



Seascape

This issue dedicated in memory of Mayor Ken Genser

CITY WELCOMES ROD GOULD AS NEW CITY MANAGER

Rodney S. Gould officially joins the City of Santa Monica on January 22, replacing retiring City Manager P. Lamont Ewell. Mr. Gould's remarkable resume includes a bachelor's degree in Economics and Political Science from Yale University and master's degrees in both Public Administration and Education from Harvard University. He has previously served as city manager in the cities of Monrovia, San Rafael and Poway, California. He is a past president of the League of California Cities' City Managers Department and has served on the League's Board of Directors since 2007.

Speaking on behalf of the Council, Mayor Pro Tempore Pam O'Connor said at the December 8, 2009 Council meeting, "We're pleased to have found someone who we think will be able to lead the city with a steady hand, who brings a wealth of experience and education from

Southern California as well as around the country."

Graciously accepting his appointment, Mr. Gould spoke of his appreciation for the city's breadth of quality services and leadership in areas including

sustainability, housing issues and transportation. "The vibrancy, dynamism and civic engagement in Santa Monica make it the most exciting city in California today."

The City of Santa Monica welcomes Mr. Gould, his wife Rosaline and their two children to the community.



Don Mira

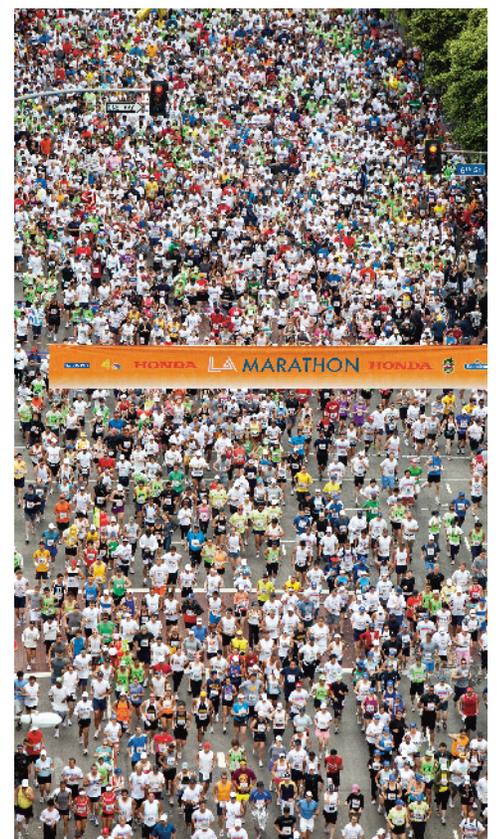
FROM THE STADIUM TO THE SEA: 25th Annual L.A. Marathon to Finish in Santa Monica!

In November, L.A. Marathon organizers and officials from Santa Monica and three neighboring cities unveiled the 2010 L.A. Marathon course. Runners will begin at Dodger Stadium at 7:20 a.m. on March 21 and wind through Los Angeles, West Hollywood, Beverly Hills and Santa Monica for a photogenic finish in front of the Pacific Ocean, just steps from the Santa Monica Pier. The new course showcases signature Los Angeles sites, including Los Angeles City Hall, the Hollywood Walk of Fame, the Kodak Theater, Sunset Strip and Rodeo Drive.

Participants will enter Santa Monica on San Vicente Blvd. at Mile 23 of the 26.2-mile course. The course continues west on San Vicente Blvd. to Ocean Ave. and then heads south to the finish line at Santa Monica Blvd. Runners and spectators are invited to rehydrate, recover and enjoy the festivities planned in the parking lot north of the Santa Monica Pier.

The Santa Monica Fire and Police Departments are working closely with local and regional partners to ensure a safe, secure, and fun marathon experience for participants, spectators, and those who live and work in the City of Santa Monica. Public safety personnel and resources will be allocated specifically to support the race so that normal operations will not be impacted. Organizers are working on a complete transportation plan to help participants use carpooling and mass transit to cut down on event traffic. Marathon participation is capped at 25,000 runners, and thousands of spectators are anticipated to cheer the runners along the new course. Be aware that some street closures will be in effect in Santa Monica and throughout Los Angeles on the day of the event – check www.smgov.net/lamarathon for more information.

The L.A. Marathon is more than a race – it's a total community effort, and runners need support and encouragement at every turn. Even if you're not a runner, the L.A. Marathon needs volunteers to staff check-in, water stations and more. So get involved!



This will be one of the most exciting courses in the world... for both veteran runners and first timers, this is the year to run the L.A. Marathon.

~ Rod Dixon

L.A. Marathon Director of Training
New York Marathon winner
and Olympic medalist

For information and a map of the new course, please visit www.smgov.net/lamarathon.

Briefly...

CITY HALL, 1685 MAIN STREET, is open Monday through Thursday from 7:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m., and every other Friday from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Most city offices are closed on alternate Fridays as part of the city's commute trip reduction plan to improve air quality – January 15 & 29, February 12 & 26, March 12 & 26, April 9 & 23. Payment and permit services are available every Friday – please call for the counter hours of your preferred service. All city offices will be closed on January 18 in observance of Martin Luther King Jr. Day and on February 15 in observance of Presidents' Day.

NEW IN TOWN? Our new resident packet is filled with information to help you get familiar with your new neighborhood, including the City Services Directory, maps, parking and bus information, Family Guide, and more. Just send an email request to 411@smgov.net or call (310) 458-8411 and we'll drop one in the mail, or stop by the Information Desk in the City Hall lobby to pick one up.

THE 2010 U.S. CENSUS is hiring in Santa Monica in January and February 2010! Please call 866-861-2010 or visit www.2010censusjobs.gov to complete an application and take the practice test.

THE 2010 CENSUS: A NEW PORTRAIT OF AMERICA

In 2010 the Census will create a new portrait of America by counting an estimated 310 million United States residents. Quantified Census data is used to create Congressional districts, insuring that residents have a voice in government to represent their interests. It also determines how more than \$400 billion in federal funding will be allocated annually to programs and services for residents. It's important that every person living in our community be counted, regardless of age, economic or legal status.

United States[™]
Census
2010

You can expect to receive your Census 2010 questionnaire in the mail this coming April. Returning the survey is required by law. There are only ten questions, and it will take most people about ten minutes to complete it. It will include a postage-paid envelope. It's never been so easy to do something important to help your community.

