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ANNENBERG COMMUNITY BEACH HOUSE NOW OPEN!

Over 6,000 well wishers gathered on April 25 to mark the opening of the Annenberg Community Beach House, an event over a decade in the making. The Beach House is now open to all, no membership required. Come visit the historic pool, play area, splash pad, beach volleyball and beach tennis courts, gallery space and the renewed Marion Davies Guest House. Fred Deni's Back on the Beach Café will reopen this summer.

Guests to the Beach House are encouraged to make a great day at the beach easy *by purchasing parking, pool passes and beach volleyball and beach tennis courts online* up to three days in advance. Purchases may also be made over the phone or in person with a credit card. *Note: Nonrefundable payment is required at the time of reservation. A percentage of pool passes are available on a walk-up basis.*



The Beach House is now open daily from 8:30 a.m. to 8:30 p.m., with the pool open from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. For more on the Beach House, see page 4.

The Annenberg Community Beach House is made possible by a generous gift from the Annenberg Foundation, at the recommendation of Wallis Annenberg, and in partnership with the City of Santa Monica and California State Parks. Additional funding was provided by the US Department of Housing & Urban Development and the federal Preserve America program.

STILL DANCING AFTER ALL OF THESE YEARS: Twilight Dance Series reaches a milestone during the Pier Centennial

A perfect storm of history converges on the Pier as we look forward to the Centennial summer. While the Pier celebrates its hundredth year, Santa Monica's beloved Twilight Dance Series turns 25! The Pier will commemorate both milestones on July 23 with La Monica Ballroom Redux, a tribute to the long history of music and dance on the Pier.

In the spot where the brightly colored Pacific Wheel and roller coaster now invites us to come play, La Monica Ballroom once stood. At 40,000 square feet, it was largest and most beautiful ballroom on the West Coast, so massive that it appeared to magically float above the ocean. The opening on July 23, 1924 was one of the most anticipated events in Santa Monica's history, and the ballroom welcomed hundreds of thousands of dancers, celebrities and some of the finest musicians of the era throughout its run as an entertainment venue. The building met its demise in 1962 due to insurmountable structural issues, but not before hosting the popular, long-running variety television broadcast "The Spade Cooley Show" and serving as a convention center, an automotive museum, a roller rink (twice) and the temporary home of the police department and jail while City Hall was under construction.



Santa Monica Public Library Image Archives/PRC Collection

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More than thirty years after the ballroom saw its last dance-a-thon, and in roughly the same place, enterprising resident Katharine King produced a four-week concert event to reinvigorate the Pier as a fun and funky cultural venue. In 1985 the city's Arts Commission lent some financial support to the event, which King named the Twilight Dance Series. The series grew from modest beginnings to become the largest free festival-style concert series in Southern California; one of Santa Monica's signature events and a favorite gathering place for residents on Thursday evenings throughout the summer.

The 2009 season opens on July 2 with the traditional and highly-anticipated "Reggae night" featuring one of the strongest voices coming out of Jamaica right now, **BUSHMAN**. On July 9, the Pier welcomes musical icon **JOAN BAEZ** with special guest **TIFT MERRITT**. Ms. Baez is a musical and social force of incalculable influence, championing a new generation of songwriters and singers and always advocating for peace

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Briefly...

OUR NEW LOOK! After using the previous design for nearly ten years, *Seascape* has a new look. Award-winning local designer Diane Kuntz created a new face for *Seascape* that is more modern and easier to read. And it couldn't have come at a better time – in a recent survey, 27% of residents said they get most of their city news from *Seascape*! Many thanks to Winter 2009 design students at the Art Institute of California–Los Angeles in Santa Monica, under the direction of Pim Fakkeldy, who provided inspiration and new ideas when they tackled *Seascape* as a class project. To comment on the new design, write *Seascape* at the address below.

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 5 and 19 and July 17 and 31. Payment and permit services are available every Friday.

All city offices will be closed on Friday, July 3 in observance of Independence Day.

NEW IN TOWN? Our new resident packet is filled with information to help you get familiar with your new neighborhood, including the 2008/2009 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.

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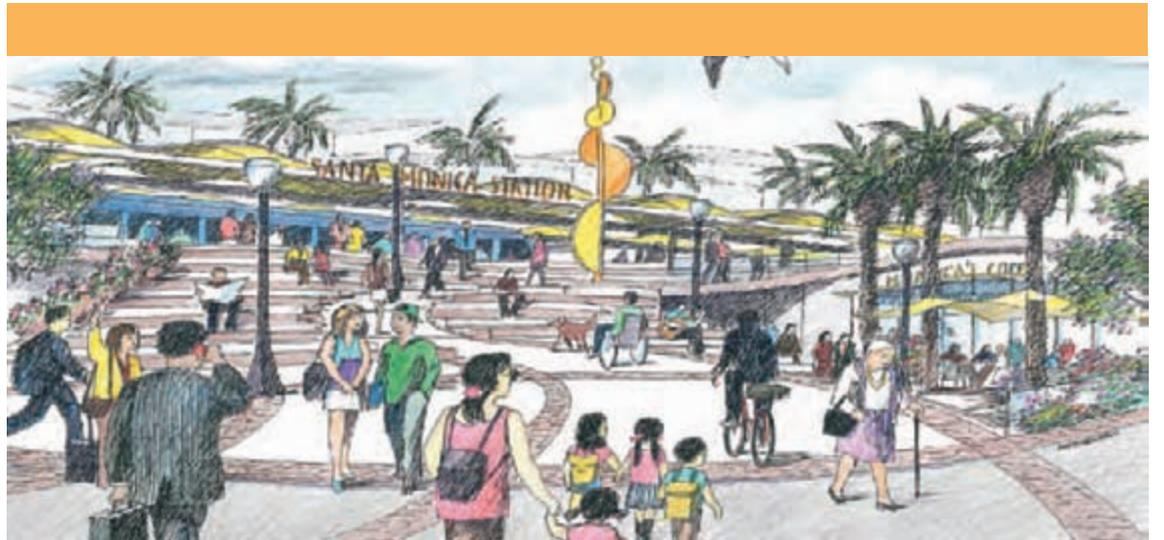
Seascape

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Summer Planning!

