People travel from all over the world to enjoy Santa Monica State Beach. And no wonder – at 3.5 miles long and over 300 days of sunshine each year, bicycle and walking paths and plenty to see and do, it's the ultimate Southern California beach experience. If it's been a while since you visited, we welcome you to reconnect with your beach and bay. There's a lot to explore at our iconic shore.

START HERE: YOUR BEACH ONLINE
Find out about events, attractions, news and more at our new website for Santa Monica State Beach: www.smgov.net/beach.

NEXT STOP: BEACH STORIES
Take a walk through time online at the Santa Monica Beach Stories website and learn about the many cultures, people and events have helped shape Santa Monica State Beach. www.smbeachstories.com

GET ACTIVE: FITNESS & RECREATION AT THE BEACH
There are tons of ways to get fit with the beach as your backdrop. Try beach tennis, soccer or volleyball on land, or get in the ocean with surfing or stand-up paddleboard lessons. Visit www.smgov.net/recscape for camps and classes at the beach for children and adults.

AND COMING SOON: A PLAYGROUND FOR ALL ABILITIES
Universally accessible playgrounds are special places built for children of all abilities to enjoy. Santa Monica's first universally accessible playground will have something extra special: an ocean view. Construction will start this fall. Like the playground on facebook for updates on the project: www.facebook.com/smbuap.
WATCH THE ROAD, SANTA MONICA

Walkers, cyclists and motorists may have noticed new Watch the Road campaign signage on buses and refuse trucks featuring the message, “Disconnect. Stay alert, stay alive.” The messaging encourages pedestrians to pay attention and take responsibility for their safety when crossing streets and moving around town. It reminds drivers and cyclists to “watch the road” for pedestrians who may not be paying attention to their surroundings.

Santa Monica joins 15 other cities in Southern California and more than 30 organizations and media partners dedicated to improving safety and mobility in Los Angeles region through the Watch the Road campaign. The Watch the Road campaign coordinates educational materials with targeted enforcement efforts to improve pedestrian, bicycling and vehicle traffic safety throughout the city.

Looking forward, the city is undertaking infrastructure and planning efforts to make Santa Monica more pedestrian-friendly. The 2012-14 capital improvement program includes $1 million for re-marking and refurbishing pedestrian crosswalks in the city. The priority locations were established after a thorough inventory and assessment of all pedestrian crossings along major corridors. The city is also developing a Pedestrian Action Plan that will help the city improve its safety record and upgrade its walking network in anticipation of Expo Light Rail arrival in Santa Monica in 2015. The project will begin with the collection and analysis of pedestrian crash data to immediately inform ongoing education and enforcement.

For more information on the Watch the Road campaign in Santa Monica, visit our new website at www.smgov.net/WatchtheRoad.

citytv highlights

Are you tuned in? CityTV has partnered with a wide array of community organizations to produce a new slate of compelling programs about your city.

Santa Monica on Stage and The Creative Process show off Santa Monica’s cultural side, interviewing some of the most creative forces in the region. Non Profit Profiles puts the spotlight on organizations that help our community thrive.

New shows like Broad Topics, From Drabulous to Fabulous, and BodyWorks help you live better, keeping you informed, healthy and looking great! And Your Neighborhood PAL, SAMOHiLights, CityKids and Voices of Santa Monica showcase talented and interesting youth and adults all over Santa Monica.

New shows are now airing on CityTV channel 16 and streamed live on CityTV.org. Check www.CityTV.org for schedules and airtimes.
Tourism’s Economic Impact In Santa Monica: Results Of 2011 Study Released

The Santa Monica Convention & Visitors Bureau (SMCVB) recently released the results of the 2011 Santa Monica Tourism Economic Impact Study. This study has been conducted on a regular basis since 1983.

Did you know more than half of Santa Monica’s visitors are from outside the United States? International visitors tend to stay longer, spend more money and are more likely to use public transportation! Here are some more figures on Santa Monica tourism in 2011:

- Transient occupancy tax (TOT) from Santa Monica’s hotels delivered nearly $35 million to the City’s general fund.
- Tourism provided more than 11,400 jobs in Santa Monica.
- Visitor spending: $1.39 billion
- Without tourism dollars, each Santa Monica household would pay an additional $928 annually to have the services Santa Monica provides its residents.