The 2010 Census is safe. By law, all personal information is protected and cannot be shared with any other agency, including the IRS and ICE. Every Census employee takes an oath for life to protect all confidential information gathered.

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If you are interested in the kind of statistical data the Census provides, you can visit Census.gov – American FactFinder and type in any zip code in the country. The information you'll find is helpful for students writing informative papers, residents interested in moving to a new community, entrepreneurs looking for the best location to open a business, and even local governments in determining where new schools and services would be most beneficial. This is how Census data helps our communities grow and prosper.

Make sure you're counted so that you become part of this new portrait of America.

Visit www.census.gov for more information.

SANTA MONICA

Seascope

Seascope is a publication of the City of Santa Monica designed to inform residents about city programs and services. Please e-mail editorial information and comments to seascope@smgov.net or mail to:

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In accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, *Seascope* is available in alternate formats by calling the City Manager's Office at (310) 458-8301 (TDD/TTY 917-6626).

city tv highlights

Catch CityTV's newest series, "**CLOSE-UP ON HEALTH**," airing weekdays at 2 p.m. on CityTV, Time Warner Cable channel 16. Hosted by Gail Choice, "Close-up on Health" features health tips and information to help you live well and be healthy. Topics include fitness and exercise; Alzheimer's disease; vitamins; heart health; women's health and more! "Close-up on Health" is produced in partnership with Kaiser Permanente Los Angeles Medical Center.

WHAT'S YOUR FORTÉ? Forté, CityTV's newest channel, debuts on cable channel 99. Forté is a channel dedicated to lifelong learning, with programs that will show you how to cook, paint, garden, ballroom dance, exercise, and more!

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Future Vision for a Connected City Center

Santa Monica's Downtown has long been separated from the Civic Center by the Santa Monica Freeway. What if the freeway was covered and the space above captured as new public space that connected the Downtown, Civic Center, and new Expo Light Rail Station? What would it be like to walk from the Station over the freeway and right into the city's new civic park, then stroll to the Civic Auditorium or the Pier?

The vision to cover and connect across freeways has taken root in other cities like Chicago and Seattle, where invigorating public places with art, recreation and activities have been built over major roads. To explore this vision, Santa Monica has hired a world-class design and engineering firm to study and design



concepts for the area between Ocean Avenue and 4th Street in Downtown. The feasibility study will look at many options, both the practical aspects to improve our air quality, increase our green space, and foster city-wide sustainability; and opportunities to transform the Downtown and Civic Center by connecting the future Light Rail Station and Colorado Esplanade, Palisades Park, the future Palisades Garden Walk, City Hall, the Civic Auditorium, Santa Monica Place and the Third Street Promenade.

This idea has come alive in Santa Monica through the coordinated visioning for the Land Use and Circulation Element (LUCE) and the implementation of the Downtown/Civic Center projects. You are

invited to continue this discussion through upcoming community meetings hosted by the Planning and Community Development Department early in the year. For more information, go to www.shapethefuture2025.net or email sarah.lejeune@smgov.net.

Renters and property owners, mark your calendars!

The staff of the Rent Control Board has announced its 2010 schedule of informational seminars to explain Santa Monica's Rent Control ordinances and answer questions. All events are free and are held in the 2nd Floor Multi-Purpose Room at the Santa Monica Main Public Library, 601 Santa Monica Blvd.

March 2, 2010, 9:30 a.m. - noon

Presentation: Owning Rental Property in Santa Monica

Owners and managers are welcome to learn the basics of the Santa Monica Rent Control Law. Topics covered include rents, amenities, maintenance, eviction limitations, restrictions on change of use, and the services of the Rent Control office. Avoid common pitfalls and ask questions!

May 11, 2010, 6:30 - 9 p.m.

Presentation: Tenant Seminar on Santa Monica Rent Control Law

Tenants and prospective tenants can learn what services are available; what rent must be paid and what amenities are included in the rent; what maintenance the owner must perform; the remedies available for rent, amenity and maintenance issues; and about the eviction protections of Rent Control law.

July 13, 2010, 6:30 p.m. (6 p.m. check-in)

Workshop for Owners and Managers on Calculating and Noticing the Annual Rent Increase

Clinic with individual help. Presentation topics include:

- How much rent can be charged
- How to determine the Maximum Allowable Rent
- How to calculate the annual rent increase
- How to calculate surcharges
- How to calculate and notice the allowable rent

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California Aviation Hall of Fame to be housed at Air Museum

The new Museum of Flying, scheduled to open by summer 2010, will have a special section dedicated to the aviation visionaries of California that have made significant contributions to the advancement and development of the aviation and aerospace fields. The California Hall of Fame, a new addition to the museum, will honor Hall of Fame inductees and display images, artifacts, and ephemera related to those individuals.

"We are honored to have the opportunity to present and preserve this important piece of California history in the new California Aviation Hall of Fame," stated David G. Price, Chairman of the Museum of Flying. "The aviation and aerospace industries played a key role in the growth of the California economy beginning in the early 1920's and continues to do so today".



Chad Slattery, Aeropix

For more information, please visit www.MuseumofFlying.com

Less Toxic Pest Control Tips for the Smart Consumer

Spring is on its way, bringing beautiful flowers, singing birds, and longer days to enjoy outdoors. Spend your time and money wisely this year by choosing sustainable, less toxic ways to control insects, weeds, and other outdoor and indoor pests. The City of Santa Monica has developed a series of pest control guides to help you free your home and garden of unwanted pests without harmful chemicals. With our environmental quality and your family's health and safety in mind, these guides outline pest prevention and control methods and products that are recommended by leading experts in the field of integrated pest management. Most of the safer products listed in the guides can be found at local stores. Tips on using less water, fertilizer, and time are also included. Choose from guides on the following topics:

- Slugs and Snails in Your Garden
- Aphids in Your Garden
- Growing a Healthy Garden
- Tips for a Pest-Free Lawn
- Wonderful Roses
- How to Control Weeds
- Ants
- Cockroaches
- Fleas
- Yellowjackets

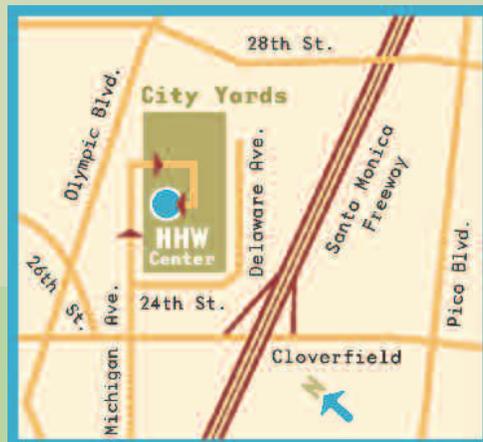
Download guides free of charge from www.sustainablesm.org (search "pests") or contact the Office of Sustainability and the Environment at (310) 458-2213.