The Land Use and Circulation Element (LUCE) process is heating up this summer with lots of community ideas that will help shape the final plan. Help us take a closer look at how your neighborhoods should look and function; how we can maintain and expand affordable/workforce housing; and comment on urban design and the transition to neighborhoods along the commercial corridors.

To make sure we get your input, we are scheduling a number of in-depth workshops. At the same time, we are also coordinating important projects like the Exposition Light Rail and Downtown/Civic Center with the LUCE vision.

▲ DOWNTOWN/CIVIC CENTER AND LIGHT RAIL OPPORTUNITIES

WORKSHOP A May 11 workshop drew over 100 community members. Participants agreed that freeway capping is an exciting idea and a station plaza should welcome visitors. Support was heard for sharing parking within a 10-minute walk, and pedestrian improvements on and around Colorado Avenue. Submit your comments at www.ShapeTheFuture2025.net

▲ NEIGHBORHOOD CONSERVATION On June 2, residents gathered to share what they love best about their neighborhoods and the challenges facing them. Tools for conservation and protection were discussed. Find out how you can join this ongoing discussion at www.ShapeTheFuture2025.net

Make your summer plans to participate in additional workshops about affordable and workforce housing, station area planning for EXPO Light Rail, transportation, and urban design and scale on commercial corridors.

Leadership Series Hits the Beach!

The Leadership Series' annual bus tour of public construction projects and improvements visits the Annenberg Community Beach House, this year's major completed construction project and a cultural and recreational facility more than a decade in the making! Our popular "Whole Lotta Projects Goin' On" tour is Saturday, July 11, with staff from the City Manager's Office, Community and Cultural Services and Public Works at the helm to guide you through a city's worth of improvements, all in one morning (exact time TBA). Registration is limited for this popular event – sign up online at www.smgov.net/leadership or call 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 917-6626) at least one week in advance.



To find out more or to receive notice of upcoming meetings, please sign up at

www.ShapeTheFuture2025.net

Santa Monica Rent Control Marks Thirty Year Anniversary

April 10, 2009 marked the thirtieth anniversary of rent control in Santa Monica. Just as the voters intended thirty years ago, the purpose of the law remains “to alleviate the hardship caused by the serious housing shortage by establishing a Rent Control Board empowered to regulate rentals in the City of Santa Monica so that rents will not be increased unreasonably. . . .” The law is intended to protect the affordable housing supply and promotes the stability of the community. Provisions of the law include limited annual rent increases, eviction protections, controlling the removal of rental units and a guarantee that owners will make a fair return in the operation of their rental units.

Today almost 65 percent of Santa Monica residents are renters. They are a vital part of the community and the fact that 44 percent of the controlled rental housing units are occupied by tenants who have lived in their units at least 10 years is an indication that rent control has benefited Santa Monica by supporting neighborhood stability.

Rent Control Board staff hosts numerous informational seminars each year for tenants and owners of rental property. In the fall, staff is preparing a panel discussion of residents, property owners and staff from the City Attorney’s office to discuss some of the issues affecting rental housing in Santa Monica.

For more information, visit www.smgov.net/rentcontrol for updates or contact Rent Control at 310.458.8751.

Census 2010: Make it Count!

The U.S. Constitution mandates that everyone living in the United States be counted in a census every ten years. While your participation in the census will take less than ten minutes, the results are extremely important.

To prepare for the next count, address canvassers from the U.S. Census Bureau are combing neighborhoods with GPS-equipped hand-held computers. They will identify every living quarter where people live or could potentially live, and verify more than 145 million addresses. You may notice Census workers in your neighborhood. Official census workers carry identification badges, US Census shoulder bags, GPS handheld devices and a pad of confidentiality notices. Each worker passes an FBI background check and takes a lifetime oath of confidentiality. A Census worker will never ask a person for his or her social security number, driver’s license or immigration status.

Census data directly affect how more than \$300 billion per year in federal and state funding is allocated to communities like Santa Monica for neighborhood improvements, public health, education, transportation and much more. That’s more than \$3 trillion over a 10-year period nationwide. Please help us prepare now to “make it count” in 2010!



NRO Program Receives Award for Excellence

On April 30, the Santa Monica Police Department’s Neighborhood Resource Officer Program received the Peace Officers Association of Los Angeles County 2009 Centurion Achievement Award for Excellence in Community Policing.

The Santa Monica Police Department was selected for this award amongst all the law enforcement agencies within Los Angeles County. Sergeant Jaime Hernandez accepted the award on behalf of the Police Department with all of the Neighborhood Resource Officers

and Police Chief Timothy Jackman in attendance. Sergeant Hernandez believes that the entire community deserves the award. “Without the combined efforts of Solid Waste Management, Open Space and Code Compliance, as well as support from all city departments and from within the police department, like patrol, motors, and narcotics/vice, working side by side with the already established neighborhood and community groups, this award would not have been possible.”

The Neighborhood Resource Officer program began in January of 2008 to provide the community with a direct contact to the Police Department. It takes an “Andy Griffith”,

small-town sheriff approach to policing in which everyone within the community has personal contact with the Police Department. Neighborhood Resource Officers attend community events and meetings, help solve quality of life concerns, work directly with other city departments to enhance the community, and provide a face to a name for everyone in Santa Monica. In 2008, they attended over 650 community meetings and personally met with over 6,600 people to discuss safety and service. The Neighborhood Resource Officers are a testament to the department’s quality service and dedication to the motto of “Safety First, Service Always.”

If you would like more information or to find out who your Neighborhood Resource Officer is, visit www.santamonicapd.org and click on the Neighborhood Resource Officer link.



