City of Woodland

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E-NEWSLETTER

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December eNewsletter

This eNewsletter is part of the city's effort to keep residents informed of the latest issues and happenings. Each month city departments provide brief info items for your perusal. When you find an item of interest, click on the underlined link and you will be taken to a fuller discussion of that piece of news. If it motivates you to contact a city official or staff member, click on the appropriate name on the left. It's that simple. For further information about city events, go to the Woodland home page.

Public Works - Did you know...?

Did you know there are several ways to save money on energy? <u>Click here</u> for home energy saving tips.

October Water Use "Dashboard"

<u>Click here</u> for the October water use update. Visit the City's <u>Water Conservation web page</u> for water use data from previous months and for:

- A description of the City's Water Conservation Initiative
- Indoor and outdoor water conservation tips
- Links to fun websites for kids and educators
- Information on water use and energy consumption
- Links to many additional sources of information on local and regional water use and conservation

Environmental Services reminds residents, businesses and City Departments to cut back on winter landscape watering and to reset your irrigation controllers for the cooler, wetter weather. Go to www.cityofwoodland.orghttp://web.cityofwoodland.org/waterconservation to learn more.

Parenteen - Communication Maze

<u>Click here</u> to read about the Communication Maze that sometimes occurs when talking with our children.

Library Annual "Food for Fines" Campaign

The Woodland Public Library Annual "Food for Fines" Campaign continues through December 21, 2009. Click here for more information.

Acclaimed Author and Inspirational Speaker Sandy Holman at Woodland Public Library

Sandy Holman will offer an exciting and interactive program at the Woodland Public Library on Thursday, January 28, 2010 at 4 PM entitled "We All Have a Heritage: Exploring our Culture." Utilizing storytelling, music and dance, Ms. Holman will entertain and engage her audience. Although the program focus targets second to sixth graders, the entire community is welcomed for this program, sponsored by the Woodland Friends of the Library, which promises to uplift and inspire.

Sandy Holman has presented to thousands of youth and adults on a variety of topics such as diversity, the achievement gap, early childhood education, literacy, school success, resiliency, addressing the whole child and character education. She received her BA in psychology from UC Davis and her MS in school counseling from CSU Sacramento. She has received national, regional, and local awards for her books and presentations. These include the Human Relations Commission award for her efforts in Community Education and Awareness, a Martin Luther King recognition award and awards from Stepping Stones, Writers Digest and Blackboard for

her children's books. She was honored along with Al Gore, Quincey Jones, and other notable authors for her work in Multi-Cultural Children's Literature in New York City, and received the Blackboard Children's Book of the Year Award for her first book, *Grandpa, Is Everything Black Bad?* Her books are expanding the way people view literature for children and are being used in schools at all levels of education including training programs for educators. The upcoming program will be based upon her second book, *We All Have a Heritage*. A flyer is attached and more information is available at the Culture C.O.-O.P. website http://www.cultureco-op.com/. Mark your calendar today and plan to attend.

Woodland Businesses Named CoolCalifornia Award Winners

On December 2nd two Woodland area businesses were recognized for their exceptional efforts in reducing their climate impact by CoolCalifornia, an organization dedicated to advancing voluntary measures to reduce global warming pollution. <u>Follow this link</u> to find out who these businesses are and what they did to reduce climate impact.

2010 Community Service Awards

It's that time of the year again where the City of Woodland is accepting nominations from the public for the 2010 Community Service Awards. <u>Click here</u> for more information.

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