The Household Hazardous Waste Center

*A Safe, Easy and Free Service
for Santa Monica Residents!*

**New Hours
For 2010!**

NEW HOURS OF OPERATION
Wednesday – Friday, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.
Saturday 9 a.m to 2 p.m.



Located at 2500 Michigan Avenue

Do not abandon waste when closed.
To report abandoned waste call (310) 458-8679.

For instructions on proper disposal and accepted materials please visit sustainablesm.org/hhw or call (310) 458-2213.



SANTA MONICA FARMERS MARKET PRESENTS:

The Immoveable Feast: Deep Roots and Lofty Dreams

Thursday, February 11, 7 – 9 p.m.
Santa Monica Public Library, MLK Auditorium
Free and open to the public



Fruit trees can produce well into their eighties, but their permanence can also be a liability when the effects of drought, insect invasion, changing customer demand and delayed innovation combine to decrease production. This panel of experienced growers and fruit tree experts will discuss how they protect the flavor and quality of their fruit by combining age-old growing practices and bold innovations.

BANDS WANTED! The City of Santa Monica will be accepting applications during the month of April 2010 for musical entertainment to perform during the 2010-2011 performance year (July 2010 – June 2011) at the Sunday Main Street Farmers Market. Bands performing original and classic children's music as well as bands with original work are encouraged to apply. The Farmers Market has a relaxed, family-friendly atmosphere. For information and application details, please visit www.smgov.net/farmers_market. All applications must be received by Thursday, April 29 at 5 p.m.

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Following the presentation, there will be a clinic with individual assistance in calculating the annual rent increase for specific properties. Advance registration is required for this workshop.

September 14, 2010, 9 a.m. – noon

Seminar: Maintenance of Residential Rental Property

Tenants, owners and other interested parties are welcome to this presentation by Rent Control staff and Santa Monica Code Compliance Officers covering the following topics:

- What happens when a complaint is made to the Rent Control Board or Code Compliance or other city departments
- What must be repaired and maintained, and who is responsible for the cost
- Petitions for rent decrease
- Maintenance of amenities
- Relocation of tenants during repairs
- Habitability standards, bootleg units, plumbing, paint, appliances and heat

Pre-registration is recommended for all events. To register call 310-458-8751 or e-mail rentcontrol@smgov.net

Think Green, Choose Green, Live Green

The Green Business Certification program, offered by Sustainable Works in partnership with the City of Santa Monica, Santa Monica Chamber of Commerce and Convention and Visitors Bureau, continues to attract amazing businesses that are raising the bar in green innovations. When it comes to using energy and water efficiently and reducing waste and pollution, these businesses are demonstrating leadership in their sectors while making important contributions to our local economy.



Santa Monica Certified Green Businesses have implemented mandatory and optional green measures that protect the environment and human health. Compliance with green measures is verified by staff of the City of Santa Monica and Sustainable Works. Businesses that complete the program receive a two-year certification and recognition of their efforts through advertising and increased visibility. Look for the distinctive Green Business Certification decal in the window of participating businesses and help to shape our sustainable future.

Learn more about the Green Business Certification Program by visiting www.smgbc.org.

DOCENTS NEEDED Love the Annenberg Community Beach House? Want to become part of this amazing community destination? Become a docent! Docents provide guided tours of the Beach House, including the Marion Davies Guest House. Training by the Santa Monica Conservancy begins February 27. Visit www.smconservancy.org, or call 310-496-3146 for more information.

Lecture Series at Santa Monica College

Randy Shaw: Activism in the Age of Obama

Thursday, March 25, 2010

SMC's UC Press Series presents Randy Shaw, activist and author of "Beyond the Fields: Cesar Chavez, the UFW and the Struggle for Justice in the 21st Century", where he traces the roots of President Obama's 2008 election outreach model to the UFW campaigns of the 1960s and 1970s. This free lecture begins at 11:15 a.m. and will be held at HSS 165, Santa Monica College Main Campus, 1900 Pico Boulevard.

Dr. Peter Edmunds: The Acid Test for Coral Reefs in Hot Water

Tuesday, May 25, 2010

Marine biologist and professor at California State University Northridge, Dr. Peter Edmunds has devoted his career to studying the world's coral reef population, and how growing human pressures such as global environmental changes affect the reefs. This free lecture begins at 11:15 a.m. and will be held at SCI 140, Santa Monica College Main Campus, 1900 Pico Boulevard.

Call (310) 434-4003 for details or visit www.smc.edu/associates

Spring Tips for Home from Architecture Services

The City of Santa Monica Architecture Services Division offers the following tips from our green building knowledge base to help you save energy, water and money this spring:

■ PUT A COOL ROOF OVER YOUR HEAD

The sun's radiation causes heat to transfer into buildings. Cool roof applications are an easy way to cut air conditioning costs as the weather warms. Visit www.coolroofs.org.

■ MADE IN THE SHADE

Install an outdoor shade structure (trellis, sunscreen or groups of trees or plants) to reduce heat gain into adjacent rooms

and provide an architectural element to your space.

■ HARVEST THE RAIN

Seasonal rains remind us of Southern California's water shortage and our increasing need to conserve water. Take advantage of rebates this season and purchase a rain barrel or cistern to collect rainwater. Visit www.bewaterwise.com.

■ STOP THE FLOW

When planning landscaping, decks or a driveway, switching to permeable concrete or pervious pavers keeps excess water onsite and prevents pollutants from flowing

into the Santa Monica Bay. Keeping water onsite saves money, greens the landscape and helps improve local water quality.

■ FLUSH YOUR OLD TOILET

According to EPA WaterSense, 30% of indoor water use is from toilets. If you're in the market for a new toilet, we recommend purchasing a water-efficient dual-flush toilet with 1.6 or .8 gallons per flush (gpf) options. Visit www.epa.gov/WaterSense.

To contact the city's Architecture Services Division, email architecture@smgov.net or call (310) 458-2205.