Officer Robert Lucio with a cub scout pack on Beat 6, Mid-city

Popular Questions about the New Annenberg Community Beach House

HOW DO I BECOME A MEMBER?

No membership is required for the public facility. Just pay to use the pool each time you visit.

WHAT CAN I DO AT THE BEACH HOUSE?

With a play area, splash pad, historic pool, historic Marion Davies Guest House, beach volleyball and beach tennis courts, and of course the beach, there's something for everyone at the Beach House.

IS IT FREE?

Most of the site is free and open to the public. There is a fee for use of the pool, which includes the lockers, changing area, pool deck and view deck. Pool passes are \$10 for adults, \$4 for children, \$5 for seniors, or \$24 for a family of 4. Advance reservation of volleyball and beach tennis courts is \$5, or drop-in use is free, based on availability. Parking is \$4 per hour or \$10 per day. On Mondays throughout the summer, pool passes are just \$1 from 10 a.m. to noon (not available for advance purchase).

IS THE POOL KID-FRIENDLY?

The Beach House pool is one of the remaining elements from the original Marion Davies estate. It ranges in depth from 4 to 8 feet. Therefore all children under 4' tall and 8 years of age must be accompanied in the water at all times by an adult. Children under 12 must be accompanied and supervised by an adult. Children requiring use of a diaper must wear a swim diaper in the pool.

HOW DO I BOOK THE BEACH HOUSE FOR MY PARTY OR EVENT?

The Beach House will be available to rent for events from October through May. Visit <http://beachhouse.smgov.net> for information.

Culture at the Beach House

From its days as the Marion Davies estate to its time as the popular Sand & Sea Club, the Beach House site is rich with stories – yours to explore through our cultural programs and interpretive elements.

BEACH=CULTURE SERIES, TUESDAYS AT THE BEACH HOUSE

Readings, lectures and performances will be held each Tuesday from June through September. Events are free, but reservations are required. Seating is limited. For more information, visit www.beachhouse.smgov.net



Photos: Joe Russell



A GREAT DAY AT THE BEACH!



Grant Mufford (c) 2009

36 X 27: STORIES OF SANTA MONICA BEACH

Experience Santa Monica Beach through the lens of 27 different photographers in this juried photography exhibit, on display in the Event House through September.

LIVING HISTORY

Lively and informative tours of the site led by Santa Monica Conservancy docents are available daily throughout the summer. Tours are free – check in at Guest Services prior to tour start time.

Sustainability at the Beach House

Inside and out, the Annenberg Community Beach House exemplifies Santa Monica's commitment to protecting, preserving and restoring the natural environment. The facility is on track to receive a minimum Silver LEED rating from the US Green Building Council. The Beach House joins other city projects that have been at the forefront of sustainable construction, including Virginia Avenue Park, the Main Public Library and the Civic Center Parking Structure.

Getting to the Beach House

- **Ride your bike** The Beach House is conveniently located on the popular bike path. Plenty of bike racks are available. (Please bring your own lock.)
- **Take the Beach Ride** The newest Mini Blue line serves the Beach House on weekends via some of the city's most popular local spots and tourist destinations, including the Santa Monica Pier, a variety of beachfront hotels and restaurants, the Montana Avenue Shopping District, Santa Monica Civic Auditorium and the Ocean Park Library. It also provides nearby access to City Hall, Santa Monica UCLA Medical Center, Lincoln and John Adams Middle Schools, and Santa Monica College... and regular fare is just 50¢! For more information visit www.bigbluebus.com, call 310-451-5444 or e-mail Bus-Info@BigBlueBus.com
- **Parking on site is limited** Plan ahead by purchasing parking online up to three days in advance of your visit. During the summer parking is \$4 per hour or \$10 per day.

Service Registry Update

In January 2008, the City of Santa Monica and local service providers and partners conducted a survey of homeless individuals within selected areas of the city, creating a service registry of the most vulnerable and chronic homeless people in Santa Monica. The survey included 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 produced a Vulnerability Score to predict an individual's likelihood of dying on the streets unless permanently housed. One hundred and thirty (130) people were placed on the registry and were targeted for intensive services and housing resources. As March 2009, 20 (15%) of the 130 are permanently housed, and 37 (28%) of the 130 are residing in temporary shelter.

Elizabeth, a 68 year-old woman who was homeless in Santa Monica for over 10 years, is one of the people on the service registry. Last winter Elizabeth was surveyed and found to be vulnerable and likely to die on our streets unless she was housed. Six months ago, OPCC Daybreak staff helped Elizabeth move into her own apartment in Santa Monica. Today, she's living on her own, part of a micro-enterprise art project, is an active member of a senior center and stays connected to the strong Daybreak community.

Nationally, identifying people who are vulnerable, using intensive interdisciplinary teams and doing "whatever it takes" to get people into housing is considered a best practice. Since 2004 when the Chronic Homeless Project launched, the City of Santa Monica and partners have been using this model and other approaches to help people exit homelessness. To learn more, go to www.homelessnessaction.smgov.net



Elizabeth was statistically likely to die on the streets until the service registry helped various service groups prioritize her care. Now she has been off the streets for six months.

Human Relations Council Santa Monica Bay Area To Recognize Four Local "Community Heroes"

The Human Relations Council Santa Monica Bay Area (HRCSMBA) honored the first group of Community Heroes at the Santa Monica Festival in May 9. Santa Monica Mayor Ken Genser and HRC Chair Jim Hone presented the commendation and a special gift to the four individuals recognized as "ordinary people doing extraordinary things" that make a significant positive impact on our community. This year's Community Heroes are:

- **ED ALTOMARE** for his teaching and inspiration at the OPCC Daybreak Shelter where he conducts art classes for women who have suffered from violence, substance abuse and homelessness
- **LIZ GREENBERGER** and **BOB TESTELLE** for their countless hours of volunteerism and fundraising for students in the Advancement Via Individual Determination (AVID) program at Santa Monica High School
- **JEAN KELLY**, 82 years young, for providing services at the Senior Fraud Prevention Call Center of WISE & Healthy Aging and at the UCLA Healthcare 50 Plus program

These individuals have contributed thousands of hours of volunteerism for programs supporting college-bound high school students, the protection of seniors as well as women who have lost hope, dignity and confidence due to prolonged victimization.

