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WELCOME BACK TO PS6 Renovated Parking Structure to Open Soon

It's being hailed as a game-changer for Downtown parking. And a dramatic red walkway will make it easy to find the newly renovated Parking Structure 6, scheduled for on-time completion and opening by the end of 2013. Located on 2nd Street between Santa Monica Boulevard and Broadway, the eight-story structure maintains its original height but doubles its former capacity with 700-plus parking spaces, 30 electric vehicle charging stations, racks for 90 bicycles, 19 motorcycle spots and approximately 6,300 square feet of retail space along 2nd Street. Pedestrian access to the five above-ground floors will be available via a diagonal staircase that traverses the entire face of the structure, enhancing both visibility and safety.

With rooftop solar panels and other environmental design considerations earning it the coveted LEED Gold certification from the U.S. Green Building Council, Parking Structure 6 adds to Santa Monica's enviable reputation as a leader in sustainability.

For up-to-the-minute parking availability check out parkme.com/santa-monica-parking.

Seaside Winter Wonderland Slide, Glide and Twirl – ICE is back!



The magic of an icy cold holiday is not reserved only for the snowy lakes of the Northwest. Even our lovely beach city gets its own winter wonderland every November as a sheet of ice transforms the corner of 5th and Arizona Avenue into an 8,000-square-foot rink!

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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 15 and 29, December 13 and 27, and January 3, 17 and 31. City Hall will also be closed on Thursday, November 28 for Thanksgiving; at 12 noon on Tuesday, December 24 and all day Wednesday, December 25 for the Christmas observance; and at 12 noon on Tuesday, December 31 and all day Wednesday, January 1 for the New Year's holiday. Payment and permit services are available every Friday; please call 310.458.8411 for the counter hours of your preferred service.

WINTER BEACH DAYS Wintertime is ideal for a day at the beach and the Annenberg Community Beach House. Join us to celebrate the birthday of Marion Davies, the remarkable woman at the heart of the Beach House legacy, take a guided beach walk, or make a splash at Bonus Pool Days. For information, go to annenbergbeachhouse.com, sign up for the monthly newsletters or call 310.458.4904.

GET ARTSY AND CRAFTY AT 1450 OCEAN This winter at 1450 Ocean, you can make mosaics, craft a paper bouquet, fuse glass into gorgeous shapes, bring meditation into your writing practice and make holiday and New Year's ornaments and cards, as well as get active with salsa, Zumba and more! It all happens in the Camera Obscura building just north of the Pier entrance in Palisades Park. For more information, please go to smgov.net/1450ocean or call 310.458.2239.

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High-Tech Signals Optimize Traffic Flow

Santa Monica is on the cutting edge of traffic management and a new high-tech system is cutting drive time on city streets. It is called Advanced Traffic Management System or ATMS. This state-of-the-art system uses the latest technology to allow real-time, on-the-fly signal adjustments from the central Traffic Management Center in City Hall, via a newly installed citywide fiber optic network. A secure online management tool allows staff to change signal operations and monitor traffic conditions from any web-enabled device anywhere in the city.

Seventy percent of our traffic lights are now connected to the ATMS, increasing to 90% in early 2014, until all Santa Monica signal lights finally are synched (hopefully in 2015). With the use of high-definition video detection of automobiles, transit buses and bicycles, traffic conditions can be



Photo courtesy of Matthew Robinson

monitored and changes can be made to signal timing to reduce congestion and optimize traffic flows. On big event nights, such as Glow in September, officials are able to monitor and then make sweeping changes to the connected signals to get people in and out of town more efficiently. ATMS provides one set of tools that city transportation engineers can use to help make traffic flow a little smoother.

City Polishes Up Lincoln Boulevard

As you drive along Lincoln Boulevard between the I-10 freeway and the south city limit near Ozone Street, you'll notice a much smoother ride. Special legislation has allowed the city to fix up this section of the road, with improvements including:

- New pavement surface;
- New crosswalk and street striping;
- Improved sidewalks, and;
- Installation of traffic video detection systems to improve traffic flow

To minimize the overall impact of the project, public notices were distributed prior to the start of construction to 1,800 businesses and residences, and electronic message signs were

deployed. Local repairs of concrete and asphalt took place during the day, while pavement grinding and overlay took place at night to prevent further congestion during peak driving hours.



