



# Seascape

## CITY MANAGER P. LAMONT EWELL MOVES ON TO HIS "NEXT ADVENTURE"

On August 12, 2009 City Manager P. Lamont Ewell announced he will be retiring in December after 34 years in public service, ending his career on the high note of serving the Santa Monica community. He looks forward spending more time with his wife Mary, their two children Jamila and Justin and three grandchildren, checking off a long list of travels they've put together over the years.



Lamont speaks fondly of the city he has had the privilege of serving for the past four years. "It is with great satisfaction that I have been able to spend my work life in the service of the public,

and I am especially proud to end my career serving one of the greatest cities in the nation. I want to thank the community and the highly talented city workforce for our exceptional partnership."

Lamont does plan to conduct his annual budget meetings in November that have proven both popular and informative for residents. City Hall will host a retirement party in December in connection with the annual holiday open house so the community will have an opportunity to bid him farewell. His early announcement will allow City Council to conduct an extensive, nationwide search to replace the City Manager that many have already said is irreplaceable. City Council, staff and the community wish him well and safe travels in his retirement.

## ONE HUNDRED YEARS OF GOOD TIMES AT THE PIER!



Denise Taylor

The year-long Pier Centennial celebration culminated on September 9 with a festive evening commemorating the Pier's opening day in 1909. The day began with a sunrise blessing by Westside faith leaders at the end of the Pier. In the evening, thousands of well-wishers gathered to pay tribute to our one-hundred-year-old landmark. Generations of Pier lovers shared their memories, and the new Pier community staged a retake of the iconic 1941 photograph of the newly installed Pier sign. Then the crowd was treated to a "One Hundred Minute Party" featuring **VYBRATION**, **BIG BAMBOO STEEL DRUM BAND**, and surf guitar legend **DICK DALE**.

The largest fireworks show on the Pier in almost 20 years capped off the celebration. Executive Director Ben Franz-Knight commented "The Pier today remains an icon — a single remnant of history on a coast that was once peppered with piers. It offers nostalgia for yesteryear, yet remains a commanding presence on the national landscape." Throughout the year, the Pier Restoration Corporation has educated visitors and residents alike on the history and significance of this local treasure with a calendar of historic events, the release of a new Pier education curriculum made possible by a grant from Sempra Energy, and the publication

of the most up-to-date and complete history of the Pier in book form, *Santa Monica Pier: A Century on the Last Great Pleasure Pier* by author and Pier historian Jim Harris.

But will it end here? Of course not! The Pier welcomes back Cirque du Soleil this fall to celebrate its 25th anniversary in the spot that made them famous, and the Pier will play a role in Celebrate Sustainability with a screening of "Fuel", part of a week of sustainable activities.



Karen Maze



Courtesy Dick Hernage Family and SMPRC

ABOVE: Pier business owners and city officials pose with actress Susan Hayworth on the day of the iconic Pier Sign's installation.

LEFT: The Pier community today – a network of tenants, employees, dignitaries, volunteers, friends...and a few clowns.

## 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 – September 25; October 9 and 23; and November 6 and 20. Payment and permit services are available every Friday. All city offices will be closed on Thursday, November 26 and Friday, November 27 in observance of Thanksgiving.

**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. Send an email to [411@smgov.net](mailto: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.

**GET READY – GET SEVEN!** “I’ve Got 7” month, when the City of Santa Monica encourages residents and businesses to be prepared for disasters such as an earthquake by having seven days worth of supplies for your family – and your pets – and having a plan for emergencies. Visit [www.smgov.net/lvegot7](http://www.smgov.net/lvegot7) for more information.

SANTA MONICA

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## The LUCE ensures our Sustainable Future!

Over the past several decades, Santa Monica has emerged as a national leader in the art and practice of sustainability. With the adoption of the Sustainable City Plan, the city committed itself to addressing the ecostructure of Santa Monica as a community of interdependent parts, recognizing the interconnections between all its policy decisions and establishing the goal of preserving its resources now and for future generations.



This philosophy is the bedrock of the city's emerging Draft Land Use and Circulation Element (LUCE) of the General Plan that will circulate for community review later this year. The plan unites environmental, land use, economic, transportation and social concerns into a single, flexible framework for decision making. It makes profound changes to the way the city addresses its critical land use and transportation policy to counteract climate change and greenhouse gas emissions. It locates new affordable and workforce housing on transit corridors; it encourages transit, walking and biking; it protects all the city's residential neighborhoods and incentivizes neighborhood-serving retail within walking distance.

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Importantly, the LUCE reinvents the city's auto-dependent boulevards as inviting avenues with improved transit, wider sidewalks, distinctive architecture and landscaping and neighborhood friendly services. It provides a powerful tool for the city in managing the transportation system through Transportation Demand Management, impact fees and improvements to transit, pedestrian and bicycle facilities.

Finally, the LUCE provides a comprehensive program of adaptive growth management designed to utilize many of the Sustainable City Plan's target indicators. The plan specifies key controls which allow the community to monitor and respond to future conditions by adjusting plan components and “put on the brakes” as necessary to conserve resources.

Visit [www.shapethefuture2025.net](http://www.shapethefuture2025.net) to get involved!

**SHAPE YOUR BEACH:**  
**Input needed on beach restroom design**  
**Sunday, Sept 27 1 – 3 p.m.**

Eight beach restroom facilities are going to be updated – please stop by Beach Green (2030 Barnard Way) to ask questions and share your thoughts on design. Concepts may also be viewed online at <http://beach.smgov.net> beginning in late September.

