



# Seascape

## LA Marathon returns to Santa Monica on March 20



With the inaugural run of the new “Stadium to the Sea” course in 2010, the Honda LA Marathon became one of the greatest marathon courses in the world overnight – in part because of the beautiful Santa Monica finish line just steps from the Santa Monica Pier. This year’s route has been revised to add Chinatown’s Dragon Gateway and the Little

Tokyo Historic District to an already impressive list of landmarks that includes Los Angeles City Hall, the Hollywood Walk of Fame, the Kodak Theater, Sunset Strip and Rodeo Drive.

The finish line has been moved back from Santa Monica Blvd. to California and Ocean Ave. this year to give the runners more recovery space. Participants will enter Santa Monica on San Vicente Blvd. at Mile 23 of the 26.2-mile course, continue down San Vicente and turn south at Ocean Avenue.

The Santa Monica Fire and Police Departments are working closely again this year with local and regional partners to ensure a safe, secure, and fun marathon experience for participants, spectators and those who live and work in Santa Monica. Organizers are working on a complete transportation plan to help participants use carpooling and mass transit to cut down on event traffic.

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## Household Hazardous Waste Collection Comes to Your Door

Beginning February 1, residents can recycle paints, pesticides and other hazardous materials using a new door-to-door pick-up system where the hazardous materials technicians come right to your door! The new Household Hazardous Waste Door-to-Door Collection Pilot Program will reduce the city’s costs while expanding levels of service for residents.

What’s hazardous? Materials that contain chemicals that are toxic, corrosive, flammable or reactive/volatile should never go in the regular trash. Read the product labels to see if they are considered hazardous. The proper disposal of these products protects our groundwater and prevents accidents – and it will be even easier now that HHW collection comes to you!

### FOLLOW THESE EASY STEPS TO USE THE NEW HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE COLLECTION SERVICE:

- 1 Reserve collection service by calling 800.HHW.PKUP (800.449.7587), Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.; or e-mail [hotline@curbsideinc.com](mailto:hotline@curbsideinc.com).
- 2 You’ll receive a collection kit in the mail with a collection bag, detailed instructions and a collection day reminder.
- 3 Prepare collection kit at your doorstep or at a predetermined location on collection day and the HHW collection professionals will pick it up.



Each year Santa Monica residents properly dispose of nearly 260,000

pounds of hazardous waste – the majority of which is recycled. Everything from paint and electronics to pesticides and automotive products are collected, separated, and processed.

The door-to-door collection program is a pilot program offered to all Santa Monica renters and homeowners on a free and unlimited basis. If successful, the city will transition to a permanent pick-up system in June 2011. Still prefer to get rid of your household hazardous waste on your own time? Drop-off service will be available for the duration of the pilot at the Household Hazardous Waste Center at 2500 Michigan Avenue, Saturdays ONLY from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.

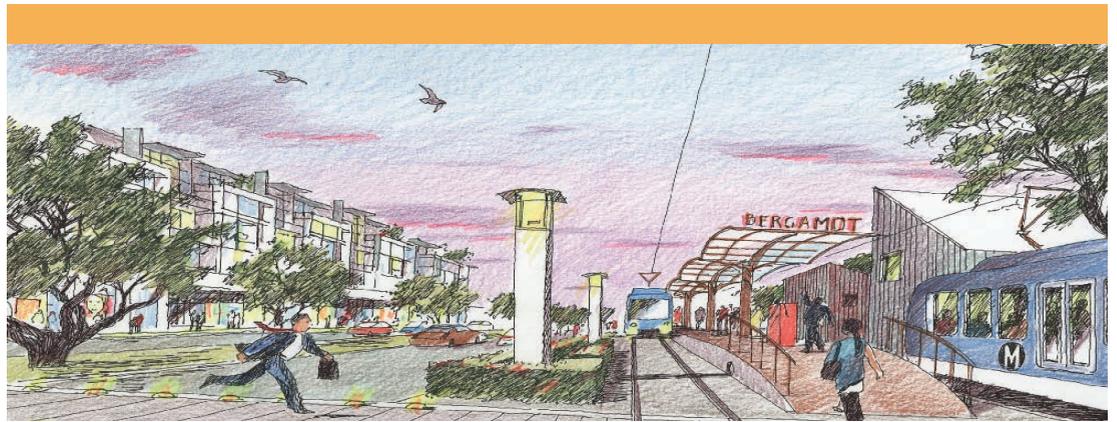
Please visit [www.sustainable-sm.org/hhw](http://www.sustainable-sm.org/hhw) or call 310.458.2213 for additional information or to give feedback. The door-to-door collection program is managed by the Office of Sustainability and the Environment and Waste Management/Curbside Inc.

## 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 – February 11 & 25, March 11 & 25 and April 8 & 22. Payment and permit services are available every Friday – please call 310.458.8411 for counter hours of your preferred service. All city offices will be closed on Monday, February 21 in observance of President's 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](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.

**FREE PARKING** Street cleaning signs and parking meters are NOT enforced on President's Day, February 21, except for meters that are enforced daily according to posted signage. So go ahead, park there. For a list of other parking holidays, please visit [www.smgov.net/parkingholidays](http://www.smgov.net/parkingholidays).



## Fulfilling the Community Vision – Implementing Santa Monica's Award-Winning LUCE

With adoption of the Land Use & Circulation Element (LUCE) in July 2010, Santa Monica kicked off the next step of achieving the community vision for high-quality lasting neighborhoods, daily needs accessible by walking and bicycling, open spaces, a vibrant downtown and mixed-use boulevards with transit. Implementation of the LUCE vision is currently underway through efforts including:

- Refined area planning for Bergamot Transit Village and Mixed-Use Creative districts to create a vibrant neighborhood village that supports the creative arts and local retail and services
- Identifying neighborhood connections to the Expo Light Rail stations to link pedestrians, bicycles, transit and shuttles easily to the station
- Incorporating community benefits and vehicle trip reduction into the project review process
- Initiating a Specific Plan for the expanded Downtown area integrating connections with the Civic Center
- Creating a Bicycle Action Plan to prioritize facilities and education efforts
- Designing and constructing public projects like the Palisades Garden Walk, Pico Branch Library, and affordable housing
- Reducing vehicle trips through a Transportation Demand Management (TDM) ordinance and creating TDM districts



**Continued community input is vital to the success of these efforts. Stayed tuned for notice of future LUCE meetings, and check in frequently at [www.shapethefuture2025.net](http://www.shapethefuture2025.net)**

In the neighborhoods, continued work is underway in creating conservation tools. Approaches for creating neighborhood conservation overlays are being identified with area residents. Congestion management and trip reduction are cornerstones of the LUCE, and key to achieving the No Net New Evening Peak Trips target which will reduce greenhouse gas emissions. The new Arizona Avenue bicycle lane, the upcoming bike stations at Santa Monica Place, and traffic signal synchronization are all examples of the new facilities being installed to improve mobility and reduce vehicle trips throughout the city.

