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TWILIGHT DANCE SERIES

The 2011 Twilight Dance Series on the Santa Monica Pier opens July 7 with a high-energy salsa night. Bring your dance shoes – the Pier will install a dance floor for the evening, as well as for La Monica Ballroom Redux on August 11 and tango night on August 25.

The FREE concerts are held Thursdays, July 7 through September 8 from 7-10 p.m.

Throughout the season, the Pier brings you the best in rock, roots and world music from New Orleans to Jamaica to Australia. Join us this summer!

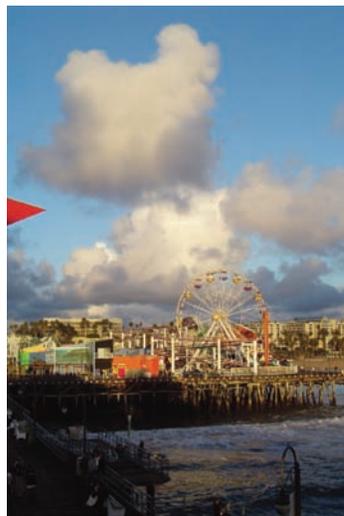
Concerts are free and open to the public. No alcohol is allowed at the event; dogs are allowed on a leash. Parking near the Pier is limited – walk, bike or take the Big Blue Bus this summer! Free bike valet starting at 6:30 p.m. on concert nights, providing safe and secure parking for thousands of bikes. For more information on the pier concerts, visit www.santamonicapier.org or call 310-458-8900.

For 2011 Twilight Dance Series schedule, see page 10.



Poster by Andrew Kligier

TOES IN THE SAND, TRASH IN THE CAN!



The passage of Measure V in 2006 reflected Santa Monica voters' dedication to protecting the health of our coastline and marine life. Since then, the city and partner organizations have worked to address pollution at the source through major repairs to storm drains and sewer lines, and the installation of bird netting under the Santa Monica Pier. These efforts paid off in May when Heal the Bay announced an "A" rating for the water quality around the Pier.

Now, just in time for summer, the city and Heal the Bay have teamed up to prevent littering on the beach this summer. Beachgoers will be greeted by playful artwork on 500 beach trash cans along Santa Monica

State Beach reminding the community to put trash where it belongs. These new wraps are more than just an attractive reminder to keep our beaches clean. They feature QR codes directing smart-phone users to a new Santa Monica Beachcast mobile site offering tips on keeping the beach clean, a chance to participate in cleanups, water and beach quality report cards, community Twitter updates and important beach-related contact info. You will need a QR code reader app installed on your smartphone in order to scan the code. Try it now!



This campaign is part of a proactive initiative between the City of Santa Monica, Heal the Bay, and DDB LA, a global advertising firm donating their inspiration and talents to the effort. Santa Monica State Beach is managed by the City of Santa Monica in cooperation with California State Parks.



Our beaches are wild open space, as famous as any national park, and protecting them is one of our highest priorities. This collaborative effort puts an exciting new twist on the vital public works infrastructure to help keep our beaches clean.

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 – June 17, July 1, 15 & 29. Payment and permit services are available every Friday – please call 310.458.8411 for the counter hours of your preferred service.

All city offices will be closed on Monday, July 4 for Independence 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.

Catch a vRide to Work

With gas prices on the rise, a green commute means more green in your wallet. Biking, walking and transit are great alternatives for local trips, but for longer commutes carpooling and vanpooling are often the most relaxing and affordable ways to go. The City of Santa Monica has teamed up with VPSI to make it easy to find a carpool or vanpool that works for you.

VPSI's vRide, a free, innovative online rideshare-matching network tailored for car and vanpoolers, has just debuted in Southern California. We've created a special Santa Monica Community in vRide to serve local residents and employees. Whether your commute begins or ends in Santa Monica, you can join the community to find a carpool or vanpool match based on origin, destination, route, times – even the group's personality. vRide allows users to find carpools or vanpools already up and running that have



available seats, or form their own group by posting information to the Santa Monica Community online bulletin board. Carpool and vanpool groups can personalize their page as much as they'd like with pictures and descriptions of their vanpool or carpool routes and rules.

Be among the first to try out vRide. You can participate by logging on to <http://vpsi-nla.avego.com>, entering your commute information and joining the Santa Monica Community. Whether you are actively in a carpool or vanpool, interested in joining one, or just curious as to what other commute options are available, by registering your commute with vRide you are creating a Santa Monica ridesharing network that will reduce traffic congestion and air pollution in our city.

If you have comments or suggestions about vRide, or are an employer wishing to learn more about vanpooling, contact Jacquilyne Brooks de Camarillo at jacquilyne.brooks@smgov.net.

SANTA MONICA

Seascape

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citytv highlights

CityTV has launched a new website! Check out the newly redesigned site at www.CityTV.org today. You can now watch CityTV live on the home page, as well as your favorite CityTV programming on demand – from your computer, smartphone, or wherever else you can access streaming video. Real-time program listings show what's playing throughout the broadcast day. Stay connected to your community through your favorite CityTV shows and LIVE public meetings at the all-new CityTV.org.



And don't forget to follow CityTV on Facebook, Twitter, and YouTube!