This summer, relax and let SMCVB serve as the tour guide when company comes to town! The SMCVB provides valuable services for residents, too. Become a tourist in your own city, or call on the SMCVB to create the perfect itinerary for visiting family and friends.

Visit the events calendar section of our website, www.santamonica.com/events-calendar, for upcoming community events. Send guests to one of our four locations where friendly and knowledgeable travel counselors are available to help them plan their Santa Monica trip.

- 1920 Main Street, Suite B (Main at Bay)
- 1400 Ocean Avenue
- Third Street Promenade (between Arizona Avenue & Santa Monica Boulevard)
- 322 Santa Monica Pier (across from Bubba Gump Shrimp)

And keep an eye out for the “I Love Santa Monica” Mobile Visitors Center at local events!

Like to see the projects up-close? Join us for the Be Excited! Be Prepared Bus Tour, Saturday, July 14. Advance registration required – sign up online at www.SMConstructs.org/tour

For more information on this and other projects in the city, please visit www.SMConstructs.org and follow us on Facebook and Twitter at SMConstructs.
Improved Bicycle Network Helps Green Your Commute

The City of Santa Monica’s recently adopted Land Use and Circulation Element aims to increase the number of people who use bicycles for everyday transportation and ensure that the bicycle network is attractive to cyclist of all ages and experience levels. Bicycle detection is one of the many tools that will be used to help achieve this goal.

The city recently installed bicycle detection systems at several major intersections. Just as vehicles get detected by waiting in the proper lane, cyclists can now trigger green lights at an intersection. Look for new bike detection lane markings where a bike lane meets a signalized intersection to learn where to position yourself to get a green light. Fun videos showing cyclists how to use the markings are posted at www.youtube.com/SantaMonicaPlanning.

You can learn more about bike detection and bicycle roadway safety at Santa Monica’s new Bicycle Campus located at 1 Ocean Park Blvd. The Bicycle Campus is an off-street learning area for people of all ages and abilities to become confident about their riding skills. It features a skills course where users can learn and practice bicycle riding, handling, and street skills with the aid of educational displays. The Bicycle Campus is also a resource for bicycle educators, schools and other groups that provide bicycle education.

Contact the Transportation Management Division with comments and feedback at 310.458.8291 or transportation.management@smgov.net.

UPDATE: Household Hazardous Waste Collection Program Update

Santa Monica’s Household Hazardous Waste Home Collection Program is now a permanent service, one that promises safe, convenient, and cost effective service for the community. Due to feedback from residents, the Household Hazardous Waste Center will remain open for drop-off service on the first Saturday of each month from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. through June 2013:

**First Saturday Dates for 2012:** July 7, August 4, September 1, October 6, November 3, December 1

**First Saturday Dates for 2013:** January 5, February 2, March 2, April 6, May 4, June 1

The Home Collection service is provided in a few easy steps:

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 atyoudoor@wm.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. You do not have to be home at the time of collection. Please allow approximately two weeks from the point the service is initiated until your materials are collected from your home.

For more information visit sustainablesm.org/hhw or call 310.458.2213. This service is provided by the Office of Sustainability and the Environment and Waste Management.

Santa Monica Farmers Markets

**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.

**Big Blue Bus**

*New Routes & Schedules Roll Out June 17*

*Beginning Sunday, June 17, Big Blue Bus is changing up its routes and schedules in anticipation of the arrival of EXPO Light Rail in Culver City, and for the shift in travel habits as the school season ends and summer fun begins.*

**New Routes for 5 & 12:**
Route 12 will now operate between UCLA and Robertson/Venice (EXPO Line Culver City Station) only.
Route 5 will replace Route 12 on Robertson Blvd.

**UCLA Services:**
All UCLA-serving buses (Route 1, 2, 3, 8 and 12) will use Ackerman Terminal starting at 8:00 p.m.

**Crosstown Ride:**
Service will now be every 20 minutes all day.

**Route 11 & Sunset Ride:**
Frequency will be reduced for summer.

**Downtown Ride Ending:**
To get around downtown Santa Monica, ride Route 2, 3, 4 or 9 along 4th St. or Route 8 along Main St. and 2nd St.

**VA Commuter Ending:**
To get from the VA Campus to the Rimpau Terminal, ride Route 4 to Pico/Sawtelle and transfer to Rapid 7/Route 7.

Details are available at www.BigBlueBus.com and by calling BBB customer service at 310.451.5444.