ICE at Santa Monica

CONTINUED FROM COVER

ICE is back for its seventh year! Get ready to spin, slide and skate as you enjoy a taste of winter fun just steps from the sand and surf.

A great location to celebrate the holidays, ICE at Santa Monica is the perfect place to hang out with friends and family, throw a party in a private event cabaña, enjoy a first date or sign up for skate lessons. Join the fun and visit Downtown Santa Monica this season to experience ICE.

ICE at Santa Monica is open to the public daily. Admission with skate rental is \$12.

Hours of Operation Through January 20, 2014*

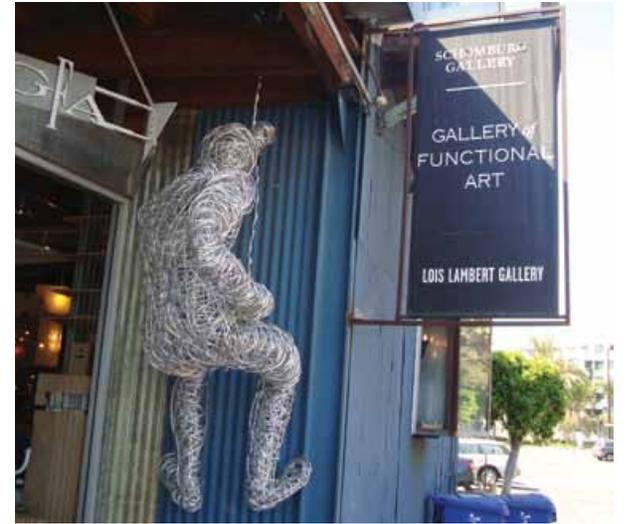
Monday-Thursday: 2 - 10 p.m., Friday: 2 p.m. - midnight

Saturday: 10 a.m. - midnight, Sunday: 10 a.m. - 10 p.m.

*Holiday hours may vary.

Find more information, including party packages and event cabaña rentals, at iceatsantamonica.com or [facebook.com/downtownsantamonica](https://www.facebook.com/downtownsantamonica).

City Council Approves Bergamot Area Plan



A new mixed-use neighborhood complete with restaurants, open space, housing and retail will link Santa Monica's Bergamot area to both its industrial past and its current incarnation as a thriving creative district, following City Council's unanimous approval of the Bergamot Area Plan. The Council action in September followed nearly three years of community outreach that helped define the vision for this culturally significant portion of Santa Monica.

The newly adopted plan will direct future public and private projects toward a more sustainable and pedestrian-oriented "complete neighborhood." It will serve thousands of residents and employees through new housing and creative office space, ten new streets, miles

of new sidewalks, enhanced transportation service and connection to the future Exposition Light Rail, amenities that put local needs within easy walking and biking distance. Implementation of the Bergamot Area Plan is expected to occur over the next 20 years, with major improvements—such as a light-rail station at 26th Street and Olympic Boulevard, Expo Regional Bike Path and redevelopment of the SMC Art and Entertainment Technology Campus—already underway. Future projects will include the sensitive redevelopment

of the Bergamot Art Center, which promises to anchor the district for generations to come. For more information on the Bergamot Area Plan, please visit bergamotplan.net or e-mail peter.james@smgov.net.



PARKING BY THE NUMBERS

20 million Number of cars that park in Santa Monica each year

75,000 Number of residential parking permits issued

1,000 Number of all-day parkers moved out of Downtown parking structures to create more parking availability there

6,000 Number of parking spaces available on the street

3 hours Time limit for the prime lower-level spaces in the Downtown structures so you can find short-term parking more easily

14,000 Number of off-street parking spaces available, including beach lots, city parking structures and city parking lots

90 minutes The amount of time you can park for free in any Downtown city parking structure

\$5

Maximum weekend parking rate at the Main Library parking structure, where there is almost always space available. Park once and then walk to enjoy Downtown.



