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CAN WE TALK?

There is a lot happening in Santa Monica! Take advantage of this opportunity to meet City Manager Rod Gould and get an update on projects happening in your neighborhood. Rod will put the state of the economy into a local perspective as planning begins for the FY2011-12 and FY2012-13 budget.

NOVEMBER 8, 7 P.M.

Neighborhood meeting at 6 p.m.
Cosponsored by the Ocean Park Association
John Muir Elementary School Auditorium
2526 6th Street

NOVEMBER 15, 7 P.M.

Cosponsored by the Wilshire/Montana
Neighborhood Coalition
Ken Edwards Center Lunchroom
1527 4th Street

NOVEMBER 17, 7 P.M.

Cosponsored by the
Pico Neighborhood Association
Virginia Avenue Park, Thelma Terry
Community Room, 2200 Virginia Avenue

NOVEMBER 30, 7 P.M.

Cosponsored by the Friends of Sunset Park
Grant Elementary School Auditorium
2368 Pearl Street

DECEMBER 2, 7 P.M.

Cosponsored by the
North of Montana Association
Montana Branch Library
1704 Montana Avenue

DECEMBER 6, 7 P.M.

Cosponsored by the Mid-City Neighbors
McKinley Elementary School Auditorium
2401 Santa Monica Boulevard

All locations are wheelchair-accessible. For additional disability-related accommodations or for more information about these meetings, call 310.458.8281 or visit www.smgov.net/budget

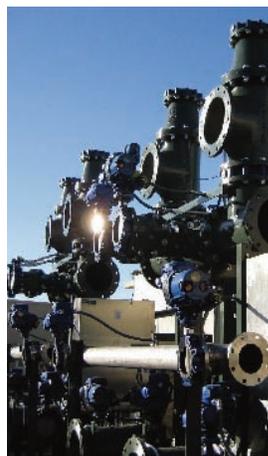
Santa Monica's New Year's Resolution: Local Drinking Water

A reliable supply of clean, fresh water is vital for every living being, but importing Santa Monica's drinking water from the farther reaches of California is expensive and energy-consuming. For that reason, reducing our city's dependence on imported water has been an important financial goal and Sustainable City Plan objective for many years. By January 2011, Santa Monica residents and businesses will once again be enjoying drinking water from our own underground water supply.

FIVE SANTA MONICA WELLS RE-OPEN IN JANUARY

In 1996, five wells located at the

Santa Monica-owned well field in the Mar Vista area of Los Angeles were shut down when testing revealed the presence of a gasoline additive, Methyl Tertiary Butyl Ether (MTBE). The contaminant leaked from underground storage tanks and product pipelines in the area surrounding the well field. Since then, the city has had to import 80% of its drinking water supplies from the Metropolitan Water District to make up for the loss of the wells in order to meet the demands of its residents and businesses. In December 2006, a comprehensive settlement agreement with the responsible oil companies provided the funding to design and construct a state-of-the-art water treatment facility that uses granular activated carbon (GAC) filtration to remove contaminants from the wells. Additionally, improvements have been made to the disinfection and softening process at the water treatment facility, including installation of a reverse osmosis system, pressure filtration vessels, a backwash system, new electrical services and emergency generators, and a new sewer line to serve the facility. After many years of successful city efforts in legal negotiations, design work and environmental studies and 18 months of construction, the city's engineers and water resource professionals are nearly ready to turn the local water supply back on! Look forward to the grand opening of the Santa Monica Water Treatment Plant early next year.



The ambitious Charnock Well Field Restoration Project allows the city to once again tap into this portion of its local groundwater supply, greatly reducing the use of imported water from Northern California and the Colorado River and furthering the city's sustainability objectives.

For more information about this project, please visit www.smgov.net/engineering or contact City Engineering staff at 310.458.8721 or Water Resources staff at 310.826.6712.

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 – November 19, December 3 & 17, and January 14 & 28. Payment and permit services are available every Friday – please call 310.458.8411 for the counter hours of your preferred service. All city offices will be closed on December 24 & 31 for the winter holidays and on January 17 in observance of Martin Luther King Jr. Day.

NEW IN TOWN? Our new resident packet is filled with information to help you get familiar with your new neighborhood, including the City Services Directory, maps, parking and bus information, Family Guide, and more. Just send an email request to 411@smgov.net or call 310.458.8411 and we'll drop one in the mail, or stop by the Information Desk in the City Hall lobby to pick one up.

WE'VE MOVED The city's business license office, utility billing and ALL parking offices, including residential permit parking, are now located at 1717 4th Street. The public counter is open Monday through Friday 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. and 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. on alternate Fridays. Convenient, inexpensive parking is available across the street in the Civic Center Parking Structure.

SANTA MONICA

Seascape

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

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In accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, *Seascape* is available in alternate formats by calling the City Manager's Office at 310.458.8301 (TDD/TTY 917.6626).

Expo Light Rail Design Process Update

The design of the Expo light rail project in our city presents both an important opportunity for the city and a critical mission to ensure that the project is consistent with the community's Land Use and Circulation Element (LUCE) vision. The Expo project in Santa Monica will have stations at Bergamot, Memorial Park/Mid-City, and Downtown. The line will run on dedicated rail right-of-



way from the eastern border to 17th Street, and then proceed down Colorado Avenue to the Downtown station. A July 13, 2010 City Council report covering station elements important to the city can be found on the city's website.

The Exposition Construction Authority is responsible for design and construct of the line. In May they hired two competing design-build teams to develop preliminary plans and present bids for completing the extension of the Expo

Line from Culver City to Santa Monica. Expo will select one of these teams in February 2011. The City of Santa Monica just completed extensive review and comment on each of the team's preliminary designs and continues to work with Expo to incorporate elements that are important to the functionality, safety and aesthetics of the project.

An update on the Expo project is scheduled for the November 23 City Council meeting, and the Planning and Community Development Department plans to hold a community workshop this winter.

Sign up at www.shapethefuture2025.net for updates and continue to shape the future with us!

Biking/Walking/Driving: How we all move together

As locals and visitors travel the streets, it's important to be aware of the rules of the road and be courteous to each other so that cyclists, motorists, and pedestrians can all get where they're going safely!

Bicycles belong in the road. In Santa Monica it's illegal for bicycles to ride on the sidewalk. California Vehicle Code gives cyclists the same rights to the roadway as drivers, but they are also subject to all roadway provisions including stopping at red lights and stop signs and traveling with the flow of traffic. For safety reasons, it's a good idea to ride towards the outside of the bike lane when riding next to parked automobiles and be on the lookout for opening doors. It's unlawful to wear headphones or earplugs in both ears unless you meet special provisions. A helmet is required for cyclists under the age of 18 and is strongly encouraged for cyclists of all ages and skill levels.