**Santa Monica Seascape**
GREEN YOUR GRILLING THIS SUMMER

No summer season would be complete without meals cooked over an open flame – on the Fourth of July alone, Americans fire up 60 million barbeques!

We’re not suggesting that this time-honored summer tradition go by the wayside, but there are a few things you can do to make your grilling more earth-conscious. Grills consume lots of energy, and charcoal grills pose significant health risks in our region as they are major contributors of the pollutants that form smog. Charcoal gives off carbon monoxide, particulate matter, and soot which can damage eyes and lungs. Try these tips for a healthier, happier cookout:

• Use a natural gas, propane or electric barbeque for outdoor grilling; it’s cleaner than charcoal and reduces the health hazards associated with charcoal.

• If you do use charcoal and/or hardwood charcoal (mesquite), use a chimney starter rather than lighter fluid. Chimneys use a little paper to start the charcoal, and they’re widely available in local stores. Lighter fluid is hazardous, toxic and a big air polluter.

Choosing what to grill is just as important. Increased consumption of red meat has been linked to higher rates of obesity and increased risk of heart disease and cancer.

• Add more homegrown or farmers market vegetables to the mix to offset the consumption of meat.

• Choose leaner meats and trim the fat to avoid consuming carcinogens that accumulate from grease smoke and flame-ups.

Finally, picnics and small gatherings can produce a lot of waste in a small amount of time. Keeping the waste down helps preserve the outdoors we love to enjoy during the summer!

• Use reusable utensils and plates instead of disposable flatware.

• Compost those veggie peels and corn husks!

• Clean up with naturally-based cleaners.

For more tips on living green, visit www.sustainablesm.org.

FREE PAPER SHREDDING & ELECTRONICS RECYCLING

SATURDAY, JUNE 23 • 9 A.M. TO 2 P.M.
CITY YARDS • 2500 MICHIGAN AVENUE

Residents can bring up to 25 regular-size file boxes of sensitive papers to the City Yards and we will shred them for free! Drop off electronics for recycling, too.

Visit www.smgov.net/r3 for more information or call 310.458.2223.

Santa Monica Wins High-Profile Sustainability Award

In April, Santa Monica was named the winner of the 2012 Siemens Sustainable Community Award in the midsize community category (population 50,000 - 150,000). Santa Monica and fellow 2012 Sustainable Communities Chicago, IL (large community category) and Purcellville, VA (small community category) were chosen from among 132 communities across 40 states to become this year’s winners.

Santa Monica’s award application focused on integrating goals and principles of its Sustainable City Plan into a wide range of city operations, services and strategic planning initiatives, including the recently adopted Land Use and Circulation Element (LUCE). Judges noted Santa Monica’s excellence in setting strategic citywide goals that are reinforced across multiple planning areas, such as resource conservation, economic growth, open space and land use, housing, transportation, civic participation, and human services. As part of the award, Santa Monica will receive $20,000 worth of trees from the Alliance for Community Trees.

The awards program is a partnership between the Siemens Corporation and the US Chamber Business Civic Leadership Center. For information, visit http://bclc.uschamber.com/sustainablecommunityawards.
20TH ANNUAL JUNETEENTH CELEBRATION
June 16, 12-5 p.m.
Virginia Avenue Park

Juneteenth commemorates the day in 1865 when the last American slaves heard the news they were freed – more than two years after the signing of the Emancipation Proclamation! We celebrate the accomplishments of African Americans with art, music, cultural activities and dance at the 20th Annual Juneteenth Celebration.

This year's keynote speaker will be former Miss Ohio Jayne Kennedy. Live entertainment will include Grammy®-nominee Ray Brooks & the Blues Masters Band, the Blue Breeze Band, Kehinde Otis Johnson's Stilt Walker Troupe, Samba Samba Dance, Tri-A Steppers Drum Line and Lava Bai Drum Circle – audience participation encouraged!

This annual event is brought to you by the Juneteenth Celebration Committee. For more information, visit www.smgov.net/vapark or call 310.458.8688.

Volunteer Santa Monica

“Service to others is the rent you pay for your room here on earth.”

~ MUHAMMAD ALI

Do you have some extra time this summer? The city's Animal Shelter, Westside Special Olympics, Farmers Market and Senior Center are on the lookout for volunteers. Get started today by calling 310.458.8300 ext 5265, or email vol@smgov.net.