The HRCSMBA formed in 2004 to promote inclusiveness and reduce inter-group tensions in our community through programs that address diversity, equity, respect and justice.



Two of the new community heroes are honored at the Santa Monica Festival.

OLDER SANTA MONICANS GET MOVING WITH WII

Adults at Santa Monica's Senior Recreation Center who once thought their days of playing sports were long behind have had their spark rekindled, all thanks to the Nintendo Wii. Games like bowling (by far the most popular), tennis, baseball, boxing, golf and ping pong use low impact coordinated movement to get people up and exercising while having fun. Games also exercise the mind, as players learn how to navigate and interact with them and each other. Senior Center staff provides training sessions on using the system, with current focus on bowling due to popular demand. For more info on the Senior Center's Wii Health & Fitness Program, call 310-458-8644.



SANTA MONICA'S GREEN BUSINESS CERTIFICATION PROGRAM SOARS

The success of Santa Monica's Green Business Certification Program is soaring to new heights and threading its way into the business supply chain. The program has many new participants, all of whom are bringing economic and environmental sustainability to our community. Green businesses conserve resources, prevent pollution, protect the environment and human health, and strengthen their bottom line through operating efficiencies. In addition, when businesses go green something amazing happens – they partner with businesses that supply green materials, products and services, which in turn support other green businesses. Santa Monica invites individuals and businesses to visit www.smgbc.org to learn more about this program and its participants.

City TV Highlights

“BE GREEN” Make sure to tune in for “Be Green”, our popular environmental program now hosted by Natalie Horton and Todd Weatherill. The show has a new look, but still has all the best “green” tips for you and your family on saving gas, growing a better garden, reducing your carbon footprint—and saving money at the same time! “Be Green” airs daily only on CityTV Santa Monica. Check www.CityTV.org for airtimes.

CityTV, the City of Santa Monica's community government cable channel providing live coverage of public meetings and award-winning original programming, airs on Time Warner Cable channel 16. Our network also includes CityTV2 on channel 20, which replays public city meetings; channel 75 replays LA County public meetings, and channel 99 displays a video bulletin board 24/7.

GO-GREEN ACTION STEPS FROM SANTA MONICA'S VERY OWN SUSTAINABLEWORKS.ORG

Summer is here Santa Monica! Whether you're packing your beach towels, preparing for picnics, or just looking forward to a relaxing summer in your home, read on to find out how you can have an eco-friendly summer... and pass the word on to your family and friends. Together, we can help reduce Santa Monica's ecological footprint and help preserve our natural resources and ecosystems for present and future generations!

STAY COOL AND GREEN! The summer poses high demands for utility usage and in turn, can greatly contribute to global climate change. In America, 50% of our energy production comes from coal plants, the number one contributor to carbon dioxide emissions. Consider changing out your air conditioner for ceiling and house fans, and plant shade trees on the south side of your building. If you must run the a/c, minimize your energy demands by setting your thermostat to 78 degrees or higher and by cleaning or replacing your air conditioner filters every month to maintain its efficiency.

BEWARE OF ENERGY VAMPIRES! Some appliances use energy even when they are turned off. Use a power strip to turn all electronic devices and appliances off when not in use, from your cell phone charger to your computer to your cable box. And replace your incandescent bulbs with an Energy Star qualified CFL and reduce your energy usage by 75% with each bulb (now available as dimmers)!

RIDE THE TIDE! Did you know that 20% of the air pollution found in the Grand Canyon can be traced back to the Los Angeles area? And that 70% of smog in Southern California comes from motor vehicle emissions? Help minimize air pollution, reduce summer gridlock, and save gas money by linking your car trips and by opting to walk, bike or hop on Santa Monica's Tide Ride, an electric shuttle servicing the Promenade, the Santa Monica Pier, Main Street and other local hot spots: WWW.BIGBLUEBUS.COM/MINIBLUE/TIDE.HTML

ZERO WASTE PICNICS! Pack your reusable bags with organic beach snacks, but leave the disposables behind. Plastic products are made from petroleum, last for thousands of years, and pose grave threats to our marine ecosystem. Grab reusable cutlery, chose bulk over individually packaged products, and use a stainless steel water bottle to stay hydrated.

BE A GREEN VACATIONER! Vacation travel can greatly contribute to global warming pollution. Consider greener modes of transportation based on the distance you're traveling and the number of people accompanying you. For example, if you and a partner are planning on traveling over 1,000 miles, you will emit less carbon dioxide into the atmosphere by choosing a non-stop economy flight. However, a family of four traveling the same distance will be more eco-friendly by driving a standard (non-SUV) car. In addition, consider offsetting your carbon dioxide emissions. The Santa Monica Airport website, WWW.SMG.OV.NET/AIRPORT, has a list of sites where carbon offsets can be purchased.

BE WATER-WISE! A recent study reports that a permanent drought in the Southwest may already be underway. So in addition to curbing your carbon footprint, please consider curbing your water usage by 20 percent. Some simple actions to take: install aerators on your faucets and switch to low-flow showerheads; plant native plants and use drip irrigation; do not let the water run while hand-washing dishes; and take shorter showers.

SKIN-SAFE SUNSCREEN! Protect yourself from harmful rays, but make sure you're not lathering your skin and the environment with toxic chemicals. To find the best sunscreen options, as well as checking the safety of your other cosmetics, check the Environmental Working Groups' comprehensive, online “Skin Deep” database: WWW.EWG.ORG/SKINDEEP

JOIN A GREEN LIVING WORKSHOP! Now that you've got your feet wet, try diving into a Green Living Workshop by Sustainable Works. Here you will learn everything you need to know about green lifestyle choices, protecting the planet and saving money. What you save in reduced energy bills you can put towards that eco-friendly swimwear or those recycled flip flops you've been eyeing. Visit www.sustainableworks.org to sign up.