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## Seascape

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## citytv highlights

Here's a great New Year's resolution: watch more CityTV! Look for the latest Twilight Dance Series concerts coming in February. Catch great acts like the Australian singer/songwriter Ben Lee, Italian pop sensation Jovanotti, and the soulful funky grooves of SoulLive and Breakestra--all from our beautiful Santa Monica Pier. Visit [www.CityTV.org](http://www.CityTV.org) for airdates and times.



## Voters Extend Eviction Protections

In the November 2010 election, Santa Monica voters amended the City Charter to extend eviction protections to all renters, except those living in single family homes and some condominiums. With the passage of Measure RR, renters can only be evicted for “just cause,” such as a lease violation, non-payment of rent, or a legitimate no-fault reason like the owner’s removing the unit from the rental market. Previously, these protections existed only for those in rent-controlled units; now they apply to all renters. The charter amendment also:

- Prohibits landlords from evicting tenants for owner-occupancy if the tenant is terminally ill or has lived in the unit for at least 5 years and is 62 or older or disabled, unless the owner also meets these criteria.
- Requires landlords to give tenants a reasonable opportunity to correct an alleged lease violation or nuisance before an eviction process may be started.

As a result of these changes, there is almost no difference between the eviction protections for tenants living in rent-controlled and non-rent controlled units. Limits on the amount of rent that can be charged, however, will continue to apply only to rent-controlled units.

**For answers to questions about Measure RR, please call 310.458.8751 or email [rentcontrol@smgov.net](mailto:rentcontrol@smgov.net)**

## Buy Local, Santa Monica!

The Buy Local Expo on Saturday, March 19 on the Third Street Promenade is a free community event dedicated to showcasing local businesses and the importance of buying local. Special offers and discounts with many of our Santa Monica businesses will be available online and through a phone app on Saturday’s city-wide Buy Local Day, benefiting local schools through the Santa Monica-Malibu Education Foundation. Check out the discounts and sign up for daily deals exclusively from Santa Monica businesses at the Santa Monica Marketplace, [www.spreadaily.com](http://www.spreadaily.com).



**Produced by the Santa Monica Chamber of Commerce and Buy Local Santa Monica. More information on the Expo and Day can be found at [www.buylocalsantamonica.com](http://www.buylocalsantamonica.com)**

## Preservation of a Regional History



Santa Monica History Museum/Jones Collection

*Santa Monica North Beach*

The Santa Monica: Preservation of Regional History workshop will be held at the Santa Monica Main Public Library, 601 Santa Monica Blvd. in the Martin Luther King Jr. Auditorium on Saturday March 26 at 1 p.m. The workshop will discuss the preservation of regional history through local resources including the

library’s digital collections archive “Imagine Santa Monica” [<http://digital.smpl.org>] and the Santa Monica History Museum collections [<http://www.santamonicahistory.org>] The program presents an overview of both the library and museum collections and highlights the Santa Monica History Museum’s opening in their new location at 1350 7th Street on the library campus.

As the library campus now includes the Main Library and the Santa Monica History Museum, it provides both virtual access and a wonderful physical space for regional history in Santa Monica. The library and museum collections have a wealth of materials including photographs, maps, newspapers, documents, letters and ephemera which preserve the history of the Santa Monica Bay area including the City of Santa Monica and surrounding communities such as Pacific Palisades, Venice and Malibu.



Santa Monica Public Library Archives

*Santa Monica Boulevard at 4th Street, 1926*

**For information about the Library’s Archives and Digital Collections, please call 310.434.2608.**

**For information about the Santa Monica History Museum Collections, call 310.395.2290 or visit in person at 1350 7th Street.**

## LA MARATHON *Continued from page 1*



*Runners and spectators at mile marker 26 in Santa Monica*

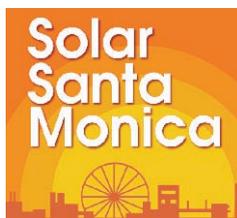
More than 20,000 runners will participate in the marathon, and thousands of spectators are anticipated to cheer them on. Be aware that some street closures will be in effect in Santa Monica and throughout Los Angeles on the day of the event. Check [www.smgov.net/lamarathon](http://www.smgov.net/lamarathon) as the event approaches for updates.

Runners and fans can also leverage their participation to support their favorite causes through a new partnership with Crowdrise, an innovative fundraising website launched in 2010. The marathon has set a \$4 million fundraising target – double the charitable totals from the 2010

race, which was already the largest in the race’s first 25 years. By enabling runners to support the charity of their choice, LA Marathon officials hope not only to raise more money, but to engage more runners than ever in the community spirit of giving.

The LA Marathon is more than a race – it’s a total community effort, and runners need support and encouragement at every turn. Even if you’re not a runner, the LA Marathon needs volunteers to staff check-in, water stations and more. So get involved!

**To volunteer or find out more, visit [www.lamarathon.com](http://www.lamarathon.com).**



## Solar Santa Monica Offers New Rebates

Do you need to lower your home's energy use? You will soon have a new opportunity. Starting in 2011, Santa Monica residents will be eligible for up to \$4,500 in rebates by participating in Energy Upgrade California.

Energy Upgrade California is a statewide program funded by federal stimulus money. The goal is to help homeowners look at the home as whole system, and then select a bundle of smart efficiency upgrades that will reduce energy bills, make your home more comfortable, and give you the satisfaction of knowing that you have done your part to reduce greenhouse gases.



Don't miss out – visit [www.SolarSantaMonica.com](http://www.SolarSantaMonica.com) to sign up for news alerts.



## Santa Monica Farmers Markets!

Did you resolve to eat healthier in 2011? The Santa Monica Farmers Markets are just the place to help you do that. Spring is the time for great finds at the Santa Monica Farmers Markets. Emu eggs, award-winning artisan olive oils and record-holding hot peppers, plus your favorite certified organic greens, veggies and fruits. All markets are open rain or shine.

### **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.*

## Cash Incentives for Sustainable Landscapes

Santa Monica property owners can get cash grants to design and install low-maintenance sustainable landscapes that lower water and gardening bills and create stress-free sanctuaries to entertain, grow food or simply enjoy. The plants can go in the ground right now, leaving more time to play at the beach this spring and summer. A new round of cash rebates is now available for sustainable landscapes – but act now, the funds will not last long!