Fire Prevention Inspection Update

Firefighters universally agree – the best way to fight a fire is not to have one in the first place. Beginning July 1, 2011, ALL commercial businesses will be inspected annually by a member of the Santa Monica Fire Department. The inspection includes a check of items such as fire extinguishers, fire sprinklers, alarm systems, use of extension cords, storage and exits. They will come during business hours so there is no need to contact the Fire Department in advance. The business owner will be billed \$131 for this inspection. The additional inspections will ensure a higher level of fire and life safety for the entire Santa Monica community.

If your property has been inspected previously, you might notice an increase in your fire inspection fees. Fees for both residential and commercial property inspections were increased on July 1, 2010 following a fee study conducted in the spring of 2010.

For more information, contact the Fire Prevention Division at 310.458.8915 or visit www.santamonicafire.org

Time to renew your BUSINESS LICENSE!

All businesses operating in the city or from a Santa Monica address as of July 1, 2011 are required to renew their business license for the 2011-2012 fiscal year by July 1. The city has made it easy for currently licensed businesses by offering both online and mail renewal services. Renewal forms were mailed by June 1 to all currently licensed businesses. To renew your business license, chose one of the following options:



- Complete and return the renewal form mailed to the business
- Renew online at www.smgov.net/businesslicense

Renew online or make sure your renewal is postmarked by the US Post Office (not a private postage meter) by August 31, 2011 to avoid late payment penalties. Forms and information are also available online for first-time licensees.

Contact the Business License Office at business.license@smgov.net or (310) 458-8745 if you need a duplicate renewal form, need assistance or have questions regarding business licensing requirements.

COUNTDOWN TO THE CLOSURE



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If you're heading out of Santa Monica July 15-18, plan your trip carefully! The 405 Freeway will be closed for 53 hours in both directions between the I-10 and the U.S. 101 for planned demolition work on the Mulholland overpass. The I-405 Sepulveda Pass Improvements Project, a joint effort between Metro and Caltrans, will add a 10-mile HOV lane and improve supporting infrastructure such as ramps, bridges and sound walls. This project will reduce existing and forecasted traffic congestion.

On Friday, July 15, ramps along the 10 mile closure will begin to shut down as early as 7 p.m., and closure of freeway lanes will begin at 10 p.m. to ensure full freeway closure by midnight. The closure will continue until 5 a.m. Monday morning, July 18. Ramps and connectors will be reopened by 6 a.m. During this closure, the Mulholland Bridge, I-405 freeway and access ramps will be closed.

Metro advises motorists who must travel through the Los Angeles metropolitan area to use alternate freeways within the region, including the PCH, 5, 15, 23, 55, 57, 101, 118, 126, 210, 605 and 710 freeways to bypass the impacted area.

Additional alternate route information will be made available at www.metro.net/405.

405 FREEWAY TO BE CLOSED WEEKEND OF JULY 15-18

- Northbound I-405: 10-mile closure between I-10 and U.S. 101
- Southbound I-405: 4-mile closure between U.S. 101 and Getty Center Drive Ramps

The Role of Parks in Urban Environments: A Talk by James Corner

Monday, June 13, 7 p.m.

Santa Monica Main Public Library
MLK Jr Auditorium

Internationally-renowned landscape architect James Corner of James Corner Field Operations, will discuss contemporary landscapes and the importance of parks to the urban setting. James Corner's projects span the globe from New York to Korea, including the wildly successful Highline in New York City. James Corner Field Operations is currently working on the design for Santa Monica's two new Civic Center parks. This free discussion is sponsored by the Santa Monica Recreation & Parks Commission.

Seating is limited – save yours today.
RSVP to ccs@smgov.net

WHAT'S NEW IN PARKS & AT THE BEACH

Ozone Park Gets Some Shade

You'll notice **OZONE PARK** (720 Ozone Ave) is a little cooler these days thanks to the addition of four mature Sycamore trees. Located along the southern edge, the transplanted trees help fill-in and define the park's southern boundary. They also provide inviting new areas for picnics in the shade – so fold up a blanket, pack the picnic basket and head to Ozone Park!

Herb Katz Dog Park

The off-leash dog area at **JOSLYN PARK** (633 Kensington Rd.) has been officially dedicated in honor of former Mayor Herb Katz. A well-known community member and public official, Mr. Katz served Santa Monica for several decades in a variety of capacities, including City Council and the Planning Commission. He and his two dogs were a fixture at the dog play area, now named the **HERB KATZ DOG PARK**.

Reed Park is Open for Play

Children ages 2 – 5 and their parents and caregivers have a new gated playground at **REED PARK** (1133 7th St) to explore. Toddlers are welcome to hide in the Wizard's Hat, run through a maze, make sounds on drums and rainbarrels, get messy mixing water and sand, play a game of toddler basketball, and, of course, swing, swing, swing in the expanded area. During your visit, check out other new improvements like the Miles Playhouse demonstration garden, a new tennis waiting area, sustainable plantings and better lighting.

No Fish for Douglas Park Pond

...or turtles, or ducks! The annual cleaning of the pond at **DOUGLAS PARK** (2439 Wilshire Blvd.) is complete. The water lilies and assorted bog plants are lovely to look at and help maintain a healthy, chemical-free pond ecosystem. Adding fish or other animals to the pond upsets this balanced environment, and is not a safe or just solution for unwanted pets. Call the Santa Monica Animal Shelter at 310-458-8594 if you have a pet in need of a new home.

Grilling season has arrived

Show off your stuff at one of the grills located at **AIRPORT, CLOVER, MARINE AND VIRGINIA AVENUE PARKS**. Grilling in public parks is permitted only on city-provided grills, and is not allowed at the beach.