Sustainable Works is a non-profit environmental education organization working to foster a culture of sustainability in cities, colleges, and businesses. Visit sustainableworks.org or call 310.458.8716

For more information, call (310) 458-2213 or visit www.sustainableworks.org

The 100 Garden Challenge

The goal of the 100 Garden Challenge was to create 100 edible gardens in a single weekend. Many community members participated in the event by registering their sites as new edible gardens or volunteering to design and plant garden sites. Hosted by the Westside Permaculture Group and Sustainable Works, the mid-May event brought strangers together to help strangers, 200 in all, across the entire Westside. Many of former strangers can now call themselves friends, and they can point to 96 new gardens – a noteworthy accomplishment for one weekend.

There were projects of all sizes, from small balcony gardens to a couple of empty lots being turned into urban farms. The Santa Monica Co-op, Sustainable Works, and the LA Conservation Corp gave funding and support for 14 low income gardens. There are many happy people who now have an edible garden that they may not have otherwise been able to afford.

Thanks to our generous sponsors who helped make the event possible! Sponsors included the City of Santa Monica, the Santa Monica Co-opportunity, Heal the Bay, Surfrider Foundation, the Learning Garden, Edible Los Angeles and the Nature of Things.



Garden Partnership Registry Program

If you'd like to create an edible garden like those above, but don't have the outdoor space OR, if you're a property owner with space to spare but no time for gardening, the City of Santa Monica is organizing a Garden Partnership Registry to pair prospective gardeners with home/property owners who have land they would like to donate to gardening. Please call the Community Programs Division at (310) 458-8300 for more information.

Edible gardens lower the carbon footprint of food and build community by connecting family and neighbors around a common cause.

RELATED WEBSITES

- Visit www.gardensofgratitude.org for program details.
- Join the Westside Permaculture Group at www.westsidepermies.ning.com.
- Sign-up for the Cool Foods Campaign at www.coolfoodscampaign.org.

2009 Sustainable Santa Monica Earthday Poster Contest

The City of Santa Monica and Sustainable Works sponsored an Earthday Poster Contest for all K-12 students who live or attend school in Santa Monica to engage students in sustainability education and action, and to offer them an opportunity to share their vision for a clean, green, healthy community. This year's theme was "My Sustainable Community."

Approximately 300 inspiring posters were submitted from various age groups and schools. Five grand prize winning entries and 9 runner-ups were selected in (3) categories: K-5, 6-8, and 9-12.

Students celebrated with their families and teachers at the Poster Contest Art Opening on May 13 at the Santa Monica Pier Carousel. All students were recognized for their artistic contributions and posters were on display. These posters will be part of a traveling exhibit at community events and public sites around the city.

GRAND PRIZE WINNERS:

High School:	SAMOHI	Timothy Reynolds
Jr. High:	Lincoln Middle School	Campbell Affleck
Elementary:	Grant Elementary	Tess Goddard
Elementary:	Grant Elementary	Edward Kim
Elementary:	SMASH	Joy Watanabe



To find out where and when the exhibit will travel next, sign up for the Sustainable Santa Monica E-newsletter at www.sustainableism.org.

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!

DOWNTOWN SANTA BARBARA

Saturday, June 20

A wonderful day on the American Riviera. Enjoy Stearns Wharf and the waterfront, then take a short walk or grab a PediCab to State Street for great shopping in the outdoor paseos. \$35 per person

OXNARD SALSA FESTIVAL

Saturday, July 25

Spicy foods and colorful merchandise blend together to create an exciting marketplace experience. More than 150 food, retail, arts & crafts and commercial vendors display their wares at the Festival, tempting taste buds and wallets with an array of affordable offerings. \$35 per person



TICKET INFO

Tickets are available now at 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.

Pier Centennial celebration continues...

▲ SCHOOL'S OUT! A CELEBRATION FOR KIDS

June 20, 2009 A new type of kids and family festival which offers up top notch children's entertainment, art-making activities, interactive experiences, fitness activities, storytelling, dance, fashion shows, aquarium activities, and of course a day of fun in Pacific Park! Activities will include Paint the Pier; (Your) Body Works making fitness a fun experience for all; film animation activities from Movies by Kids; Kids on Stage showcases young comedians; and the Rock Nation School presents the next generation of rock stars!

▲ FREE SUMMER LECTURE AT THE AQUARIUM HIGHLIGHTS THE PIER'S HISTORY

July 29, 2009, 7:00 to 8:30 p.m. The storied history of the Santa Monica Pier is the topic of the summer lecture sponsored by Heal the Bay's Santa Monica Pier Aquarium. James Harris, author of the recently published *Santa Monica Pier – A Century on the Last Great Pleasure Pier*, will discuss the book, share anecdotes and lead a guided tour of historic points along the Pier.

With a forward by actor Robert Redford, the publication is full of colorful photos and stories about a century's worth of the equally colorful characters of the Santa Monica Pier. The book will be available for sale as well and is also available in select locations throughout the city.

The free lecture will begin at the Aquarium, 1600 Ocean Front Walk (beach level beneath the Carousel). Seating is limited and available on a first-come, first-served basis. More information is available by calling 310-393-6149 or by visiting www.healthebay.org/smpa

All Centennial events are free, and fun for the entire family. Visit www.santamonicipier.org for more information and check out Centennial merchandise, fundraising opportunities and more! All proceeds benefit the Pier's Centennial events.

Stay tuned for all of the Centennial Day festivities planned for September 9!