Pedestrians belong on the sidewalk. Runners and joggers belong on the sidewalk too and can be cited for using the bicycle lane. When jogging past other pedestrians, make walkers in front of you aware of your approach by saying, "Passing on the left!"

The shift of people out of automobiles and into buses, bicycles, and onto our sidewalks benefits motorists, so be a courteous driver. Look for approaching bicycles and automobiles before opening doors when parked on the street, and watch for cyclists and pedestrians when making turns. Allow buses to get back into the traffic flow after they make a stop so they can keep their schedule, and don't tailgate them as they make frequent stops. Be aware that there is a fine for driving in bus lanes.

For more information, call the Transportation Management Division at 310.458.8291.

Everyone Counts: Volunteers Needed for Homeless Count 2011 on January 26

Every January, more than 200 community members become part of the solution to addressing homelessness by participating in the annual Homeless Count. Between midnight and 3 a.m., volunteers on foot and by car cover every street and alley to collect data needed to assess the effectiveness of Santa Monica's Action Plan to Address Homelessness and leverage federal, state and local resources. Data from the 2010 Homeless Count demonstrated a 19% reduction in homelessness over the previous year – a significant reduction

attributable to implementation of the action plan, improved collaboration among agencies and coordination of services, new housing subsidies and rental assistance programs, and innovative city-driven initiatives such as the Homeless Community Court and Project Homecoming.

Seize your opportunity to become hands-on and engaged by participating in Santa Monica's Homeless Count 2011 on January 26. Over 200 volunteers are needed to conduct a visual count of the homeless

population on Santa Monica's streets. Security will be provided and all volunteers will be trained. The count is a great way to make a difference in our community, working side-by-side with city staff, Santa Monica fire and police officers and your neighbors. For those of you who like to be in charge, there are even opportunities to be a team captain.

Get started on those New Year's resolutions early – volunteer today. For more info or to RSVP, please email dina.aubrey@smgov.net or call 310.458.8701.

To learn more about the city's efforts to address homelessness, visit www.smgov.net/homelessness.



The Buy Local Santa Monica 3/50 Challenge

What three local businesses do you most love? Or put another way, what three businesses would you most miss if they disappeared? Buy Local Santa Monica has partnered with Project 3/50 to launch the Buy Local Santa Monica 3/50 Challenge. We invite you to stop by your favorite local businesses and support them.

Your purchases keep them in business. Their business supports the community. Buy Local Santa Monica businesses are committed to purchasing from other local businesses. They employ Santa Monica residents, support local charities, donate proceeds to local schools and provide staff to help with beach clean ups. It's a win-win for everyone. Here are some facts:

- If 20% of Santa Monica's residents committed to spending \$50 every month at Santa Monica businesses, it would pump over \$9.6 million into the local economy every year.
- For every \$100 spent in locally-owned, independent stores, \$68 returns to the community through taxes, payroll and other expenditures, according to a 2008 Civic Economics study.
- Local businesses can adapt to their customers needs quickly and often carry a wider array of unique products that are locally made or produced. If you don't see what you want or need, ask!

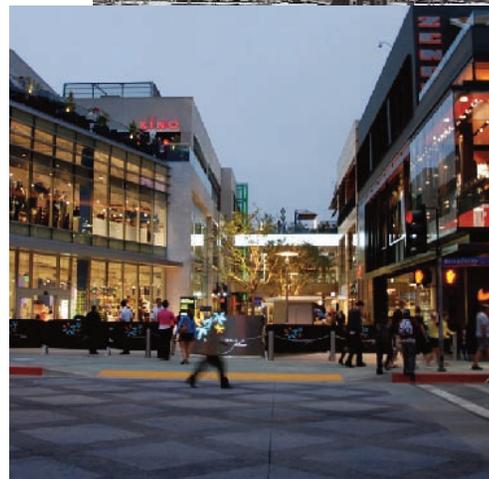
To enter the Buy Local Santa Monica 3/50 Challenge, go to www.buylocalsantamonica.com/project350. Entrants will have a chance to win some great prizes from local businesses as an added incentive! For a list of participating businesses and more information, visit www.buylocalsantamonica.com



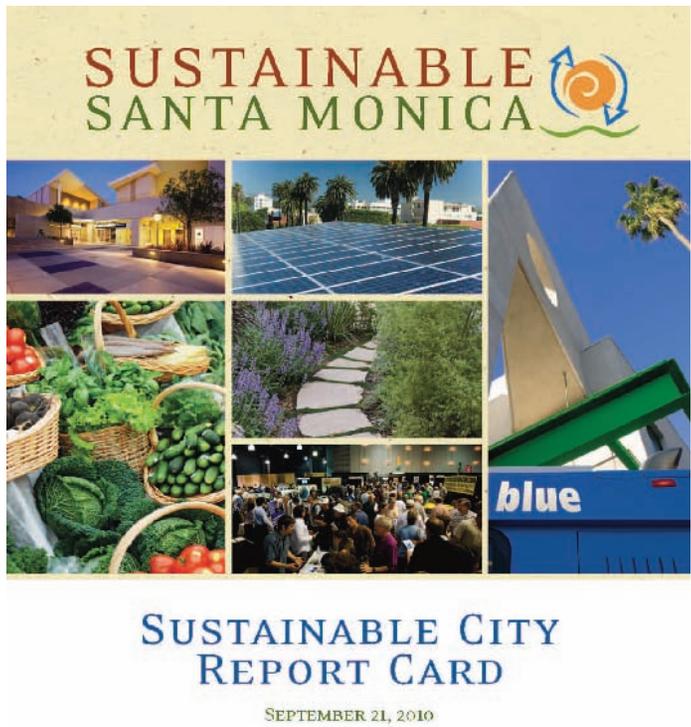
LANDMARKS OLD AND NEW

Attention shoppers (and history buffs, too!) The past and present department stores of downtown Santa Monica offer a great study in the evolution of the city's commercial heart. Two of the city's designated landmarks reflect styles and values from the past when Santa Monica was a post-WWII boomtown: the former JCPenney building at 1202 Third Street Promenade (constructed in 1949) and the Sears building at 302 Colorado Avenue (constructed in 1947). Both of these buildings are designed in

the Late Moderne architectural style which was typical of the early postwar years in Southern California. The recent opening of the Bloomingdale's and Nordstrom's department stores at the newly refurbished Santa Monica Place showcases downtown's recent trend toward more contemporary building design, and also reflects trends and strategies toward overall sustainability and creating a pedestrian-friendly environment.



The photo taken of the Wilshire side of the Promenade during construction in the 1950's shows the JCPenney building on the right; the Broadway end looks a lot different – and more inviting – with the addition of an open-air entryway to Santa Monica Place.