Virginia Avenue Park is always in need of tutors, reading partners, event support or Saturday Kidz Zone helpers. Call 310.458.8688 for more info.

santa monica swim center
10th anniversary

celebrate with us
July 21

save the date - more details to follow
www.smgov.net/swim
YOUTH PROGRAMS

Sign up now for City Camps

Our camps offer creative ways for children to explore a variety of interests, including music, sports, and art. Does your child want to know what it takes to be in a band? Try the new Rock Santa Monica camp. Or, find the fun side of learning through hands-on projects in engineering and math, mixed media arts, and water adventure clinics through Camp Santa Monica Discovery Camps. Santa Monica Sports Experience is yet another option, where participants go beyond games and tournaments to find the vital link between sports, nutrition, health and sportsmanship. The benefits of summer camps extend far beyond just being fun. Studies show that youth who attend summer camps for at least one week demonstrate significant positive changes in areas including self-esteem and social skills. Camps also help youth get an hour or more of physical activity every day.

With 28 full and half-day camps for youth 2 – 14 and optional extended care, the city offers something to fit your hectic schedule. Summer sessions begin June 18 and run through August 15. Financial assistance may be available to qualifying participants.

For a full listing of summer 2012 Santa Monica City Camps, visit www.smgov.net/summer.

Summer Lunch Program

PAL / VAP / JOHN ADAMS MIDDLE SCHOOL

Nutritious and delicious free lunches will be available to youth ages 18 and under at Virginia Avenue Park, the PAL Youth Center at Memorial Park and John Adams Middle School all summer long. Monday – Friday at noon, June 18 through August 15. Locations/dates subject to change. Please call 310.458.8988 for details.

Police Activities League

1401 Olympic Boulevard | 310.458.8988 | www.smgov.net/pal
Hours: Mon – Fri 12-10 p.m., Sat 12-6 p.m.

Are you ready for summer? PAL is here to fill your days with fun, FREE programs! PAL offers educational, cultural and recreational programs for youth ages 6-17. Don’t miss out on special summer programs and events including hiking, surfing, cycling, basketball, beach days and more. Friday nights w/PAL open to youth ages 13-17, 6 p.m. – 1 a.m. Weekly signup required.

PAL FITNESS GYM @ VIRGINIA AVENUE PARK
2200 Virginia Avenue | Hours: Mon-Fri 12 noon-8 p.m. | Sat 9 a.m.-5 p.m.
The PAL fitness gym at Virginia Avenue Park will be open all summer long for youth ages 6-24. PAL’s array of fitness classes including karate, boxing, weight training and open workouts are available.

For more information, visit www.smgov.net/pal or call 310.458.8988.

VIRGINIA AVENUE PARK | 2200 Virginia Avenue | www.smgov.net/vapark | 310.458.8688

VAP offers engaging activities year-round for youth, parents and seniors. Get in on the action this summer! Call us or visit the website for more information.

Fun in the Sun

VAP’s Summer Adventure Camp is free for residents or students attending SMMUSD schools. This camp for youth ages 6-11 (grades 1-5) includes arts and crafts, recreation, outings and plenty of fun.

Saturday Kidz Zone at VAP

Youth age 11 and under are welcome to drop in to the Saturday Kidz Zone, every week from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Free programs include arts and crafts and outdoor recreation. Sign up on the spot.

Teen Center

Youth ages 11-24 that live or attend school in Santa Monica can come enjoy VAP’s Teen Center free of charge. Activities include sports (bowling, golf, basketball and volleyball), arts (urban art, digital media, oil painting and silk screening – even a DJ class) and field trips. Meet people and make new friends in our Men’s Group, Girls on the Move Club, Book Club, Leadership Group, and Semillas de Pio Pico – a college group.

Stay in Touch

The Teen Center actively partners with agencies that provide both employment and mental health services. Youth looking for employment training or internship opportunities should visit our office hours for Jewish Vocational Services and Chrysalis. St. John’s Health Center provides referrals for mental health services to youth and families. We love active parent involvement – parents are invited to visit the parent lounge in the Thelma Terry Building for news on upcoming programs.
THE 28TH ANNUAL TWILIGHT CONCERT SERIES

AUGUST 16
African Rock from Mali’s AMADOU & MARIAM paired with Portland Scene-stealers Y LA BAMBA

AUGUST 23
Cuban singer-songwriter ALEX CUBA and the Salsa sounds of LUCKY 7 MAMBO

AUGUST 30
New Orleans’ own HOT 8 BRASS BAND and Louisiana funk band THE GUMBO BROTHERS

SEPTEMBER 6
Southern California indie breakout act BEST COAST

Concerts are free and open to the public. Parking near the pier is limited – walk, bike or take the Big Blue Bus this summer! Free bike valet will be located on the beach south of the pier.