## FINDING COMMON GROUND IN CHANGING TIMES

### A New Collaboration Of Santa Monica Tenants and Property Owners

October 21, 2009, 9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

Annenberg Community Beach House Santa Monica

In the 30th anniversary year of Rent Control, the City of Santa Monica is bringing together the landlord and tenant communities for a first-of-its-kind housing forum. The goal is to create a new model of cooperation while teaching useful skills in problem-solving featuring:

- Dispute resolution workshop with renowned mediator Peter Robinson
- Expert panel will answer questions from the community
- Tools and resources for resolving your housing problems

Space is limited so advance registration is required. Register now at [www.smconsumer.org](http://www.smconsumer.org). Call 310-458-8336 for more information.

Co-sponsored by the City of Santa Monica City Attorney's Office, Santa Monica Rent Control Board, Apartment Association of Greater L.A., Action Apartment Association, and the Legal Aid Foundation of Los Angeles.

## BUY LOCAL SANTA MONICA RECOGNIZES BUSINESSES THAT ARE 50 YEARS OLD (OR MORE!)

Santa Monica is fortunate to have so many local, independent businesses that serve visitors and residents alike. The Buy Local Santa Monica campaign was launched earlier this year to help raise awareness of these businesses and tell their unique stories.



Buy Local Santa Monica wishes to congratulate several of our local legends on celebrating their fiftieth year or more in business. Visit our new blog at [www.buylocalsm.com](http://www.buylocalsm.com) for a detailed listing of these unique and time-tested places.



And during *Celebrate Sustainability*, we're kicking off a new Buy Local event. Visit some of your favorite local retailers and restaurants on Buy Local Super Saturday, October 3 and bring along your REUSABLE bag to receive special offers and discounts from these merchants. Check [www.buylocalsm.com](http://www.buylocalsm.com) in the weeks leading up to the event for more details on the day and the special sales for reusable bag users.

Think Santa Monica first – chances are we have it here, and connecting with your neighbors makes shopping more fun! Buying locally supports a sustainable Santa Monica.

## UNIQUE RESTROOM FACILITY OPENS ON THE PIER



*The Santa Monica Pier is one of Southern California's premiere attractions, drawing over 3 million visitors annually. As visitors have increased over the years, the central Pier restroom facility became inadequate in size, deteriorated beyond practical maintenance and was in need of replacement. As a result, the City's Architecture Services of Public Works Department led a team of designers and contractors from Ross Andrews and Associates and TLD Construction, Inc. to replace the facility. The new Pier central restroom facility has a curved roof design element that*

*mimics waves or the roller coaster and a color palette that suggests the sky, sea and sand. Natural light and ventilation is accomplished through the mesh clerestories. The facility has 32 toilets, nine urinals, and 18 hand faucets selected for durability and low water usage. Safety was a prime consideration in the layout and design. There is an 190 sq. ft retail space facing the main pedestrian walkway.*

*The facility was completed in August 2009 and opened to the public just in time for the centennial celebration.*

## WE DO THE RIGHT THING RIGHT... SUSTAINABLY!

 Our Sustainable City plan recognizes the interdependency of economic, environmental and social factors in our community. In other words, a healthy environment is dependent on and contributes to a stable economy; informed, engaged citizens take care of their environment and the people in it; and so on. Most city employees' job responsibilities involve caring directly for our natural resources, creating a balanced budget, hosting a cultural event or providing access to housing, education and employment, all of which and more provide for a sustainable environment.

The city recognizes that striving for a sustainable community is a customer service and has added a new standard regarding sustainability to our "We Do the Right Thing Right" training and recognition program. Not only does working towards a sustainable city provide a healthier and more fulfilling lifestyle in the short term for all of us who live, work and play here, it offers our customers' children and all future residents that same promise. The new standard, "We contribute to a sustainable community that meets the needs of current and future generations", reinforces our commitment to sustainability and provides a benchmark to recognize employees who make sustainable decisions.

For more information, visit [www.smgov.net/customerservice](http://www.smgov.net/customerservice)

## SUSTAINABILITY RELATED LECTURES AT SMC



**WILL ALLEN ~ The Significance of Urban Farming**  
Thursday, October 8, 11:15 a.m.

This free lecture at Santa Monica College (SMC) presents Will Allen, the MacArthur award-winning founder of Growing Power – a Milwaukee project that provides healthful food to 10,000 urbanites. Come hear what he has to say about farming in the city and teaching kids how to grow food. The lecture begins at 11:15 a.m. and will be held at the Clock Tower at Santa Monica College Main Campus, 1900 Pico Blvd.

**PETER ASMUS ~ California Energy: Sustainable Solutions for the 21st Century**  
Thursday, October 15, 11:15 a.m.

Join us at HSS 165 at the Santa Monica College Main Campus on 1900 Pico Blvd. for a free lecture by Peter Asmus, environmental activist and author. Mr. Asmus is also a renewable energy expert, consultant, and analyst with 20 years of experience in corporate social responsibility and sustainable energy solutions such as wind and solar power. A book signing follows with books available for purchase.

Visit [www.smc.edu/associates](http://www.smc.edu/associates) for more details or call (310) 434-4003.

## COASTAL CLEANUP DAY

Sunday, Sept. 19, 2009 9 a.m. – noon



Be part of the solution to marine pollution! Clean up sites in Santa Monica include Santa Monica Beach: Towers 8, 18, 22, 27 and the 1550 parking lot. To participate, sign up at [www.HealtheBay.org](http://www.HealtheBay.org).

For more information, please call (800) COAST-4U or [coast4u@coastal.ca.gov](mailto:coast4u@coastal.ca.gov).

## SANTA MONICA TREE HUGGING DAY

Tuesday, Sept. 22

 People of all ages are encouraged to take a moment of time during their work, school or leisure day to HUG A TREE...or two! Meet for a public group tree hug at noon in Santa Monica Palisades Park at the Children's Tree of Life, Ocean Ave. at Colorado Ave., just north of the Santa Monica Pier Driveway.