- **LANDSCAPE GRANTS:** up to \$5,000 for the installation of sustainable landscapes
- **CASH FOR GRASS REBATE:** up to \$1,000 for parkway grass removal
- **IRRIGATION REBATE:** up to \$500 for system upgrades
- **FREE IRRIGATION PRODUCTS:** up to \$500 for qualified residents

Restrictions apply and funding is limited. Awards are made based on the merits and timeliness of each application – not all applicants will receive funding. Register now: visit [www.sustainablesm.org/rebate](http://www.sustainablesm.org/rebate) or call 310.458-8972.



*Sustainable gardens bring color, beauty and harmony to our neighborhoods and connect us to our local mountains and the beach.*

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## Bus Stop Redevelopment Program Wins Prestigious Design Award

The Los Angeles chapter of the American Institutes of Architects has awarded its “Next LA” Citation Award for Architecture to the Big Blue Bus shelter and bus stop redevelopment program. The award honors excellence in design by Los Angeles architects for projects not yet built.

Lorcan O’Herlihy Architects (LOHA) was chosen to work with city staff to design the new stop amenities. The Santa Monica-inspired design, called “The Blue Spots,” is clean and unobtrusive, and was designed to enhance the city’s ambiance. The structures will be flexible and able to adapt to various sized locations around the city.

All 360 bus stops throughout Santa Monica, and various stops located around Los Angeles serviced by the Big Blue Bus, will be updated.

### New features at each stop will include:

- Big Blue Bus system map
- Local map showing places to visit within walking or biking distance
- Timetable and route map of lines stopping at that location
- Estimated travel times to key points along the route
- ID number that allows for real time bus arrivals via cell phone
- Shelter canopy

### Medium and high volume stops will also receive:

- Signs that broadcast real time bus arrival information
- Seating (select low volume stops may also receive seating)
- Trash and recycling containers
- Solar lighting that illuminates the structure and waiting area

Construction is expected to begin during the first quarter of 2011.



Rendering courtesy of LOHA

For more information, visit [www.BigBlueBus.com](http://www.BigBlueBus.com) and click on the Bus Stop Redevelopment icon.

The Big Blue Bus has also been honored with the 2010 Project of the Year award from the Southern California chapter of the American Public Works Association (APWA). The new Big Blue Bus Maintenance Facility includes many eco-friendly and energy efficient features, including 600 roof-mounted photovoltaic panels, low energy water heaters, and an urban runoff system to filter storm water. Recycled content was also used extensively in construction materials, including structural steel, concrete, carpeting, finishes and insulation. The facility was financed entirely by public transit funds, and was a collaborative effort between the Big Blue Bus and the city’s Department of Public Works.



Photo: Lawrence Anderson

## Spring cleaning the right way!

The Resource Recovery and Recycling Division is hosting several events to help you recycle more and waste less! Put these dates on your calendar and make your spring cleaning environmentally responsible.

### Carpet/Textile Recycling – February 26

Planning to replace your carpet soon? Recycle it at the Carpet Recycling Event on February 26. This event is open to Santa Monica residents as well as Santa Monica apartment owners and hotels, which often have LOTS of carpet to get rid of.

### Community Shred/Electronics Recycling – March 12

The popular shred event is back! Bring your “sensitive” documents to the City Yards and we’ll shred and recycle them for free. Couple that with our electronics recycling event, and you can really clean out the office.

Visit [www.smgov.net/r3](http://www.smgov.net/r3) for more information and to sign up for the email list. Times to be announced — events are at the City Yards, 2500 Michigan Avenue.

## Garden Sharing: Dig In to a Winning Partnership

Property owners: Want a garden without the work? Sign up for the Santa Monica Garden Sharing Registry! You’ll be able to pick from a list of avid and experienced gardeners in need of room to grow. Together you will structure a sustainable partnership that makes sense to both of you – including schedule, type of garden, cost sharing, storage and length of commitment. As the property owner, you provide the land and water, and the gardener does the work. The gardener will get to take part in an activity he or she loves. Together, you share the crop. It’s a win-win!

Visit [www.smgov.net/communitygardens](http://www.smgov.net/communitygardens) for more info, or call Wendy in the Community Recreation Division at 310.458.8573 x1.

## Addressing Youth Violence in Our Community

Youth violence is a complex and urgent problem that Santa Monica is addressing with innovation, coordination and hands-on hard work. Based on the Action Plan to Address Youth Violence, a new Youth Resource Team Policy Group has formed to ensure that Santa Monica's initiatives are in-line



with national best practices, well-communicated and regularly evaluated. The City of Santa Monica is working collaboratively with educational and service agencies, neighborhood organizations, governmental partners, and the business and faith communities to keep youth safe and support healthy development from infancy through adulthood. View the work of the Youth Resource Team online at [www.santamonicyouth.net](http://www.santamonicyouth.net). The group meets regularly – public participation is welcome and encouraged.

## 50+ & SENIOR PROGRAMS

1450 Ocean Ave | 310.458.8644 | [www.smgov.net/seniors](http://www.smgov.net/seniors)

**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. Programs include 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 to check it out and meet new friends. Membership in the center is free.

**Good Nutrition Helps Seniors Stay Healthy** The WISE & Healthy Aging Healthy Lunch Program provides fresh and healthy lunches to seniors over 60 years of age Monday through Friday at noon, at the Senior Center, Ken Edwards Center and Reed Park; and at Virginia Avenue Park on Thursday. Hearty box lunches are available Saturdays at the Senior Center. Reservations must be made one day in advance between 10:30 a.m. and 11:30 a.m. and the suggested donation is \$2.50. You must register in advance. Call the Senior Center, 310-458-2219; Reed Park, 310-458-8315; Ken Edwards Center, 310-395-8478; or Virginia Avenue Park, 310-452-7802.

Meals on Wheels West provides healthy meals and an in-home visit seven days per week for those who are homebound or unable to shop or cook for themselves. Breakfast and liquid nutrition also available. Call 310-394-5133, 9 a.m. – 1 p.m. for more info.

**Support Services for Older Adults** WISE & Healthy Aging and other local service providers offer a wide range of services for older adults, including Dial-A-Ride; 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 310.394.9871 for more information, or visit [www.wiseandhealthyaging.org](http://www.wiseandhealthyaging.org). Visit [www.smc.edu/emertus](http://www.smc.edu/emertus) 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 WELCOMES PEOPLE OF ALL ABILITIES

The City of Santa Monica advocates for universal accessibility and works to ensure a high quality of life for people with disabilities. Our programs provide recreational and social opportunities for people of all abilities – visit [www.smgov.net/accessiblesm](http://www.smgov.net/accessiblesm) for programs, resources and publications.