Santa Monica Farmers Markets

Check out summer's bounty at the Farmers Markets. The seasonal hot-weather fruits that everyone longs for are here – peaches, nectarines, plumcots, apricots, boysenberries and, of course, cherries. Summer corn, eggplant and peppers are in from the Coachella Valley, and Delta asparagus and desert tomatoes are just about done!



DOWNTOWN MARKETS WEDNESDAY

Arizona Ave & 2nd St.
8:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.

SATURDAY

Arizona Ave & 3rd St.
8:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

PICO MARKET SATURDAY

2200 Virginia Ave.
8:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

MAIN STREET MARKET

SUNDAY
2640 Main Street
9:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

City Closes the Recycling Loop with Re-Refined Oil

Oil never wears out, it just gets dirty! The re-refining process removes contaminants from used motor oil so it can be used again, with no compromise in the quality of the lubricant. The City of Santa Monica has been using re-refined oil in all of its vehicles for more than a decade, and now the city has partnered with Evergreen Oil to re-refine all waste oil. Evergreen Oil will collect approximately 2,700 gallons of waste oil each month from city facilities free of charge and re-refine it into 1,900 gallons of high quality motor oil, which the city will then purchase to operate the same vehicles. With this new partnership Santa Monica has closed the recycling loop on re-refined oil, ensuring that used motor oil is recycled safely with minimal air pollution, and purchasing environmentally-preferable, money-saving products.



If you would like additional information on using re-refined oil, contact the Office of Sustainability and the Environment at (310) 458-8711 or visit www.sustainablesm.org

Bring your Bag!

Beginning September 1, all Santa Monica retail establishments will be prohibited from providing light-weight, single-use plastic carryout bags to customers in order to reduce marine debris and limit waste sent to the landfill. Santa Monicans consume 26 million plastic bags every year by simply forgetting to shop with durable and long-lasting reusable bags. Most free plastic or paper bags are used for just 12 minutes before being released as pollution into the environment or as waste into the landfill. And of course they're not really "free" –



single-use bags are costly and the cost is passed on to consumers at checkout, and taxpayers pick up the bill for litter clean-up.

Don't wait until September – be a good steward of the environment right now by bringing your own reusable bag whenever you shop. Come to

one of the many Santa Monica events and pick up a free reusable bag made by Green Vets LA, a Los Angeles sewing company which has partnered with the VA Hospital to make durable bags out of scrap military materials. The Rosie's Girls Green Team will provide bag decorating workshops at some events.

- **Saturday, June 18** Juneteenth Event at Virginia Avenue Park
- **Sunday, June 26** Co-Opportunity Block Party
- **Sunday, August 21** Jazz on the Lawn at City Hall

For more information visit, www.sustainablesm.org/bag or call 310.458.4925.

Sustainable Summer Events

All events held at the City Yards, 2500 Michigan Avenue

SUMMER REUSE WORKSHOP

June 25, 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Learn how to turn old items and packaging into useful things for your home and office! Kick your creativity into action at this fun and entertaining workshop for adults and children. Sign up online at www.smgov.net/r3

FREE PAPER SHREDDING

July 23, 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Bring your "sensitive" documents to the City Yards and we'll shred and recycle them for free during our popular shred event.

COMPOST GIVEAWAY

August 27, 7 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Gardeners have the opportunity to cart away free compost at the upcoming Compost Giveaway – our quarterly thank-you to residents for all their efforts in recycling their yard trimmings! Bring your own containers, gloves and a shovel.

2011 Sustainable Quality Awards Recognize Local Businesses

Chef, author and host of KCRW's *Good Food* radio show Evan Kleiman gave the keynote address at the 2011 Sustainable Quality Awards Luncheon, held at the Sheraton Delfina on April 27. Mary Sue Milliken, co-chef and owner of the Border Grill restaurant, also spoke at the event about the importance of embracing sustainable practices as a business.



The Sustainable Quality Awards are a successful collaboration between the Santa Monica Chamber of Commerce, Sustainable Works and the City of Santa Monica. Celebrating its 16th year, the awards honor organizations and businesses who demonstrate significant achievements in the areas of economic development, social responsibility, and stewardship of the natural environment above and beyond their primary mission.

The 2011 SQA Award Winners are:

GRAND PRIZE

- **PS #1 Elementary School** – Private school that honors diversity and socioeconomic differences to inspire learning.
- **LAcARgUY** – Owner and operator of ten automotive dealerships throughout greater Los Angeles and the number one hybrid dealer in the world.

EXCELLENCE AWARD

- **Gorman and Miller** Services for business litigation and transactions, real estate and franchise law, with offices in Santa Monica and San Jose.
- **Lotus East-West Medical Center** Holistic medical center that combines acupuncture, naturopathy, medical doctors and psychotherapy.
- **Minarc** Award-winning design studio that specializes in modern, innovative, and sustainable architecture and design.
- **Schaffer's Genuine Foods** Catering service that supports local, organic and sustainable farms and purveyors for healthy produce, poultry, meat and fish.

For more information, visit www.smsqa.com

Garden Sharing: Dig In to a Winning Partnership

Calling all property owners! Do you dream of transforming your yard into a sustainable, edible garden oasis? Is a lack of time or skill holding you back? Try Garden Sharing! By joining the Santa Monica registry, you'll be able to pick from a list of avid and experienced gardeners in need of room to grow. From garden type to length of commitment, you will work together to structure a partnership that makes sense to both of you and you'll both share in the bounty. It's a win-win!