More Sustainable, Year by Year

Sixteen years ago Santa Monica adopted the Sustainable City Plan, an ambitious set of goals to ensure the long term sustainability of our local economy, environment and quality of life. As the 2010 Sustainable City Report Card demonstrates, Santa Monica always rises to a challenge. The 2010 Report Card, now available www.sustainablesm.org, highlights improvements in almost every sustainability goal area and notes several successes over the past year:

- **Water Wonders** Water demand dropped in all seasons for the past three years.
- **Solar Success** Solar capacity has more than tripled since the launch of Solar Santa Monica. There are 183 grid-connected solar projects in the city, generating over 1.4 megawatts of solar electricity.
- **Market Madness** Sales are up 4% at four thriving farmers markets that provide fresh, locally grown and organic produce to nearly a million visitors each year.
- **Pedal Parking** This year the bike valet program parked more than 25,000 bikes for free at community events around the city.
- **Homeless Help** The number of homeless people in Santa Monica dropped 8% between 2007 and 2009, while the number who received services rose 7%.
- **Safe Streets** Violent crime dropped to its lowest level since 2003. Gang crime in 2009 was two-thirds of its 2006 high.

Another important tool for measuring our success is the Sustainable City Progress Report, which can be found at www.sustainablesm.org/scpr. This online database provides comprehensive data and analysis. Visit the progress report and take a measure of our success for yourself.

Leaf Blower Ban Makes Santa Monica Healthier, Quieter

Leaf blowers pose multiple health risks – as do most of the mechanized tools of the landscaping trade – and it comes in the form of impaired air quality from the inefficient combustion process inherent in such devices and the blowing of a mix of fine particles into the air. To address these concerns and others, many cities have banned leaf blowers; and Santa Monica has recently renewed its commitment to the enforcement of its leaf blower ban, which has been in place since 1991.

The Law No person shall operate any motorized leaf blower within the city (municipal code 4.08.270). A leaf blower is defined as any motorized tool (gas, electric or battery-powered) used to propel fallen leaves and debris for removal. Infractions will be punishable by substantial fines to property owners, property and landscape management companies and/or individual operators.

The Alternatives Use alternatives like wide push brooms, rakes, and manual leaf sweeping machines. Leaf vacuums may be an option for larger properties. Hosing surfaces is prohibited.

Reporting Leaf Blowers in the City

To report violations, please be sure you have an address, date and time of day of a violation. Staff will promptly follow up with reported violations in addition to being out in the community educating gardeners and property owners.

- **Email:** environment@smgov.net
- **GO System:** www.smgov.net/go
- **Telephone:** 310.458.4952
- **Website:** www.sustainablesm.org/leafblower



An individual gas powered leaf blower, those often used by professionals, emit 500 times the level of hydrocarbons than a modern automobile (CA Air Resources Board). And, with a muzzle velocity of 150 miles per hour, blowers blow dust particles, including herbicides, pesticides, and other contaminants up from the ground into the air, especially troubling asthmatics and allergy sufferers.

Shop for all your holiday cooking and gifts at the Santa Monica Farmers Markets!

Be sustainable this season and do your holiday shopping at the Santa Monica Farmers Markets! The markets are a must-stop shop for your Thanksgiving feast, and a great place to find gifts for everyone on your list this holiday season. Beeswax candles, honey and handmade soaps, scrumptious jams, nuts and artisanal oils, beautiful herb mixes, houseplants or even a seedling all make perfect holiday or hostess gifts. But don't wait until the last minute – the Saturday Downtown Market will be closed November 27, and both the Downtown and Pico Saturday Markets will be closed December 25 and January 1. The Main Street Sunday Market will be closed December 26.



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

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

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

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

New Members of the Big Blue Bus Fleet

CATCH A RIDE ON THE NEW HYBRID

Five electric/gasoline hybrid buses are now in service on the Sunset and Crosstown Mini Blue Rides. The smaller 30-foot buses are the quietest buses on the road today, making them perfect for Santa Monica neighborhoods. The buses feature higher ceilings, spacious passenger cabins, anti-slip flooring, eye-catching blue and green plush upholstery, and brighter LED lighting. The hybrids seat 29 passengers, and are equipped with a wheelchair ramp and two wheelchair areas.

THE FIRST ARTICULATED BIG BLUE BUS HAS ARRIVED

The Big Blue Bus has taken delivery of the first of 16 articulated buses on order. The new 60-foot bus, also known as an accordion bus, is currently being used to train drivers and service technicians. When the remaining 15 buses arrive in April 2011, they'll initially be put into local service on Line 7 along Pico Boulevard, one of the



busiest routes in the Big Blue Bus system. The buses have 53 seats instead of the usual 40, and feature wider seats and more legroom for additional passenger comfort,

dimnable LED lights, non-slip rubber floors and a new frameless window design that gives the buses a sleeker look. Because of their interior soundproofing, they also provide a quieter ride. The



new buses, which will replace older diesel buses in the fleet, are fueled by compressed natural gas, which helps eliminate tons of emissions from entering the atmosphere throughout the operating life of the buses, while at the same time lowering operating costs.

For more information about routes and schedules, visit www.BigBlueBus.com.

8 Simple Steps to GREENING THE HOLIDAYS

Believe it or not, the holidays are upon us. Whether you are heading out of town or staying at home in Santa Monica, we hope you will be making this holiday season the greenest ever. Read on to learn a few simple steps you can take to make your holidays more sustainable while helping to support our Sustainable City Plan. You can reduce your ecological footprint, conserve our natural resources, and keep the planet healthy for present and future generations. You may even save a little money along the way.

REDUCE, REUSE & RECYCLE! Make your holiday celebrations more sustainable by going back to the three basics. Reduce the amount of waste you produce by buying only as much as you need and choosing products that come in packaging that can be recycled or have high post consumer recycled content. Bring your reusable bag when holiday shopping.

MAKE YOUR HOLIDAY MEALS LOCAL & ORGANIC Buying locally grown food is one good way to have a sustainable Thanksgiving. Choosing local foods supports local economies and reduces pollution from transportation.

GO VEGGIE Consider a meat-free holiday meal full of fruits, veggies and grains. Raising animals for food requires more than half the water used in the United States and is the biggest polluter of our water and topsoil.

GIVE GIFTS WITHOUT GARBAGE Every year Americans throw away four million tons of gift wrap and shopping bags. Consider giving gifts with little or no packaging, such as houseplants, movie or concert tickets and gift certificates. Or wrap your gift in a reusable bag and make a gift to the environment as well.

for eco-friendly gifts
blue
the transit store

223 Broadway @ 3rd St. Promenade
(310) 451-5444
www.bigbluebus.com

Store Hours:
Weekdays 7:00am to 6:00pm
Saturdays 12:00pm to 6:00pm

To get there, catch Big Blue Bus
Line 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 7, 8, or 9.

