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Team Effort

Marathon's Los Angeles Refinery highlights its recent service projects across the region and longtime community partnerships



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A Message From Erlend Myhre



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I'd like to extend a warm greeting to the community—our neighbors near the Los Angeles Refinery (LAR). It's a pleasure to join you as Marathon's vice president of refining at LAR and to return to the Los Angeles area I called home for many years.

Prioritizing safety and supporting the community remain central to our focus, and in this newsletter edition, we highlight both of these foundational pillars. You'll read about recent service projects led by our employees, contractors, Summer Youth Program interns and our partners at Sharefest. Together, we've spearheaded several revitalization projects at schools in Carson and Wilmington—painting murals, refreshing landscaping and even adding new appliances to a teachers' lounge—to inspire students and staff to reach their highest potential.

Marathon employees also served hot meals to more than 400 guests at the Wilmington Senior Center during Thanksgiving, reflecting the generosity and spirit of togetherness that define the holiday season. We are also pleased to highlight programs from one of our valued partners, the Pacific Battleship Center aboard Battleship USS *IOWA*, that benefit students, veterans and residents throughout the greater Los Angeles area.

On the safety side, we share how regularly planned and unscheduled emergency preparedness drills at LAR help protect our communities and ensure Marathon employees remain ready to respond should a need arise. We also provide information on a proposed set of plant improvements called the Los Angeles Refinery Modernization

Projects. These proposed projects would not increase LAR's crude throughput but would enhance our operational flexibility, enabling us to better meet market demand for fuels as California works to balance its current and future energy needs. This newsletter also shares how you can learn more about these proposed projects.

Thank you for reading, and I look forward to getting to know more of you in the months ahead.

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The graphic features the Marathon logo (a red 'M' in a blue hexagon) on the left. To its right, the text reads 'We operate at the pleasure of the community.' Further right is a QR code with the text 'Scan and sign up to receive air quality notifications:'. Below this, the text '24/7 Community Hotline' is displayed in red. The bottom section is split into two columns: 'WILMINGTON PLANT' with phone number '(310) 522-6367' and 'CARSON PLANT' with phone number '(800) 377-2726'. At the bottom of each column, it states 'Fire alarms tested Wednesdays at 12:30 p.m.' and 'Comprobamos las alarmas de incendio los Miércoles a las 12:30 p.m.' with a lightbulb icon.

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Protecting and Serving

A partnership between the Pacific Battleship Center and Marathon's Los Angeles Refinery builds thriving educational and community programs



Marathon has donated more than \$1 million to the Pacific Battleship Center's critical community programs.

Battleship USS *IOWA* has an illustrious history—first as a warship that played instrumental roles in World War II, the Korean War and the Cold War and hosted United States presidents, and now as home to the nonprofit Pacific Battleship Center, an organization that pays tribute to the U.S.'s maritime legacy and offers a variety of enrichment initiatives. Currently located in the Port of Los Angeles, the Pacific Battleship Center estimates that its museum and programs (focused on its pillars of education, veterans and community) connect with over 250,000 residents and generate more than \$13 million in regional economic impact every year. For more than a decade, Marathon Petroleum has been a critical partner in those efforts, contributing over \$1 million in support.

"We'll always be this iconic battleship that has protected our country in multiple wars. In itself, it's really an engineering marvel," says Hall Roosevelt, the Pacific Battleship Center's director of sales and marketing. "But now, we are a hub that brings communities together. ... We're a lot more than just a museum that people come and visit."

The center doesn't receive government funding, so support from community partners like Marathon facilitates the success of student programs such as STEAM

at Sea, which helps youth explore science, technology, engineering, arts and math concepts and their connections to maritime careers during educational field trips on real ships. The Gravely Experience, another such initiative, is a speaker series, essay contest and scholarship program meant to pave paths to higher education. "[Supporters like Marathon] are the lifeblood to everything that we're able to do," Roosevelt adds. "It enables us to always evolve and be relevant as youth and generations change."

The Los Angeles Refinery is also a regular participant in the center's LA Fleet Week, an educational and fun-filled festival on the waterfront during Memorial Day weekend that encourages its hundreds of thousands of attendees to learn more about the U.S. Navy. Last year, Marathon also joined the center's Los Angeles Disaster Recovery and Resilience Collective, founded in the wake of the 2025 fires to aid in moments of disaster. The ship has hosted Marathon events such as the Los Angeles Refinery's centennial celebration in spring of 2023.

"We wouldn't have been able to get to where we're at today without Marathon's support," says center president and CEO Jonathan Williams. "We wouldn't be able to serve the community and be a community anchor like we are. It's really made it possible for us to expand, grow and impact the harbor community, South Bay communities [and] throughout L.A."



The Los Angeles Refinery's centennial celebration took place on the ship.



Marathon's John Stubbs presents a plaque to Gulf Avenue Elementary School.

In the Community

Highlights of the Los Angeles Refinery's recent local service projects

Service projects and giving back to our communities have always been hallmarks of our work at Marathon Petroleum, and the initiatives we supported in 2025 were no exception. From school beautification projects to supporting those in need during the holiday season, we reaffirmed our commitment to providing community investments and volunteer hours to improve quality of life across the region. The following are a few examples of how our Marathon team showed up for others during the latter part of the year.