Visit www.smgov.net/communitygardens for more info, or call Wendy in Community Recreation at 310-458-8573 ext 1.



50+ & SENIOR PROGRAMS

1450 Ocean Ave | 310.458.8644 | www.smgov.net/seniors

Seniors, are you interested in ballroom dancing, Zumba Gold, yoga, meditation, health education, movies, group exercise, improv, cultural arts workshops or Bridge? Look no further than the Santa Monica Senior Center. Located in beautiful Palisades Park, the Senior Center offers enrichment activities, educational seminars, fitness and active living opportunities, SMC Emeritus classes and seasonal events throughout the year. Anyone over the age of 50 is invited to come by the center to check it out and meet new friends. Membership in the center is free.

HEALTHY LUNCH PROGRAM BY WISE & HEALTHY AGING

Stay healthy with good nutrition. Fresh lunches are available to seniors 60+ at locations throughout the city from 11 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. Reservations must be made 1 day in advance between 10 – 11:30 a.m. Suggested donation is \$2.50.

M – F: Senior Center 310.458.2219

Ken Edwards Center 310.395.8478

Reed Park 310.458.8315

Thursday Only: Virginia Avenue Park 310.452.7802

Additionally, a hearty box lunch is available on Saturdays on a first-come, first-served basis at the Senior Center.

SMC EMERITUS AT VIRGINIA AVENUE PARK

Check www.smc.edu/emeritus for the summer class schedule.

MEALS ON WHEELS

Healthy meals and in-home visits are available daily to people who are homebound or unable to shop or cook for themselves. Call 310.394.5133, 9 a.m. – 1 p.m. for info.

ADDITIONAL SUPPORT SERVICES FOR OLDER ADULTS

WISE & Healthy Aging and other local service providers offer services including Dial-A-Ride; independent living and caregiver support; money management; health services, care management; housing assistance; volunteer opportunities; friendly home visiting and more. Call 310.394.9871 for more info, or visit www.wiseandhealthyaging.org.

The Senior Resource Directory & Quick Reference Guide is available online at www.smc.edu/emeritus. Hard copies are available at the Senior Center.

Santa Monica Police Activities League

Ready for summer? PAL is here to fill your days with fun and free programs! PAL provides educational, cultural and recreational programs for youth ages 6-17. Class subjects include cooking, dance, arts and crafts. Don't miss out on special summer programs and events including hiking, surfing, cycling, basketball, beach days and more.

Also this summer, the PAL fitness gym at Virginia Avenue Park will be open for youth ages 6-24. An array of fitness classes including karate, boxing, weight training and open workouts are available. Coaches and instructors for the PAL program include Santa Monica Police Officers, staff from the Community and Cultural Services Department, and volunteers. If you would like to volunteer, PAL is looking for volunteers to help with Homework Assistance, special events and field trips.

SUMMER LUNCH

Nutritious and delicious free lunches will be available to youth ages 18 and under at Virginia Avenue Park and the PAL Youth Center at Memorial Park all summer long. M – F at noon. Call 310.458.8988 or 310.458.8688.

PAL YOUTH CENTER

1401 Olympic Blvd. | 310.458.8988

www.smgov.net/hsd/pal

Hours: Mon-Fri noon-8 p.m., Sat noon-6 p.m.

Homework Room

Hours: Mon-Thu 2:30 – 6:30 p.m.

(Computers available until 9 p.m.)

PAL FITNESS GYM @ VIRGINIA AVENUE PARK

2200 Virginia Avenue | 310.458.8688

www.smgov.net/hsd/pal

Hours: Mon-Fri 12 noon-8 p.m., Sat 9 a.m.-5 p.m.

1401 Olympic Blvd. | 310.458.8988 | www.smgov.net/pal

Volunteer Santa Monica

Do the long summer days leave you with extra time on your hands? Get out and volunteer! Share your interests and talents through assignments and projects with the Animal Shelter, Santa Monica Public Library, Westside Special Olympics, Farmers Market and more. Get started today by calling 310.458.8300 ext 5265, or emailing vol@smgov.net.

VIRGINIA AVENUE PARK VOLUNTEERS

We're always in need of tutors, reading partners, event support or Saturday Kidz Zone helpers. Please call 310.458.8688 for more info.

YOUTH SUMMER PROGRAMS

ROSIE'S GIRLS SUMMER PROGRAM

Rosie's Girls is a national, award-winning program for girls entering grades 6-8 that builds self-esteem, physical confidence, and leadership through an exploration of the trades and other non-traditional activities. During this three-week summer day camp, girls go "behind the scenes" and experience what it takes to maintain a city as they learn and apply skills in carpentry, welding, plumbing, tree-trimming and firefighting for a one-of-a-kind summer experience! The curriculum also includes physical challenges, creative expression, development of leadership and critical thinking skills and a collaborative community service project.



*City Yards, 2500 Michigan Avenue.
Pick-up and drop-off is at Stewart
Park on 1850 Stewart Street,
south of Olympic Blvd.*

Mon-Fri, 8:30 a.m.-5:00 p.m.
Extended care (7-8:30 a.m.
and 5-6 p.m.) is available for
an additional \$35 per week.