For more information on the concerts, visit www.twilightseries.org or call 310.458.8900.

SAVE THE DATE FOR THE 29TH ANNUAL NATIONAL NIGHT OUT

National Night Out

Tuesday, August 7 | 6 to 8 p.m.
Olympic Drive between Main and 4th (near the Public Safety Facility)

Join the fun at our annual block party and meet our new Chief of Police, Jacqueline Seabrooks! There will be free hot dogs and live entertainment, plus the chance to get an up-close look at some of our specialized units, including SWAT, Harbor, Motorcycles, Mounted Patrol, K9, the Paddy Wagon and more! Free parking will be available in the Civic Center Parking Structure located directly across the street from the Public Safety Building.

For more information regarding this event please call the S.M.P.D. Community Relations Unit at 310.458.8474 or visit www.santamonicapd.org. Like us on Facebook at SantaMonicaPD.

Santa Monica Is CERT-ainly Prepared!

Beginning in August, the Santa Monica Office of Emergency Management will be offering Community Emergency Response Training (CERT) free to anyone who lives or works in town. CERT is a nationally recognized emergency response training program which teaches skills such as basic emergency preparedness, fire safety, medical operations, basic search and rescue methods, disaster psychology, and terrorism awareness.

A diverse and energetic group of public safety professionals from the police and fire departments and the Office of Emergency Management will provide a comprehensive and fun curriculum which will teach people how to effectively prepare for and respond to incidents. All were trained as CERT instructors earlier this year.

The first Santa Monica CERT class will be offered in August. This comprehensive class will meet for six hours on three consecutive Saturdays at the Santa Monica Fire Department Training Facility. Classes are also scheduled for fall.

For registration information, contact OEM at 310.458.2263, email at oem@smgov.net, or visit www.smgov.net/oem.
Happening in SANTA MONICA

UPCOMING BEACH=CULTURE EVENTS AT THE BEACH HOUSE

ARTIST IN RESIDENCE PROGRAM
June-July The SALTY SHAKESPEARE COMPANY prepares their highly condensed and contemporary edition of Hamlet, adding a little pop-up Shakespeare throughout the grounds! Performances will be mid-July. Reservations available starting mid-June, at www.annenbergbeachhouse.com/beachculture.

July-September CHOREOGRAPHER SHEETAL GANDHI will be on site to create a new work for the Beach House that will take place throughout the grounds. Inspired by Bollywood, classical Indian, and contemporary dance as well as themes of joyfulness and celebration, Gandhi’s creation is sure to delight.

SKYSCAPES EXHIBIT ARTIST TALK/WORKSHOP
Tuesday, July 31, 6:30 – 8:30 p.m. Arrive early and view SkyScapes, featuring the work of Bruria Finkel, Chris Garland and Lita Albuquerque. These three accomplished artists come together in their fascination with the sky and to explore its myriad of natural configurations—highlighting its ability to inspire dreams and self-reflection. Bring your camera to capture some of your own SkyScapes this evening as you explore the beach in this digital plein air workshop!

Enjoy a great day at the beach this summer. The pool is open daily June 16 – September 3. Visit the website for reservations and pricing. Or come enjoy the courtyards, playground, splash pad, beach volleyball/tennis courts, gallery, and Wi-Fi free of charge.

Things to do at the Beach House this summer:

NEW THIS YEAR SUNSET SWIM for ages 18 and up, every Tuesday from 6:30 p.m. – 9:30 p.m. $7 or $5 with same day full price pool pass.

CARDBOARD YACHT REGATTA Choose a co-captain and start prepping your vessel. Two-person crews will paddle their way to the finish line on Saturday evening, August 25. Teams construct yachts from corrugated cardboard and duct tape. Awards will be given in a variety of categories. Registration is $15/yacht. All ages. Spectators welcome!

STAND UP PADDLEBOARD rentals and classes are available. Rent for only $25/hour or head out with an instructor for a 4-week session of 90-minute classes for just $175. Other new summer classes include S.E.A. SKIN DIVING and OPEN OCEAN SWIMMING. Check the website for more classes at the Beach House.