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50+ & SENIOR PROGRAMS

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

Generations Enjoy Arts and Entertainment

On October 9, over 200 people of all ages participated in the third annual *Celebration of Life*, a senior and family intergenerational arts festival which highlights the talents of adults 50+ while bringing together people of all ages. Community members enjoyed performances including African dance and music, Taiko drumming, and Colours-N-Motion, a wheelchair dance troupe. Featured exhibits included the Police Activity League's Kids with Cameras and portrait paintings from artists 50+ years of age. Youth from the Virginia Avenue Park Teen Center were commissioned to design three different posters for the event and silkscreened them at the festival for guests to take home. As part of the Rosie's Girls Street Team's environmental community service project, Rosie's Girls provided sustainable bags for attendees to decorate and take home.



Santa Monica Senior Center located in beautiful Palisades Park offers enrichment activities, educational seminars, fitness and active living opportunities, SMC Emeritus classes and seasonal events throughout the entire year. Programming includes ballroom dancing, tai chi, Zumba Gold, yoga, meditation, health education, movies, group exercise, improv, cultural arts workshops, Bridge, discussion groups and more. Anyone over the age of 50 is invited to come by the center, check it out and meet new friends. Most activities and membership in the center is free.

Wii Health & Fitness at the Senior Center Wii is a fun and easy way to get fit in body and mind, helping you stretch and strengthen muscles, improve balance and think on your feet. In addition to virtual bowling, ping pong and tennis, the general Wii fit program will assess your fitness level and provide light exercises to build balance. If you haven't been active for a while, this program is a perfect fit. Personalized sessions run Tue/Thu 10 – 11:30 a.m. and Mon/Wed/Fri 12:30 – 2 p.m.

Additional Services for Older Adults The City of Santa Monica's Human Services Division funds WISE & Healthy Aging and other local service providers to offer a wide range of services for older adults, including independent living support; money management; health services, education and advocacy; care management; housing assistance; volunteer opportunities; friendly home visiting; caregiver support groups and more. Call 310.458.8701 for more information or visit www.smc.edu/emeritus for a Senior Resource Directory & Quick Reference Guide. If you do not have access to the *internet*, visit the Senior Center for a printout.

Santa Monica Police Activities League

PAL provides educational, cultural and recreational programs for youth ages 6-17 at the PAL Youth Center. Activities offered this winter include classes in culinary arts, computer classes, basketball camp, hip hop dance, indoor football, and SAT prep classes. The PAL Fitness Gym at Virginia Avenue Park is open to youth ages 6 – 24. Activities include fitness classes, karate, boxing, weight training and open workouts. Coaches and instructors for the PAL program include Santa Monica Police Officers, staff from the Community and Cultural Services Department, and volunteers. If you would like to volunteer, PAL is looking for volunteers to help with homework assistance, special events and field trips.

PAL YOUTH CENTER AT MEMORIAL PARK

1401 Olympic Blvd.

Hours: Mon-Fri noon-10 p.m., Sat noon-6 p.m.

Friday Nights w/PAL for youth ages 13-17, 6 p.m. – 1 a.m.

Weekly signup required.

PAL HOMEWORK ASSISTANCE

Hours: Mon-Thu 2:30-6:30 p.m.

Computers available until 9 p.m.

PAL FITNESS GYM @ VIRGINIA AVENUE PARK

2200 Virginia Avenue

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

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

Volunteer Santa Monica

Expand your world: Volunteer with the City of Santa Monica

The volunteer program will help you find a meaningful assignment that fits your goals and schedule, whether you're looking to assist on an ongoing basis or on a limited-term project. We have year-round opportunities to help with the Farmers Market, youth programs, Special Olympics, community fairs, disaster preparedness, and Adults 50+ & Senior programs, just to name a few. Or, bring us your ideas for short-term projects that use your skills to make a positive change in our community. Past projects have included short term workshops for seniors in education and arts, assisting urban forest staff in evaluating the city's trees and various projects with our Office of Sustainability and the Environment. The possibilities are endless. The winter holidays also bring unique opportunities to help others – so share your talents and time.

Get started today – call the Volunteer Program office 310.458.8300 x5265, or send an email to vol@smgov.net



Don't let the cold winter days keep you away from Virginia Avenue Park! Youth ages 6-14 are welcome to sign up for free educational, recreational and cultural arts programs at Virginia Avenue Park. Tutorial and homework assistance programs are available for students from elementary through high school. Be sure to check out VAP's field trips, seasonal camps, cultural arts workshops and classes in dance, fitness, martial arts and boxing.

Saturday Kidz Zone

Accompany us every Saturday from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. for a day of exciting activities. Youth up to age 13 are welcome to the Saturday Kidz Zone each week throughout the season. Drop in for arts & crafts, outdoor games and much more every Saturday. All programs are free. Come see what the fun is all about – registration not necessary, sign up on the spot.

Teen Center at Virginia Avenue Park (Ages 14-24)

Is art your thing? Whether you like to draw, paint or DJ, the Teen Center has an art class for you. Free and open to youth 14 – 24 that live or attend school in Santa Monica. The center also offers sports programs, social groups, field trips and academic support. In addition to academic and college preparation, we also offer urban art, digital media, oil



painting, silk screening and DJ classes. Or get together with others with similar interests – Men's Group, Girls on the Move Club, Book Club, Leadership Group and Semillas de Pio Pico (a college group).

We're also connected – the Teen Center partners with agencies that provide employment and mental health services. Jewish Vocational Services and Chrysalis have office hours to provide training for employment and internships. St. John's Hospital provides referrals to mental health services for families and youth. Parents are encouraged to attend monthly meetings held every second Friday of the month. Stop by and check us out.

Other Ongoing Winter Programs

SMC's Emeritus Program offers classes for seniors here at Virginia Ave Park. Check www.smc.edu/emeritus for more scheduling and more information.

Connections for Children, Santa Monica College and Westside Family Health Center offer child development activities for children 0-5 years Monday through Friday mornings. Contact the park or visit our website for more information.

In partnership with local nonprofit agencies, Virginia Ave Park continues to offer assistance with employment searches and workshops for youth, parent education workshops, mental health counseling, childhood obesity prevention and other community resource services.

WHAT'S NEW IN PARKS & AT THE BEACH

Cowabunga! Here come eight new clean and safe **BEACH RESTROOMS** with site amenities such as bike racks, drinking fountains, and foot washes. Construction will be finished in time for use next summer. In the meantime, should you have the need you will find porta-potties in key locations along the beach. Look for directional signage at each restroom construction site.