Session 1: 7/5-7/22
Session 2: 8/1-8/19

Resident: \$1140 per session
+ \$75 materials fee*

Non-resident: \$1455 per
session + \$75 materials fee*

**Financial assistance is not applicable to the materials fee.*

For more information: www.smgov.net/rosiesgirls or 310.458.8688.

CREST SUMMER CAMPS

CREST offers two day camps for youth ages 8-14: Camp Santa Monica and Santa Monica Sports Experience. Campers will have many opportunities to be physically active, develop new friendships, and have their days filled with learning and fun. Daily lunch and an afternoon snack are provided.



CAMP SANTA MONICA

Thelma Terry Center at Virginia Avenue Park, 2200 Virginia Avenue

Mon-Fri, 8:30 a.m.-5 p.m. (full day)

Resident: \$200 per week Non-resident: \$220 per week
Extended care (7-8:30 a.m. and 5-6 p.m.) is available for
an additional \$35 per week.

SANTA MONICA SPORTS EXPERIENCE

John Adams Middle School cafeteria, 2425 16th Street

Full-day: 8:30 a.m.-5 p.m. Half-day: 12:30-5 p.m.

Resident: \$200 per week (full-day) \$123 per week (half-day)
Non-resident: \$220 per week (full day) \$133 per week (half-day)
Extended care (7-8:30 a.m. and 5-6 p.m.) is available for
an additional \$35 per week.

Financial assistance is available based on a sliding scale to qualifying Santa Monica residents. Please note that space in fee-based programs will not be reserved until your application has been approved. Payment plans may be available upon request.

For more information: www.smgov.net/CREST or 310.458.8540.

VIRGINIA AVENUE PARK

SUMMER ADVENTURE CAMP

Keep the kids busy this summer! Our popular after-school program has been extended through the summer to deliver a memorable experience. Best of all? The Summer Adventure Camp is free for residents or students attending SMMUSD! This camp for youth ages 6-14 includes arts and crafts, recreation, trips and plenty of fun.

SUMMER LUNCH AT VAP

Nutritious and delicious free summer lunches will be available at Virginia Avenue Park for youth ages 18 and under, Monday-Friday at noon, throughout the summer. Please call 310.458.8988 or 310.458.8688.

SATURDAY PROGRAM SUMMER SAFARI AT VAP

Youth 11 and under are welcome to drop-in to the Saturday Kidz Zone, every week from 9:30 a.m. to noon. Free programs include arts and crafts and outdoor recreation. Sign up on the spot.

TEEN CENTER

Youth ages 14-24 that live or attend school in Santa Monica are welcome to take part in all that VAP's Teen Center has to offer. Sports include bowling, golf, basketball and volleyball. Arts include urban art, digital media, oil painting and silk screening. There's even a DJ Class! Social opportunities are available

through a Men's Group, Girls on the Move Club, Book Club, Leadership Group, and Semillas de Pio Pico – a college group. A variety of field trips are offered throughout the summer.

The Teen Center actively partners with agencies that provide both employment and mental health services. Youth looking for employment training or internship opportunities should check out the on-site office hours for Jewish Vocational Services and Chrysalis. St. John's Health Center provides referrals for mental health services to youth and families.

We love active parent involvement – parents are invited to attend informative meetings held every second Friday of each month.



JUNETEENTH CELEBRATION

**June 18, noon to 6 p.m.
Virginia Avenue Park**

Get into the summertime groove with rhythm and blues, gospel and drums at this year's Juneteenth Celebration. This lively festival at Virginia Avenue Park will feature African-American music, arts, a car show and dance. Live entertainment will include Grammy®-nominee Ray Brooks & the Blues Masters Band, Kehinde Otis Johnson's Stilt Walker Troupe, Samba Samba Dance, Tri-A Steppers Drum Line and Lava Bai Drum Circle – audience participation encouraged! The Kidz Zone will feature crafts, painting, games and an interactive building project with Rosie's Girls to keep youth & families busy. There will also be a cultural arts marketplace, Texas-style BBQ and plenty of other favorite foods. In addition, a panel of scholars will discuss the relevance of the United States' Constitution's 13th, 14th and 15th Amendments at the time they were written and now.

Juneteenth celebrates the 146th anniversary of the day the last American slaves heard the news of the signing of the Emancipation Proclamation and commemorates the struggles and accomplishments of African Americans. Although Abraham Lincoln signed the Emancipation Proclamation into effect on January 1, 1863, it wasn't until June 19, 1865 that Union soldiers finally brought the news to Galveston, Texas, freeing approximately 250,000 slaves residing in the state.

For more information, visit www.smgov.net/vapark or like Virginia Avenue Park on Facebook. This annual event is brought to you by the Juneteenth Celebration Committee, Inc. and the City of Santa Monica.

NEW PACIFIC SEAHORSE EXHIBIT at the Santa Monica Pier Aquarium

With their majestically curled tails and fluttery pectoral fins, the Pacific Seahorse is a new favorite at the Santa Monica Pier Aquarium. Growing up to 12 inches in height, the *Hippocampus ingens* is among the largest of the world's seahorses and the only one to be found along the California coast. The seahorse family is especially unusual in that male seahorses give birth – they have a special “brood pouch” where they keep eggs that were deposited by the female.

The Aquarium will offer these animals as the latest species available for Aquadoption, a program allowing anyone to invest in the care of marine life on exhibit. A yearlong Aquadoption includes a personalized packet with an adoption certificate, photo, fact sheet, and a full year's membership to Heal the Bay, which includes free family admission to the Aquarium. In honor of the Aquarium's new exhibit, the seahorse will be available for Aquadoption for just \$50 during the month of June. Beginning July 1, the seahorse adoption will increase to \$250. More information about the program is available at www.healthebay.org/donate/adopt-aquarium-animal.

