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CIVIC AUDITORIUM TURNS 50! TIME TO CELEBRATE!

A lot has happened at the Santa Monica Civic Auditorium (1855 Main Street) during its 50 years! Join us for a community birthday party celebrating the Civic on August 9th. Tours, food and entertainment will start at 6:00 p.m., followed by a free outdoor showing of Bruce Brown's classic surf film, The Endless Summer, at 8:00 p.m. Please check civcmemories.smgov.net for more details on the fun including special guests and performances.



The Endless Summer image courtesy of Bruce Brown Films, LLC

IT'S CITY HALL.... JAZZIFIED!

Bring out your lawn chairs and blankets to the front lawn of City Hall and soak up stellar performances at the FREE Jazz on the Lawn concert series, coming soon to City Hall! Lazy Sundays will be energized once again with live music and genteel activities for children, parents, grandparents, relatives and friends of all ages! Free parking is conveniently located in the Civic Center Parking Structure. Soft drinks and water will be available for purchase, with proceeds benefiting the Virginia Avenue Park Teen Center, a unique outlet for cultural expression with programs designed by teens, for teens.



It's "Jazz on the Lawn" for most people, but for this group, it's "Dance on the Sidewalk"!

Performances are scheduled for Sundays, August 3 through 31, from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m.

Schedule highlights include:

▲ August 3 – Michael Sullivan

Michael's honest and sincere songwriting appeals to both youth and adult listeners. His unique blend of musical styles is complimented by his expressive jazz-flavored vocals.

▲ August 10 – Louis Van Taylor



Michael Sullivan

Louis Van Taylor incorporates acid-jazz, Brazilian, Afro-Caribbean, funk and blues with traditional jazz influences for an exhilarating performance with a diverse blend of sound. Exceptional on all the saxophones and woodwinds, this sought-after musician has worked with renowned artists including Ray Charles, the Temptations, Bobby Womack, and Kool and the Gang. *Made possible by the Los Angeles Arts Commission.*

▲ August 17: Billy Porter and friends of Reprise

Prepared to be dazzled by a collaboration of prominent artists from the African American jazz scene when the Reprise Theatre Company presents songs from in its Caribbean-themed musical *Once on this Island*, and the evening is sure to be a treat! Performances by *Ledisi, Yvette Cason, Vanita Harbour, Patina Miller, Jesse Nager, Leslie Odom Jr., and Nita Whitaker.* Directed by Billy Porter.



Ledisi

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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., with payment and permit services available every Friday. "Closed Fridays" for most city offices (reducing car trips and improving air quality) coming up are August 1, 15 & 29; September 12 & 26; and October 10 & 25. All city offices will be closed on Monday, September 1 for Labor Day.

NEW RESIDENT INFORMATION PACKETS are just the thing for those who've recently made their home in Santa Monica—and all it takes to get one is a quick e-mail request to us at 411@smgov.net or a phone call to (310) 458-8411. Included in the packet are the city's Customer Services Directory, maps, parking and bus information, Family Guide and more. It's also available at the Information Desk in City Hall.

MUNICIPAL ELECTION The next municipal election is scheduled for November 4, 2008. The last day to register to vote in this election is October 20. For information on elected officials' duties, campaign fundraising, establishing campaign committees, related election regulations and the initiative process, call the City Clerk's Office at (310) 458-8211.

The City of Santa Monica does not mail informational materials such as SeaScape during the 88 days prior to a municipal election and in keeping with that policy will not publish a Harvest issue of SeaScape this year. We'll see you again in November – until then, please visit www.smgov.net for city information or call (310) 458-8411.

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ANNUAL PICO ART WALK & VINTAGE AUTO SHOW FESTIVAL

Pico Boulevard is gearing up for its third annual Pico Art Walk & Vintage Auto Show Festival on Saturday, September 27, 2008. The event coincides with the AltCar Show at the Civic Auditorium and has a "green" environmental theme as well. Galleries, studios and creative enterprises on Pico Boulevard, some of which are normally closed to the public, will open their doors to showcase and sell their wares, create new artwork and demonstrate creative techniques.



Local artist Bracha Kronovet demonstrates her sculpting talents at last year's Pico Art Festival.