For more information, visit [www.TreeHuggingDay.com](http://www.TreeHuggingDay.com) or email [TreeHuggingDay@earthlink.net](mailto:TreeHuggingDay@earthlink.net)

# Take Out Has Never Tasted So Good



Sure, the photo on the left was taken after the storm drains were flushed by a major rain, and the one on the right is just another beautiful day in Santa Monica, but you get the picture – our take out should never leave such a bad after taste. And, although we have a long way to go to address the problems from food related litter, we have come a long way.

Thank you to the over 600 food establishments and countless community members that have successfully participated in **Santa Monica's Non-Recyclable Food Service Container Ban**. Now in place for one year, the ban is an important first step in eliminating plastics from our beaches.

 plastic take out food containers, whether foam or clear, are banned in all Santa Monica food establishments. Have you seen any lately?

Let us know at [sustainablesm.org/container](http://sustainablesm.org/container) or call 310.458.4925



# THE COOL FOODS PLEDGE

AS THIS IS SEASCAPE'S "HARVEST" EDITION, IT'S A GOOD TIME TO THINK ABOUT THE FOOD WE EAT.

For centuries the harvest season has been an important time of year for people to celebrate the end of the growing season. But presently the harvest season is meaningless to many of us since we are so disconnected from where our food comes from. Did you know that the average American meal travels approximately 1,500 miles before arriving on your plate? Our current global and conventional food system, the growing, raising, processing and distribution of food is overly dependent on fossil fuels, fertilizers, and pesticides; and it is heavily industrialized, wasteful, extremely polluting, and unsustainable.

But there are actions we can take to make the planet and ourselves healthier. In September 2008 the City Council approved a motion to sign the Cool Foods Pledge. Applying the *Cool Foods Pledge's* simple guidelines outlined below is a great place to start. Don't worry about giving up donuts and burgers for the rest of your life – just commit to incorporating these guidelines into your eating decisions more often and set your own personal goals.

- Choose organic foods.
- Reduce conventional meat and dairy consumption; opt for organic, local and grass-fed alternatives.
- Buy food grown locally, or grow your own.
- Choose wild-caught or local seafood from sustainably managed fisheries.
- Purchase whole, unprocessed food.
- Avoid conventional processed and packaged foods and choose homemade, local or organic alternatives.

Whether you're concerned about global warming, the treatment of animals, pesticides in the environment, your own personal health, or all of the above, making more sustainable food choices will prove to be an enormous benefit to the planet and to you.



## The Beach House Goes for the GOLD

The Annenberg Community Beach House has been awarded a LEED Gold Rating by the US Green Building Council in recognition of its use of sustainable and environmentally friendly materials and practices, as well as ongoing education efforts. For more information please visit <http://www.annenbergbeachhouse.com>.

## Have a Garden? Need a Garden? Try Garden Sharing!

Are you finding that you're not able to spend as much time tending to your garden as you'd like? Consider listing your space with the City's new Garden Sharing registry. Once listed, you'll be able to choose from a list of avid gardeners in need of space to grow. Together you and your gardener will structure a sustainable partnership that makes sense to both of you, including schedule, type and length of gardening project. The benefits are bountiful... home-grown produce, fresh herbs, fragrant flowers, and a deeper connection with the community around you.



Get started today by completing an application available online at <http://communitygardens.smgov.net>, or call 310-458-8573.

## Get the Good Dirt

The City of Santa Monica's Solid Waste Management Division will host a compost workshop Saturday, October 17, 2009. Join the County of Los Angeles' Curtis Thomsen at Virginia Park, (2200 Virginia Avenue) from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. and learn how to invigorate your yard, promote food and green waste recycling, and help Solid Waste Management's efforts toward sustainable practices.

Residents may purchase compost bins from Solid Waste Management at 2500 Michigan Avenue, for \$40.61; non-residents may purchase compost bins for \$81.22. The city also sells worm bins to residents for \$33.23 and \$66.46 for non-residents.

Solid Waste Management is open Mon-Thurs. 7:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. and 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. on Fridays.

For more information call (310) 458-8546, or email [wes.thompson@smgov.net](mailto:wes.thompson@smgov.net).



## PREPARE NOW FOR FLU SEASON

THE CENTERS FOR DISEASE CONTROL AND Prevention (CDC) is concerned that the new H1N1 flu virus could result in a particularly severe flu season this year. Vaccines are the best tool available to prevent influenza, as well as simple hand washing and other disease prevention strategies.

The CDC is encouraging people to get vaccinated against seasonal influenza as soon as the vaccines become available. The seasonal flu vaccine is unlikely to provide protection against H1N1 influenza, however a vaccine for H1N1 is currently being tested and may be ready for public use by October. The H1N1 vaccine does not replace the seasonal flu vaccine – it is intended to be used in addition to the seasonal flu vaccine.

The CDC does not expect a shortage of H1N1 vaccine, but vaccine availability and demand can be unpredictable and there is some possibility that initially, the vaccine will be available in limited quantities. Pregnant women, household contacts and caregivers for children younger than 6 months of age, health-care and emergency medical services personnel, people aged 6 months through 24 years, and anyone who has a health condition associated with higher risk of medical complications from influenza have been identified by the CDC as priority groups for the H1N1 vaccine. Current studies indicate that people under 65 are at higher risk for H1N1 influenza.

Practicing good hygiene and frequent hand washing is one of the most effective ways to stay healthy. As children return to school this fall, teach them to vigorously scrub with soap and running water for 20-30 seconds several times a day, especially after playing outside or touching animals, before cooking and eating, after blowing one's nose, coughing or sneezing, after using the bathroom, and after contact with anyone who is ill. Do this yourself as well, and it will help keep you and your family, friends and coworkers healthy this flu season. And if you or your child does happen to become sick, STAY HOME until symptoms subside to avoid spreading cold and flu viruses to others.