Tune in! CityTV New Schedule

Greetings, CityTV viewers! We have a full plate of new and returning programs this season that are sure to pique your interest.

New shows include:

Downbeat TV - A teen performance showcase brought to you by the Miles Memorial Playhouse.

Ask The Chief - A live call-in talk show with Santa Monica Police Chief Jacqueline Seabrooks.

Candid Conversations - A talk show focusing on today's important issues for women, brought to you by the Commission on the Status of Women.

Cooking With the Farmers Market - A terrific new cooking show with top Santa Monica chefs who will show you how to make affordable meals with items from the Santa Monica Farmers Markets.

Spotlight Santa Monica - A sit-down interview show with the people and departments that make our city such an amazing place to live.

Returning favorites include:

The Green Room - Demonstrations, conversations and tips on how to live green, brought to you by the Office of Sustainability & the Environment.

Santa Monica on Stage - Featuring well-known local actors and acts performing just for you.

Let's Talk - Our compelling talk show on healthy aging, brought to you by the Commission for the Senior Community.

SAMOHlghlights - Produced by our very own Santa Monica High School students.



Check citytv.org for schedules and airtimes.

Top 5 Reasons to Buy Local for the Holidays!

1. It's convenient. With over 9,000

Santa Monica businesses to choose from, you're bound to find what you need right in your own neighborhood.

2. It supports local jobs. Local businesses prefer to hire local. They create jobs in the community for people of all ages. Many Buy Local businesses are owned by locals, too! Over 50% of participating Buy Local SM businesses are owned by Santa Monica residents and employ over 3,600 locals ... your friends and neighbors!

3. It lowers your carbon footprint. Having a diverse range of businesses within walking or biking distance reduces the amount of driving you need to do, lessens traffic and air pollution and helps to conserve land. This helps keep Santa Monica sustainable!

4. It keeps dollars in Santa Monica's economy, supporting our schools, parks and vital community services. Last year, our local purchases raised over \$7 million for the Santa Monica-Malibu Unified School District and resulted in the ongoing operation of summer school, the employment of 43 teachers and funding for a SAMOHI college counselor and new textbooks.

5. It's healthy. With four buzzing Santa Monica Farmers Markets selling locally grown delicacies for your holiday meals and stocking stuffers, local restaurants featuring farm-to-table holiday menus, and many of our retailers sourcing locally made, sustainable products, your purchases support a healthy, vibrant and SEASONAL local ecosystem.

Buy Local
SANTA MONICA



Thank you for buying local and making a difference to our community. For more info on the Buy Local campaign visit buylocalsm.com or follow us @buylocalsm. To view the 2013 Perfect Gift ideas, go to buylocalsantamonica.com/news-spotlights.

A Peek at the Future of the Michigan Avenue Greenway

Pop-Up MANGo Draws Crowds



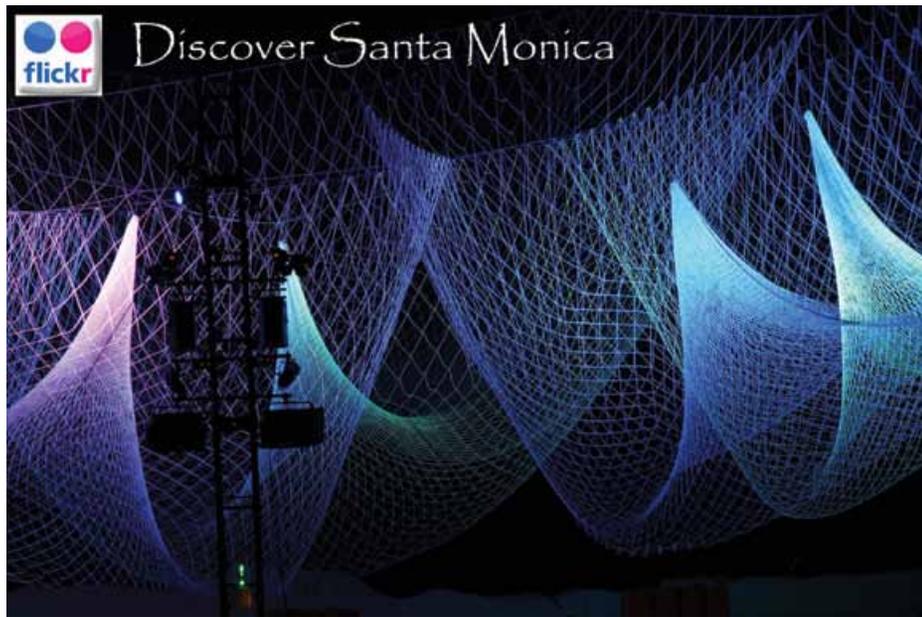
With more than 400 people in attendance at September's "Pop-Up MANGo" community workshop, the proposed Michigan Avenue Neighborhood Greenway project's designers and city staff were able to gather important public feedback on improvements to the 3-mile long corridor that stretches from Stewart Street to the beach. Temporary installations of potential elements of the project, including a neighborhood traffic circle and a mini-park, allowed participants to see, feel and respond to envisioned enhancements along the corridor, while they also enjoyed live music, tasty food truck treats and meeting representatives from several community organizations.