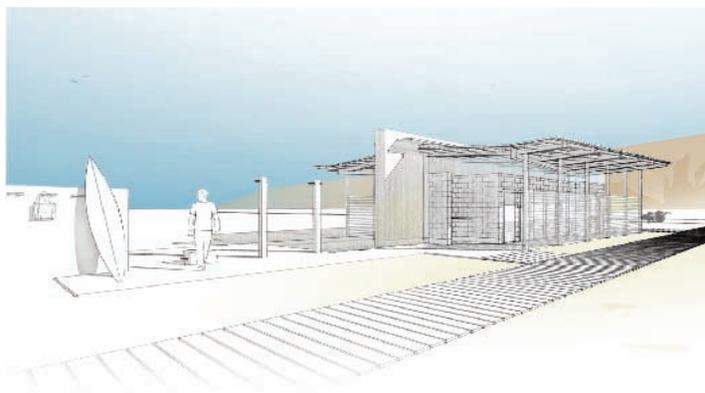
Speaking of construction, significant improvements to **REED PARK** are well underway. The playground area will double in size with a new creative play area designed for 2 to 5 year olds. Miles Playhouse will get its own California-friendly demonstration garden with lighted walking path. Tennis will have a nice waiting/gathering area outside its office. Turf along Wilshire Boulevard will be converted to sustainable plantings and a bioswale. And to reinforce the park's identity along Wilshire, a large digital scrim with images of the Park's history will be installed on the Tennis court fencing. Construction is scheduled to conclude this spring.

Adding pet turtles, fish or ducks to the pond at **DOUGLAS PARK** is both illegal and inhumane. Please also remember that feeding the ducks pollutes the pond water and is not

healthy for the ducks and other inhabitants. It contributes to poor nutrition, overcrowding, disease, and delayed migration. Please see www.liveducks.com/bread.html

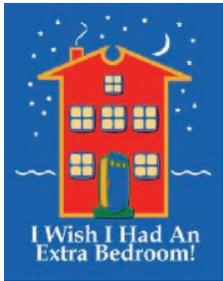
Too often **DOGS** can be seen running loose in our parks. Please remember that while dogs are welcome in our parks, they must remain on a leash (except in any of the City's four designated off-leash dog park areas) and cannot enter playgrounds, playing fields and courts, planter beds or park buildings.

The design process for **PALISADES GARDEN WALK** and **TOWN SQUARE** is moving along at a quick pace. We urge you to participate and Shape Your Parks. Please visit www.smciviccenterparks.com to keep track of community workshops and the evolving design.



HAPPY HOLIDAYS IN SANTA MONICA

Do You Have Family Visiting for the Holidays? You might need an Extra Bedroom!



This time of year we all focus on spending more time with family, but if space is an issue in your home when people visit for the holidays, or you worry you won't have enough time to entertain them, don't worry – the Santa Monica Convention & Visitors Bureau

(SMCVB) is here to help! SMCVB and its hotel partners are once again offering a special program exclusive to Santa Monica residents – the Extra Bedroom Program. With proof of residency, you can take advantage of discounts at participating hotels to give visiting friends and family a little extra room! If you're looking to get a special gift for someone or your holiday guests are looking for a memento from their time in Santa Monica, look no further than the SMCVB. Four visitor information centers (Main Street, Third Street Promenade, Santa Monica Pier and Palisades Park) have unique gifts, and the experienced staff will help you and your guest with shopping ideas, itinerary planning and transportation. Introduce yourself as a local and mention this article to receive 50% off most Santa Monica retail items as well as your free Santa Monica gift.

For a full list of program offers please visit www.SantaMonica.com/extrabedroom.

Downtown Santa Monica brings a little skate to the surf each year and transforms the corner of 5th Street and Arizona Avenue into ICE at Santa Monica, a premier outdoor ice skating rink. Now in its fourth year, the 8,000 square foot rink by the beach offers residents and visitors a little taste of winter without the chill. ICE is the perfect place to hang out with friends, family, and loved ones, throw a party in a private event cabana, enjoy a first date, or sign up for skate lessons. Please visit www.iceatsantamonica.com for more information.

November 5 – February 15.
1324 5th St. and Arizona Ave.
Santa Monica, CA 90401

Monday – Thursday: noon – 10 p.m.
Friday: noon – midnight
Saturday: 10 a.m. – midnight
Sunday: 10 a.m. – 10 p.m.



FIFTH ANNUAL WINTERLIT CELEBRATION Make this holiday season a special one for the entire family. Enjoy festive, free events, concerts, carolers and a strolling Santa. Please visit www.downtownsm.com for more information.



Main Street

MAIN STREET TREE LIGHTING *Saturday, December 4.*

Meet the neighbors for a toast at Main Street's delightfully unconventional holiday event. Begins at 6 p.m. with music and a traditional tree-lighting at California Heritage Square and continues with a gathering around the Edgemar Center's famous shopping-cart tree, special events in participating stores, and strolling carolers. And don't miss the Main Street Holiday Sidewalk Sale, all day December 4 & 5! Please visit www.mainstreetsm.com for more information.

Montana Avenue

WESTSIDE FOOD BANK FOOD DRIVE *November 13-21.*

Bring three cans or plastic jars into a participating merchant, and receive 15% off select items. All food will be donated to the Westside Food Bank.

HOLIDAY WALK *Friday, December 3, 5 – 9 p.m.* You and your family are sure to find the perfect holiday gifts walking down twinkling streets filled with live music, festive fun, special promos and sales, and, of course, Santa!

HOLIDAY WINDOWS COMPETITION *Saturday, December 11, 10 a.m. – 5 p.m.* Feel the spirit with Montana Avenue's first-ever Holiday Window Design Competition. Judge your favorites and compete to win a fantastic Montana Avenue gift basket.

DEALS & DELIGHTS *Saturday, December 18, 10 a.m. – 5 p.m.* For all you last-minute shoppers, Montana Avenue is hosting a special shopping day full of delicious noshes and once-in-a-lifetime deals. Please visit www.visitmontanaavenue.com for more information.

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GIVE GIFTS FROM THE HEART OR GIFTS OF HOPE Most of us have more stuff than we need and wish we could do more to help others. Consider giving the gift of your time or talent to loved ones this year, or making a donation to a charitable cause in a friend's name.

DECORATE GREEN LED lights use 90 percent less energy than conventional holiday lights, and can save you up to \$50 on your energy bills during the holiday season. And reconsider the traditional tree – each year, ten million Christmas trees end up in the landfill. Consider renting a tree or buying a potted, living tree to use year after year. If you do buy a cut tree, remember to recycle it. Santa Monica's "Park Your Tree" program allows city residents to drop off their Christmas trees at local parks free of charge at the end of December and throughout the month of January. (See ad this page.)