For more information and flu season tips, visit [www.ladhs.org](http://www.ladhs.org)

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## Good Neighbors Help Santa Monica Vet from Becoming Homeless

*Santa Monica still has a small town feel in many ways – many of us know our neighbors and check up on each other. Recently, a resident named Jane noticed that Fred, a long-time Santa Monica resident who lived on her street, was becoming frail and showing signs of dementia. When Jane approached Fred with her concerns, Fred told Jane that he might be homeless in a short time. His landlord was going to evict him for failing to pay rent, and his phone and power had been shut off. Jane knew that Fred had been in the Air Force and could be eligible for veteran's benefits.*

*With the help of another neighbor, Jane contacted Veteran's Administration outreach worker Michelle O'Neil, who*

*collaborates with the Santa Monica Police Department's Homeless Liaison Program (HLP) Team and our local service providers. VA staff got on the case and initiated the paperwork to get Fred his Air Force pension funds, Social Security and other revenue sources. Fred had no idea he could collect on his Air Force pension and didn't think he was entitled to Social Security or other government benefits, but very quickly his benefits were granted. With this new income, Fred was able to move into an assisted living facility. It's likely that Fred would have become homeless without his neighbor's thoughtful intervention and the support of VA staff, but thanks to them Fred is now able to connect with the support he needed.*

## Make it last with GIVE SANTA MONICA

Honor a loved one or colleague while improving Santa Monica's parks for all to enjoy by contributing to *GIVE Santa Monica*. Opportunities include everything from purchasing a tree to installing a bench or making a general donation.

Some items may include installation of a personalized plaque, depending on location and type of donation. For more information, visit [www.smgov.net/osm](http://www.smgov.net/osm) or call Open Space Management at 310-458-8310.

## BACK BY POPULAR DEMAND: ADULT DROP-IN SOCCER

Beginning October 6, 2009, Adult Drop-in Soccer returns to Airport Park, 3201 Airport Avenue on Tuesday & Thursday evenings from 9:15 -10:30 p.m. Space is limited – first come, first serve. Participants must be 18 years of age and older and pre-register on-site beginning at 8 p.m. Each session is \$3 per entry – \$1 discount with proof of Santa Monica residency (bring a current utility bill and photo ID).



For more info, please call (310) 458-2201, x5290.

## NEW HOMELESSNESS PREVENTION PROGRAM

The City of Santa Monica has been awarded a new federal grant through the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 to help low-income Santa Monica residents in crisis keep their housing. Assistance will be provided through a local social service agency beginning this fall. More information will be posted at [www.smgov.net/hsd](http://www.smgov.net/hsd) as it becomes available.

## HAVE YOU SEEN THE KIDS WITH CAMERAS IN YOUR NEIGHBORHOOD?



Fabian Lewkowicz

*Police Activity League (PAL) Teenager Nayla Torres takes a photo of Farmlab's "Junker Garden" at Bergamot Station during Santa Monica Human Relations Council's "Kids with Cameras" summer photo workshop. The photos will be featured at Kids With Cameras' Community Art Show at McKinley Elementary School on Saturday, October 3.*

THE SANTA MONICA HUMAN RELATIONS Council, the City of Santa Monica and PAL launched the eight-week program "Kids with Cameras" this summer to show unity in diversity and create a community voice for the Mid-City neighborhood. The participating youth, representing the multi-cultural tapestry of the community, were recruited from local non-profit agencies to meet once a week for to take pictures and share their perspectives on the neighborhood. The HRC encouraged the young members of the team to explore their community and be proactive in seeking solutions to issues affecting their neighbors. Professional photographer Fabian Lewkowicz plays the role of a mentor to the youth and led the photojournalism project. The result will be a photo essay exploring the many dimensions of the Mid-City neighborhood.

"The project will develop civic leadership of Mid-City youth through an exploration of their neighborhood as seen through the lens of a camera," says Michele Wittig, co-Chair of the HRC Dialogue Committee. "Kids with Cameras" culminates in a photo exhibition and community conversation on Saturday, October 3 at McKinley Elementary School, 2401 Santa Monica Blvd. The youth will have an opportunity to display their work and share their narratives with the community at large.

## GREEN BUILDING WALKING TOUR

**Santa Monica Pier**  
**Saturday, Sept. 19 10 a.m.**



Come join a walking tour of some of Santa Monica's green gems led by Brenden McEneaney, the City's Green Building Program Advisor. The tour will start at the historic Santa Monica Pier (meet at the south side of the Carousel) and follow a course around the downtown Santa Monica area, with several stops along the way that highlight some of the City's progressive and historic highlights in sustainability. The tour will focus on sustainable buildings, but as all things are connected in the local environment, it will touch on other related efforts too.

The entire tour will involve walking for a couple miles, so be sure to wear comfortable shoes, and bring any other supplies you might need (sunscreen, water, etc.) Space for the tour is limited. Please RSVP to Brenden McEneaney at [brenden.mceneaney@smgov.net](mailto:brenden.mceneaney@smgov.net) or 310.458.8549.

## DAY OF PEACE

**Santa Monica Pier**  
**Sunday, Sept. 20 11a.m. – 4 p.m.**

Each year, in support of the United Nations International Day of Peace, Roots and Shoots members and friends come together to promote peace. Join us for live music, celebrity performances and arts & crafts including making peace doves to fly over the Pier.