In addition, Virginia Avenue Park will host local artists, musical performances, children's art activities, the farmers market and other tasty food vendors; and there will be an exhibition of vintage autos at the SGI parking lot at 2601 Pico Blvd. Participating Pico eateries will offer special creations for the day and an opportunity to try "A Taste of Pico" as you explore the diverse boulevard.

The event is free and runs from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Free festival parking will be provided at Santa Monica College at 1900 Pico Blvd, and free bike valet service will be available throughout the day at Virginia Avenue Park. Visitors are encouraged to come by foot, bus or bike, then ride the two

London-style double-decker buses that will be traveling up and down Pico Boulevard with stops near all of the artistic offerings from Centinela to Main Street.

The event is being organized by the Pico Improvement Organization in partnership with the City of Santa Monica's Cultural Affairs and Economic Development departments.

FOR MORE DETAILS VISIT WWW.PICOPASSPORT.COM



CREST NATURE CLUB – LEAVE NO CHILD INSIDE!

In our increasingly technology-driven world, children are spending more time indoors than ever. Joining in the nationwide initiative to *Leave No Child Inside*, the CREST Program's Nature Club features a comprehensive curriculum that includes fun and engaging activities to help children develop an appreciation for the natural world. Nature Club members have taken field trips to Temescal Park, the Ballona Wetlands and the Santa Monica Pier Aquarium. Learn how to create compost bins, go bird watching, and experience the wonder of a butterfly emerging from its chrysalis. Nature Club is free to 4th and 5th graders enrolled in CREST Childcare and components are integrated into the CREST's Camp Santa Monica.

CREST is a partnership between the city and the Santa Monica-Malibu School District, and offers many options for full or part-time participation in before and after school activities and camps. Financial assistance is available to qualifying low to moderate-income families. For more information, please call (310) 458-8540.





SEPTEMBER'S ABOUT SUSTAINABILITY – AND GETTING GOOD GRADES!

The City of Santa Monica's Sustainable Plan grows older by another year, and for the fourth year in a row the Office of Sustainability and the Environment (aka Environmental Programs) will mark the occasion by issuing the Sustainable City Report Card and updates to the Sustainable Progress Report, on which Santa Monica can measure its significant achievements and identify areas for improvement.

To coincide with the anniversary of the Sustainable City Plan's adoption, Santa Monica celebrates fourteen years of progress September 18-27, 2008 with a festival of events and activities throughout Santa Monica for the mind, senses, and community. The week begins with a Report Card release event at the Main Library and ends with AltCar, the best sustainable transportation show in the United States at the Santa Monica Civic. The theme throughout the celebration is the guiding principle of sustainability: that communities can support a modern, comfortable lifestyle without compromising the ability of future generations to do the same.



THE COMMUNITY COMMENTS ON LUCE STRATEGY FRAMEWORK

Throughout the summer, Santa Monicans provided feedback on the recommendations in the Land Use and Circulation (LUCE) Strategy Framework, the community vision of how the city should look and function over the next 20 years. In a series of hearings and briefings before the Planning Commission, the City Council, the Architectural Review Board and the Landmarks Commission, residents discussed the report's comprehensive series of strategies, policies and tools designed to translate the community's core values of community, sustainability and mobility into land use and transportation solutions.

Speakers commented on the plan's approach to reducing traffic impacts and bolstering walking and biking; and made suggestions for completing the biking network, widening sidewalks, and "greening" the boulevards. Of particular importance was the rigorous new approach to managing development – the use of performance-based zoning, which establishes a low base height for all new buildings.

For projects above this base, the builder must meet rigorous performance standards:

- ▲ Aggressively reduce auto trips,
- ▲ Provide additional workforce and affordable housing,
- ▲ Contribute to the cost of new public infrastructure and social & school programs,
- ▲ Providing for public open space and landscaping.

Under the LUCE policy, new development must meet the community's expectations and result in tangible public benefits.