Check out the new seahorses and more than 100 other species on exhibit at the Aquarium, and don't miss the Aquarium's Ocean Appreciation Celebration on July 30 & 31.

For hours and information, visit www.healthebay.org/smpa.



Photo: Tara Crow

National Night Out

Tuesday, August 2, 6 to 8 p.m.

333 Olympic Drive

(between the Public Safety Facility and City Hall)



Join us for music, free hot dogs, carnival games and more as the Santa Monica Police Department hosts its annual block party to celebrate National Night Out. The event strengthens partnerships between police and community and raises crime prevention awareness. This year's theme is emergency preparedness for home and business, so stop by to learn about what you can do to get ready for a natural disaster or other emergency.

Free parking will be available in the Civic Center Parking Structure located directly across the street from the Public Safety Building.

For more information on this event, call the S.M.P.D. Community Relations Unit at 310.458.8474 or visit www.santamonicapd.org and our facebook page <http://facebook.com/santamonicapd>

SOAK IT IN, WORK IT OUT, PLAY IT UP...

It's a great day at the beach. The **COURTYARDS**, **VIEW DECK**, **SPLASH PAD** and accessible **PLAY AREA** at the Annenberg Community Beach House are open daily from 8:30 a.m. to 8:30 p.m. Special hours apply for the **GALLERY** and **GUEST HOUSE** tours. Grab a bite at **BACK ON THE BEACH CAFÉ** and check out the **BEACH RENTALS** cart for chairs, umbrellas and more summer essentials.

POOL OPEN DAILY JUNE 25 – SEPTEMBER 5

Weekly features include **DOLLAR SPLASH MONDAY** (excluding holidays 7/4 and 9/5) when every pool pass is \$1 from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. The Beach House Shuttle will run from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Dollar Splash Mondays only. Adults can enjoy **POOL POWER HOUR** workout time on Tuesday and Thursday mornings. Check our website for pool depth, age restrictions and use information.

Pool reservations are available, but not required, Tuesday through Sunday, and limited parking reservations are available

daily. Make your reservations online up to three days in advance. First come, first served pool passes go on sale daily at Guest Services starting at 9:30 a.m. Canopies on the sand are available for reservation up to two weeks in advance.

EVENTS

The pool, guest house and gallery opens for the season with **SUMMER'S HERE!** June 25, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. including special activities for all ages; hands-on play for youth, demonstrations in the Sand & Sea Fitness Room for ages 16+ and a DJ to keep things celebratory for everyone.

Mark your calendars for more hands-on fun for all ages at **SURF'S UP!** on July 23 and **GET DOWN IN THE SAND!** on August 27. Eat, play, lounge, float...swimming is optional at our first ever **ADULT POOL NIGHTS**, Wednesdays, July 13 and August 17 from 7 p.m. to 10 p.m. Advance reservations available.



FUN IN THE SUN

Beach courts for volleyball, soccer and beach tennis are available for reservation or on a first come, first served basis. Check out weekly opportunities to play **DISC GOLF** and **LADDER BALL**. Need a break from the sun? Bring your own game or join up with others to play Bunco, Scrabble, Jenga, Uno and more in the **GAME ROOM**, open Sunday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday from 2 to 4 p.m.

SAND & SEA FITNESS ROOM

Take in magnificent ocean views while working out on state-of-the-art cardio and weight equipment in the **SAND & SEA FITNESS ROOM**, open daily for ages 16+. Sign up for new classes in paddleboarding, snorkeling, open ocean swimming, and holistic wellness, along with popular yoga classes for youth and adults, beach volleyball and synchronized swimming with the Aqualillies – the most fun you can have wearing a nose clip!

BEACH=CULTURE

Enjoy weekly cultural events Tuesdays at 6:30 p.m. plus Santa Monica Rep performs Shakespeare's *The Tempest* August 10-14. Presentations are free, reservations are required. For more information, please visit www.annenbergbeachhouse.com

For complete information on hours, times, reservations, parking and more visit www.annenbergbeachhouse.com or call 310.458.4904.



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THE 27TH ANNUAL TWILIGHT DANCE SERIES

Thursdays, July 7 through September 8, 7-10 p.m.
Santa Monica Pier

JULY 7 ~ SAMO MAMBO

Grupo Fantasma
Oscar Hernández and
the L.A. Salsa All-Stars

JULY 14

The Bangles

JULY 21

Australia Rocks!
Missy Higgins

JULY 28

The Slackers
Starpool

AUGUST 4

Cirque du Soleil

AUGUST 11 ~ LA MONICA BALLROOM THEN & NOW

Royal Crown Revue
Ameera & the JBG

AUGUST 18

Duo-Tones
The Eliminators
The Slacktones

AUGUST 25 ~ TANGO BY THE WAVES

Milongatron

SEPTEMBER 1

Dawes

SEPTEMBER 8

New Orleans Celebration
Artist TBA

Visit www.santamonicipier.org for
more information and concert listings.



Missy Higgins

SIGN UP FOR THE WHOLE LOTTA PROJECTS TOUR

Saturday, July 9, 2011

Our annual bus tour of public construction projects will show off a city's worth of improvements and future plans with staff from the City Manager's Office, Community and Cultural Services and Public Works at the helm. This year's TOUR STOP will be the newly opened Santa Monica Water Treatment Plant.