## C Y B E R N E W Z

## SANTA MONICA WEBSITE AMONG TOP TEN NATIONALLY

*The City of Santa Monica's Web site, Smgov.net has been listed as one of the top ten municipal Web sites in the country by the Center for Digital Government. For the second year in a row, the city's Web site was named a finalist in the Center's annual Best of the Web competition.*

*The City of Santa Monica has long been recognized as an innovator and leader in*

*the electronic delivery of city information and services. This latest award recognizes the city Web site as an overarching portal connecting citizens, businesses, and visitors to a vast array of city information and services.*

*Among the on-line services that make smgov.net a stand out are the real-time parking availability application, the*

*sustainable city report card, on-line boards and commissions application management tool, the green building program design advisor, and an advanced Geographic Information System. These and many more features all serve to provide important information and services and to enhance the quality of life in Santa Monica.*

## BIG BLUE BUS Getaways!

*Visit some of Southern California's best places – and let Big Blue Bus do all the driving!*

### LOS ANGELES COUNTY FAIR

*The largest county fair in the nation, held at the Fairplex in Pomona, features top-name performing artists on the grandstand stage and more than 300 varieties of national and international culinary delights, while maintaining its traditional attractions including, livestock, home, hobby, woodworking, and floral exhibits. Saturday, September 19. \$45 per adult, \$40 per senior and children ages 6 to 12*

### MORONGO CASINO RESORT & SPA AND THE DESERT HILLS PREMIUM OUTLETS – CABAZON, CA

*The Morongo Casino Resort & Spa boasts over 148,000 square feet of slots, table games, Bingo, and restaurants. The outlet mall features a collection of over 130 stores, offering savings of 25% to 65% every day. Saturday, October 17. \$35 per adult; ages 18 and over only, please.*

### OLD TOWN TEMECULA AND PECHANGA RESORT

*Go back in time as you stroll through the rustic buildings, beautiful vineyards, and natural beauty of the historic old west. The Pechanga Resort & Casino has over 2000 slot machines, 158 table games, a state-of-the-art non-smoking poker room, and exceptional restaurants and entertainment. Saturday, November 21. \$35 per person.*

**TICKET INFO** *Tickets prices include round-trip transportation; meals and other activities are not included. Getaways typically depart at 8 a.m. from Santa Monica College Main Campus at 1900 Pico Blvd. and leave the destination at 5 p.m. Call 310/451-5444 (TTD: 310/395-6024) for a brochure or visit us at [www.BigBlueBus.com](http://www.BigBlueBus.com) for more information. Tickets can be purchased at Blue: the Transit Store & Customer Service Center, 223 Broadway (just west of the Third St. Promenade) in downtown Santa Monica.*

## SANTA MONICA PIER AQUARIUM IS READY FOR FALL

HEAL THE BAY'S SANTA MONICA PIER Aquarium will be closed for most of the month of September to get a fresh coat of paint, spruce up exhibits develop new curriculum for the school year.

The Aquarium reopens for winter hours on October 1. Visit from 2:00 to 5:00 p.m., Tuesday through Friday, or from 12:30 to 5:00 p.m. weekends. Regular admission is \$2, with a suggested \$5 donation; admission is free for children under 13 when accompanied by an adult.

“Shark Sundays” include a 3:30 p.m. presentation at the shark exhibit, where visitors are invited to gather round the open tank while a naturalist feeds our sharks their Sunday meal. Shark-themed crafts and films are also featured.



Credit: Kelliann LeConte

Head down to the Aquarium for “Fishy Fest,” a celebration of Halloween and Dia de los Muertos to be held Oct. 31-Nov. 1 including special arts and crafts projects for kids and their families, illuminating presentations featuring bioluminescence, and a marine artifacts graveyard! Regular admission fees apply.

The Aquarium also offers two-hour birthday party packages available for any age. Call 310-393-6149 or visit [www.healthebay.org/smpa](http://www.healthebay.org/smpa) for more information.

## BIG BLUE BUS DEDICATION OF NEW MAINTENANCE FACILITY



The new 66,000 square foot Big Blue Bus maintenance facility at the corner of Colorado Avenue and 7th Street is ready to open! The new building features the latest in sustainable transit maintenance technologies and materials, including 600 photovoltaic roof-mounted panels, motion-activated lighting, recycled concrete and steel, light reflective low-VOC paints, efficient water filtration and oil recycling systems, and large rollup glass doors for natural daylighting and ventilation. The facility also incorporates a large glass art wall utilizing special translucent glass panels that change colors and patterns to simulate movement along its glass skin. Come to the special dedication on September 23 from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. for

- Tours led by Big Blue Bus staff including a first-look at the newest bus in the fleet
- A display of vintage photos covering the past 80 years of the Big Blue Bus
- A special 3-D video presentation showing how the project was designed
- Equipment and maintenance demonstrations

For more information, visit [www.bigbluebus.com](http://www.bigbluebus.com) or call 310-451-5444.

## Sustaining Culture and Celebrating the Arts

### SANTA MONICA WELCOMES BACK THE FAMED CIRQUE DU SOLEIL

Santa Monica, known for its vibrant culture scene, celebrates the return of the legendary Cirque du Soleil in its 25th anniversary year this fall. Cirque founders credit this beach community with launching the then-small touring company into the world-renowned brand it is today.

The Cirque anniversary coincides with the Santa Monica Pier Centennial, adding to the once-in-a-lifetime calendar of events and festivities to commemorate the hundredth birthday of our iconic Pier. Santa Monica also anticipates the addition of a new Historical Society museum, the return of the Museum of Flying and stellar programming scheduled throughout the local arts community — all adding to the city's cultural enrichment.

“We are gratified that we have been successful in rallying the business community in celebrating and supporting the return of the Cirque Du Soleil with Cirque-inspired hotel, restaurant, parking discounts, specials and packages — providing in the mix incredible, delectable meals and celebratory ultimate weekend getaways or even “staycations,” said Misti Kerns, president and CEO of the Santa Monica Convention and Visitors Bureau (SMCVB). Discounts for Cirque ticketholders can be found on: <http://www.santamonica.com/cirque-du-soleil>. And always visit [www.santamonica.com/locals](http://www.santamonica.com/locals) for more information on upcoming special events and holiday discounts for residents.