BE A GREEN TRAVELER Holiday travel can greatly contribute to global warming pollution. So do some research and consider greener modes of transportation based on the distance you're traveling and the number of people accompanying you. The Santa Monica Airport's website, www.santamonicaairport.org has information on offsetting your carbon dioxide emissions.

JOIN A GREEN LIVING WORKSHOP Now that you are warmed up with green holiday ideas, join a Green Living Workshop by Sustainable Works for a full package of sustainable solutions. Here you will learn everything you need to know about green lifestyle choices, protecting the planet and saving money. The money you save in reduced energy bills can be put towards a much needed post-holiday massage. Visit www.sustainableworks.org for more information.

Sustainable Works is a non-profit environmental education organization working to foster a culture of sustainability in cities, colleges, and businesses.

Stimulus Dollars at Work in the City



Motorists, bicyclists, and pedestrians can now enjoy newly revitalized roads, sidewalks, and curbs thanks to more than \$2.5 million in federal stimulus funds allocated to the city for street programs. Many streets throughout the city were repaved, resurfaced, and/or re-striped, including a portion of Santa Monica Boulevard. Sidewalks, curbs, and gutters along these streets were also repaired. Altogether, this street resurfacing project included 11,367 square-feet of sidewalk replacement, concrete gutter installation and other pavement improvements to 57 blocks throughout the city. Improved streets include:

- Santa Monica Boulevard: Cloverfield Boulevard to Centinela Avenue and Lincoln Boulevard to 20th Street
- San Vicente Boulevard: Ocean Avenue to 7th Street
- 26th Street: Carlyle Avenue to Montana Avenue
- Montana Avenue: 17th Street to 26th Street
- Broadway: 12th Street to 16th Street, 20th Street to 21st Street, and Cloverfield Boulevard to 26th Street
- Lincoln Boulevard: Colorado Avenue to the I-10 overpass
- Colorado Avenue: 20th Street to 26th Street
- Olympic Boulevard: Palm Court to Lincoln Boulevard
- Ocean Avenue: Pico Boulevard to Hollister Street
- Ocean Park Boulevard: Lincoln Boulevard to 25th Street
- Barnard Way: Ocean Avenue to Neilson Way
- Highland Avenue: Pier Avenue to the south City limits
- Marine Street: Highland Avenue to Lincoln Boulevard.

PARK your TREE!

Recycling your Christmas tree is just a trip to the park.



WHEN:

During the month of January



WHERE:

Bring your tree to any of these Santa Monica parks:

Clover Park
25th & Ocean Park Blvd.

Douglas Park
Chelsea & Wilshire

Christine Emerson Reed Park
Lincoln & California

Los Amigos Park
5th & Hollister

PLUS:

City of Santa Monica Transfer Station
2401 Delaware Avenue (next to the Recycling Center).
Hours: 6 a.m. - 2 p.m. Monday-Saturday

During the month of January, trees will be recycled into mulch, free of charge! Don't try to stuff it in the green bin, don't leave it in the alley - just "PARK" your tree!



SANTA MONICA CIVIC AUDITORIUM EVENTS

NOVEMBER

- 12 – 14 Los Angeles Asian & Tribal Arts Show
- 25 Thanksgiving Dinner

DECEMBER

- 3 – 5 International Gem & Jewelry Show
- 11 Santa Monica Symphony

JANUARY

- 13 – 16 photo la

The Civic Auditorium is served by Big Blue Bus lines 1, 3, 7, 8 and 10. Please call 310.458.2288, or visit www.santamoniacivic.org for more information. All events are subject to change without notice.

city tv highlights

Calling all inquisitive minds!

CityTV's Life Long Learning channel, Forté Channel 99, has got some great educational shows for you.

In addition to programs like *Art Studio*, *Flowers Made Simple*, and *Silver Age Yoga*, you can now take select telecourses through Cal State Dominguez Hills TV. Learning has never been easier and more fun! Check out Forté Channel 99 today.



where
santa monica learns

Around Town

SEVENTEENTH ANNUAL CANDY CANE DRIVE *Saturday, December 4.*

Santa Claus is coming to town early this year, with Santa Monica's firefighters and police officers are leading the way. "Stop, Look and Listen" for the sirens and lights – Santa and his helpers will be handing out plenty of holiday cheer and thousands of candy canes! Santa's scheduled stops are as follows:

- 10:30-10:50 a.m. Douglas Park @ California Ave & 25th Street
- 11:00-1:15 a.m. Christine Reed Park @ California Ave & Lincoln Blvd.
- 11:25-11:50 a.m. Third Street Promenade & Wilshire Blvd.
- 1:15-1:30 p.m. Virginia Avenue Park @ 2200 Virginia Avenue
- 1:45-2:00 p.m. Marine Park @ Marine St. & 17th Street
- 2:15-2:30 p.m. Clover Park @ Ocean Park Blvd & 25th Parking Lot

For more information, call the Santa Monica Police Department, Community Relations Office at 310.458.8474.

BIG BLUE BUS Getaways!

Enjoy day trips throughout Southern California this holiday season – and let Big Blue Bus do the driving!

OLD TOWN TEMECULA/PECHANGA RESORT – ON SALE NOW!

Saturday, November 20

Go back in time to the Wild West with a shopping trip in Old Town Temecula, featuring many antique, specialty and boutique stores. Guests 21 and over can visit the Pechanga Casino and Resort, with over 2000 slot machines, table games, a state-of-the-art poker room and eight exceptional restaurants. \$40 per adult/senior; \$35 20 years and under.

SOLVANG AND CAMARILLO - ON SALE NOW!

Saturday, December 4

Enjoy the picturesque Danish village of Solvang, offering more than 350 charming shops, bakeries, hotels, restaurants and a one-of-a-kind Christmas Parade. Stay the day in Solvang or tick off your holiday shopping list at the Camarillo Premium Outlets, featuring 160 outlets stores with name-brand items at reduced prices! \$40 per adult/senior; \$35 children 12 and under.

ROSE PARADE AND ROSE BOWL GAME – RESERVE NOW!

Saturday, January 1

Our most popular trip, the Rose Parade and Rose Bowl Getaway has become a family tradition for hundreds of college football and Big Blue Bus fans. The 122nd Rose Parade, themed **Building Dreams, Friendships and Memories**, will feature majestic floral floats, high-stepping equestrian units, and spirited marching bands from throughout the nation, while the 97th Rose Bowl hosts the most tradition-steeped game in college football.

Pricing for transportation to/from the parade OR game only: \$40.00 per person. Transportation to/from the parade with grandstand seating: \$75.00 per person. Pricing for transportation to/from the parade AND the game to be determined. This Getaway does NOT provide game tickets.

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 return at 5 p.m. Call 310.451.5444 (TTD: 310.395.6024) or visit 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 Street Promenade) in downtown Santa Monica.