PACK A PICNIC and dine al fresco in the courtyard or on the view deck. (No glass or alcohol, please.) Or visit our onsite eatery, Back on the Beach Café, for dine-in or take-out!

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PACK A PICNIC and dine al fresco in the courtyard or on the view deck. (No glass or alcohol, please.) Or visit our onsite eatery, Back on the Beach Café, for dine-in or take-out!
OCEAN APPRECIATION WEEKEND at the Santa Monica Pier Aquarium

Learn all about the habitats and inhabitants of the Santa Monica Bay during Ocean Appreciation Weekend, July 28-29 at Heal the Bay's Santa Monica Pier Aquarium, 1600 Ocean Front Walk. The marine education center will be open from 12:30 to 6 p.m. both days.

Heal the Bay's annual tribute to the ocean – and celebration of the role it plays in our lives – focuses this year on the four habitats of the Santa Monica Bay: the sandy bottom, the kelp forest, the rocky shore and the open ocean. Take costumed photos of your friends and family in an ocean landscape; play a fishing game; go on a scavenger hunt, create marine-themed arts and crafts; and add a painted sea creature to your face. Displays, presentations and activities focusing on environmental hot topics give all visitors the opportunity to increase their marine science knowledge.

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. $5 suggested donation for ages 13 and up, $3 admission per person required. For groups of 10 or more, the fee is $2 per person. Call 310.393.6149 for more information or visit our website at www.healthebay.org/smpa.

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

THE PALETTE

SAVE THE DATE: 7TH ANNUAL JAZZ ON THE LAWN CONCERT SERIES
SUNDAYS IN AUGUST, 5-7 P.M.

This year the series moves to Stewart Park due to construction on the new Town Square Civic Center Park in front of City Hall. Bring a picnic, blanket and beach chair and enjoy a sampling of jazz each Sunday. Move to the music then cool off with a frozen treat from a dessert truck or local eatery. Admission and parking are free. Parking will be available in the Olympic Shuttle lot just across the street from the park. Bike parking is available. Stewart Park is located on Stewart Street, south of Exposition Blvd. For updates visit www.smgov.net/jazz.

COMING SOON TO THE CIVIC AUDITORIUM

THE MILES

Located at 1130 Lincoln Boulevard in Reed Park, the historic Miles Playhouse is a cultural resource offering performance opportunities for youth and community groups that all ages will enjoy. Visit www.milesplayhouse.org for more information.

Oxford Street Dance Company Annual Show June 15 and 16 at 8 p.m. and June 17 at 2 p.m. For tickets email oxfordstreetdance@gmail.com or call 323.356.4284.

Downbeat 720 10th Anniversary Show For 10 years, LA’s premier open-mic for high school performers. July 1 at 5 p.m. www.downbeat720.com


GET MORE OF THE PALETTE! The Palette is a weekly email sent each Wednesday highlighting a handful of art and cultural events happening in Santa Monica. To sign up, visit www.smgov.net/arts.
MAIN LIBRARY
All Main Library events held in the MLK Jr. Auditorium unless otherwise noted.

Dog Training Workshop  Dave Dreyfus discusses the merits of positive-based dog training in this interactive workshop. Sat 6/23, 2 p.m.
The Persian Room Presents Author Patty Farmer discusses the legendary New York night spot with several famous artists who performed there. Wed 6/27, 7 p.m.
Codependency for Dummies Local marriage & family therapist Darlene Lancer discusses her new book on relationships. Sat 6/30, 3 p.m.
The Political is Personal Film Series: Urban Roots This timely and moving documentary follows the urban farming phenomenon in Detroit. Wed 7/11, 7 p.m.
Westward Ho! Visualizing the Frontier in Santa Monica to discuss his new novel, Gold. Thu 7/19, 7 p.m.
Real Men May Not Eat Quiche, But What Should They Eat? Myles Spar, M.D., talks about nutrition for men. Thu 7/26, 7 p.m.

FAIRVIEW BRANCH LIBRARY
Summer Movie: The Vow  A romantic drama starring Channing Tatum and Rachel McAdams. Tue 6/26, 7 p.m.
What’s New This Week  Every Thursday at 1 p.m. A free-wheeling review and discussion of the week’s key news stories at home and abroad.