A big thanks to Valley Crest, Monrovia, Landscape Forms and Maglin for their donations of trees, plants and seating. Their generosity helped make the event a great success.

Public input is key to ensuring that the proposed greenway's final design meets the community's needs. For information about future opportunities for public input, please visit smgov.net/michigan.

Like, Follow, Share!

The City's Social Media Presence Expands



Thousands and thousands of locals are getting up-to-the-minute information from the City of Santa Monica via multiple social media platforms. For the latest on programs, events and services in 140 characters or less, follow the city on Twitter, and for a little more in-depth info and great pictures, like us on Facebook. And the newest member of the social media family is Flickr, a photo-sharing site where members can post and share their photos with the city's Flickr group, Discover Santa Monica. Discover Santa Monica is not only home to some of the most beautiful and artistic photos of the city—it's also a place to learn about photo contests and more!

Twitter: [@santamonicacity](https://twitter.com/santamonicacity)

Facebook: facebook.com/cityofsantamonica

Flickr: flickr.com/groups/2288878@N24

Local Businesses

Go Green



Theatres, bakeries, baby boutiques and museums ... are your favorite local businesses Green Certified? Many have taken steps to incorporate sustainable practices into their operations and have improved their

performance but, until now, customers had no way of knowing which businesses were going "green."

The City of Santa Monica, the Convention and Visitors Bureau, the Chamber of Commerce and Sustainable Works have joined together to certify and recognize green businesses in our community.

Scan the QR code to see the list.



SANTA MONICA FARMERS MARKET

Pistachio Shortbread Cookies

Makes 20 to 24 cookies

- 1/2 cup plus 2 tablespoons raw, shelled pistachios
- 1 cup flour
- 1/2 teaspoon salt
- 1/2 cup (8 tablespoons) unsalted butter, softened
- 1/2 cup powdered sugar, sifted
- 1/4 cup pistachio meal
- 1 egg, lightly beaten



Set aside 24 whole pistachios, finely chop the remaining. Sift together the flour and salt and set aside. Using an electric mixer, cream together the butter and sugar on high speed until blended, about 3 minutes. Add the pistachio meal and beat until well blended and creamy, 1 to 2 minutes more. On low speed, beat in the flour mixture until a stiff, slightly sticky dough forms.

Scrape the dough onto a lightly floured piece of parchment or waxed paper, and shape into a log 8½ inches long and 1¾ inches in diameter, using the paper to help you (think sushi rolls). Press firmly so there are no cracks in the dough. Even through the paper, the heat of your hands will help bring the dough together. Brush all sides of the log, but not the ends, with the egg. Lay out 2 sheets of plastic wrap, and sprinkle the chopped pistachios across the middle of 1 sheet. Place the dough log on the pistachios, and roll to coat evenly on all sides. Transfer the log to the clean sheet, wrap, and chill for at least 1 hour or up to 3 days. The log can be frozen for up to 2 weeks; thaw to slice.