HOUSING SANTA MONICA'S MOST VULNERABLE HOMELESS



In January 2008, the City of Santa Monica and local service providers and community partners began surveying homeless individuals, creating a service registry of the most vulnerable and chronically homeless people in Santa Monica. The survey includes questions about age, number of years on the streets, previous housing situations, physical and mental health, drug and

alcohol use, and run-ins with the law. Survey data produces a Vulnerability Score to predict an individual's likelihood of dying on the streets unless permanently housed.

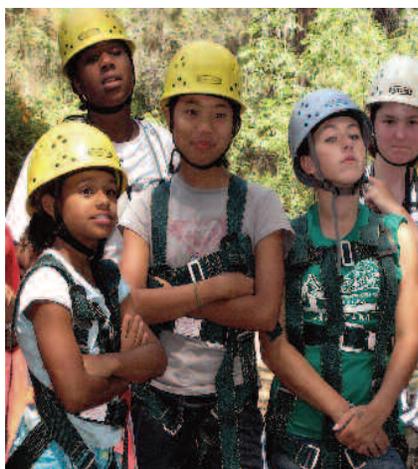
By the end of September, 391 individuals had been surveyed and over half (57%) were vulnerable. Since the program began, 63 individuals have received the support they need to move off the streets and into permanent housing.

Placing homeless people in permanent housing with services not only improves everyone's quality of life – it is also cost-effective. The United Way of Greater Los Angeles (www.unitedwayla.org) has released a study demonstrating that it would cost taxpayers less to provide housing for homeless individuals than to allow them remain homeless. The survey of four Los Angeles-area individuals found that it cost taxpayers \$107,032 to provide housing and other benefits to a homeless person for two years, compared to \$187,288 in public costs for two years living on the street. This finding mirrors other local and national studies that have demonstrated that people who are homeless often use a variety of public systems in an inefficient and costly way.

For more information, go to www.smgov.net/homelessness_action

Rosie's Girls Spring Challenge: BUILDING OUR FUTURE TOGETHER

The most unique camp experience for girls happens in Santa Monica! Rosie's Girls alumnae are paired with fifth grade girls to introduce them to the Rosie's Girls experience. Older girls work side-by-side with fifth grade girls on fun, hands-on projects in carpentry and welding, creative expression and physical challenges. Girls develop critical thinking and leadership skills as they explore issues such as gender roles, body image and social pressure. Rosie's Girls is an award-winning, national program designed for middle school girls to build self esteem, leadership and physical confidence through an exploration of trades and non-traditional activities.



Fifth grade girls who are interested in challenging activities and finding out how much they can achieve are eligible to participate, as well as Rosie's Girls alumnae – girls who have participated in Rosie's Girls for one or more summers who are interested in leading and being role models in the program.

The program runs April 5-9 and registration begins on February 10. For more information, including registration, payment plan and Rosie's Girls summer programs, see page 18 in *Recscape*, call (310) 458-8688 or visit www.smgov.net/rosiesgirls.

Santa Monica Police Activities League

PAL provides educational, cultural and recreational programs for youth ages 6-17 at the main facility at 1401 Olympic Blvd. and a fitness center at Virginia Avenue Park! A full slate of enrichment classes will be offered this spring, including classes in cooking, performing arts, arts and crafts and dance.

You won't want to miss special spring programs and events, including bicycling in the L.A. Marathon, hiking, basketball or skiing in the local mountains. An array of fitness classes including karate, boxing, weight training and open workouts are now available for youth ages 6-24. Coaches and instructors for the PAL program include Santa Monica Police Officers, staff from the Community and Cultural Services Department, and volunteers. PAL is looking for volunteers to help with homework assistance, special events and field trips.

PAL HOMEWORK ROOM

Hours: Mon–Thu 2:30–6:30 p.m.
Computers available until 9 p.m.

PAL GYM @ MEMORIAL PARK

1401 Olympic Blvd.
Hours: Mon-Fri noon–8 p.m., Sat noon–6 p.m.
Friday nights w/PAL for youth ages 13-17, 6 p.m.–1 a.m.
You must sign up weekly.

PAL FITNESS GYM @ VIRGINIA AVENUE PARK

2200 Virginia Avenue
Hours: Mon-Fri noon–8 p.m., Sat 9 a.m.–5 p.m.

1401 Olympic Blvd. | (310) 458-8988 | www.smgov.net/hsd/pal

Volunteer Santa Monica

What better time than the New Year to consider volunteering in your community? We welcome your ideas to develop short term projects which may tap into your unique abilities while bettering our beautiful city. Have you considered leading tai chi or creative movement classes for seniors? Perhaps you have a knack for photography that could lead to implementation of a photo club, or website development or computer skills that you could put to use in a unique community service opportunity? Or perhaps you have a passion for the environment that could benefit our eco-conscious community. The possibilities are endless.

Ongoing volunteer openings in City of Santa Monica programs include mentoring teens and tutoring youth, serving with Special Olympic athletes, assisting at Farmers Markets, working with 50+ & Senior Programs, assisting the Police Community Relations section at community fairs, and serving in Disaster Preparedness groups under the Fire Department's supervision.

Please call the Volunteer Program office at 310.458.8300 or email volunteer@smgov.net to get involved. Check www.smgov.net under "Living Here" for program updates.

WHAT'S HAPPENING @ VIRGINIA AVENUE PARK



- **Spring Break: March 29 - April 9** Spring break camps, art classes, field trips, games, fitness programs and more will engage youth 6-21 years of age. Programs are free and open to Santa Monica residents or students of SMMUSD schools. Spring break will offer you the opportunity to try new things, like art-making for teens at the annual Park Studio workshop.
- **Spring Programs** Our school support team is on your side with homework help for all grade levels and college preparation for high school students. We also host a variety of fun cultural arts classes such as airbrushing, painting, photography, DJ-ing, theatre production and cooking. Get fit with the fitness program or martial arts classes at the VAP PAL gym.
- **Saturdays at VAP** Youth up to age 13 are welcome in the Saturday Kidz Zone, 9 a.m. – 2 p.m. each week. Drop in for arts and crafts, sports, cooking and more – all programs are free.
- **Volunteer** VAP is looking for tutors, reading partners or helpers for Saturday Kidz Zone and special events.
- **Ongoing Programs at VAP**
SMC's Emeritus Program offers programs for seniors at VAP. Check for available classes at www.smc.edu/emeritus.
Connections for Children and Santa Monica College offer child development activities for children 0-5 years Monday through Friday mornings.
In partnership with local nonprofit agencies, VAP will continue to offer assistance with employment searches and workshops for youth, parent education workshops, mental health counseling, childhood obesity prevention and other community resource services.