*Set to the backdrop of the Pacific Ocean and world-famous Pier, the Cirque du Soleil production KOOZA, will begin on October 16 and run through December 20, 2009. KOOZA tells the story of “The Innocent”, a loner who is searching for his place in the world. The performance tent will be located in the 1550 parking lot north of the Pier.*

*For information, show times and tickets, visit KOOZA from Cirque du Soleil's website.*

## SANTA MONICA CIVIC AUDITORIUM EVENTS

### SEPTEMBER

25–27 International Gem & Jewelry Show

### OCTOBER

- 2–3 **ALT CAR EXPO\*** *(see ad on back page)*
- 9–11 My Favorite Bead Show
- 13 Santa Monica High School PTSA College Fair
- 17–18 Vintage Fashion Expo
- 20 Whisky Live - The world's premier whisky tasting show

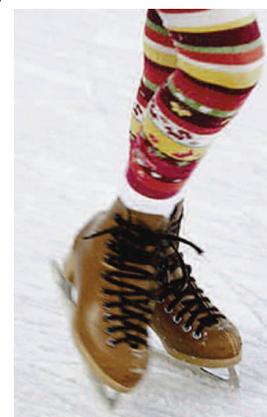
### NOVEMBER

- 1 Santa Monica Symphony Orchestra – FREE
- 6–8 Contemporary Crafts Market
- 13–15 Los Angeles Asian & Tribal Arts Show

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

## ICE AT SANTA MONICA

ICE at Santa Monica, Downtown Santa Monica's premiere outdoor skating rink, returns in October for its third year as a part of Winterlit, Bayside District Corporation's holiday festivities. Located less than two blocks from the Third Street Promenade at Arizona and 5th Street in the heart of Santa Monica, ICE opens October 30, 2009 and runs through January 18, 2010. The rink will be open daily from 10 a.m. - 10 p.m. weekdays and 10 a.m. - midnight on Fridays and Saturdays, including Halloween, Christmas Day and New Years Day.





Friday, September 11

**THE PRINCESS BRIDE** A Pier favorite! Giants, pirates and an evil prince in a fairytale come to life.

Friday, September 18

**HAIRSPRAY** Light-hearted comedy set in the thick of the civil rights movement - it was a time of tradition, a time of values, and a time...to shake it up baby!

Friday, September 25

**FUEL (2009)** Winner of the best documentary audience award at Sundance. The most hopeful movie of the year. 

Friday, October 2

**FERRIS BUELLER'S DAY OFF (1986)** The classic 1980's comedy from the late writer-director John Hughes.

Gates open at 7 p.m. Movies start after dusk. Chairs, blankets and kids are welcome. Sorry, no alcohol allowed. Tickets are required and are available free (while supplies last) starting September 4 at:

- Capital Source Bank (12424 Wilshire Blvd, Suite 100, West L.A.)
- Santa Monica Convention & Visitors Bureau Kiosk (1400 Ocean Ave.)
- Santa Monica Convention & Visitors Bureau Cart (1300 block of 3rd St Promenade between Arizona and Santa Monica Blvd.)
- Santa Monica Convention and Visitors Bureau (1920 Main St.)
- Vidiots, 302 Pico Blvd. (Santa Monica)

## YOUR LIBRARY STIMULUS PACKAGE

The Library is working for you!

- ▲ **EATING RIGHT WHEN THE MONEY IS TIGHT** Registered dietitian Suzanne Bogert discusses how to extend your healthy food budget. Sat 10/10, 2 p.m.
- ▲ **CAN I WEAR MY NOSERING TO THE INTERVIEW?** Employment expert Ellen Gordon Reeves shares tips and strategies on finding and getting that new job. Thu 10/29, 7 p.m., Multipurpose Room.
- ▲ **EAT GREEN, STAY HEALTHY ACUPUNCTURIST & NUTRITIONIST** Heather Lounsbury offers sustainable food solutions for families on a budget. Sat. 11/14, 2:00 p.m.
- ▲ **THE SURVIVORS CLUB** *Quality of Life Forum* host Kit Cooper interviews Ben Sherwood on his new book, an instructive profile of those who are able to bounce back from adversity. Wed 11/18, 7 p.m.
- ▲ **HEAL YOUR RECESSION DEPRESSION** Psychologist Judi Bloom discusses how the recession can affect moods, relationships, and self esteem; and provides tools for helping you and those around you weather the storm. Mon 12/7, 7:30 p.m.
- ▲ **COMPUTER CLASSES** Free classes on topics such as online job searching, creating a resume, Microsoft Word, Excel & PowerPoint and more. For a list of course offerings, go to <http://www.smpl.org/classes> or call 310-434-2608. Class size is limited to 12 people so advance registration is required.
- ▲ **JOB NOW** A new online resource at the Library, *JobNow* is a timely service that provides online interactive interview coaching with live tutors and expert resume preparation assistance and tips. It is available from computers at all library locations. Santa Monica Public Library cardholders can also use it from their home computers by visiting the library's web site at [www.smpl.org](http://www.smpl.org).
- ▲ **RÉSUMÉ ASSISTANCE ~ AIRVIEW BRANCH** Create or polish up your résumé. Call 310-450-0443 for an appointment.

## PETS NEED TO PREPARE, TOO!



**Red Alert! Pet owners need to prepare their pets as well as themselves for emergencies, keeping 7 days of food and water, medication, carrying crate, bedding and a toy or two ready to go.**

On August 1, the City of Santa Monica, the American Red Cross of Santa Monica, and Santa Monica Organizations Active in Disasters (SMO Aid) held the Santa Monica Pet Preparedness Fair at Clover Park to encourage Santa Monica residents to prepare themselves and their pets for emergencies. The event was attended by close to a thousand people and their four-legged companions.