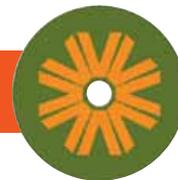
Preheat oven to 350 degrees. Remove the dough from the refrigerator 5 to 10 minutes before slicing so it softens slightly. Cut into 3/8-inch-thick slices, place on an ungreased baking sheet 1 inch apart, and press 1 reserved whole pistachio in the center of each cookie. Bake until lightly golden and slightly puffed, about 16 minutes, rotating the pan 180 degrees halfway through the baking time to ensure evenness. Let cool on the pan for 5 minutes, then transfer to a rack to cool.



Used with permission from **The Santa Monica Farmers' Market Cookbook: Seasonal Foods, Simple Recipes, and Stories from the Market and Farm** by Amelia Saltsman (Blenheim Press, 2007).

Wednesday - Downtown Saturday - Downtown Saturday - Pico Market Sunday - Main Street
Arizona Ave & 2nd St. Arizona Ave & 3rd St. 2200 Virginia Ave. 2640 Main Street
8:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m. 8:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. 8:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. 9:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

We're also on the web at smgov.net/farmersmarket.



Giving Thanks to Our Volunteers

Every afternoon students from nearby elementary schools—Edison, Will Rogers, Grant and McKinley—saunter into the Thelma Terry Building at Virginia Avenue Park dragging their heavy backpacks. They unload their workbooks and papers, greet program staff and settle into their seats. Their biggest smiles are saved for the VAP volunteers who are waiting to help them with their homework.



One such volunteer is Nick, who has been with VAP since the park re-opened in 2005. Nick knows every student's name, as well as their best subjects and their most challenging ones. Children love to read with him and go on field trips with him. Nick is always a willing chaperone and takes amazing pictures of their adventures.

Happily, Nick is not alone; he is joined by many other volunteers who take

the time to help young people with their homework. As the holiday season approaches, the staff at Virginia Avenue Park want to publicly say "thanks" to all the volunteers who generously give of their time to enrich the lives of Santa Monica youth.

If you'd like to join this very special group of volunteers or to learn more about the programs and services offered at Virginia Avenue Park, please call 310.458.8688 or visit us on the web at smgov.net/vapark.



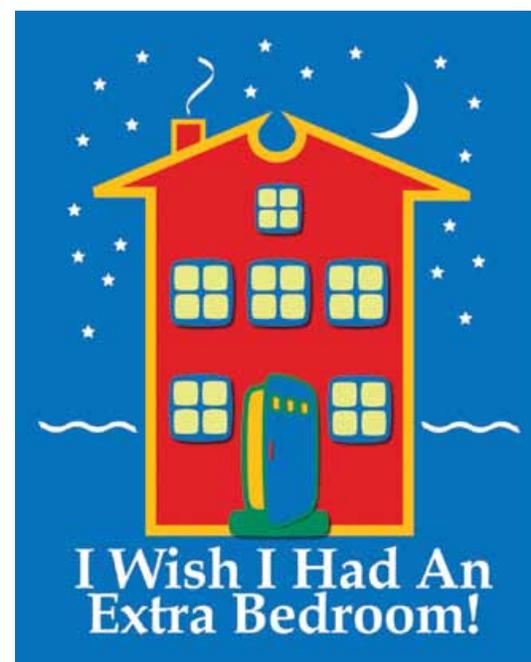
Volunteer Nick helps a student with homework.

Extra Bedroom Program Provides Extra Space for Holiday Guests

Is your house bursting at the seams during the holidays? If you love the company of family and friends but don't have the space to accommodate them all, the Santa Monica Convention & Visitors Bureau (SMCVB) is here to help. From mid-November through late January, Santa Monica hotel partners extend their appreciation to city residents by offering the Extra Bedroom Program, a special program exclusive to Santa Monica locals. With proof of residency, you can take advantage of discounts and special offers at participating Santa Monica hotels. For a full list of program offers, visit SantaMonica.com/extrabedroom.

Need holiday gifts? SMCVB has unique gifts at each of its four visitor information centers, located on the Third Street Promenade, the Santa Monica Pier, in Palisades Park, and at the newest location at 2427 Main Street at Edgemar Center.