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SURF'S UP IN SANTA MONICA

Santa Monica has been home to surfers for generations and now it's a better place than ever to learn how to surf! The city ensures that all permitted surfing instructors on Santa Monica State Beach are qualified and insured to teach surfing. A wide variety of lessons is available including surf camps for children and group and private lessons designed to accommodate all skill levels. Sign up through the city's community classes program at <http://summerguide.smgov.net>, or wander down to the beach and join one of the permitted instructors on the beach. Permitted surf instructors will be displaying a sign with the city logo, or you can find the complete list of instructors in advance at <http://beach.smgov.net>.

GIVE SANTA MONICA: Honor a loved one and improve Santa Monica's beach and beach parks!

Interested in honoring a loved one while making a lasting impression at Santa Monica's beach and beach parks?

Several opportunities exist for installation of new seating at and around the beach, including Palisades Park, Crescent Bay Park, Barnard Way Linear Park, Beach Park #1 and Ocean Front Walk. Cost ranges from \$450 to \$2000, and may include installation of a personalized plaque depending on location and type of donation.

To make a donation or receive more info on GIVE Santa Monica, call Wendy Pietrzak, Open Space Management, at 310.458.8573 x1 or visit <http://parks.smgov.net>.

17th Annual Juneteenth Celebration – A New Voice of Hope

Saturday, June 20, 2009

Noon to 5:00 p.m., Virginia Avenue Park

The City of Santa Monica and Juneteenth Celebration Committee proudly present the 17th Annual Juneteenth Celebration, a free community event with live entertainment, health expo, and cultural art. Juneteenth commemorates the day the last African-Americans slaves were notified of their freedom, more than two years after the Emancipation Proclamation was signed. The thread of hope from the newly freed slave has been



Debra Skelton

woven through African American history and continues through their positive influence on the mosaic of a hopeful nation. This year's festival will celebrate the theme "A New Voice of Hope" through music, cultural art and history. Comedienne and actress Debra Skelton of MADtv will lead the audience through an odyssey of performance venues including a main stage, youth stage and legacy museum. The entertainment line-up features **GREG WALKER**, formerly with Santana; **HERBIE HANCOCK** and **KENNY G**; Trumpeter **RAHMLEE MICHAEL DAVIS**, formerly with Earth Wind & Fire and the Phil Collins Band; **ISLAND RHYTHM REGGAE**; **ROUTE 101 FUNK/JAZZ/BLUES**: gospel choirs including the **WARD AME CHURCH 40 MEMBER JUBILANT PRAISE YOUTH CHOIR**; storytelling, dance and more. The Youth Stage will offer youth an opportunity to express their messages of hope through spoken word workshops culminating in an open mike session performance.

The legacy museum will feature gospel choirs, historical presentations on the contributions of African Americans in the nation and local community, and the history of Juneteenth. Event attendees

will enjoy a marketplace of cultural art and crafts, jewelry, literature and African American cuisine including BBQ, Fried Fish, Soul Food, and delectable desserts and beverages. A health and fitness Expo will be sponsored by the **SANTA MONICA UCLA MEDICAL CENTER AND ORTHOPEDIC HOSPITAL** with **O2 MAX FITNESS**.

Virginia Avenue Park is located on corner of Pico and Cloverfield in Santa Monica. Visitors and neighbors are encouraged to *walk, bicycle or park for free* at Santa Monica College "Structure A" at the corner of Pico and 17th Street. A Big Blue Bus chartered for the event will shuttle attendees from Santa Monica College at Pico and 16th Street eastbound and back at Pico and 22nd Street (eastbound). Directional signs will be visible at the college on Pico and 17th Street. Virginia Avenue Park is served by Blue Bus Line No. 7 and is accessible for persons with disabilities.

For more information, call 310.458.8688.

C Y B E R N E W Z

CITY RECOGNIZED FOR TECHNOLOGY ACHIEVEMENTS

At the annual Public Technology Institute (PTI) Solutions and Innovations Conference held in San Diego in May, the City of Santa Monica was recognized for significant achievements in two innovative technology programs:

HAND HELD COMPUTERS FOR MAINTENANCE MANAGEMENT:

Connecting through a cellular network, tradesmen are dispatched and receive work orders directly on their handheld computers. They use the computers to update status and report completion, which is immediately posted to the tracking database. Job scheduling and status is available

to requesters through a browser interface on the city intranet. Requesters are automatically notified of job changes and completion via E-mail.

SANTA MONICA'S INSTITUTIONAL NETWORK GIS APPLICATION:

This intranet-based Geographic Information System (GIS) enables staff to quickly discern the locations and characteristics of data networks maintained by the city, telephone company, cable television company, and electric utility, making it possible for the city to effectively plan and manage the deployment of services on the many existing fiber optic and other high speed data lines installed and managed by public agencies and utilities. Networks can be selected based on use, whether commercial, government,

traffic signals, traffic cameras, or parking data. Users are able to overlay aerial photography and network components such as hubs and switches, connections to city buildings and schools as well as publically accessible Wi-Fi hot spots.

The Public Technology Institute (PTI) is a national non-profit technology research and development organization based in Washington, DC, representing local governments. The PTI Technology Solutions Awards is a national program recognizing local governments that use technology to increase revenues, improve service to their community, save tax dollars, or improve management.

The 25th Annual Twilight Dance Series at the Santa Monica Pier

Thursdays, July 2 through August 27 beginning at 7 p.m.

JULY 2

Worldwide internet phenomenon

Playing for Change

Next generation Reggae artist

Bushman

JULY 9

Musical icon *Joan Baez*

with special guest *Tift Merritt*

JULY 16

Global Grooves

Sgt. Garcia (Spain/France)

Ricardo Lemvo & Makina Loca (Congo/Angola)

JULY 23

La Monica Ballroom Redux!