## Santa Monica Police Activities League

PAL provides educational, cultural and recreational programs for youth ages 6-17 at the PAL Youth Center. Spring into classes in culinary arts, computer classes, basketball camp, hip hop dance, indoor baseball, and SAT prep classes. The PAL Fitness Gym at Virginia Avenue Park is open to youth 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](http://www.smgov.net/pal)

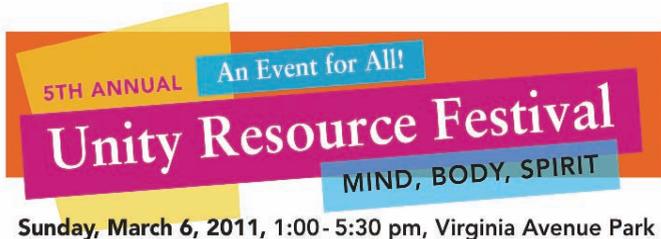
## Volunteer Santa Monica

Branch out with new growth in your personal life by volunteering. The city's Volunteer Program will help you find a fruitful assignment to match 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 would make the most of your skills to make a positive change in our community. Past projects have included taking photos of animals to help promote new homes for pets with the Animal Shelter, leading fitness classes at the Police Activities League Center, and updating a database in an office setting. The possibilities are endless.

Get started today – call the Volunteer Program office 310.458.8300 x5265, or send an email to [volunteer@smgov.net](mailto:volunteer@smgov.net)



The **5th Annual Unity Resource Festival** is coming your way on Sunday, March 6 from 1 – 5:30 pm at Virginia Avenue Park. This family event features live bands, a Kid’s Zone full of fun activities, dancing, rock wall climbing and information on the rich array of services available in Santa Monica. In celebration of this year’s theme ‘Mind, Body and Spirit’, information on college readiness,



health and fitness will be featured. Bring photos and art portraying what ‘spirit’ means to you for display on the Community Spirit Wall. Last year over 1,000 community members of all ages came together to enjoy the festivities.

**Cinco de Mayo Fiesta** Sunday, May 1 – Join us as we celebrate with cultural performances including Mariachi, Salsa, Folklorico, cultural education, games and delicious food. Be prepared to dance!

**The 6th Annual Santa Monica Teen Film Festival** will be held on April 30 and May 1. Submission deadline is Friday, March 4 at 5 p.m. To download the entry form and see the Official Rules and Guidelines please visit: [www.santamonicateenfilmfestival.com](http://www.santamonicateenfilmfestival.com)

**The 2011 Santa Monica Career and Job Fair** will take place on Wednesday, May 25 at Santa Monica High School. This is an opportunity for students to explore careers, make connections

with professionals and even get a summer job! If you are interested in being on a career panel, email [carla.fantozzi@smgov.net](mailto:carla.fantozzi@smgov.net). The Fair is a collaboration of the City of Santa Monica and the Santa Monica Chamber of Commerce.

#### ONGOING PROGRAMS AT VAP

Is art your thing? Whether you like to draw, paint or DJ, the **TEEN CENTER AT VIRGINIA AVENUE PARK** has an art class for you. The center also offers sports programs, social groups, field trips and academic support. Or get together with others with similar interests – Real Talk Men’s Group, Girls on the Move Club, Chess Club, Leadership Group and Semillas de Pio Pico (a college group). Free and open to youth 14 – 24 that live or attend school in Santa Monica.

As the cold winter days begin to warm up, check out the cool **AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAMS AT VIRGINIA AVENUE PARK!** Youth ages 6-14 are welcome to sign up for free educational, recreational and cultural arts programs.

Youth up to age 13 are welcome to drop into the **SATURDAY KIDZ ZONE**, every Saturday from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m., for arts & crafts, outdoor games and specialized classes for toddlers. All programs are free – registration not necessary, sign up on the spot.

**SMC’S EMERITUS PROGRAM** offers classes for seniors. Check [www.smc.edu/emeritus](http://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.

## WHAT’S NEW IN PARKS & AT THE BEACH

One of the many benefits of trees is the protection from the sun that they provide. Shade coverage at the **DOUGLAS PARK** playground has recently been enhanced with the planting of four Arbutus trees to the north and four Camphor trees to the

south. An existing fence was relocated to accommodate the new trees. If you haven’t been to the playground recently, on your next visit you’ll see that the area is now fully enclosed and has two new gates.

Speaking of playgrounds and shade, the equipment at **MARINE PARK** has been modified to accommodate the addition of two shade sail roofs.

Four large Sycamore trees were in need of a new home, and **OZONE PARK** was their lucky recipient. All four trees were planted along the southern edge. The trees define the southern side of the park and add much-needed shade, creating an ideal spot for your next picnic.

The little league field at **MEMORIAL PARK** and the extension or “bowl” field at **CLOVER PARK** are out of commission until early February for renovation. To reserve a field, call 310-458-8300.

Planning for **PALISADES GARDEN WALK** and **TOWN SQUARE** will wrap up this spring with two workshops. Experts on native landscapes will be on hand for an educational workshop on sustainable park plants on January 29 at the Civic Auditorium. Workshop #4 on Design Development will be held on February 26. For all details and project information, please visit [www.smciviccenterparks.com](http://www.smciviccenterparks.com).





## DC 3 Marks 75th Anniversary

The aircraft that changed the commercial aviation industry celebrated its 75th anniversary on December 17, 2010. Its maiden flight took place at Santa Monica Airport on December 17, 1935, a date chosen by Donald Douglas to coincide with the 32nd anniversary of the first powered flight by the Wright Brothers in 1903. The DC-3 made commercial air travel a safe, convenient, and a fairly affordable way to travel across the country. The DC-3 offered upgraded engines, increased seating and significantly greater range than any competing aircraft at the time.

During World War II, the DC-3 also became the main transport plane for the military. The Spirit of Santa Monica was built at Santa Monica Airport and delivered to the United States Army Air Corps on Feb. 17, 1942, less than three months after the attack on Pearl Harbor. It was transferred to the U.S. Navy a week later and stayed in military service until 1946. After serving our country, the Spirit of Santa Monica was a passenger plane for Nationwide Airlines and a corporate aircraft for Richfield Oil. Retired from service in the 1980s, it is now part of the DC-3 monument at the Santa Monica Airport.

The Museum of Flying hosted a commemorative event at the Santa Monica Airport to celebrate the 75th anniversary of this truly marvelous aircraft's first flight. The event featured three DC-3 aircraft on display along with a formal presentation and dedication of a commemorative plaque. The DC-3 aircraft "Flabob Express" gave rides and there were exhibits on Douglas aircraft and the history of the Santa Monica Airport.

Visit [www.museumofflying.com](http://www.museumofflying.com) for more history on the Santa Monica Airport.

