Alhambra Certified Farmers Market to celebrate 35th anniversary

Alhambra’s Farmers Market will celebrate its 35th year anniversary from 8:30 a.m. to noon Sunday, Aug. 18. There will be cake and punch, while supplies last.

The birthday celebration, which will feature free crafts for children, face painting, jumpers, live entertainment, and animal balloons, is just the icing on the cake because the reason that hundreds of Alhambrians and nearby residents visit the market every week is for the fresh, California-grown fruits and produce.

Many Farmers Market visitors also grab a bite of lunch from one of the food vendors, but on Aug. 18 they’ll have their dessert first and then lunch.

The City of Alhambra Certified Farmers Market is located at 100 S. Second St., two blocks west of Garfield Ave., corner of Main Street and Second Street, and is open from 8:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. every Sunday of the year, except Easter, rain or shine.

The market accepts Farmers Market WIC, Farmers Market Senior WIC, and EBT.

For more information about the Farmers Market, call 626-570-5081, weekdays from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Cal State LA wins statewide award for zero-emission vehicle program

Cal State LA has once again been recognized as a leader in sustainability practices, winning a statewide award for its zero-emission vehicle sharing program.

The university’s Parking and Transportation Services and Cal State LA Hydrogen Research and Fueling Facility received a best practice award for sustainable transportation in the 2019 Energy Efficiency and Sustainability Best Practice Awards competition.

The contest, hosted by the California Higher Education Sustainability Conference, recognizes achievements in energy efficiency and sustainability at colleges and universities across California. Cal State LA representative presented on the winning program at the conference July 9 at UC Santa Barbara.

“Cal State LA continues to lead the way in introducing innovative alternative transportation options,” said Cal State LA President William A. Covelli. “This award underscores our commitment to serving the public good through our sustainability initiatives.”

Cal State LA’s popular shared mobility program includes 10 zero-emission WaveCar vehicles that are available for students, faculty, and staff to use daily within a 10-mile radius of the university. Commuters can easily leave their car at home, take public transit to Cal State LA and book a WaveCar for quick trips off campus for meetings, appointments, or other events. The vehicles can be driven at no cost for the first two hours and $5.99 for each additional hour.

The university will add five new WaveCar vehicles to its fleet for the start of the fall semester.

The program is a joint initiative between Parking and Transportation Services and the Hydrogen Research and Fueling Facility, with leadership from Carmen Gachupin, director for parking and transportation services; Michael Dray, fueling facility manager of operations and marketing; and David Blackman, fueling facility co-founder and professor in the College of Engineering, Computer Science, and Technology.

The fueling facility was the first in the world to sell hydrogen fuel by the kilogram directly to consumers. Using renewable energy resources, the facility produces fuel for hydrogen vehicles, such as the WaveCar, which only emit water vapor emissions. The facility is part of the College of Engineering, Computer Science, and Technology.

The statewide honor is the latest recognition for the university’s award-winning sustainability efforts. A team of Cal State LA students, led by faculty advisor Blackman, received a 2018 Clean Air Award from the South Coast Air Quality Management District for educating the public about energy efficient vehicles. Cal State LA Facilities, Planning and Construction received a best practice award from the CSU in 2018 for addressing energy efficiency in a retrofitting project of Salazar Hall.

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