Staff is now incorporating citizen's input and Planning Commission and City Council direction into the plan for the purposes of transportation, environmental and economic evaluation. A draft plan will be created following the completion of this evaluation, expected in Spring 2009. There will be extensive opportunity for additional community debate and discussion at that time. Based on policy direction, staff will prepare a final Land Use & Circulation Element for adoption by the Planning Commission and City Council. The city will also undertake a series of area-specific master plans, offering the community more opportunities to review specific land use policies.

The *LUCE Strategy Framework* can be viewed at www.shapethefuture2025.net. CDs are available at the City Hall Planning Counter, and hard copies may be viewed at all public library branches.

FOR MORE INFORMATION ON LUCE, VISIT WWW.SHAPETHEFUTURE2025.NET OR CALL (310) 458-8341

UUT UPDATE:

Preserving Funding for Schools, Police, Fire, Community Programs

Over the past 39 years, the residents of Santa Monica have paid a UUT on telecommunication service to provide a wide range of essential city services such as educational and school programs, parks and recreation, police, fire and emergency services. The UUT language must be updated, closing technology loopholes, so that taxpayers are treated the same regardless of the technology used. There would be no increase in the tax rate, and low-income seniors and disabled residents would continue to be exempt from paying the UUT.

Without a UUT on telecommunications, funding for services the community relies on and deserves could be reduced by \$8 to \$12 million annually. State budget cuts means that there is no help coming from Sacramento, so we are relying on the continued revenue generated by the UUT to ensure essential services are maintained. Continuing this local funding source will enable Santa Monica to continue effectively funding essential services that are so important to the quality of life of the Santa Monica community.



A WALK IN THE PARK

DOUGLAS PARK

WHAT'S NEW IN PARKS AND BEACHES?

- ▲ *Looking for ideas on how to make your gardens and lawns more sustainable? Check out the new demonstration garden in front of the Beach Maintenance Facility on Ocean Front Walk (just north of the Pier). The garden maximizes efficient use of water through a low-volume drip irrigation system that delivers water direct to the root zone, reducing water demand by 70-90%. It also shows how a mix of native and Mediterranean plant species, all adapted to our dry climate, can take the place of water-thirsty turf.*
- ▲ *The basketball and tennis courts at **LOS AMIGOS PARK** (5th & Ocean Park) are newly re-surfaced and open to the public during non-school hours. For more info, visit playgrounds.smgov.net.*
- ▲ *Santa Monica was made for exercising outdoors. To ensure maximum enjoyment for all, please keep the following in mind especially when using the **ADELAIDE AND FOURTH STREET** stairs or other public spaces:*
 - *Only jogging and walking are permitted in street medians.*
 - *Pack it in, pack it out – don't leave water bottles and other litter behind!*
 - *Keep noise to a minimum, especially when you are close to residences.*
- ▲ *Help us keep the City's **PARKS AND BEACHES** in tip-top shape! Remember:*
 - *While well intentioned, it is illegal to abandon property or food in any park. Instead of handouts, consider donating to a local organization or volunteering your time. To get started, visit the **WESTSIDE SHELTER & HUNGER COALITION** online at www.westsideshelter.org.*
 - *Situations involving illegal or inappropriate activity (i.e. camping, trespassing, discarded property) should be reported to a park ranger or **ON-SITE PARK STAFF**. Non-emergency concerns involving the homeless should be reported to the **HELP TEAM** at (310) 458.8953.*
 - *Report maintenance problems to the Community Maintenance Department's Public Landscape Division at (310) 458-8974 or after hours at (310) 458-8971.*
- ▲ *Finding information on parks & beach online is easy! Visit parks.smgov.net or beach.smgov.net, or access it from the City's main webpage under "Explore Santa Monica."*

Located along Wilshire Boulevard between Chelsea Ave & 25th Street, the Douglas Park site was once home to Donald Douglas Aircraft. In 1919, the company moved into existing buildings on site and the "Wilshire Airstrip" was constructed on an adjacent property. When the airstrip was moved from Wilshire to Clover Park in 1927, the headquarters soon followed, leaving the site vacant.

"Padre Park" was created and opened to the public in 1931. Its name was changed to "Douglas Park" five years later in recognition of Donald Douglas' connection to the site and the company's success.