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Plan your Big Blue Bus trip online with Google Transit



The Big Blue Bus has partnered with Google Transit to make planning your next trip as easy as checking a favorite website.

Big Blue Bus' entire schedule and route information is now accessible on Google's popular online transit service.

To take advantage of this easy-to-use tool, visit www.google.com/transit.

Enter your starting point, destination, and a preferred travel time. Google transit will give you a map and step-by-step directions will appear on your screen. Don't worry if you don't have an exact address – it will usually accept intersections, businesses, or venue names. Google even provides walking or biking time to and from transit stops, estimated transfer times, and total travel time. Big Blue Bus travel information on Google Transit may be accessed from almost any internet enabled device, including cell phones.

Google transit works for destinations all over Los Angeles. Big Blue Bus riders are also able to generate travel plans that are integrated with other regional transit services such as Metro, the Los Angeles



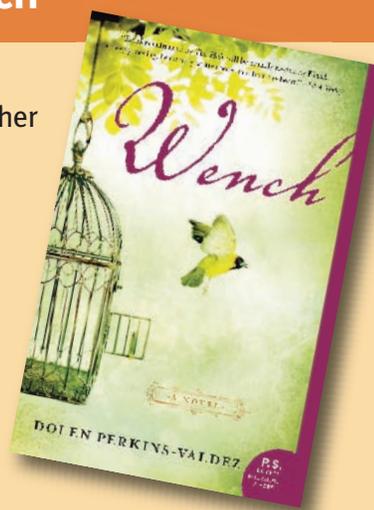
DASH system, Metrolink, Burbank Bus, Foothill Transit, Thousand Oaks Transit, Long Beach Transit and Amtrak. Google Transit uses the information found in Google Maps to gather detailed information about a person's destination, including a business or attraction's hours of operation, address, reviews and more. It also includes 360-degree street-level photos of some destinations, making it easy for travelers to find their way once they arrive at a stop.

For more information about the Big Blue Bus, including fare information, excursions, and service bulletins, visit www.BigBlueBus.com.

Announcing the Santa Monica Citywide Reads 2011 Featured Novel "Wench"

From February 14 through March 12, Santa Monicans will come together in book discussions and special events to discuss the Santa Monica Citywide Reads 2011 featured novel *Wench* by Dolan Perkins-Valdez.

Wench is set in the years prior to the Civil War and examines the complicated lives and relationships of four slave mistresses whose masters take them to a summer resort in free Ohio across the course of three summers. Why some would choose to stay, while others seek every opportunity to escape, is at the root of this emotional and moving debut novel.



For more information on the book and the schedule as it develops, visit www.smpl.org/cwr.

YOUTH PROGRAMS

MAIN LIBRARY

Creative Kids' Club: Thanks for Thanksgiving! Celebrate the holiday with stories, puppets & a craft. Grades K to 4. Wed 11/17, 3:45 p.m. Activity Room.

Ultimate Harry Potter Quiz Challenge! Are you the ultimate Harry Potter fan? Test your knowledge of books 1-6 during our Quiz event! Sign up in teams of 2 starting Mon 10/18. Grades 3-6. Quiz Thu 11/18, 4-5:30 p.m. Activity Room.

Family Fun Week! Spend your winter break enjoying quality family time at the library! Ages 4 and up. Tue 12/28-Thu 12/30 at 2 p.m. Activity Room.

Creative Kids' Club: Chinese New Year Celebrate the year of the rabbit with stories and a craft. Grades K to 4. Wed 1/26, 3:45 p.m. Activity Room.

PROGRAMS FOR TEENS

SAT Full Length Practice Test with Kaplan Signups begin Monday, Nov. 1 at the Youth Reference Desk. Grades 10-12 ONLY. Sat 11/20, noon-4 p.m. Multipurpose Room.

NEW! Food Fan Club Eat and learn about the food you eat with the Santa Monica Farmers' Market. Grades 6-12. Thu 12/2 & 1/6, 4-5 p.m. Activity Room.

EFC, FAFSA, CSS, WUE: Demystifying the Alphabet Soup of Financial Aid Discover the ins and outs of financial aid. Grades 11-12. Mon 12/6, 7-8:30 p.m. Multipurpose Room.

FAFSA-The Key to College Dollars Take a closer look at the FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid) and the CSS Profile (used for Private Universities in addition to the FAFSA) for college. Grades 11-12. Mon 1/31 from 7-8:30 p.m. Multipurpose Room.

FAIRVIEW BRANCH

Super Saturday Family Fun! Super Saturday Family Fun! 12/4 *Clap, Shake and Roll* with Melissa Green; 1/8 Recycle holiday trash into art you can enjoy year-round.

Parenting Workshops The 6 Spiritual Laws of Successful Families. Sat 11/20, 2-4 p.m.; Stress Management for Parents of Toddlers and Preschoolers. Mon 1/10, 7-8:15p.m.

PROGRAMS FOR TEENS

It's FAFSA Time: Paying for College Grades 11-12. Tue 1/25, 7-8:30 p.m.

MONTANA AVENUE BRANCH

Special Program-Melissa Green Melissa Green will be here with her delightful musical program. All ages welcome. Tue 11/16, 3:45 p.m.

NEW! Lego Club! Join us for our new Lego Club and build something amazing. All ages welcome. Sat 11/20, 12/18, & 1/22, 3-4:30 p.m.

Thanksgiving Fun Stories about Thanksgiving and a craft after. Ages 3 and up. Tue 11/23, 3:45 p.m.

Hanukkah Puppet Show Join us for a Hanukkah puppet show with Ilene Cohen. Ages 3 and up. Tue 12/7 3:45 p.m.

Homework Heroes Help your children improve their study skills, create a positive homework environment, and deal with challenging homework. Presented by Susan Levenson of Kaplan Tutoring. For parents of K-8th grade students. Sat 1/8, 2-3 p.m.

PROGRAMS FOR TEENS

Iron Chef Challenge What will the secret ingredient be? Come find out and make a fantastic concoction! 5th grade and up. Wed 11/17, 4 p.m.

Books & Bites A monthly book discussion group for 5th, 6th & 7th graders. Check at the branch for titles. Wed 11/10, 12/8 & 1/12, 5 p.m.

OCEAN PARK BRANCH

Holiday Hoopla Join Mr. Jesse and all of his puppet pals for some holiday stories and songs. Ages 3 to 7. Tue 12/7, 3:30 & 4:30 p.m.

ADULT WINTER PROGRAMS

MAIN LIBRARY

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

MOVIE SCREENINGS All screenings at 3 p.m. unless otherwise noted. 11/30 *The Night of the Hunter*; 12/10 *Strictly Ballroom*; 12/18 *A Christmas Carol* (2009, animated); 12/28, 2:30 p.m. *Harry Potter & The Half Blood Prince*; 1/4 *A Serious Man*; 1/15 *Breakfast at Tiffany's*.

