Sustainability and Wellness Fair. The event takes place on Tuesday, April 10 from 11:00 AM to 2:00 PM at Mullin Town Square. Celebrate Earth Day early, grab a healthy, sustainable bite to eat at the farmer's market, and learn about the connection between wellness and environmental protection at this event co-hosted by the Center for Sustainability and Human Resources. www.pepperdine.edu/climate-calling.

Malibu Library Speaker Series Earth Day Special

The April Malibu Library Speaker Series, in partnership with Pepperdine University's Climate Calling Conference during Earth Month, features environmental advocate and author Paul Hawken, Wednesday, April 11 at 7:00 PM at Pepperdine's Elkins Auditorium. Free. No RSVPs are required. For more information, visit www.MalibuCity.org/LibrarySpeakers or www.Pepperdine.edu/Climate-Calling.

Household Hazardous Waste & Electronics Recycling

On Saturday, April 21, 10:00 AM to 2:00 PM, residents can wrap up their spring cleaning at the City's free household hazardous waste and electronic waste collection event. Drop off latex paint, motor oil, batteries and electronics in the upper parking lot of Malibu City Hall to be safely and properly recycled. For a list of accepted materials, visit www.MalibuCity.org/HHW.

Secure Document Shredding

On Saturday, April 21, residents can drop off paper documents to be securely shredded and recycled for free from 10:00 AM to 2:00 PM in the upper parking lot of City Hall. The collection ends for this popular service when the truck is full, so arrive early.

For more information visit www.MalibuCity.org/EarthMonth2018.

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