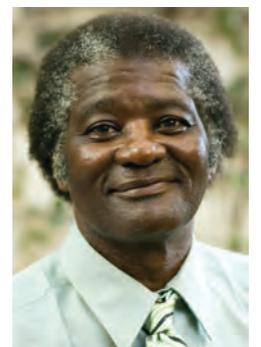
Charles Lindbergh walks Douglas Field in 1927, before the company moved to Clover Park.

Douglas Park was completely renovated in 2000. Its 4.5 acres feature a series of historic ponds connected by streams, tennis courts, a playground, a restroom building, a fly fishing area, picnic tables, benches and a clubhouse with a lawn bowling green. The park was recognized by the California Parks & Recreation Society in 2001 for excellence in design.



A WESTSIDE SHELTER AND HUNGER COALITION SUCCESS BREAKFAST

At age 62, Robert Thompson had spent the majority of his life living on the streets. Coming from a broken home and a life of poverty, he had already spent his first night on the streets by the age of 18. "I drank and did drugs so I didn't have to deal with the emptiness," said Thompson. After 40 years of homelessness, Robert Thompson now has his own apartment. Last October, he was one of 23 previously homeless individuals who were honored for making extraordinary changes in their lives at the Westside Shelter & Hunger Coalition's breakfast "Celebrating Success: Changing Lives and Revitalizing Our Communities".



Robert Thompson was honored at last year's breakfast for making extraordinary changes in his life.

Homelessness is a public and pervasive problem in our community, the region and the nation, but there is the possibility of change as more positive steps are taken. Each year for the last twelve years in Santa Monica, the Westside Shelter & Hunger Coalition celebrates the unlimited possibilities of the human spirit. The Coalition's agencies, with the support of a caring and responsible community, have given thousands of individuals and families a chance to turn their lives around with dignity.

The Westside Shelter & Hunger Coalition's 13th annual awards breakfast will be held at the Fairmont Miramar Hotel in Santa Monica on Friday, October 17, from 7:30 to 9:30 a.m. This community event will recognize formerly homeless individuals who have "graduated" from local social service agencies, as well as honor organizations and businesses which have gone above and beyond in support of the programs.

Please call (310) 314-0071 or e-mail success@westsideshelter.org for information and tickets for this inspirational event which brings together residents, business, government and our special honorees.



SAFELY DISPOSING OF FLUORESCENT BULBS, LAMPS AND TUBES

“Only 2% of CFLs are recycled in the U.S. Most of the 98% percent of CFLs that are discarded get smashed en route to landfills and incinerators in packer trucks, releasing mercury vapors that are inhaled by trash collectors and escape into the air to settle out and be washed into our streams and rivers.”

~ California Product Stewardship Council

Using just a fraction of the wattage of their incandescent cousins, compact fluorescent lamps (CFLs) are saving a lot of energy and money across California. However, CFLs and all fluorescent lights contain mercury, which is highly toxic to the environment, animals and humans, so it's important to handle and dispose of fluorescent lights properly to maximize the environmental benefits of these great energy savers.



Groovy CFLs save energy, but be sure to dispose of them properly!

Should you accidentally break a CFL or any item containing mercury, immediately ventilate the room, shut off any HVAC systems, and immediately leave the area for at least 15 minutes.

Visit www.smeprd.org for specific instructions on cleaning up mercury spills on different surfaces.

Don't ever put fluorescent bulbs in the regular garbage – they can break in cans, trucks and landfills, releasing mercury vapors that can be inhaled by sanitation workers and end up in the soil and groundwater. Instead, save your burned out bulbs and take them to Santa Monica's Household Hazardous Waste Collection Center along with a utility bill or driver's license.

Disposal of up to 15 gallons or 125 pounds is free for residents.

VISIT WWW.SMEPRD.ORG TO LEARN MORE OR CALL (310) 458-2213.

Household Hazardous Waste Collection Center

2500 Michigan Ave., Santa Monica, CA 90404

Hours: Wednesday to Friday - 7 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Saturday - 7 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Limits: 15 gallons or 125 pounds per visit

Phone: (310) 458-8255

CITY TV HIGHLIGHTS

CITYTV CELEBRATES 20!