STAYING IN CHARGE Learn what a Power of Attorney is, how a financial Power of Attorney can help you, how to plan for incapacity and avoid court battles over your care. Thu 11/18, 7 p.m.

CURING THE HOLIDAY BLUES Learn practical strategies for coping with holiday blues. Hosted by UCLA psychiatrist Andrew Leuchter. Wed 12/1, noon.

CONCERT IN SPACE Contemporary violinist Cara-C presents a program of pop and classical music. Wed 12/1, 7 p.m.

A DAY OF HOLIDAY MUSIC The Los Angeles Flute Orchestra and the Los Angeles Clarinet Choir ring in the holidays with back-to-back concerts. Sat 12/4, noon and 3 p.m.

SACRED SITES: THE SECRET HISTORY OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA Susan Suntree discusses Southern California's history from the perspectives of Western science and indigenous myths and songs. Wed 12/8, 7 p.m.

LYRIC CHORUS' ANNUAL SEASONAL SING Enjoy music of the season and Broadway tunes. Thu 12/9, 11 a.m.

SANTA MONICA REP Staged readings of classic American plays by local theatre company. Second Saturday of month, 3 p.m. 12/11 Jerome Lawrence and Robert Lee's *The Night Thoreau Spent In Jail*; 1/8 Elmer Rice's *The Adding Machine*.

YOUR DIGESTIVE HEALTH Learn how to keep your gastrointestinal system healthy. Tue 1/ 11, 7 p.m. Multipurpose Room.

FAIRVIEW BRANCH LIBRARY

LITERATURE BOOK GROUP Second Saturday of the month, 11 a.m. 12/11 *Jane Eyre* by Charlotte Brontë; 1/8 *Don Quixote* by Cervantes.

DOCUMENTARY FILMS 12/21, 7 p.m. *Steep* (2007)

ESPIONAGE A lecture comparing the role of espionage under George Washington and George W. Bush. Tue 12/17, 7 p.m.

MEXICAN FILM FESTIVAL Call for details. 1/8 *Arráncame la vida* (2008); 1/11 *Alamar* (2009); 1/15 *Rudo y Cursi* (2009); 1/18 *Tijuaneados anónimos* (2009)

DIY: SCREENPRINTING Bring your own solid colored t-shirt. Sat 1/22, 10 a.m. Call to register.

MONTANA AVENUE BRANCH LIBRARY

MONTANA AVENUE BRANCH BOOK GROUP Third Wednesday of the month, 7 p.m. 12/15 *Dorothea Lange: A Life Beyond Limits* by Linda Gordon.

IN CASE YOU MISSED IT FILM SERIES Thursdays at 2 p.m. 12/2 *Good Hair*, documentary narrated by Chris Rock.

CLASSIC HOLIDAY FILM SCREENING *The Shop Around the Corner*, followed by discussion with film scholar Vivian Rosenberg. Mon 12/6, 2 p.m.

MYSTERY BOOK GROUP Second Wednesday of the month, 7 p.m. 12/8 *Dead Ringer* by Lisa Scottoline; 1/12 *Wild Fire* by Nelson DeMille and *In the Bleak Midwinter* by Julia Spencer-Fleming

OCEAN PARK BRANCH LIBRARY

DONNER PARTY BOOK DISCUSSION Historical author Gabrielle Burton discusses her books on the Donner Party. Sat 11/20, 2 p.m.

HOLIDAY FAMILY MOVIE DOUBLE FEATURE Dr. Seuss' *The Grinch Who Stole Christmas* followed by *Elf*. Sat 12/4, 1 p.m.

SANTA MONICA PUBLIC LIBRARY HOURS

Please note new branch phone numbers

MAIN LIBRARY 601 Santa Monica Boulevard, 310.458.8600
Main Hours: Mon-Thu 10 a.m.-9 p.m.; Fri/Sat 10 a.m.-5:30 p.m.; Sun 1-5 p.m.

FAIRVIEW BRANCH 2101 Ocean Park Boulevard, 310.458.8681

MONTANA AVENUE 1704 Montana Avenue, 310.458.8682

OCEAN PARK BRANCH 2601 Main Street, 310.458.8683

Branch Hours: Mon-Thu noon-9 p.m., Sat 10 a.m.-5:30 p.m. Closed Fridays and Sundays.

BIG BLUE BUS ROUTES

MAIN LIBRARY - Lines 1, 2, 3, 7*, 8, 9, 10* and Tide Ride (*closest stop)

FAIRVIEW BRANCH - Lines 6, 8, Sunset Ride and Crosstown Ride

MONTANA AVENUE - Line 3 and Crosstown Ride

OCEAN PARK BRANCH - Lines 1 and 8

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.



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CITY COUNCIL MEETINGS

The Santa Monica City Council regularly meets at 5:30 p.m. on the second and fourth Tuesday of every month in Council Chambers, located at City Hall, 1685 Main Street. Upcoming City Council meetings are scheduled for:

- November 9, 23
- December 7, 14, 28 (December 7 is a special meeting. *The last meeting in December is usually cancelled.*)
- January 11, 25

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

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

Check the status of upcoming agenda items at www.smgov.net/council

ARTIFACTS:

Still feeling the After GLOW

150,000+ engaged spectators of all ages from all over the L.A. region attended *Glow* on September 25. City Manager Rod Gould was thrilled with the turnout and the response: “Glow is what you might expect of a cutting-edge, artsy and youthful city like Santa Monica. In these post-recessionary times, people from all over the region could marvel at a wide variety of creative and often whimsical exhibits, with the Pacific Ocean and magnificent Santa Monica beach as the backdrop.”



For more information or to view pictures of the event visit www.glowssantamonica.org.

@ the Miles

- ~ **November** Virginia Avenue Project – November 4 – 7
 Family Film Screenings – November 12 – 13
- ~ **December** *On Ensemble* – Taiko Drumming – December 9 – 12
Fireside at The Miles – January 7 – February 13

~ **Fireside at The Miles** January 7 – February 13. Come to your historic Miles Memorial Playhouse and enjoy organic teas, coffee and a variety of baked goods while you sit back and relax by the gorgeous period fireplace. We bring in candles, coffee tables, couches and arrange a space around the fire. Check the website for all the details on this year’s line-up. Call 310.458.8634 or visit www.milesplayhouse.org for more information.

Beach=Culture at the Annenberg Community Beach House

Culture thrives at the Beach House this winter with artist talks, concerts, readings and art exhibits. Best of all - it's free. Check www.annenbergbeachhouse.com/cultural-programs for the current event schedule, reservations and info on the Beach House gallery.