Visiting friends and relatives can drop in at any of these locations to have one of SMCVB experienced staff members help coordinate their transportation and itinerary. Introduce yourself as a local and mention this article to receive a free Santa Monica gift and 50% off selected Santa Monica retail items.



PAL'S Karate Kids

"Wax on, wax off." Most people remember this famous line from the 1984 movie, *The Karate Kid*.

After seeing this movie, many kids flocked to their closest karate class to learn how to protect themselves against bullies. However, just as in the movie, kids soon learned that karate has more to offer than protection. Its benefits include self-discipline, goal setting, determination, overall wellness and much more.

The Santa Monica Police Activities League (PAL) has been offering karate to youth for over 20 years. Besides teaching traditional Kempo moves, the program helps kids to focus, and learn self-control and discipline all within a fun, clean, safe environment that emphasizes goal setting and achievement.

Youth 6-17 years old can enroll in beginning through advanced classes at the PAL Fitness Gym located at Virginia Avenue Park. Classes are held Tuesdays and Thursdays. Visit smpal.org or call 310.458.8688 for details.



PAL YOUTH CENTER AT MEMORIAL PARK

1401 Olympic Blvd. | smgov.net/pal | 310.458.8988
Mon-Fri noon – 10 p.m., Sat noon – 6 p.m.

PAL FITNESS GYM @ VIRGINIA AVENUE PARK

2200 Virginia Avenue
Mon-Fri noon – 8 p.m., Sat 9 a.m. – 5 p.m.

Imagine a Waste-Free Santa Monica

Share your input to make the Zero Waste Plan a reality.

Envision a Santa Monica 20 years from now that produces no garbage and recycles/reuses all that we throw away. The City of Santa Monica invites residents and businesses to help develop the Zero Waste Strategic Plan.

Your input is essential as we move toward the city's ambitious goal to achieve zero waste by 2030.

You can receive a free trash, recycling and compost barrel cleaning by taking 10-15 minutes to answer questions about your zero waste perspective. Visit smgov.net/r3 or scan here with your smartphone.



'Twas' a Fire-Safe Holiday Season

'Twas' the night before the holidays and all through the City,

The Fire Chief was sharing tips to keep your house safe and pretty.

Keep candles away from decorations, he warned,

You don't want your green mistletoe to get burned.

Use clips (not nails) to hang lights with glee,
That will keep all your cords and wires damage-free.

Blow out all candles, the Fire Chief said,
Before you snuggle up warm in your bed.

Test smoke alarms to make sure they clatter,
They'll warn you to find out what is the matter.

As you cook up the food and the cranberry jelly,
Keep an eye on the hot grub that will soon fill your belly.

Kitchens are where two out of five fires start with a flash,

So stay near the oven and the potatoes you mash.

Remember to unplug and turn off holiday lights,

Happy Holidays from Santa Monica Fire Department,
and to all, a good night!



Santa Monica Fire Chief
Scott Ferguson, Santa's Helper

Woodlawn Cemetery – A Santa Monica Gem With a Rich History



Woodlawn Cemetery, a 26-acre oasis of tranquility located at the corner of Pico Boulevard and 14th Street, is one of the city's significant historical resources. It was established in 1874, more than a decade before Santa Monica's incorporation, and acquired by the city in 1897.

Woodlawn has evolved over these 100-plus years to become a full-service mortuary and mausoleum, making it the only city-owned facility of its kind in America. Beyond the full range of affordable services it provides to families in their time of need, Woodlawn offers visitors the chance to view beautiful stained-glass windows, colorful tapestries, marble and granite corridors, and interesting and historic statues.

History buffs will find many notables interred here, including Abbott Kinney, founder of neighboring Venice, Astronaut Sally Ride, and Santa Monica's beloved former mayor, Herb Katz. Woodlawn is also the final resting place of television and film stars, including the *Beverly Hillbillies'* Irene Ryan ("Granny"), *Carol Burnett Show* favorite Harvey Korman, and *Leave It to Beaver's* mom, Barbara Billingsley.