Squirrel Nut Zippers

Johnny Vana & The Big Band Alumni

JULY 30

African pop pioneers *Orchestra Baobab* (Senegal)

AUGUST 6

Americana rockers *Dave Alvin & the Guilty Women*

Paul Thorn

AUGUST 13

Multiethnic, multilingual world beats

Idan Raichel Project (Israel)

Elijah Emanuel (Panama)

AUGUST 20

Surfrider Foundation 20th Anniversary

Venice

Lukas Nelson & Promise of the Real

AUGUST 27

Bienvenidos amigos!

Grammy-winner *Lila Downs*

Very Be Careful (Colombian Vallenato)

The 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! The pier offers a free bike valet starting at 6:30 p.m. on concert nights, providing safe and secure parking for thousands of bikes.

For more details visit www.santamonicipier.org or call 310-458-8900.



Photo: Joy Peters



Squirrel Nut Zippers

DANCING ~ Cont. from page 1

and human rights, and is also a longtime friend of the Pier and honorary co-chair of the Santa Monica Pier Centennial Celebration committee.

On July 23, the Pier Twilight Dance Series hosts a Centennial event that brings back the ballroom days with the quirky Swing-style music of the **SQUIRREL NUT ZIPPERS** and **JOHNNY VANA & THE BIG BAND ALUMNI**.

They're called alumni for a good reason; almost all of the members of this 19-member orchestra are graduates of some of the greatest big bands of all time, including Benny Goodman, Glenn Miller, Count Basie and many more names of the Big Band Era. With free dance lessons from the area's hottest instructors, you might just win the dance-a-thon!

And throughout the season, the Pier brings you the best in rock, roots and world music from Venice to Mexico to Israel. It's hard to believe that after all this time, we're still dancing on the Pier. Join us this season and help celebrate the biggest summer in a hundred years!

Also see Pier history lecture, page 8.

Santa Monicans have been looking forward to Thursdays all summer long since bands like the Bonedaddys started rocking the Twilight Dance Series in 1985.



YOUTH PROGRAMS

Children's Summer Reading Programs: Be Creative @ Your Library

Reading Club - For independent readers.

Read-To-Me Club - For ages 2 to 6.

Teen Summer Reading Program: Express Yourself @ Your Library

Teen Reading Club - For grade 6 -12

Sign-ups for all age groups begin June 15 at the Main Library and all branch locations.

MAIN LIBRARY

Summer Activity Programs Fun summer activities for ages 4 and up. Mondays at 2:30 p.m. 6/22 - 7/27

Book Buddies: Let's Read Together! Drop in and read with a buddy! For students in grades 1 - 5, conducted by teen volunteers and local high school students. Tue 7/7 - 8/11 from 3 to 6 p.m.

Programs for Teens:

The 4th Annual Santa Monica Teen Film Festival Watch films made by students in grades 7 to 12 at this evening show. The audience will have a chance to vote for their favorite film!

Sat 6/20, 7 p.m. Miles Memorial Playhouse. Grades 6 and up.

Sun 6/21, 2 p.m. Main Library, MLK Auditorium. All ages welcome.

Inspire Me! A Teen Writers' Workshop An intensive creative writing workshop for teens. Pieces will be published in a Teen Zine at the end of the Summer. Wed & Fri 7/8 - 8/14, 3 to 5 p.m. Sign-ups begin June 15.

Wizard Rock ROCKS the Library! Celebrate the sixth Harry Potter movie opening with a rock concert by *The Remus Lupins* and *The Whomping Willows!* Thu 7/23, 6 p.m. MLK Auditorium. All ages welcome.

Ceramics Workshop for Teens A hands-on workshop for grades 6 - 12 led by acclaimed local ceramicist Moye Thompson. Thu 7/30 at 2 p.m. Limited space available - sign-ups begin July 6

MONTANA AVENUE BRANCH LIBRARY

Summer Activity Programs Fun summer activities for ages 4 and up. Tuesdays at 2:30 p.m. 6/23 - 8/4.

Paws to Read Practice your reading skills by reading to a puppy Guide Dog in-training! More details available after 6/1. Thu & Sat 7/2 - 8/8, 2 to 3 p.m.

Programs for Teens:

Teen Activity Programs Activities for grades 6-12. Mons 7/6, 7/20, 8/3 & 8/17, 2:30 p.m.

Talk About It Book discussion group. Grades 6-8. Titles selected from the school district's summer reading list. Weds 7/1, 7/15, 7/29 & 8/12, 5 p.m.

FAIRVIEW BRANCH LIBRARY

Summer Activity Programs Fun summer activities for ages 4 and up. Wednesdays at 2:30 p.m. 6/24 - 7/29

Youth & Family Chess Club All levels welcome. Thursdays, 3:30 to 6 p.m.

Words and Pictures Children's book author Kathryn Hewitt will lead young writers and illustrators in this five-week workshop for grades 3 through 6. Tues 6/30 - 7/28, 4 to 5 p.m. Registration required.

Programs for Teens:

Be a Rock Star! Play Rock Band 2, Guitar Hero: World Tour, and Super Smash Brothers: Brawl! For grades 5 - 12. Wed 7/1 - 7/29, 5-6:30 p.m.

Master Your Keyboarding Skills Grades 4 - 12 can improve typing scores and earn an invitation to a pizza party! Mon - Thu 6/22 - 7/30, 2 to 6 p.m.

OCEAN PARK BRANCH LIBRARY

Summer Activity Programs Fun summer activities for ages 4 and up. Thursdays at 2:30 p.m. 6/25 - 7/30

Yoga for Kids! Yoga instructor Kelly Cunningham introduces parents and children to simple poses. Mon 6/29 - 7/20, 10:30 to 11:30 a.m.

ADULT PROGRAMS

MAIN LIBRARY

All main library events in MLK Jr. Auditorium unless other indicated

Lyric Chorus of SMC Emeritus College The Lyric Chorus returns to SMPL for a "Summer Sing" of Broadway and Hollywood tunes. Thu 6/18, 11 a.m.