EDUCATION

In July, participants in our annual Summer Youth Program—an internship that welcomed teens from



Summer Youth Program participants add to the landscaping at Curtiss Middle School.

eight area high schools to the refinery—completed a beautification project at Curtiss Middle School & Global Engineering Magnet in Carson. With support from the Summer Youth Committee, students exercised their leadership and service skills while adding fresh paint and landscaping to the school grounds.

Also last summer, more than 50 Los Angeles refinery employees and contractors volunteered at Wilmington’s Gulf Avenue Elementary School to revitalize the teachers’ lounge with new furniture and appliances, along with refreshed landscaping and new murals across the school grounds. The murals included motivational messages emphasizing respect, safety and responsibility for students.

In addition, a Marathon volunteer team visited Wilmington’s George de la Torre Jr. Elementary School to address landscaping and painting needs, inspiring students with colorful messages such as “Today We Are College Ready” and “Tomorrow We Are College Bound.”

Marathon’s school beautification efforts are intended to energize learning environments by transforming campuses into inviting spaces that motivate students and reflect the community’s commitment to education. The projects were carried out in collaboration with Sharefest, a long-standing partner of the Los Angeles Refinery that works to support Los Angeles area high school students (especially those at risk of disengaging from school) by connecting them to pathways for long-term success and financial stability.

To mark the collaboration, Marathon presented plaques at each of the three campuses, recognizing the collective efforts and underscoring the enduring partnerships between the refinery, schools and surrounding communities.

HOLIDAYS

As the winter season approached, the Los Angeles Refinery embraced the spirit of giving by hosting a Thanksgiving meal at the Wilmington Senior Center. More than 400 residents enjoyed a hot meal, and seniors and families in need were able to select jackets from a coat drive organized by Marathon employees and contractors. The Rotary



Above: Volunteers serve over 400 meals at the Wilmington Senior Center on Thanksgiving. **Below:** Erlend Myhre and other refinery representatives are proud to support the Wilmington community.



Club of Wilmington joined the event by distributing toiletry kits to attendees and has supported the holiday meal for the past five years.

As part of the festivities, Marathon contributed \$15,000 to the center to replace its main entrance and help ensure the safety of the seniors who rely on its services. Volunteers also delivered food to unhoused members of the Wilmington community. In December, Marathon continued the season of giving through its annual Adopt-a-Family program and a toy giveaway at a local school.



Marathon prioritizes employee and community safety.

Did You Know ... ?

Commitment to community safety and emergency readiness

At Marathon Petroleum, the health and safety of our employees and the communities we serve are paramount. That is why the Los Angeles Refinery regularly conducts emergency preparedness drills—both scheduled and unannounced—to ensure our workforce and partners at the local, state and national levels are ready to respond to any scenario.

“We want to ensure our team is tested and prepared to respond quickly and efficiently to protect the communities and environment in which we operate,” says emergency preparedness coordinator Court Hemerick.

Throughout the year, the emergency preparedness group conducts a wide range of drills, often in coordination with agencies such as the United States Coast Guard, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), Los Angeles County fire and police departments, the Long Beach Fire Department, and the California Department of Fish and Wildlife’s Office of Spill Prevention and Response (Cal OSPR), among others. Each exercise tests Marathon’s contingency plans for accuracy and effectiveness and helps identify opportunities for improvement. The plans are reviewed and updated annually, or more frequently as needed.

Planned deployment exercises typically involve deploying booms at multiple locations in the water to simulate oil spill containment, along with other response actions. All activities and notifications are formally documented. Marathon also uses drone technology during these exercises to practice relaying critical tactical information to the Incident Command

Post-Deployment exercises are conducted on a semi-annual basis.

Unannounced government-issued exercises may be ordered annually by the Coast Guard, Cal OSPR or the EPA. Marathon also conducts its own unannounced drills. These exercises help ensure teams are prepared to respond quickly and effectively in real situations, protecting the safety of the community, employees and the environment. Unannounced drills may include response actions to scenarios like an oil spill, including notifications, deployment of booms and other recovery systems, safety discussions, and internal and external communications—all within required time frames.

Planned tabletop exercises are conducted on a larger scale, with participation ranging from 20 to 120 individuals. These exercises bring together local agencies and contract companies, along with members of Marathon’s Incident Management Team and field operations teams. “Different aspects of the response are tested through these exercises, including plans for community air monitoring, environmental protection strategies, shoreline cleanup and assessment, community engagement, media engagement, and more,” says Hemerick. The Los Angeles Refinery consistently achieves top performance ratings in government-issued drills, meeting timing requirements well ahead of stated goals.

Marathon also conducts quarterly notification-only exercises that test contingency plan communications “to ensure they are accurate and that initial responders can make timely calls,” adds Hemerick. Post-drill “hot washes,” or reviews, provide opportunities for coaching, feedback and continuous improvement.

Actual emergency responses are few and far between, says Hemerick, but the team needs to stay prepared. “At the end of the day, we can say we’ve put in every effort to be prepared, and we feel confident that our team will be ready to respond if needed,” he adds. “We want to protect the community, which is our biggest asset, and protect the environment. These are the highest priorities for Marathon.”

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