2200 Virginia Ave. | www.smgov.net/vapark | (310) 458-8688

50+ & Senior Programs

THE SANTA MONICA SENIOR CENTER

Located in beautiful Palisades Park, the Senior Center offers activities, educational seminars, fitness and active living opportunities. Look for SMC Emeritus classes and seasonal events throughout the entire year, including workshops in healthy cooking, exercise, dance and wellness; tai chi, yoga and meditation; plus movies, cultural arts workshops, games and more.

New This Spring: Wii General Fitness Program The Senior Center's Wii Health & Fitness program offers a new, fun and easy way to stretch and strengthen those muscles, improve balance and exercise the mind. In addition to virtual bowling, ping pong and tennis, the Senior Center now offers a general Wii Fit program that is easy for those who have not been active for a while, yet builds strength, balance and muscle tone through a light yoga workout and simulated skiing. Personalized sessions: Tue/Thu 10 – 11:30 a.m. and Mon/Wed/Fri 12:30 – 2 p.m.

MORE SUPPORT SERVICES FOR OLDER ADULTS

The City of Santa Monica's Human Services Division and community partners offer a wide range of services for older adults, including Meals on Wheels, door-through-door transportation services, independent living support, health education and advocacy, housing assistance, caregiver support groups and more. Call 310.458.8701 for more information or email olderadulthoodtaskforce@yahoo.com for a *Senior Resource Directory & Quick Reference Guide*, or pick one up at the Senior Center.

WISE & HEALTHY AGING SENIOR NUTRITION

A new and improved healthy and delicious hot lunch is waiting for you, featuring a new caterer and a wider assortment of food! Suggested donation is \$2.50. Reservations required – call (310) 458-2219 a day in advance before 11:45 am. Mon-Fri: Senior Center, Ken Edwards and Reed Park; Thu: Virginia Avenue Park. A hearty box lunch is also available at the Senior Center on Saturday.

Call (310) 458-8644 for more information.

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WHAT'S NEW IN PARKS & AT THE BEACH

We are adding trees and structures to bring more shade to our play areas. Trees have been, or will be, planted at **OZONE PARK**, **BEACH PARK #1** at the end of Ocean Park Blvd. and **VIRGINIA AVENUE PARK**. Large shade sails with structural poles will be installed in the playground at **AIRPORT PARK** before the beginning of summer. Expect to see additional plantings as the year progresses.

Speaking of shade, **CHESS PARK** now has new permanent umbrellas affixed to five of the chess tables to protect players from the heat, sun and rain year round.

The water play feature in **DOUGLAS PARK** was closed for part of the summer to conserve

water and to connect the water feature to the duck ponds, providing a source of fresh flowing water for the ponds. To maintain the health of the ponds and their ecosystems, please do not throw anything into them, especially food.

Thanks go out to the families who contributed to seven new metal benches on the bluff overlooking **CRESCENT BAY PARK**. Consider honoring your loved one through a gift to the **GIVE** Santa Monica program as these families did. Please visit www.smgov.net/parks or call (310) 458-8310 for more information.

JOSLYN PARK OFF-LEASH AREA has been improved with three new drinking fountains, a re-contoured hillside, decomposed granite

areas to provide an alternative to wood chips, a new upper entrance off the Strand Street stairs, new benches and picnic tables using recycled plastic wood, shade and native trees, and play equipment for dogs such as tree logs from our urban forest, a ramp and concrete pipes.

Our beach maintenance crews reported a nearly ten-fold increase in the amount of recycled bottles and cans, attributed to the new blue **BEACH RECYCLING CONTAINERS** rolled out this last summer. Keep the recyclables coming!

Check your email and search the internet while sitting in a park. **WI-FI** has now been installed in most parks. Check the complete list at www.smgov.net/parks.



“let’s talk!”

BIG BLUE BUS COMMUNITY FORUM

It’s not public transit without you! Please join us for a discussion about Big Blue Bus service in your area.

• **WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 20, 6 – 8 P.M.**

L.A. City Library (Palms/Rancho Park branch) 2920 Overland Ave. Lines 8 and 12 to Westwood Blvd. at National. Library is two blocks east on Overland.

• **THURSDAY, JANUARY 21, 6 – 8 P.M.**

Montana Branch Library, 1704 Montana Blvd. Line 3 and Crosstown Ride

• **MONDAY, JANUARY 25, 6 – 8 P.M.**

Fairview Branch Library, 2101 Ocean Park Blvd. Line 8, Sunset Ride and Crosstown Ride

• **SATURDAY, JANUARY 30, 2 – 4 P.M.**

Santa Monica Main Library, Multi-purpose room, 2nd floor, 601 S.M. Blvd. Lines 1,2,3,7*,8,9,10*

• **TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 2, 6 – 8 P.M.**

Santa Monica Main Library, Multi-purpose room, 2nd floor, 601 S.M. Blvd. Lines 1,2,3,7*,8,9,10*

*closest bus stop

To request language interpretation and/or disability-related accommodations, call Big Blue Bus Customer Service, (310) 451-5444, at least three business days prior to the meeting you wish to attend.

Can’t make a meeting? Join our online discussion at www.bigbluebus.com/meetings

SANTA MONICA CIVIC AUDITORIUM

FEBRUARY	6–7	Vintage Fashion Expo
	12–14	Gem Faire
	19–21	Dorothy Emerson Antique Show & Sale
MARCH	11	Food Fare
	13	Santa Monica Symphony
APRIL	9–11	International Gem & Jewelry Show – FREE
	24–25	Vintage Fashion Expo
	4/30–5/2	L.A. Modernism

The Civic Auditorium is served by Big Blue Bus lines 1, 3, 7, 8 and 10. For information, call (310) 458-2288, or visit santamoniacivic.org. All events are subject to change without notice.

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SANTA MONICA CONVENTION & VISITORS BUREAU TWEETS!