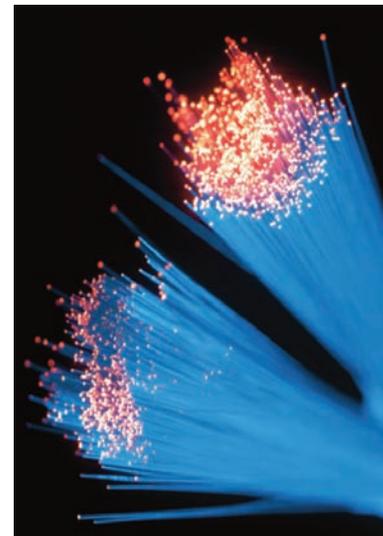
Our Big Blue Charter Bus leaves the Santa Monica Main Public Library, 601 Santa Monica Blvd., at 9 a.m. on Saturday, July 9. The tour lasts approximately three hours. Registration is limited for this popular event – sign up at www.smgov.net/tour or call 310.458.8301 (TTY 917.6626).

The Library and the tour bus are both wheelchair accessible. The Main Library is served by Big Blue Bus lines 1, 2, 3, 7, 8, 9 and 10. To request other disability accommodations, please call 310.458.8301 (TTY 310.917.6626) one week in advance.

CYBERNEWZ

Santa Monica's fiber optic network receives Harvard's Top 25 Innovations in Government award

Santa Monica City NetSM, the city's 10 gigabit fiber optic network, was selected as one of the Top 25 Innovations in Government by the Ash Center at Harvard's Kennedy School of Government. The program was selected for this prestigious award in the Economic Development category, due to the network's effectiveness in attracting technology companies to the city and supporting existing Santa Monica businesses with a leading-edge broadband infrastructure. Santa Monica City Net's unique model is being replicated by the cities of Burbank and Long Beach, and is under review in Chicago and Calgary, Canada. The program sets a new standard in improving four key elements in the nation's broadband service—access, affordability, capacity and speed.



Through Santa Monica City Net, the city leases dark fiber and lit services to local businesses for affordable broadband. For more information, visit www.smcitynet.com.

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MAIN LIBRARY

Summer Concert SAMOHI Jazz Band

The award-winning, seven-piece combo presents an outdoor concert. Sat 6/25, 11 a.m. North Courtyard.



LA Opera Multimedia Talk

Introduction to the new opera, *Il Postino*. Sat 6/25, 3 p.m. Multipurpose Room.

Lana Chae Piano Recital Solo pieces by Prokofiev, Beethoven, and Liszt. Sat 7/9, 2 p.m. MLK Jr. Auditorium.

Ojai: A Postcard History Author Craig Walker presents this visual tour of the Ojai valley through vintage postcards. Sat 7/16, 1 p.m.

Improve Your Eyesight Gloria Ginn explains how to see better without surgery. Sat 7/16, 3 p.m. Multipurpose Room.

Author/Actress Dee Wallace. The mom from E.T. discusses her biography *Bright Light: Spiritual Lessons from a Life in Acting*. Tue 7/26, 7 p.m., MLK Jr. Auditorium.

FAIRVIEW BRANCH LIBRARY

Inside Job Oscar-winning documentary about the financial meltdown. Tue 6/21, 7 p.m.

Hula Hoop Your Way to Fitness An exhilarating fat-burning workout. Hoops provided. Sat 6/25, 10 a.m.

Fairview Literature Book Group *Innocents Abroad* by Mark Twain. Sat 7/9, 11 a.m.

MONTANA AVENUE BRANCH LIBRARY

Mystery Book Group *Death of a Nationalist* by Rebecca Pawel. Wed 7/13, 7 p.m.

Montana Avenue Branch Book Group *Never Let Me Go* by Kazuo Ishiguro. Wed 7/20, 7 p.m.

Summer Film Series Thursdays, 6:30 p.m.
6/16 *Greenberg*; 6/23 *Cheri*; 6/30 *Runaways*; 7/14 *Death at a Funeral*; 7/21 *Winter's Bone*; 7/28 *Kids are All Right*

OCEAN PARK BRANCH LIBRARY

Ocean Park Book Group *Shanghai Girls* by Lisa See. Sat 7/2, 11 a.m.

NEW: Ocean Park Pulitzer Prize Book Group *Olive Kitteridge* by Elizabeth Strout. Sat 7/16, 11 a.m.

History of Film Series:

Charlie Chaplin Film historian Elaina Archer looks at the life and work of Chaplin. Sat 7/2, 2 p.m.

Meditation for Beginners

Raja Yogi Meditation Center discusses the practice of meditation. Sat 7/23, 3 p.m.



YOUTH PROGRAMS

SUMMER READING PROGRAMS JUNE 18-27

- **For Children: "One World, Many Stories"**
- **Baby & Me Club** – For babies 0 to 17 months and their caregivers.
- **Read-To-Me Club** – For ages 18 months to 6 years.
- **Reading Club** – For Independent Readers.

Programs for Teens: "You Are Here"
Teen Reading Club for grades 6-12



MAIN LIBRARY

Summer Reading Kickoff with "The Adventures of Zeet Nagley!"

A zany puppet show featuring a blue, furry alien named Zeet who travels through the galaxy looking for adventure. Ages 4 & up. Sat 6/18 at 11 a.m. Activity Room.