## Santa Monica Citywide Reads



*Santa Monica Citywide Reads* heads into its ninth year in 2011 with featured novel *Wench* by Dolen Perkins-Valdez. *Wench* is the story of four enslaved mistresses in pre-Civil War America. Taken by their masters to a summer resort in Ohio, the women encounter free blacks and whispers of the abolitionist movement and are forced to decide whether to remain in slavery or to escape. Join your Santa Monica community in book discussions and special events held throughout the city between February 14 and March 12.

### SPECIAL EVENTS

**Special Screening: Alex Haley's *Roots*** Monday through Friday, February 14-18 at 4 p.m., and Saturday February 19 at 1 p.m. Main Library, MLK Jr. Auditorium

Based on Alex Haley's autobiographical novel, *Roots* traces the history of a black family from 18th century African slave Kunta Kinte to the 1970s. The library will screen parts one through five, February 14 through 18 at 4 p.m., and will conclude with part six on February 19, 1 p.m.

#### **An Afternoon with the Cast of *Roots***

Saturday, February 19, 3 p.m. | Main Library, MLK Jr. Auditorium

Entertainment journalist and author Janice Rhoshalle Littlejohn leads a discussion on the cultural impact of *Roots* with cast members LeVar Burton and Louis Gossett, Jr.

#### **An Afternoon with Dolen Perkins-Valdez**

Saturday, February 26, 2 p.m. | Main Library, MLK Jr. Auditorium

Author Dolen Perkins-Valdez presents an engaging reading and discussion of *Wench*, followed by a book sale and signing.

#### **Bonus Book Discussion & Author Talk: Heidi Durrow's *The Girl Who Fell From The Sky*** Thursday, March 3 at 6 p.m. | Main Library

Like *Wench*, *The Girl Who Fell From The Sky* tackles issues of race, womanhood and identity in challenging ways. Join us for a special book discussion of this book in the Multipurpose Room at 6 p.m., followed by an author presentation by Heidi Durrow in the MLK Jr. Auditorium at 7:30 p.m.

#### **Bonus Book Discussion: *The Help***

Wednesday, March 9 at 7 p.m. | Main Library, Multipurpose Room

In many ways similar to *Wench*, Kathryn Stockett's best-selling novel about black maids in 1960s Jackson, Mississippi has captured the attention of readers worldwide. Join us for a special discussion of the book.

#### **The Mayme A. Clayton Library & Museum Collections Come Alive**

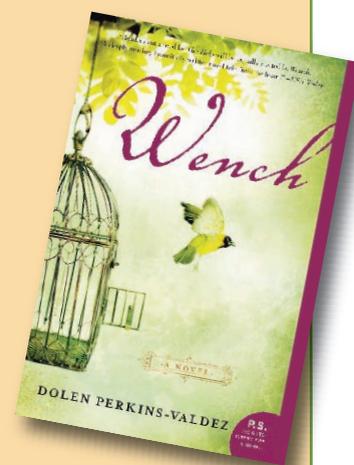
Saturday, March 12 at 3 p.m. | Main Library, MLK Jr. Auditorium

Step back into the past and meet African American poetess Phillis Wheatly, and learn about the struggle for civil rights in the United States from the collections housed within the Mayme A. Clayton Library and Museum.

### BOOK DISCUSSIONS

- Wednesday, February 16 at 7 p.m. | Montana Branch Library, 1704 Montana Avenue
- Saturday, February 19 at 12:30 p.m. | First AME Church, 1823 19th Street
- Tuesday, February 22 at 7 p.m. | Fairview Branch Library, 2101 Ocean Park Boulevard
- Saturday, February 26 at 11 a.m. | Café Bolivar, 1741 Ocean Park Boulevard
- Monday, February 28 at 1:30 p.m. | Senior Recreation Center, 1450 Ocean Avenue
- Saturday, March 5 at 11 a.m. | Ocean Park Branch Library, 2601 Main Street
- Monday, March 7 at 2 p.m. | Tudor House, 1403 Second Street
- Saturday, March 12 at 1 p.m. | Main Library, 601 Santa Monica Boulevard

For more information, visit [www.smpl.org/cwr](http://www.smpl.org/cwr).



## Explore our Bay at the Santa Monica Pier Aquarium

**ARTIST NIGHT** Heal the Bay's Santa Monica Pier Aquarium invites artists to find their inspiration at the Aquarium from 7 to 9 p.m. on Wednesday, February 9. Participants are invited to sketch, paint, and take photos of any of the marine center's more than 100 local species on exhibit. This two-hour photography/art session will be available to 25 participants on a first-come, first-served basis. Please RSVP by calling 310.393.6149 x106. Suggested donations of \$5 per person are welcome.



Photo: Lillie Grossman

**WHALE OF A WEEKEND** Celebrate the annual migration of the Pacific gray whale, February 19 and 20 from 12:30 to 5 p.m. Visitors can feel the heft of a whale rib, check out bristly baleen and try on a layer of simulated whale blubber for warmth. Kids of all ages can have their faces painted and make a whale visor to take home. Learn more interesting facts about these gentle giants at the Aquarium through story time, film screenings and staff presentations on the impact of climate change on local marine life. Aquarium naturalists, along with representatives of the American Cetacean Society, will staff a wildlife observation station at the west end of the Santa Monica Pier.

Heal the Bay's Santa Monica Pier Aquarium is located beach level at the Santa Monica Pier, 1600 Ocean Front Walk. Admission is free for children 12 and under when accompanied by an adult. Suggested donation for ages 13 and up is \$5; \$3 admission per person required. For groups of 10 or more, the fee is \$2 per person. Please call 310.393.6149 for more information or visit our website at [www.healthebay.org/smpa](http://www.healthebay.org/smpa).

## Santa Monica's Active Community – A Perfect Choice for Sporting Events

Santa Monica knows how to create a home away from home for visitors, particularly active, sports-minded individuals seeking an ideal destination to stay and play. Last month, thousands of residents and visiting fans and alumni celebrated the University of Wisconsin's Rose Bowl appearance with a pep rally on the Santa Monica Pier.

"The opportunity to host our event in Santa Monica, with its scenic ocean views and beautiful beaches as a backdrop, was one of the highlights of the Rose Bowl experience for our team and our fans," commented UW Kevin Kluender, Assistant Athletic Director. Visiting fans enjoyed the sunny break from the frigid football climate to which they're accustomed.

Coming up February 15-20, the 85th Northern Trust Open golf tournament is expected to draw thousands of participants and supporters to the city, benefitting local businesses

and retailers. The tournament has raised millions of dollars over previous years for Los Angeles-based charities and communities.