If you plan to have relatives visiting over the holidays but don’t have enough beds or in an effort to better reach out to its community and offer residents real-time information on happenings and events, Santa Monica Convention & Visitors Bureau (SMCVB) is continuing its social media effort by joining Twitter. Now, Santa Monica residents and business owners can follow SMCVB on Twitter under the handle @GoSantaMonica, which SMCVB will use to provide news, event information, special offers, deals, and more, as it relates to Santa Monica and its community.

Santa Monica residents who follow SMCVB on Twitter will also have direct access to SMCVB staff, who will be available to answer questions using Twitter’s direct message function during normal business hours. Santa Monica businesses will be able to gain a broader reach through @GoSantaMonica, which will “retweet” offers and promotions. Send information about promotions and events that would be of interest to Santa Monica residents to the SMCVB at info@santamonica.com.

View photos of Santa Monica and learn more about happenings around town at <http://www.facebook.com/visitsantamonica>.

ARTIFACTS: UNIQUE CULTURAL EXPERIENCES

▲ **Santa Monica Airport ArtWalk 2010 | March 20 1-5 p.m.** The fourth annual ArtWalk is expanded for 2010 with live music, free kids’ activities and special discounts at two airport restaurants, the Spitfire Grill and Typhoon. Meet the resident artists of the airport arts community along Airport Avenue between Bundy Drive and 23rd Street. More than 60 local artists and performers will have their private studios and work on view, including the Santa Monica Art Studios, Santa Monica College Ceramic Studios & Art Mentor Program, and the Ruskin Group Theatre. Painting, sculpture, ceramics, and mixed media are represented, along with special performing arts events. Resident artists often sell work from their studios at discounted rates, and many offer free refreshments. Free parking is provided at the Airport and at the Santa Monica College Bundy campus lot.

Hosted by the City of Santa Monica Cultural Affairs Division and the Santa Monica Airport. Come explore and discover this cultural resource and unique creative atmosphere. For more information call Cultural Affairs at 310.458.8350.

▲ **The Miles Playhouse** has an eclectic mix of spring offerings for you to enjoy, including music, poetry, drama, and dance. Last weekend for Fireside at the Miles: Music and Classic American Dramas is February 5-6. Enjoy coffee and pastries in Santa Monica’s beautiful historic theater beginning at 7 p.m.

3/26-4/18 No No Boy presented by Naraski/Omi Productions

4/22-5/9 Starmites – an “out of this world” high-energy musical presented by ETC

Dance Santa Monica at the Miles Playhouse returns in February and March!

2/12-14 Hart Pulse Dance (hartpulsedance.com)

2/19-21 New Choreography Spotlight and Dance Films

2/26-28 Dance concert TBD

3/4-7 Magda Alba Dance (albadance.org)

3/12-14 Santa Monica Contemporary Ballet

3/19-21 Steppin’ Out participatory dances

Please visit milesplayhouse.org for more information.

▲ **Beach=Culture** continues at the Annenberg Community Beach House with monthly events and a spring Choreographer in Residence. Visit AnnenbergBeachHouse.com/cultural-programs for more information.

SANTA MONICA CITYWIDE READS!

Niall McDiamid



Santa Monica Citywide Reads heads into its eighth year in 2010 with featured selection *Little Bee* by Chris Cleave. *Little Bee* is the harrowing and beautiful story of a teenage Nigerian refugee and a married pair of disaffected British journalists, whose lives and destinies collide in shocking and unexpected ways. Join your Santa Monica community in book discussions and special events held throughout the city between February 12 and March 13.

SPECIAL EVENTS

THE VOICES OF LITTLE BEE Saturday, February 20 at 1:30 p.m., Main Library, MLK Jr. Aud. Talented local actresses bring the voices of *Little Bee*'s two female narrators to life in staged readings.

AN AFTERNOON WITH CHRIS CLEAVE Saturday, February 20 at 2 p.m., Main Library, MLK Jr. Aud. The award-winning author of *Little Bee* presents a reading, discussion and book signing.

CITYTV CALL-IN SHOW Wednesday, February 24 at 7 p.m. Tune in to Time Warner Cable Channel 16 for a live, moderated discussion of *Little Bee*.

INCENDIARY BOOK DISCUSSION Monday, March 1 at 7 p.m., Main Library, Multipurpose Room. Published in 2005, Chris Cleave's first novel traces the tumultuous fallout for a London woman when her husband and young son are killed in a terrorist attack at a British football stadium.

MOVIE SCREENING: THE VISITOR Tuesday, March 2 at 7 p.m., Main Library, MLK Jr. Aud. In many ways similar to *Little Bee*, *The Visitor* tells the story of a New York professor (Oscar nominee Richard Jenkins), who returns home after a conference to find two illegal immigrants living in his apartment. As these disparate characters come to know each other and affect each other's lives, *The Visitor* becomes a sensitive portrait of change and renewal.

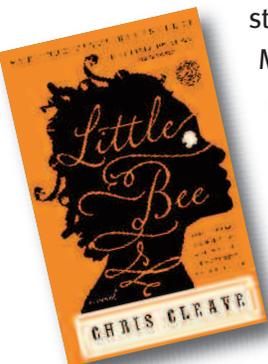
THE ART OF STORYTELLING WITH MICHAEL D. MCCARTY

Saturday, March 6 at 2 p.m., Main Library, MLK Jr. Aud. Storytelling lies at the heart of *Little Bee*. As *Little Bee* states, even a sad story offers proof that "this storyteller is alive."

Michael D. McCarty celebrates the art of storytelling, drawing on international folk tales and other techniques, tapping into stories that inform, inspire and amuse.

BOOK DISCUSSIONS

- Saturday, February 13 - 11 a.m. | Café Bolivar, 1741 Ocean Park Blvd.
- Wednesday, February 17 - 7 p.m. | Montana Branch, 1704 Montana Ave.
- Monday, February 22 - 2 p.m. | Tudor House, 1403 Second St.
- Saturday, February 27 - 11 a.m. | Fairview Branch, 2101 Ocean Park Blvd.
- Saturday, March 6 - 11 a.m. | Ocean Park Branch, 2601 Main St.
- Monday, March 8 - 7 p.m. | Main Library, 601 Santa Monica Blvd.



WHALE OF A WEEKEND AT THE AQUARIUM!

FEBRUARY 13 & 14, 2010

Valentine's Day is coming up, and Heal the Bay's Santa Monica Pier Aquarium invites you to celebrate our love of the Pacific Gray Whale at Whale of a Weekend, February 13 and 14 from 12:30 to 5:00 p.m. at the marine science center, 1600 Ocean Front Walk, beach level at the Santa Monica Pier.