MONTANA AVENUE BRANCH LIBRARY
Montana Branch Book Group Wednesdays, 7 p.m. 6/20 Swann’s Way by Marcel Proust; 7/18 Sex, Mom, and God by Frank Schaeffer.
Summer Film Series Tuesdays, 6:30 p.m. 6/19 The Ides of March; 6/26 Young Adult; 7/10 Everything Must Go; 7/17 London Boulevard; 7/24 The Future
Mystery Book Group Last Bus to Woodstock by Colin Dexter. Wed 7/11, 7 p.m.

OCEAN PARK BRANCH LIBRARY
An Afternoon with Paul F. Cummins Local author & poet reads from his latest book, Love & Squalor. Sat 6/30, 2 p.m.
Ocean Park Mystery Book Group Tuesdays, 7 p.m. 6/19 Bury Your Dead by Louise Penny; 7/17 A Drop of the Hard Stuff by Lawrence Block.

YOUTH PROGRAMS

FAIRVIEW BRANCH LIBRARY
Summer Activity Programs Ages 4 & up, Wednesdays 6/20 – 8/1, 2:30 p.m. No program on 7/4.
Learn to Sew  A fabulous new sewing project each Friday. Sign up by calling 310.458.8681. Ages 7-12. Fridays, 6/22, 7/13 & 7/27, 2 p.m.
Children’s Movies  Fridays at 2 p.m. 6/29 Happy Feet Two; 7/20 Puss in Boots
Programs for Tweens:
Chef of the Hour  Learn about and prepare fresh snacks from the Santa Monica Farmers Market. Space is limited, registration begins Tue 5/29. Ages 9-12. Mon 6/25, 3:30 – 4:30 p.m.

MONTANA AVENUE BRANCH LIBRARY
Summer Activity Programs Ages 4 & up.
Tuesdays 6/26 – 8/7, 2:30 p.m.
Paws to Read  Ages 5 & up. Practice your reading skills and read to a therapy dog for 15 minutes. Sign up beginning 6/25. Thursdays and Saturdays 7/5 – 8/11, 2 – 3 p.m.
Programs for Teens:
Teen Activity Programs  Tuesdays, 6:30 p.m.
Teen Activity Programs  Mondays at 2:30 p.m. 7/2, CoolBooks: Book-making Workshop; 7/16, Knit Kit; 7/30, Teeny Tin Candles

OCEAN PARK BRANCH LIBRARY
Summer Activity Programs Ages 4 & up, Thursdays 6/28 – 8/2, 2:30 p.m.
Programs for Teens/Teens:
Farmers’ Market Cooking Class  Learn to make yummy food with fresh, local ingredients without turning on a stove! Grades 5 – 8. Thu 6/14, 3:30 – 4:30 p.m.
Interviewing Workshop  Prepare your best answers to get the job. Practice in a relaxed and supportive atmosphere. Mon 7/16, 7 p.m.

SANTA MONICA MAIN LIBRARY AND BRANCH INFORMATION
Main Library 601 Santa Monica Blvd., 310.458.8600
Fairview Branch 2301 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.
Branches: Mon-Thurs noon-9 p.m., Fri noon-5:30 p.m., Sat 10 a.m.-5:30 p.m.
Closed on Sundays
Big Blue Bus Routes Main Library Routes 1, 2, 3, 7, 8, 9 and 10
Fairview Branch Route 8, Crosstown Ride and Sunset Ride
Montana Avenue Route 3 and Crosstown Ride
Ocean Park Branch Routes 1, 2 and 8
Bike parking available.
All city libraries are wheelchair accessible. To request a disability-related accommodation for events, call the library at 310.458.8600 (TDD 310.395.8499) at least three business days in advance.

www.smgov.net
EVERYONE LOVES A PARADE
Santa Monica's 4th of July Parade on Main Street
Presented by the Ocean Park Association

Celebrate the 4th of July Santa Monica-style! This year’s theme is science and technology, so put your propeller hats on, activate your anti-matter pods, and let’s get inventive for the Fourth of July.

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

CELEBRATE AMERICA at Santa Monica College
Santa Monica College Main Campus
1900 Pico Blvd.

Bring your family and friends to SMC for a star-spangled salute to our nation’s independence, Saturday, June 30 beginning at 5 p.m. Come early, picnic on the lawn, enjoy continuous entertainment and special exhibits. Cap off the evening with a specular fireworks show.