For more information on any of these events, visit [www.SantaMonica.com](http://www.SantaMonica.com).



Photo: Ken Ward

If you are interested in holding a large event at Santa Monica State Beach, please contact the Community Events Office at 310-458-8573.

## CYBERNEWZ Curl up with an eBook!

Santa Monica Public Library has expanded its services to include eBooks. The downloadable media is available free, 24/7 to all Santa Monica Public Library card holders in good standing. Browse, checkout and download eBooks anywhere by visiting the library's new eBook site at <http://ebook.smpl.org>. The initial collection was made possible by the generous support of the Friends of the Santa Monica Public Library.



Downloaded titles can be enjoyed immediately on a PC or a Mac®. Customers can also transfer titles to a variety of devices such as the Nook®, the Koho® eReader and the Sony Reader®. Compatibility with the iPad® is coming soon.

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This and a variety of other online tools and databases are available through the library website [www.smpl.org](http://www.smpl.org).

For more information, visit any of the library's four locations, call the Reference Hotline at 310.434.2608 or email [reference@smgov.net](mailto:reference@smgov.net). To start downloading eBooks, visit <http://ebook.smpl.org>.

## ANYONE FOR TENNIS?

*The 5th Annual Santa Monica Tennis Block Party is your perfect opportunity to get in on one of the fastest growing sports in the US. On Sunday, May 15 from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Reed Park Tennis Courts located at 7th and Wilshire, the Santa Monica Tennis Club will host an afternoon of free instruction, skill contests, racket demonstrations, cardio tennis, doubles strategy, prizes and more – all free and*

*open to all ages. This could be your chance to become the next Pete Sampras, Serena & Venus Williams, or Billie Jean King – all of whom have played right at Reed Park!*



## SANTA MONICA CIVIC AUDITORIUM EVENTS

### FEBRUARY 2011

- 5 & 6 Vintage Fashion Expo
- 11-13 Gem Faire
- 19 Flex-Pro Championships

### MARCH 2011

- 11 Santa Monica Symphony FREE  
[www.smsymphony.org](http://www.smsymphony.org)
- 26 David Icke presents “Human Race Get Off Your Knees”

### APRIL 2011

- 1-3 International Gem & Jewelry Show
- 30&5/1 Vintage Fashion Expo

*The Civic Auditorium is served by Big Blue Bus lines 1, 3, 7, 8 and 10. Call 310.458.2288 or visit [www.santamonicacivic.org](http://www.santamonicacivic.org) for more information. All events are subject to change without notice.*

## The Big Wave Restored

Artist Tony DeLap’s *The Big Wave*, the iconic gateway to Santa Monica spanning Wilshire Boulevard at Franklin Avenue, has been cleaned, painted and upgraded with energy-



efficient LED lighting. From sunset to sunrise, *The Big Wave* will now shine year-round. “*The Big Wave* has finally come to life again, after 20-some years,” remarked Tony DeLap. “I thank the City of Santa Monica and all those associated with this project for their efforts. It is extremely rewarding to see *The Big Wave* light up Wilshire Boulevard.”

## Santa Monica Airport ArtWalk

The private studios of over 60 local artists and performers will open to the public on March 19 from noon to 5 p.m. at the Airport ArtWalk. Don’t miss your chance to explore the unique, cultural community at the airport, including Santa Monica Art Studios, Santa Monica College’s Art Mentor Program and Ceramic Arts, and the Ruskin Group Theatre. Painting, sculpture, ceramics, and mixed media will be presented. Throughout the day, there will be Raku Japanese pottery firing demonstrations, highlights from the Ruskin Group Theatre’s popular LA Café Plays, performance and art workshops for kids, and live music and food from local restaurants.

### @ the Miles 1130 LINCOLN BLVD. | [WWW.MILESPLAYHOUSE.ORG](http://WWW.MILESPLAYHOUSE.ORG)

The historic Miles Memorial Playhouse offers family-friendly music, dance and theatrical productions at a wallet-friendly price. For full details, to make reservations, or inquire about renting the Playhouse for your event, visit [www.milesplayhouse.org](http://www.milesplayhouse.org), or email Playhouse Director Justin Yoffe at [Justin.yoffe@smgov.net](mailto:Justin.yoffe@smgov.net).

- **FEBRUARY 4 – 5** Final weekend of **FIRESIDE AT THE MILES**, both nights 8 – 10 p.m. Cozy up by the fireplace with a warm cup of tea and enjoy the **ROBIN COX ENSEMBLE** (2/4) and A Capella singing led by **JOSHUA SILVERSTEIN** (2/5).
- **FEBRUARY 18 – 20** **LA METROPOLITAN OPERA**, [www.losangelesmet.com](http://www.losangelesmet.com)
- **FEBRUARY 24 – MARCH 13** **WEST OF BROADWAY PRODUCTIONS** presents “Judgment at Nuremberg,” [www.westofbroadway.org](http://www.westofbroadway.org)
- **MARCH 24 – 27** **PACIFIC COAST OPERA** presents Verdi’s “La Traviata”
- **MARCH 31 – APRIL 3** **TEADA PRODUCTIONS** presents new work, [www.teada.org](http://www.teada.org)
- **APRIL 7 – 24** **PHANTOM PROJECTS THEATRE COMPANY** presents “The Bluest Eye,” [www.phantomprojects.com/thebluesteye.html](http://www.phantomprojects.com/thebluesteye.html)

## ANNENBERG COMMUNITY BEACH HOUSE | 415 Pacific Coast Highway | 310.458.4904

What's here for you? Take a yoga class, visit the historic Guest House or grab a bite at Back on the Beach Café. Play beach soccer, beach volleyball or jump in the splash pad! Contemplate, celebrate, enjoy the ocean views. Come explore the Beach House. Hours and activities change seasonally.

### VOLUNTEER AT THE BEACH HOUSE

Do you love meeting people? Are you a history buff? You might enjoy becoming a docent at the Annenberg Community Beach House. As a Santa Monica Conservancy docent, you will become a valuable member of the Beach House, providing the public with entertaining and historic information on Marion Davies, William Randolph Hearst, architect Julia Morgan, and the fascinating evolution of the site. Docent training takes place in March and April and consists of lectures and onsite training at the Beach House. For more information or to apply, contact the Santa Monica Conservancy at their website [www.smconservancy.org](http://www.smconservancy.org) or call 310-496-3146.