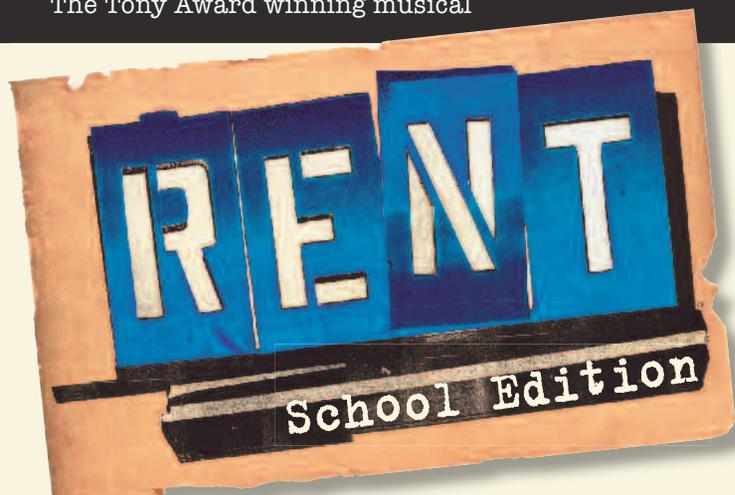
Whale of a Weekend highlights the annual migration of the Pacific Gray Whale, which completes one of the longest migrations of any species, traveling 10,000 to 14,000 miles round trip between the arctic seas and the warm lagoons of Baja California, Mexico.



Lillie Grossman

A wildlife observation station at the west end of the Pier, stocked with binoculars and field guides, gives visitors the opportunity to search for whales and other local wildlife. Inside the Aquarium, guests can make a variety of whale related arts and crafts and enjoy story time, face painting, film screenings and a 2:30 p.m. staff presentation (both days) on whales, along with discussions of the problem of marine debris. Be sure to stop by to show your love for this magnificent migratory marine mammal!

Santa Monica High School Theatre presents
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Six shows in Barnum Hall:

Thursday 2/18 at 7*	Friday 2/26 at 7
Friday 2/19 at 7	Saturday 2/27 at 2
Saturday 2/20 at 7	Saturday 2/27 at 7

*All tickets for the first show will be \$10

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ADULT PROGRAMS

MAIN LIBRARY

All main library events held in MLK Jr. Auditorium unless otherwise noted.

RELAX-REFRESH-RENEW! Relaxation workshop led by Linda Heisen. Sat 1/30, 11:30 a.m. and Tue 2/9, 7 p.m.

FARMERS MARKET TALKS: THE IMMOVABLE FEAST Panel discussion with tree fruit experts and growers. Thu 2/11, 7 p.m.

LA OPERA TALKS Multimedia presentation: Introduction to the Ring Cycle and Götterdämmerung. Thu 2/18, 7 p.m.

QUALITY OF LIFE FORUM Discussion with Sonja Lyubomirsky, author of *The How of Happiness*. Wed 2/20, 7 p.m.

RESOURCES FOR COPING WITH CAREGIVER CHALLENGES Presentation on partnering for support. Thu 2/25, 7 p.m.

MARRIAGE IN THE MOVIES Mary Ann Vorasky follows free screenings of 1948's *Portrait of Jennie* (12:00 p.m.) and 2009's *The Time Traveler's Wife* (2 p.m.) with a discussion of marriage as portrayed in both films. Sat 2/27.

MURDER MOST BRITISH Panel discussion with mystery writers Rhys Bowen, Laurie R. King and Hannah Dennison. Wed 3/10, 7 p.m.

MY ARCHITECT SCREENING Discussion with film director, Nathaniel Kahn, following screening. Sat 4/17, 1 p.m.

NANOTECHNOLOGY: SMALL IS BIG! Experts on the topic present and interactive introduction. Sat 4/24, 2 p.m.

FAIRVIEW BRANCH LIBRARY

LITERATURE BOOK GROUP Second Saturday of the month, 11 a.m. 2/13 *Things Fall Apart* by Chinua Achebe; 3/13 and 4/10 to be announced.

DIY: ZINES Learn how to publish your own zine. Wed 2/17, 7 p.m.

FACEBOOK AND MORE Social networking website tips for beginners. Sat 2/27, 2 p.m.

MONTANA AVENUE BRANCH LIBRARY

PLAYWRITING WORKSHOP Workshop on the basic elements of playwriting, with instructor Anna Stramese. Enrollment limited. Call 310-458-8682 for more information. Wed 2/3-2/24, 2 p.m.

IN CASE YOU MISSED IT FILM SERIES 2/1 *Up*, Disney/Pixar animated comedy, 2 p.m.; 3/4 *My Sister's Keeper*, family drama, 2 p.m.

MYSTERY BOOK GROUP Second Wednesday of the month, 7 p.m. 2/10 *The Murder Room* by P. D. James; 3/10 *The English Assassin* by Daniel Silva; 4/14 *The No. 1 Ladies Detective Agency* by Alexander McCall Smith.

MONTANA AVENUE BRANCH BOOK GROUP Third Wednesday of the month, 7 p.m. 3/17 *You Are Here* by Colin Ellard; 4/21 *Flu: the Story of the Great Influenza Pandemic* by Gina Kolata.

OCEAN PARK BRANCH LIBRARY

OCEAN PARK BOOK GROUP First Saturday of the month, 11 a.m. 2/6 *March* by Geraldine Brooks; 4/3 *Ten Little Indians: Stories* by Sherman Alexie.

OUT OF HOLLYWOOD Author Robert Dix recalls life with his father, early Hollywood star Richard Dix. Sat 3/13, 2 p.m.

FILM SERIES: HIGHLIGHTING LOCAL HISTORY Film historian and producer, Elaina Archer, leads this movie discussion series. Saturdays at 2 p.m. 3/6 *Marion Davies, Captured on Film*; 4/3 - *Women in Film and Early Censorship*

EVER THE TWAIN SHALL MEET Presentation on Mark Twain by Mel Bloch. Sat 4/17, 2 p.m.

YOUTH PROGRAMS

MAIN LIBRARY

Join Us for a Seuss-tastic Day! Children ages four & up and their families are invited to a Dr. Seuss-related performance and a craft! Sponsored by the Kiwanis Club of Santa Monica. Sat 3/6 10:30 a.m. to noon. Activity Room.