More than 20 vendors and agencies were at the fair providing everything from free micro-chipping, low-cost vaccinations, pet adoptions, pet food samples, pet massage therapy, and other services, as well as members of the City of Santa Monica Fire Department, Police

Department, Animal Services, Water Department, the American Red Cross of Santa Monica, and other public agencies. By day's end, more than 365 animals were micro-chipped, 165 vaccinations were given, 25-30 animals were adopted on site, and many people signed up for trainings in pet shelter management and safety classes for animals and people including CPR. Micro-chipping animals is the number one step to take in preparing animals for emergencies; when pets are displaced in the event of a disaster, the chips make it much easier for emergency responders to care for and eventually reunite them with their owners. Pet owners also were treated to a performance by Hip Hop Harry, the lovable

children's character, who was micro chipped by Doc Halligan of Animal Planet's Groomer Has It, and participated in contests to find the "Best-behaved Pet" and the pet that looked most like its owner.

If you missed the fair, there is still the opportunity to have your pets prepared for emergencies by following the steps listed at [www.smgov.net/smoaid](http://www.smgov.net/smoaid).



Photos courtesy of Found Animals

# YOUTH PROGRAMS

## MAIN LIBRARY

**Fire Safety and You** Learn about fire safety from a real firefighter! Ages 5 and up. Wed 9/23, 3:45 p.m.

**Halloween, It's a Scream!** Silly and scary tales of Halloween haunts. Ages 5 and up. Wed 10/21, 3:45 p.m.

**Sesame Street Celebration!** Join us as we celebrate the 40th anniversary of Sesame Street with a movie, puppet show and other fun activities. Ages 4 and up. Sat 11/7, 11 a.m. - 2:30 p.m.

### PROGRAMS FOR TEENS

**Covering All the Bases for College** College consultants David Beck, Jonathan Lotz, and Tiiuu Lukk help students prepare for college as well as how to pay for it. For students and their parents. Mon 9/21, 6:30 p.m.

**Designing a Four-Year Plan for College Admission** Independent college counselor Tiiuu Lukk talks to parents and students about the importance of planning for college at the beginning of high school. Mon 10/5, 6:30 p.m. Multipurpose Room.

**An Afternoon with Scott Westerfeld and Sarah Rees Brennan** Scott Westerfeld, author of the *Uglies* series, will talk about his new book *Leviathan*. Sarah Rees Brennan will talk about her new book *The Demon's Lexicon*. Co-sponsored by *Children's Book World*. Tue 10/6, 4:30 p.m. MLK Aud.

## FAIRVIEW BRANCH

**Kids' Craft Club** For ages 6 to 10, registration required. Mon 10/19 & 11/23, 3:30 p.m.

**Halloween Stories and Craft** Costumes are welcome. Ages 4 and up. Mon 10/26, 3:30 p.m.

### PROGRAMS FOR TEENS

**College Admissions A-Z** A workshop for parents and students in grades 10-12. Tue 10/6, 7 p.m.

**Teen Writer's Workshop** Join us for an opportunity write your own stories. For grades 6-9; registration required. Sat 10/17 & 11/21, 1 - 2:30 p.m.

**Community Service Opportunities** Homework-help volunteers are needed for the academic year. Minimum commitment is 20 hours. Contact Sylvia.anderle@smgvo.net for information. Grades 6-12.

## MONTANA AVENUE BRANCH

**The Very Hungry Caterpillar: A "Read for the Record" Event** Be part of a record-setting event as children and adults across America read the children's book, *The Very Hungry Caterpillar*, which turns 40 this year! Thu 10/8, 11:15 a.m.

**Special Programs!** Tuesdays at 3:45 p.m. 10/27 Spooky stories for Halloween; 11/24 Thanksgiving program

**Farmers' Market Iron Chef Challenge** Learn how to make healthy, delicious snacks Iron Chef style! For grades 5 and up. Mon 11/9, 4 p.m.

### PROGRAMS FOR TEENS

**Talk About It** A monthly book discussion group for grades 5-7. Wed 10/14 & 11/11, 5 p.m.

**Teen Read Week - Read Beyond Reality @ Your Library** 10/18-10/24. Call the branch for details.

## OCEAN PARK BRANCH

**Yoga for Kids!** Yoga instructor, Kelly Cunningham, introduces parents and children to simple poses in a fun-filled setting. Mon 10/26-11/30, 10:30 - 11:30 a.m.

**What's So Funny About Halloween?** For ages 3 to 7. Join Mr. Jesse and his puppet pals for story time treats and puppet trickery. Two performances: Tue 10/27, 3:30 & 4:30 p.m.

**Reading Is Magic!** Watch professional magician Tony Daniels prove that books and a child's imagination lead to an afternoon of mystery, magic and comedy! For ages 4-8. Thu 11/19, 3:30 p.m.

# ADULT PROGRAMS

## MAIN LIBRARY

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

**NINTH ANNUAL LA OPERA SERIES** Multimedia talks, Thursdays at 7 p.m. Multipurpose Room. 9/17 *Siegfried*; 10/15 *Tamerlano*; 11/19 *Barber of Seville*.

**AN ARMCHAIR VISIT TO MACHU PICCHU WITH PHOTOGRAPHER/AUTHOR MIKE TORREY** Digital slide show. Thu 9/24, 7 p.m.

**LOVE TO LOVE YOU BRADYS** Susan Olsen (aka Cindy Brady) and other survivors of *The Brady Bunch Variety Hour* discuss the 1970s television disaster. Sat 9/26, 1 p.m.