Open daily for visitation and exploration, Woodlawn has also become a venue for community events, including a stirring Memorial Day observance in May and a colorful Dia de los Muertos celebration in October.

For hours, available services and more, visit woodlawnsm.com or call 310.458.8717.



Watch for Copper Wire Thieves!

A surge in copper wire thefts recently has plunged many city street lights into darkness. The hardest-hit areas are the 900 block of Yale and Harvard streets and adjacent Princeton and Washington streets. Police believe a group of thieves is responsible—striking in early morning hours between 2-4 a.m.

The wire theft has cost the city \$25,000 to date. The city's electrical crew is working diligently with the Santa Monica Police Department, beefing up patrol in the areas most vulnerable to these crimes.

City electricians and Southern California Edison (SCE) crews are outfitted in standard-issue uniforms with name tags and their vehicles are clearly marked with the city or SCE logo. If you see any suspicious activities near street light poles involving individuals not fitting the above description, do not attempt to approach them. Report the incident immediately to the Police Department by calling 911 or 310.458.8495.

Big Blue Bus to End Local Transfers

Big Blue Bus (BBB) currently offers one of the lowest one-way cash fares in the region. As part of BBB's commitment to keeping fares low, a proposal was made to stop selling "local" transfers that allow riders to board more than one Big Blue Bus for only 50 cents. As customer demand increases for EZ transit and TAP passes, retirement of the local transfers will help speed up the boarding process while impacting the fewest riders. The sale and acceptance of interagency transfers for riders to transfer between BBB and other transit agencies will still be sold and accepted.

The proposal to end the sale of local transfers was shared with the public via a Community Meeting held on August 21, 2013 and was approved by the City Council on September 23.

Benefits

The elimination of local transfers is projected to affect approximately 3.8 percent of total BBB ridership. Riders using the Senior/Disabled/Medicare fare will not experience an increase. Additionally, the elimination should encourage the use of pre-paid passes, which make boarding faster.



What's Next?

The elimination of transfers will go into effect January 1, 2014. BBB will conduct extensive customer education to ensure riders understand which fares will help them complete their trips most economically.

Get all the latest news on these initiatives and more by signing up for BBB alerts on BigBlueBus.com or at [facebook.com/SMBigBlueBus](https://www.facebook.com/SMBigBlueBus).

Protect Your Belongings and Your Car From Thieves

Auto burglary is a crime that can occur in as little time as it takes to read this sentence.

The City of Santa Monica has seen a recent increase in auto burglaries. With the holiday season upon us and the shopping rush in full swing, be aware of what you leave in your vehicle. SMPD's Crime Prevention Unit reminds you that, because auto burglary is a crime of opportunity, a few simple steps on your part can greatly reduce your chances of being a victim.

Thieves are peeking through car windows looking for valuables like laptops, cameras and other electronics that can be quickly sold. Holiday shoppers who leave purchases and wrapped packages in plain view create tempting targets as well.

To discourage these thieves:

- Keep valuables out of sight—ideally in the trunk. Stow them in the trunk before you arrive at your destination to deter prying eyes.
- Close windows and lock doors. If your vehicle has an alarm, set it.
- Try to park in well-lit, visible areas. Be aware of your surroundings

If you see a crime being committed, call 911. To report an auto burglary that has occurred, call the Santa Monica Police Department non-emergency number, 310.458.8491.

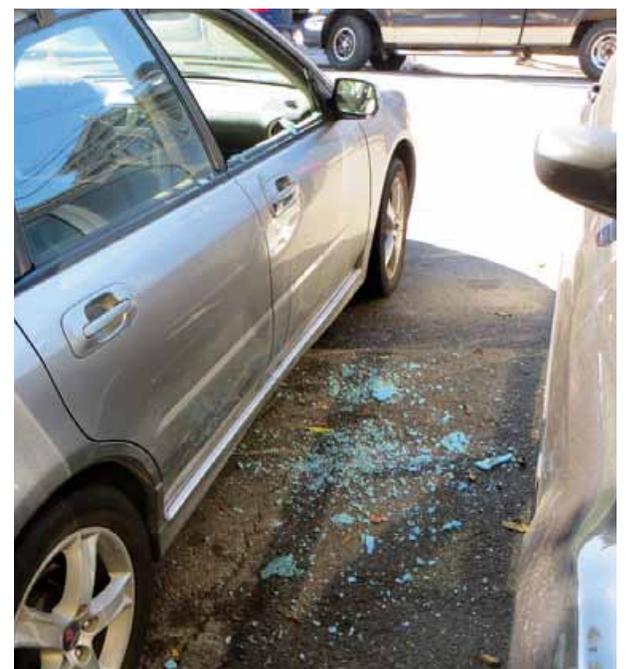


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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