[www.annenbergbeachhouse.com](http://www.annenbergbeachhouse.com)



### BEACH=CULTURE

Beach=Culture presents free cultural events including artist talks, concerts, readings and lectures on occasional Mondays through May. Seats are limited – check out the lineup at <http://www.annenbergbeachhouse.com/cultural-programs> and reserve yours today. Rotating exhibits in the gallery include **OCEANS 4 – MIXING MEDIA**, on exhibit through March 13 with Santa Monica artists Frank Rozasy (acrylic painting, photography, watercolor & ink), Elizabeth Comay (charcoal drawings and wax reliefs), Dave Quick

(motorized kinetics and other high tech materials) and South Bay artist Candice Gawne (neon, resin and other media). **Oceans 4 – Mixing Media** celebrates the ocean and coastal culture. Next up, **CONSIDERING EDEN** opens March 31 and runs through July 9.

Continuing the popular Artist in Residence program headquartered at the historic Marion Davies Guest House, look for the Spring Choreographer in Residence activities starting March 7. Add yourself to the email list at [beachhouse@smgov.net](mailto:beachhouse@smgov.net).

## LANDMARKS OLD AND NEW



The Moreton Bay Fig Tree at the Fairmont Miramar Hotel.

*Aside from its striking blend of old and new buildings, the Santa Monica skyline is appreciated for its variety of plantings that add rich color and textures to the City's visual backdrop. While our urban forest contains thousands of trees in the palm, evergreen and deciduous varieties, there are exceptional specimens that tower above all. Four such trees are so grand that they've been designated as city landmarks in their own right.*

*The next time you are in the vicinity*

*of the Fairmont Miramar Hotel (1133 Ocean Avenue), stop and wonder in amazement at the size and exposed root structure of the Moreton Bay Fig Tree, the second largest specimen of this kind in the State of California, and planted by Georgina Jones, wife of the City's founder, Senator John P. Jones. Or you happen to wander into the 1400 block of Hill Street in the Sunset Park neighborhood, see if you can spot the 100-year old Eucalyptus Cornuta tree. Oh, to be a kid again!*

## ADULT PROGRAMS SPRING 2011

A sampling of upcoming programs.  
For complete program information, visit [smpl.org](http://smpl.org)

### MAIN LIBRARY

**Ojai: A Postcard History** Author Craig Walker presents this visual tour of the Ojai valley through vintage postcards. Sat 2/5, 1 p.m.



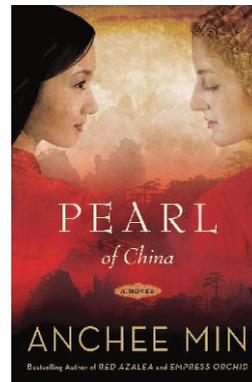
**Urban Homesteading** Farmers and urban gardeners increase their personal 'food security' by taking control of their food supply. Thu 2/10, 7 p.m.

**California Crackup & How We Can Fix It** Author Joe Mathews discusses his book on fixing California's governance and fiscal problems. Thu 2/17, 7 p.m.

**Osteoporosis Update** Rebecca Gordon, MD, discusses risk factors, preventive measures, screenings and treatments for osteoporosis. Tue 2/22, 7 p.m.

Anchee Min presents **Pearl of China** Author Anchee Min discusses her novel on Pearl S. Buck. Mon 4/11, 7 p.m.

**New Poets of the American West** Carol Davis and other poets read from and discuss their work. Wed 4/13, 7:30 p.m.



### FAIRVIEW BRANCH LIBRARY

**8 Steps to Resolving Conflict** With Diana Mercer, attorney/mediator. Tue 2/8, 7 p.m.

**Literature Book Group** *A Connecticut Yankee in King Arthur's Court* by Mark Twain. Sat 2/12, 11 a.m.

**Composting 101** Turn organic waste into nutrient rich compost. Sat 2/26, 10 a.m.

**Qi Gong** Introduction to the Chinese systems of physical and mental training. Improve muscle tone, flexibility, balance, and coordination. Sat 3/26, 10 a.m.

### MONTANA AVENUE BRANCH LIBRARY

**Film Screenings** Mondays, 2 p.m. 2/7 *Strangers on a Train*; 3/7 *Forbidden Planet*; 4/4 *Casablanca*  
**Mystery Book Group** Wednesdays, 7 p.m. 2/9 *Fire and Fog* by Dianne Day; 3/9 *The Dante Club* by Matthew Pearl; 4/13 *The Brutal Telling* by Louise Penny

**Montana Avenue Book Group** Wednesdays, 7 p.m. 3/16 *Washington Rules* by Andrew Bacevich; 4/20 *Wolf Hall* by Hilary Mantel

### OCEAN PARK BRANCH LIBRARY

*Reopens Saturday, January 29*

**History of Film Series: *Gangland: Bullets Over Hollywood*** Presented by Elaina Archer, film historian and documentary producer. Sat 3/5, 2 p.m.

**Bringing the Soul Back Home: Writing in the New Consciousness** Author presentation and workshop by Katya Williamson. Sat 3/19, 2 p.m.

**Ocean Park Open House** Celebrate our new look and improvements. Fun for the entire family. Sat 3/12, 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.

**Ocean Park Book Group** *The Glass Room* by Simon Mawer, Sat 2/5, 11 a.m.

### SANTA MONICA MAIN LIBRARY AND BRANCH INFORMATION

#### Main Library

601 Santa Monica Blvd., 310.458.8600

#### Fairview Branch

2101 Ocean Park Blvd., 310.458.8681

#### Montana Avenue

1704 Montana Ave., 310.458.8682

#### Ocean Park Branch

2601 Main St., 310.458.8683

#### Library Hours

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

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

#### Big Blue Bus Routes

**Main Library** Lines 1, 2, 3, 7\*, 8, 9, 10\* 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 for events, call the library at 310.458.8600 (TDD 310.395.8499) at least three business days in advance.

## YOUTH PROGRAMS

### MAIN LIBRARY

**NEW! Food Buddies** Play with your food, and eat it too! Presented by the library's Teen Council. Grades 4 to 7. Tue 2/1, 2/8, 2/15 & 2/22, 4 p.m. Activity Room.

**Seuss-tacular Day of Dr. Seuss!** Celebrate the world of Dr. Seuss with crafts and other fun activities. Sponsored by the Kiwanis Club of Santa Monica. Ages 4 & up. Sat 3/5.

#### Programs for Teens:

**6th Annual Santa Monica Teen Film Festival** Visit [www.santamonicateenfilmfestival.com](http://www.santamonicateenfilmfestival.com) for details. Sat 4/30 & Sun 5/1.

**Five Years of the Fest** Films by selected Santa Monica Teen Film Festival winners from the past five years. Mon 2/7, 6 p.m. MLK, Jr. Auditorium.

**So You Want To... A Career Panel Series for Teens** Panel themes include careers in entertainment, computers and food. Co-sponsored by the Virginia Ave. Park Teen Center. Grades 6 & up. Mon 2/28, 3/14 & 4/4, 7 p.m. Multipurpose Room.