Santa Monica's own cable channel, CityTV, celebrates their 20th anniversary this year. Back in 1988, CityTV went on the air on cable channel 16, offering live coverage of City Council meetings for the first time. Today, City Council meeting



coverage continues to be CityTV's most-viewed programming and is also available streamed and onDemand on the internet!

Over the years, CityTV has been known for its high-quality programming. The channel has been recognized with nine Emmy® awards for its excellent shows and has won several hundred other local and national programming awards. CityTV has consistently won the top government access channel award in California for six of the past ten years, more than any other government cable channel in the state. Look for 20th anniversary messages and special promotions on CityTV in the fall, as CityTV celebrates 20 years of bringing the Santa Monica community local public meeting coverage, news and exciting events!

I'VE GOT 7 – DO YOU?!



September is National Disaster Preparedness month, and the City of Santa Monica will be kicking off the annual “I've got 7” emergency preparedness campaign to help residents, students, businesses and organizations in the Santa Monica community be more prepared in the event of a disaster. The “I've got 7” campaign encourages everyone to have seven items at all times that will help you take care of yourself for at least seven days.

The city is working with the Santa Monica-Malibu Unified School District, Red Cross, the Chamber of Commerce, and the Santa Monica Daily Press to help everyone prepare for earthquakes, fires, and other destructive events. This September, be sure to take the time to be prepared for disasters by following the seven steps to disaster preparedness at home, work, and in your car:

1. **Food and Water** Pack non-perishable, high-energy foods and foods that require no refrigeration, preparation or cooking and little or no water. Have at least one gallon of water per person per day.
2. **Battery-operated radio and a flashlight with extra batteries**
3. **First Aid Kit** Pack a first aid handbook, and make sure your kit is stocked, especially with bandages and disinfectants.
4. **Money** Have cash – ATMs and credit cards won't work if power is out.
5. **Clothing** Provide a change of clothing for everyone, including sturdy shoes and gloves.
6. **Special needs** Including medications; eyeglasses, or contact lenses and solution; identification cards; birth certificate; passports; etc.; sanitary supplies; baby needs; pet supplies such as a pet carrier, plastic bags, vaccination information.
7. **Contact information** A current list of family phone numbers and e-mail addresses, including someone out of the area who may be easier to reach

Local art students are making the “I've Got 7” website (www.ivegot7.org) as attractive as it is useful. Look for pledge cards, prizes and programs from the city and its partners to help you be ready for anything!



BIG BLUE BUS Getaways!

During our 80th anniversary year, the Big Blue Bus Getaways program continues to visit some of the best places in Southern California. Let Big Blue Bus do all the driving – and pay for all the gas!

SANTA BARBARA & STEARN'S WHARF

Saturday, August 9

Visit the American Riviera! Enjoy the waterfront and a short walk on State Street for some of the best shopping in the outdoor paseos. \$35 per person. Meals not included.

LOS ANGELES COUNTY FAIR

Saturday, September 20

The largest county fair in the nation returns to the Fairplex in Pomona, featuring top-name performing artists on the grandstand stage and traditional county fair attractions. \$35.00 per adult/senior; \$25.00 per child (6 to 12 years). Meals not included.

OLD TOWN TEMECULA AND PECHANGA RESORT

Saturday, October 18

Temecula's natural splendor hosts rich history, beautiful vineyards, resorts, casino, recreational and entertaining activities. The Pechanga Resort & Casino has over 2000 slot machines, 158 table games, a state-of-the-art non-smoking poker room, eight exceptional restaurants, entertainment and health club. \$35 per person. Meals not included.

Tickets for all these Getaways are available now! Go to www.bigbluebus.com, visit *blue:the transit store* at 223 Broadway near the Third Street Promenade or call our Customer Service office at (310) 451-5444 for more information.



▲ COASTAL CLEANUP DAY

September 20 9 a.m. - Noon

You wouldn't want people leaving their cigarette butts, plastic bags and trash on your front lawn, right? Neither do birds and the sea life that make the coast their home.

With more than 12,000 volunteers expected to participate at more than 70 cleanup sites throughout Los Angeles County, Coastal Cleanup Day is set to celebrate its 24th anniversary as "the largest volunteer day on the planet."