Celebrate Dia de los Niños/Dia de los Libros with Jose-Luis Orozco! Children and their families are invited to a celebration of childhood and bilingual literacy with crafts at 3 p.m. followed by a 4 p.m. concert featuring multicultural songs, games and rhymes with popular performer, Jose-Luis Orozco. Fri 4/9, 3-5 p.m. Activity Room & MLK Auditorium.

Creative Kids' Club Stories and crafts for grades K-4. Wednesdays, once a month, 3:45 p.m. Activity Room. 3/24 "Around the World in Magic Hour" with storyteller Rebecca Martin.; 5/12 Celebrating Children's Book Week.

Mother/Daughter Tea Party For girls in grades 1-5 and their moms or guardians. Sat 5/15, 2 p.m. Activity Room. Register between 4/26 and 5/3.

PROGRAMS FOR TEENS

Strategies for SAT Success Cardinal Academics Tutoring founder Jonathan Lotz will share test-taking strategies for achieving your best possible score on the SAT. For grades 9-12. Mon 3/22, 6:30 p.m. Multi-purpose Room.

College Admissions 101 A broad look at today's college admissions process with independent college counselor Stephen Burleigh. For grades 8-12. Mon 4/19, 7 p.m. Multi-purpose Room.

Graphic Novel Workshop Celebrate Free Comic Book Day and learn about the creative process in making a great graphic novel with author and artist Phil Yeh. For grades 5-12. Sat 5/1, 2 p.m. Activity Room.

Brainfuse Online Tutoring Connect to a tutor online and get help with your homework immediately! Visit <http://www.smplteens.org> for details.

MONTANA AVENUE BRANCH

BirthDay Celebration! The Montana Branch Library is celebrating its 50th birthday on

April 10! Join us for a day full of music, food, games and fun for the entire family. Sat 4/10, 10:30 a.m.-4 p.m.

NEW! Family Night at the Library Come for stories, crafts and games for the whole family. All ages welcome. Tuesdays, once a month, 7 p.m. 3/16 *Shapes, Shapes, Shapes*; 4/20 *Rhythm & Rhyme*; 5/18 *Wild Things*.

Preschool Club Stories & crafts for 3-5 year olds. Tuesdays once a month at 3 p.m. 3/9 *Meow & Squeak*; 4/13 *BirthDay Fun*; 5/11 *Polar Bears, Brown Bears & Teddy Bears*.

Afternoon Kids Club Stories, crafts & fun for K-4th graders. Tuesdays once a month, 3:45 p.m. 3/23 *Creepy Crawlers*; 4/27 *Spring Vacation Special*; 5/25 *What's Cooking?*

FAIRVIEW BRANCH

Flower Fun Crafts for kids ages 6-10. Mon 3/22, 3:30 - 4:30 p.m.

SPRING BREAK SPECIAL! Ages 5 and up.

Board Games Mon 3/29 & 4/5, 3-5 p.m.;
Crazy Crafts Tue 3/30 & 4/6, 3-5 p.m.;
Lots of Legos Wed 3/31 & 4/7, 3-5 p.m.
Afternoon Movies Thu 4/1 & 4/8, 3-5 p.m.

TWEENS (GRADES 4-7)

Mom and Me, Beading Party! Share some time with mom, making your own beaded jewelry. Registration begins 4/5. Space is limited. Sat 5/1, 1-3 p.m.

OCEAN PARK BRANCH

Spring Sprinkles Join Mr. Jesse and his puppet pals for springtime stories and fun. For ages 3-7. Two shows: Tue 3/16, 3:30 & 4:30 p.m.

April Jollies Enjoy a rainbow of stories and with Mr. Jesse and his puppet pals. For ages 3-7. Two shows: Tue 4/13, 3:30 & 4:30 p.m.

May Mischievous Celebrate the merry, month of May with Mr. Jesse and his puppet pals. For ages 3-7. Two shows: Tue 5/4, 3:30 & 4:30 p.m.

Yoga for Kids with Sava Yoga instructor Sava Tang Alcantara introduces parents and children to simple poses in a fun-filled setting. For ages 3 and up. Mon 3/1 through 4/5, 10:30 a.m.

SANTA MONICA PUBLIC LIBRARY HOURS

Main Library	601 Santa Monica Boulevard, (310) 458-8600
Hours:	Mon-Thu, 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. Fri-Sat, 10 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Sun, 1 to 5 p.m.
Fairview Branch	2101 Ocean Park Boulevard, (310) 450-0443
Montana Avenue	1704 Montana Avenue, (310) 829-7081
Ocean Park Branch	2601 Main Street, (310) 392-3804
Branch hours:	Mon-Thu, noon to 9 p.m. Sat, 10 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Closed Fri and Sun

All city libraries are wheelchair accessible. To request a disability-related accommodation, please call the library at (310) 458-8600 [TDD (310) 395-8499] at least three business days in advance. The Main Library is served by Big Blue Bus lines 1, 2, 3, 7, 8, 9 and 10.



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CITY COUNCIL MEETINGS

The Santa Monica City Council regularly meets at 5:45 p.m., on the second and fourth Tuesday of every month in Council Chambers, located at City Hall, 1685 Main Street. Upcoming City Council meetings are scheduled for January 26, February 9, 23, March 9, 23 and April 13, 27.

City Council meetings are open to the public. Public comment may be made in person at the City Council meeting, or prior to the meeting via regular U.S. mail, e-mail, or by fax to: 1685 Main Street, Room 209
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Phone: (310) 458-8201 / Fax: (310) 458-1621
Email all Council members: council@smgov.net

Upcoming agenda items at www.smgov.net/council

In Memoriam: Mayor Ken Genser November 18, 1950 - January 9, 2010



Mayor Ken Genser, who served on the City Council from 1988 to 2010 and was appointed to the office of Mayor three times during his tenure, passed away on January 9, 2010. A memorial service will be held at Barnum Hall on January 24 at 1:30 p.m. For more information, please visit www.smgov.net/council.

Revel with a Cause!

Mark your calendars for the Santa Monica Festival, May 8, 2010 in Clover Park. Each year the celebration features an eclectic array of traditional and contemporary music and dance on several stages, demonstrations of traditional crafts by local artists, and hands-on art and environmental workshops to engage people of all ages. Admission is FREE.