**Getting Into Your First Choice College** A Kaplan workshop. Grades 9 to 12. Mon 3/28, 7 p.m. Multipurpose Room.

### FAIRVIEW BRANCH LIBRARY

**Super Saturday Family Fun!** All ages. 1:30 to 2:30 p.m. 2/5 African Drum & Dance; 3/5 Pirates! 4/2 Spectra Laser Show!

**Understanding Emotional Intelligence in Raising Happy Kids** A workshop for parents and teachers presented by Dr. Ellie Zarrabian. Mon 3/7, 7 p.m.

#### Spring Break Special!

Fun activities during spring vacation. 3 to 5 p.m. Mon 4/11 & 4/18 - Crazy Crafts; Tue 4/12 & 4/19 - Lots of Legos; Wed 4/13 & 4/20 - Movies; Thu 4/14 & 4/21 - Board Games



### MONTANA AVENUE BRANCH LIBRARY

**Lego Club** Join us for our new Lego Club and build something amazing. All ages. Sat 2/19, 3/19 & 4/16, 3 to 4 p.m.

**It's Spring Vacation!** Special programs for Spring Vacation! 2 p.m. Tue 4/12 - Board Games; Wed. 4/13 - Fun with Poetry; Tue 4/19 - Movie; Wed 4/20 - Crafts for Earth Day

#### Programs for Teens:

**Duct Tape Rose Workshop** Create a beautiful rose (or two) out of duct tape. Grades 6 to 12. Mon 2/14, 4 p.m.

**Iron Chef Challenge** What will the secret ingredient be? Come find out and make a fantastic concoction! Grades 5 & up. Mon 4/11, 4 p.m.

**Books & Bites** A monthly book discussion group. Check at the branch for titles. Grades 5 to 7. Wed 2/9, 3/9 & 4/13, 5 p.m.

### OCEAN PARK BRANCH LIBRARY

**Spanish for Little Ones** Songs, stories and rhymes for ages 3 mos. to 5 years. Wed at 11:20 a.m. 2/2-3/9, 3/30-4/27

**Spring Sprinkles** Join Mr. Jesse and all of his puppet pals for a sprinkle of stories and songs. Ages 3-7. Tue 3/8, 3:30 & 4:30 p.m.

**Ocean Park Open House** Bring the whole family to help us celebrate Ocean Park's new look and improvements. Sat 3/12, 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.

**April Jollies** Join Mr. Jesse and all of his puppet pals for a jolly time of stories and songs. Ages 3-7. Tue 4/5, 3:30 & 4:30 p.m.

**Youth and Family Chess** Weekly program for all levels and ages. Parents too! Resumes Wed 2/9, 3 to 6 p.m.



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## BE PREPARED FOR EMERGENCIES – TAKE A DART CLASS!

Are you prepared for the next earthquake? Do you have the supplies you need for seven days? Do you know how to shut off your gas, or water? Can you perform some basic first aid? Past events have taught us that the best way to get through a disaster is to be prepared. The Santa Monica Fire Department offers training to help citizens learn basic skills that can make a difference in the event of a disaster.

To enroll in the next Disaster Assistance Response Training (DART) class, visit <http://santamonicafire.org/DART> or call 310-458-8761. The next class will be held on April 2, 2011.

### 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:

- February 1 (Special Meeting)
- February 13 (Council Retreat at the Main Library)
- February 8, 22
- March 8, 22
- April 12, 26

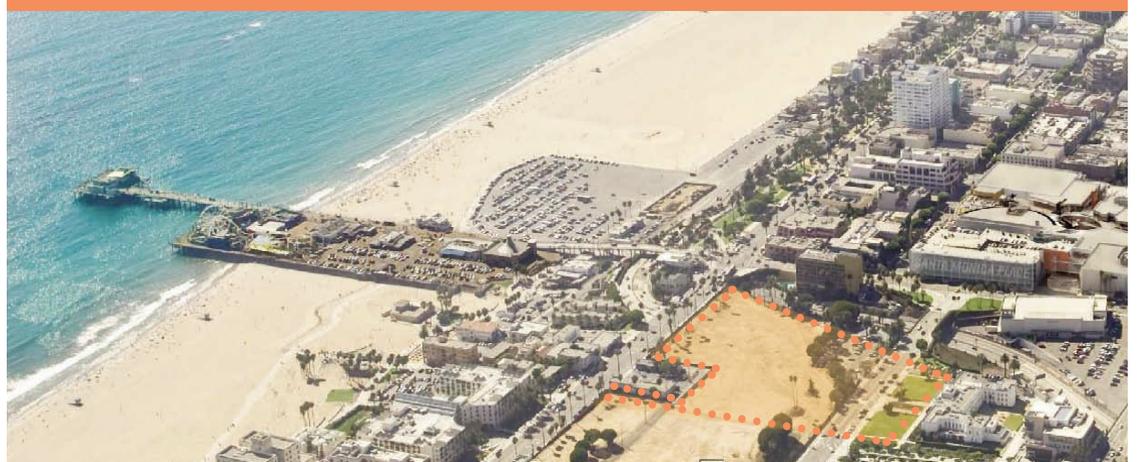
Visit [www.smgov.net/council](http://www.smgov.net/council) for more information or to check the status of upcoming agenda items. City Council meetings are broadcast live on CityTV cable channel 16 and streamed at [www.citytv.org](http://www.citytv.org). Regular meetings air on 89.9 KCRW from 8 p.m.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

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

1685 Main Street, Room 209  
 Santa Monica, California 90401  
 Phone: 310.458.8201  
 Fax: 310.458.1621  
 Email all Council members: [council@smgov.net](mailto:council@smgov.net)



### SANTA MONICA CIVIC CENTER PARKS PALISADES GARDEN WALK + TOWN SQUARE



### COMMUNITY WORKSHOP: DESIGN DEVELOPMENT

At this meeting of the Recreation and Parks Commission, the design team led by James Corner Field Operations will be on hand to present the latest design developments, and then take your feedback. Make your mark - shape your parks at the 4th workshop on Palisades Garden Walk and Town Square.

**WHEN:** SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 26, 1:00 PM  
**WHERE:** SANTA MONICA CIVIC AUDITORIUM, EAST WING

Bike and car parking available. Walk or use Big Blue Bus Lines 1,2,3,4,5,7,8,9 or 10.  
 For disability-related accommodations, call at least three business days before the workshop.  
 Questions: (310) 458-8310 or [ccs@smgov.net](mailto:ccs@smgov.net).

Updates and more info: [www.smciviccenterparks.com](http://www.smciviccenterparks.com).