

## Better Technology In City Hall For Council Meeting Viewers

Upgraded audio visual equipment in the Council Chambers at City Hall will help improve access to public meetings for home viewers and audience members alike. By consolidating equipment in a room next to the Chambers, the aisle once dominated by free-standing cameras will be clear, thanks to remote controlled cameras that can capture a better view of the meetings. And monitors located outside the Chambers will help accommodate overflow on busy meeting nights. Coupled with the new streaming video available on-line, these changes will ensure that residents have plenty of access to meetings held at City Hall.



## Improving Elk Grove Trails



150 years ago, Elk Grove was best known for our trails. An effort spearheaded by the Elk Grove Trails Committee hopes to bring that recognition back – with a Trails Master Plan. Their challenge is connecting trails built for pedestrians, cyclists, and equestrians, with a city that covers 42 square miles. Bike lanes, bike routes and paseos will complement these off-street trails by providing better routes along the City's thoroughfares. A special meeting of the Trails Committee will be held this month to outline the plan, and gain public input – everyone's welcome!

**Tuesday, September 12  
6:30 p.m.  
City Hall Council Chambers  
8400 Laguna Palms Way**

## Take Your Recycling To The Next Level – Composting



Backyard composting is good for the environment, and good for your yard. Decomposing organic materials like grass clippings, leaves, and leftover fruits and vegetables can easily be processed into rich compost that helps plants grow better. And keeping it in your yard means less waste headed to landfills. Two upcoming workshops will help you better understand how to get this simple process started at your house.

**Sat., Oct. 21, 2006  
10:00am-12:00pm**

**Sat., Nov. 11, 2006  
10:00am-12:00pm.**

To be held at:  
**Elk Grove Community Garden**  
10025 Hampton Oaks Dr.

## Basics Of A Backyard Compost Pile

### Organic Materials

Gather some Carbon and Nitrogen based materials. Carbon materials may come from yard clippings such as fallen sawdust and dry grass. Nitrogen materials can be found in fruit and vegetable scraps. Put these two materials into a compost bin or pile.

### Moisture

To start the decomposition process water is needed. Your compost pile should be watered periodically. A moisture content of 40% is desired. This is the moisture content of a damp sponge.

### Air

Your pile will need to be aerated every one to two weeks to oxygenate the decomposer organisms.

### Surface Area

It is best to have your materials properly shredded before putting them into a compost pile. Doing so will increase the surface area that the decomposer organisms have to feed upon, and will help create compost faster.

**For more information about composting or to attend a workshop, visit [www.egtrashrecycleservices.org/composting.htm](http://www.egtrashrecycleservices.org/composting.htm) or call 916-478-2289. All workshop attendees will receive a free compost bin. FREE composting guides are available for pick up at City Hall.**

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