**LOVE OR SOMETHING LIKE IT** Author Deirdre Shaw discusses and signs copies of her novel. Wed 9/30, 7 p.m.

**GREEN PRIZE AWARDS** Presentation of the 2009 Green Prize for Sustainable Literature Awards Sat 10/3, 1 p.m.

**SPACE TELESCOPES: HUBBLE, JAMES WEBB, AND BEYOND** With NASA's Lee Feinberg. Mon 10/5, 7 p.m.

**A BRIGHT AND GUILTY PLACE: MURDER, CORRUPTION, AND L.A.'S SCANDALOUS COMING OF AGE** Author Richard Rayner discusses and signs copies of his book. Wed 10/7, 7 p.m.

**ART SONGS FOR SOPRANO WITH PIANO, FLUTE AND HARP** Presented by National Association of Composers, U.S.A. Thu 10/24, 2 p.m.

**THE SANTA MONICA FARMERS MARKET IN CONVERSATION** Join Farmers Market Manager Laura Avery for a discussion with farmers and chefs; stay afterward to sample farm-fresh food. Thu 11/5 7 p.m.

## FAIRVIEW BRANCH LIBRARY

**DOCUMENTARY FILM SERIES** *Amandla: A Revolution in Four Part Harmony* (2002) highlights the role of music in the South African struggle against apartheid. Wed 9/16 7 p.m.

**HOW TO MAKE A DIGITAL MEMORY BOOK** Share your photos with family and friends. Wed 9/30, 7 p.m.

**DIY: BEADING** After this class you will be able to make your own necklaces and bracelets. Tue 10/13, 7 p.m.

**LITERATURE BOOK GROUP** Second Saturday of the month, 11 a.m. 10/10 *Go Tell It On the Mountain* by James Baldwin; 11/14 *The Sound and the Fury* by William Faulkner.

## MONTANA AVENUE BRANCH LIBRARY

**MONTANA AVENUE BRANCH BOOK GROUP** Third Wednesday of the month, 7 p.m. 9/16 *One Drop* by Bliss Broyard; 10/21 *The Four Seasons: a Novel of Vivaldi's Venice* by Laurel Corona.

**BRAIN CLOUDS** Dr. Matthew Shtrahman discusses how large collections of neurons cooperate to form complex patterns of electrical activity. Sat 10/10, 11 a.m.

**MYSTERY BOOK GROUP** Second Wednesday of the month, 7 p.m. 10/14 *Gaudy Night* by Dorothy L. Sayers and *Doomsday Book* by Connie Willis; 11/4 *Dark Star* by Alan Furst (Note date change!)

**CLASSIC FILM AND DISCUSSION SERIES** Thursdays at 6:30 p.m. 10/15 *The Hospital*, (1971); 11/5 *Sweet Smell of Success*, (1957).

**IN CASE YOU MISSED IT FILM SERIES** Thursdays at 2 p.m. 10/29 *Coraline*; 11/12 *Religulous*.

## OCEAN PARK BRANCH LIBRARY

**OCEAN PARK BOOK GROUP** First Saturday of the month, 11 a.m. 10/3 *The Whistling Season* by Ivan Doig; 11/7 *Black Girl White Girl* by Joyce Carol Oates.

**YOGA FOR OLDER BEGINNERS** Relax and revitalize with yoga instructor Kelly Cunningham. Yoga mat required. Monday evenings 7 - 8 p.m., 9/21 - 10/26.

**CONCERT ON THE LAWN** Paul Statman and the Statmen will serenade you on mandolin, violin, guitar and bass. Sat 10/10, 2 p.m.

**POETRY READING** Award-winning poet Judith Pacht will read from her new chapbook *User's Guide*. Sat 11/14, 2 p.m.

## SANTA MONICA PUBLIC LIBRARY HOURS

<b>Main Library</b>	601 Santa Monica Boulevard, (310) 458-8600
<b>Hours:</b>	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.
<b>Fairview Branch</b>	2101 Ocean Park Boulevard, (310) 450-0443
<b>Montana Avenue</b>	1704 Montana Avenue, (310) 829-7081
<b>Ocean Park Branch</b>	2601 Main Street, (310) 392-3804
<b>Hours:</b>	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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### CITY COUNCIL MEETINGS

The Santa Monica City Council regularly meets at 5:45 p.m., on the second and fourth Tuesday of every month in Council Chambers, located at City Hall, 1685 Main Street. Upcoming City Council meetings are scheduled for September 22 and October 13 and 27.

City Council meetings are open to the public. Public comment may be made in person at the City Council meeting, or prior to the meeting via regular U.S. mail, e-mail, or by fax to:

1685 Main Street, Room 209  
 Santa Monica, California 90401  
 Phone: (310) 458-8201

Fax: (310) 458-1621

Email all Council members: [council@smgov.net](mailto:council@smgov.net)

*Check the status of upcoming agenda items at  
[www.smgov.net](http://www.smgov.net)*

**AltCar expo** **ALTERNATIVE ENERGY AND TRANSPORTATION EXPO**

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**AltCar Expo & Conference**  
 Friday and Saturday  
**October 2 & 3, 2009**  
 10am – 5pm  
 Santa Monica Civic Auditorium

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For more information, please visit  
[www.altcarexpo.com](http://www.altcarexpo.com)  
 or call 310.390.2930

### CELEBRATE SUSTAINABILITY!

Throughout late September and early October, the city and our sustainable partners are offering up the usual exciting programming that makes being green fun. Usually this season of sustainability is highlighted by the release of a report card letting us know how we're doing in key progress areas. Last year, the Office of Sustainability and the Environment, the city's sustainable leadership team, decided to release report cards biannually to allow more time for progress between reports. The next report card will be released in the fall of 2010, but there are plenty of sustainable events happening this fall to keep you thinking "green"!

**Look for the leaf throughout this issue for sustainable happenings around the city and visit [www.sustainablesm.org](http://www.sustainablesm.org) for detailed calendar listings!**