Summer Activity Programs. Mondays at 2:30 p.m. 6/27 – 8/1. (No program on 7/4)

"Around the World" Musical Story Time! Celebrate our summer theme with songs, musical stories and rhythm fun from around the world. Ages 2 & up. Sat 7/23, 10:30 a.m.

Programs for Teens:

Food Fan Club – Summer Edition Stay cool, eat, and learn about the food you eat with the Santa Monica Farmers' Market. Grades 6 & up. Thu 7/7 & 8/4, 2 p.m.

Snap It! Teen Photography Workshop Learn the basics of photography with local photographer Grace Smith. Space is limited for this FREE workshop. Sign-ups begin Mon 7/11. Grades 6 & up. Sat 8/6, 1-4 p.m.

FAIRVIEW BRANCH LIBRARY

Summer Activity Programs Wednesdays at 2:30 p.m. 6/29 – 8/3.

Family Fun with Stories, Rhymes and Crafts Ages 3 to 5. Mon 7/11 – 8/1, 7-7:45 p.m.

Programs for Teens:

Keyboarding Boot Camp: Get Your Fingers Ready for the Keyboard! Sign up starting Mon, July 5 between 3-5 p.m. and learn the drill. Weekly raffle prizes. Grades 5 to 8. Mon-Thu, 7/5-7/28.

MONTANA AVENUE BRANCH LIBRARY

Summer Activity Programs Tuesdays at 2:30 p.m. 6/28 – 8/10.

Paws to Read Practice your reading skills and read to a therapy dog. Sign ups begin 6/27. Thu & Sat 7/7 – 8/13, 2-3 p.m.

Programs for Teens:

Teen Activity Programs Grades 6-12. Mondays at 2:30 p.m. 7/11 – *Earbud Holders*; 7/18 – *Message Board*; 8/1 – *Safety Pin Wrist Cuff*; 8/8 *Iron Chef Challenge: Salsa & Guacamole*

OCEAN PARK BRANCH LIBRARY

Summer Activity Programs Thursdays at 2:30 p.m. 6/30 – 8/4.

Youth & Family Chess Weekly Wednesday program for all levels and ages, 3 to 6 p.m. Wed, 6/15, 3:30 to 6 p.m. Special Chess Tournament. Prizes will be awarded.

Royal Reading Story Time A fun, fairy-tale workshop for children ages 3-8. Tue 7/12, 7 p.m.

Programs for Teens:

Snap It! Teen Photography Workshop Learn the basics of photography and take a mini photo excursion around the neighborhood. Space is limited for this FREE workshop. Sign-ups begin Mon 7/11. Grades 5 & up. Sat 7/30, 1-4 p.m.

SANTA MONICA MAIN LIBRARY AND BRANCH INFORMATION

Main Library

601 Santa Monica Blvd., 310.458.8600

Fairview Branch

2101 Ocean Park Blvd., 310.458.8681

Montana Avenue

1704 Montana Ave., 310.458.8682

Ocean Park Branch

2601 Main St., 310.458.8683

Library Hours

Main Library: Mon-Thu 10 a.m.-9 p.m.; Fri/Sat 10 a.m.-5:30 p.m.; Sun 1-5 p.m.

Branch: Mon-Thu noon-9 p.m., Sat 10 a.m.-5:30 p.m. Closed Fri and Sun.

Big Blue Bus Routes

Main Library Lines 1, 2, 3, 7, 8, 9, 10

Fairview Branch Lines 6, 8, Sunset Ride and Crosstown Ride

Montana Avenue Line 3 and Crosstown Ride

Ocean Park Branch Lines 1 and 8

Bike parking available.

All city libraries are wheelchair accessible. To request a disability-related accommodation for events, call the library at 310.458.8600 (TDD 310.395.8499) at least three business days in advance.



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CITY COUNCIL MEETINGS

The Santa Monica City Council regularly meets at 5:30 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:

- June 21 – Special Meeting: Budget Adoption
- June 28
- July 12 and 26

Visit www.smgov.net/council for more information or to check the status of upcoming agenda items. City Council meetings are broadcast live on CityTV cable channel 16 and streamed at www.citytv.org. Regular meetings air on 89.9 KCRW from 8 p.m. to midnight.

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
Santa Monica, California 90401
Phone: 310.458.8201
Fax: 310.458.1621

Email all Council members: council@smgov.net

Santa Monica's Fourth of July Parade on Main Street



Celebrate the 4th of July at the beach! Build a float, mobilize your garage band or form a Life Preserver Drill Team. Decorate yourselves, your bikes or your skates. Volunteer to help or just come and watch! Express yourselves and celebrate Independence Day in your very own community parade. This year's Grand Marshals are the Ocean Lifeguards of Santa Monica.

Parade begins on Monday, July 4 at 9:30 a.m. in front of the Santa Monica Civic Center and marches south on Main Street. Advanced registration is required to participate in the parade. Visit www.opa-sm.org/parade for more information and to sign up.

Presented by the Ocean Park Association.



MORE PATRIOTIC FUN!

Celebrate America at Santa Monica College

Bring family and friends to Corsair Stadium on June 25 at 5 p.m. for a star-spangled salute to our nation's independence. Enjoy continuous entertainment and special exhibits and cap off the evening with a spectacular fireworks salute to America. Santa Monica College, Main Campus, 1900 Pico Boulevard.

For more information, call (310) 434-4303.