Last year, more than 11,000 volunteers combed L.A.'s rivers, lakes, creeks, wetlands, beaches and even the ocean floor during the three-hour event, collecting 83,434 pounds of trash (including 5,512 pounds of recyclables). The City of Santa Monica and Heal the Bay team up for this international environmental cleanup day. For more information, go to healthebay.org or call (310) 458-2201 x5286.



▲ FALL FUN AT THE SANTA MONICA PIER

SANTA MONICA DRIVE-IN AT THE PIER, Tuesday evenings in August and September

Fall means fun, family events at the Pier, offering the free film series "Santa Monica Drive-In At The Pier." Movies range from animated family films to documentaries and dramas, and pre-show special events are often planned. Doors usually open at 7. No cars on deck at the "carless" drive-in, but chairs and blankets are welcome and are available for rent.

WAKE UP WITH THE WAVES, Saturday mornings in September and October

Beginning in September, join "Ariel", "Thomas", "Inky" and other friends at the Pier for the Wake Up With The Waves, a free interactive concert series for young children every Saturday morning from September 6 through October 25, 9 to 11 a.m. Please visit www.santamonicapier.org or call (310) 458-8900 for more information.

▲ OCEAN APPRECIATION WEEKEND

Santa Monica Pier Aquarium, August 23-24

With approximately 70 percent of the Earth's surface covered with water, the ocean plays an integral role in the air we breathe, the food we eat, and the way we make a living. And with the Santa Monica Bay as the city's western border, Santa Monicans have more reason than most to appreciate the ocean. Give the ocean some love at the Santa Monica Pier Aquarium's Ocean Appreciation Weekend, August 23 and 24 from 12:30 to 6:00 p.m.

Special presentations touching on the myriad ways the ocean impacts our lives – and the affects people have on the ocean – will be the focus of the weekend. Learn about SCUBA diving and surfing, which marine life provides vital medicinal benefits, how to make seafood choices in a sustainable manner, and observe phytoplankton in our lab for a better understanding of how a healthy ocean is vital to every breath we take.

The Aquarium is located at 1600 Ocean Front Walk, beneath the carousel at the Pier. Admission is free for children under 13 when accompanied by an adult; for all others, a \$5 per person donation is suggested, with a \$2 minimum admission required. Admission is \$2 per person for groups of ten or more. More information is available by calling (310) 393-6149 or at www.healthebay.org/smpa.



CITY HALL JAZZIFIED! *Continued from page 1*

▲ August 24 – Russ Mullen and the Jazz Associates

A talented teacher as well as musician, Russ Mullen is the director of the John Adams Middle School (JAMS) Jazz Band and Jazz Workshop and has been honored by the California State Legislature and the City of Santa Monica for his work with the JAMS Jazz Program. He and the Jazz Associates — Harley Lipton, Dennis Gobeille, Steve Donovan, Steve Sadd and Inskip Dasent — have performed throughout the Southern California area including shows at the Temple Bar and California Club, Hollywood and Highland, the Santa Monica Civic Auditorium, and Santa Monica's Memorial and Virginia Avenue Parks.

▲ August 31 – Opa Opa

A diverse group of musicians from all over the Latin world, *Opa Opa* is one of the premier salsa bands in Los Angeles, combining rich percussive rhythms, remarkably unique vocals and rich brassy horns for a unique powerful sounds.

THE JAZZ ON THE LAWN CONCERT SERIES (LOCATED AT 1685 MAIN STREET) IS PRESENTED BY
THE CITY OF SANTA MONICA CULTURAL AFFAIRS COMMISSION.
FOR MORE INFORMATION, VISIT WWW.SMGOV.NET OR CALL (310) 458-8350.



NEXT STOP 2050: THE BUS OF THE FUTURE

In its eighty years the Big Blue Bus has changed with the times, upgrading to new alternative fuels, building “green” facilities, and adding new technologies to make riding easier and ever more eco-friendly. In spite of all that though, the shape, cab and interior of buses has not changed very much from what we rode around in decades ago. With gas prices on the rise, environmental quality concerns and worsening congestion, more people than ever are taking advantage of mass transit. Big Blue Bus poses the question: What will buses look like in 2050?