"Go Skateboarding Day" Double feature of the classic skateboarding flicks *Dogtown* and *Z-Boys* (2001) and *Skaterdater* (1965). Q&A following the screenings with surprise special guests. Sat 6/20, 2 p.m.

Discovering Your Talent in Storytelling Professional storytellers will tell you how to turn moments of your life into fascinating stories to tell your friends and families. Thu 6/25, 2 p.m.

An Evening of Songs and Duets LA Opera artists Belinda Wilkins and Sunjoo Yeo will sing songs, arias and operatic duets. Thu 6/25, 7 p.m.

In The Shadow of the Moon Marking the 40th anniversary of the Apollo 11 moon landing in July 2009, we celebrates with a screening of this 2007 documentary on the Apollo missions. Wed 7/1, 6:30 p.m.

Greene & Greene: The Art of Architecture The screening of this documentary film chronicling the lives Arts and Crafts architects Charles and Henry Greene will be followed by a Q&A with Emmy® Award-winning producer Paul Bockhorst. Sat 7/11, 1 p.m.

The Girls' Guide to Rocking Author Jessica Hopper presents a practical guide to girls from 12 into their 20s on how to start a band, book gigs and get rolling to rock stardom. Tue 7/14, 2 p.m.

FAIRVIEW BRANCH LIBRARY

Résumé Assistance Create or polish up your résumé. Call 310-450-0443 for an appointment.

Water Allocations Are Coming. Are You Prepared? The city's water-efficiency expert will speak on how and why to cut back on water use. Sat 6/13, 1 p.m.

DIY: Decoupage A hands-on introduction to decoupage, the creative art of assembling, pasting and varnishing paper cutouts for decorating objects. Tue 7/14, 6:30 p.m.

Documentary Film Series

OT: Our Town (2002). Documents a Compton high school's production of Thornton Wilder's *Our Town*. Tue 6/16, 7 p.m.

Gypsy Caravan (2006) Shot by legendary cinematographer Albert Maysles, this musical documentary follows five Gypsy bands from four countries. Tue 7/21, 7 p.m.

Literature Book Group

Second Saturday of the month, 11 a.m.

6/13 *The Sun Also Rises* by Ernest Hemingway

7/11 *Ethan Frome* by Edith Wharton

Afternoons at the Library

Mondays: **Bridge and Scrabble** at 1 p.m., Knitting Circle at 5 p.m.

Tuesdays: **Write-Away** Exercise your writing skills. Noon - 3 p.m.

Thursdays: **What's New This Week** Current events. 1 - 2:30 p.m.

MONTANA AVENUE BRANCH LIBRARY

Montana Branch Book Group

Third Wednesday of the month, 7 p.m.

6/17 *The Yiddish Policemen's Union* by Michael Chabon

7/15 *The Inferno* by Dante, translated by Robert Pinsky

Prison Nation: Albania 1944-1990

Screening of a documentary about Albania's communist regime, followed by a discussion of human rights under a dictatorship. Sat 6/27, 12 p.m.

Mystery Book Group Second Wednesday of the month, 7 p.m.

7/8 *The Pale Blue Eye* by Louis Bayard

"In Case You Missed It" Film Series *The Women*, modern remake of the 1939 classic, featuring an all-star cast. Mon 7/13, 2 p.m.

OCEAN PARK BRANCH LIBRARY

Ocean Park Book Group

First Saturday of the month, 11 a.m.

7/18 *Life Class* by Pat Barker

SANTA MONICA PUBLIC LIBRARY HOURS

MAIN LIBRARY	601 Santa Monica Boulevard, (310) 458-8600
Hours:	Mon.-Thur., 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
Hours:	Mon.-Thur., 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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LONG-RANGE COUNCIL AGENDA ITEMS

Major Matters Expected To Come Before City Council in June and July:

- Adoption of budget for fiscal year 2009-2010
- Land Use and Circulation Element (LUCE) update
- Revision of Housing Authority Administrative Plan
- Ordinance regulating taxicabs
- Ordinance amending the municipal code to facilitate the installation of solar energy systems
- Bike Station implementation in Downtown
- Budget approval for Pier Restoration Corporation and Bayside District Corporation
- Water & Wastewater 5-Year SCADA Master Plan

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.**

ARTIFACTS:

Cool Art & Cultural Happenings in Santa Monica

▲ COOL GLOBES AT AIRPORT PARK

The spirit of Earth Day continues through July at Airport Park through a temporary art exhibition, *Cool Globes: Hot Ideas for a Cooler Planet*. Part of a larger exhibition in Chicago's Exposition Park, the globes carry different messages about what ordinary citizens can do to combat global warming. More information about the globes can be found online at <http://www.coolglobes.com>.

▲ THE 4TH ANNUAL SANTA MONICA TEEN FILM FESTIVAL

More than a dozen short films of all genres made by young filmmakers ages 12 to 18 from all over the country, ranging in length from 30 seconds to 30 minutes. Screenings will take place on June 20 at 7 p.m. at Miles Memorial Playhouse (for grades 6 and up), and June 21 at 2 p.m. at the Santa Monica Main Public Library (all ages welcome). Each program will be followed up with a live audience vote, with awards being presented to filmmakers directly following the Sunday program. Each screening will feature a different set of films. Admission is free, but reservations are requested. Please call 310-458-8634 or email justin.yoffe@smgov.net.

▲ SANTA MONICA'S FOURTH OF JULY PARADE ON MAIN STREET

Calling all kids, bicycles, creative teams, neighbors, marching bands and civic-minded groups! Big and small, young and old, all are welcome to march in Santa Monica's Fourth of July 2009 Parade on Main Street! Presented by the Ocean Park Association, Saturday, July 4th

beginning at 9:30 a.m. in front of the Santa Monica Civic Center. Registration is required by June 27 to participate in the parade. Please call the Ocean Park Association's Parade Line at 310-564-1968 or visit <https://oceanpark.net/opa/content/parade/> for information and applications.