You are invited to help us plan for the future today at www.busofthefuture.com, where you can share



Bus of the Past: a vintage Big Blue Bus at the 80th Anniversary celebration. What will the great blue fleet look like in 2050?

your ideas about what we can do to make future buses more sleek, comfortable and fun to ride. For example, what amenities would you like to see inside the bus of the future? What would the perfect seat be made from? Where would the doors be located? Would there be an espresso machine onboard? Feel free to get creative!

Graduate students from one of the most creative transportation design schools in the country, the Art Center College of Design, will create six final designs and three 3D models based on feedback from the blog.

The students' progress will be posted at www.BusoftheFuture.com until

September. Then, an unveiling of the final designs will be held on September 26 at the AltCar Expo in Santa Monica at the Santa Monica Convention Center. We hope to see you there!



SANTA MONICA PIER TWILIGHT DANCE SERIES

Free concerts on the Pier, Thursdays at 7 p.m. Still to come in August Zimbabwean cultural icon Oliver Mtukudzi, the West Coast debut of Italian songstress Carmen Consoli, British Invasion hit-makers Peter & Gordon and Gerry & the Pacemakers and Reggae legend Toots & the Maytals! For more information about the concerts, visit www.twilightdance.org or call the Santa Monica Pier information line at 310-458-8900.

AUGUST 7

**OLIVER MTUKUDZI AND
ROCKY DAWUNI**

*AfroPop from
Zimbabwe and Ghana*

AUGUST 14

**CARMEN CONSOLI,
JUANA MOLINA AND
SAMANTHA CRAIN**

*Indie-Pop Singers /
Global Songstresses*

AUGUST 21

**PETER & GORDON WITH GERRY &
THE PACEMAKERS**

The British Invasion once again...on the Pier!

AUGUST 28

TOOTS & THE MAYTALS

Jamaican Reggae Legend!



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LONG-RANGE COUNCIL AGENDA ITEMS

MAJOR MATTERS EXPECTED TO COME BEFORE CITY COUNCIL AUGUST, SEPTEMBER AND OCTOBER:

- ▲ Public presentation and hearing on the Bicknell and Borderline streetscape project concepts
- ▲ Reed Park Improvements concept design approval
- ▲ Ordinance Amending Sections of Santa Monica Municipal Code related to newsracks
- ▲ Ordinance prohibiting smoking in common areas of multi-family developments and creating a tobacco retailer licensing program

The long-range nature of this list means that some items may not be heard in the month originally scheduled, as new matters emerge and agendas are adjusted. No item will come to Council before the date originally published. Check the status of upcoming agenda items at www.smgov.net.

CELEBRATE 25 YEARS OF FIGHTING CRIME TOGETHER!

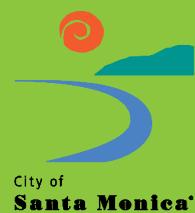
Join us for this year's National Night Out, celebrating 25 years of community and police partnerships in our efforts to combat crime. Meet in front of the Public Safety Facility at 333 Olympic Drive on Tuesday, August 5th from 6-8 pm for an old-fashioned block party. Meet Police Chief Timothy Jackman and other members of the Santa Monica Police Department, see some of our specialized units and equipment up close and visit with our K9 and Mounted Police units. Enjoy carnival games, a rock climbing wall, moon bounce, dunk tank, and free food and entertainment! Please note that Olympic Drive will be closed between 4th and Main Streets. Free parking will be available in the Civic Parking Structure.



Alternative Energy and Transportation Expo



presented by:



Third Annual

City of Santa Monica AltCar Expo & Conference

Friday, September 26
& Saturday, September 27, 2008

Santa Monica Civic Auditorium **FREE ADMISSION**

- West Coast's largest presentation of alternative fuel vehicles and innovative transportation options
- Cohesive two-day Conference with multiple speakers and panel discussions
- Over 150 exhibits that highlight all transportation technologies, urban planning, mass transit & more
- Ride & Drive Area for hands-on experience with all technologies

For more information, please visit

www.altcarexpo.com or call 310-390-2930.



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