NEEDLE-FELTED HOLIDAY ORNAMENTS

AT 1450 OCEAN Add merriment to your holiday décor with a handmade felt ornament. Perfect for your own tree—or to give as a gift! Classes are November 19 at 7 p.m. and December 14 at 2 p.m.

View a list of classes at [facebook.com/1450Ocean/events](https://www.facebook.com/1450Ocean/events).

FREE PAPER SHREDDING AND RECYCLING

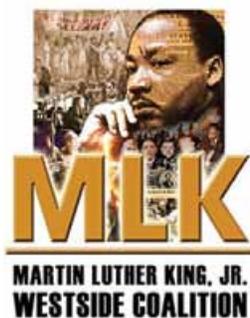
Bring those old documents to the City Yards, 2500 Michigan Ave., for free shredding. November 23, 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. [smgov.net/r3](https://www.smgov.net/r3)

REV. DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING JR.

HOLIDAY CELEBRATIONS The Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Westside Coalition has planned a weekend of celebrations honoring the man and his ideals, reflecting on the theme “Unity in the Community.”

The weekend kicks off on January 17 with an interfaith prayer breakfast and culminates on January 19 with the 29th Annual Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. National Holiday Celebration. Keynote Speaker Gerald Rivers brings history

alive in the voice of Dr. King with musical selections by Charles Holt. This event is free and open to the public at 10:30 a.m. at the



SGI-USA Auditorium, 525 Wilshire Blvd. Call 310.941.9172 or visit [facebook.com/mlkwestsidecoalition](https://www.facebook.com/mlkwestsidecoalition).

The La Monica Ballroom

It was a magical time when finely dressed men and women danced to the strains of jazz as the waves crashed against the Santa Monica Pier. The La Monica Ballroom of the Roaring Twenties was like “a palace magically floating above the ocean.” Designed by architect T.H. Eslick, it was the largest dance floor on the West Coast with a 15,000-square-foot hardwood floor capable of accommodating some 5,000 people. On July 23, 1924, the opening of the grand ballroom drew a crowd of over 50,000 people, causing Santa Monica’s first traffic jam. In 1948, country singer Spade Cooley televised his weekly TV show in the ballroom, making it the first time a musical show was televised live. La Monica became a skating rink in 1958. Finally, as a result of overuse and exposure to the elements, it was torn down in the early 1960s.

For more information about the Pier, see James Harris’ book *Santa Monica Pier: A Century on the Last Great Pleasure Pier*. Take your own trip back in time by viewing more historical photos from the Santa Monica Public Library Image archives at digital.smpl.org.



Photograph courtesy of the C.C. Pierce Collection



5 Ways to Stay Active This Winter

We are lucky to live in the land of sun and sand. But not every day is sunny in Santa Monica—don’t let the winter gloom keep you from your workout. Here are some easy ways to get active and stay that way during the winter months.

- 1. Bump, set, spike**—play volleyball at Memorial Park Gym!
- 2. Shoot some hoops** in the gym with drop-in basketball. Visit [smgov.net/fitness](https://www.smgov.net/fitness).
- 3. Shake it** with Zumba, hip-hop, yoga, jujitsu or other group fitness classes. Register online at [smgov.net/reserve](https://www.smgov.net/reserve).
- 4. Keep the kids moving** too with Winter Camps – see page 18 for more.
- 5. Hit the gym** at the Memorial Park Fitness Room to get your blood pumping on top notch equipment. Visit [smgov.net/fitness](https://www.smgov.net/fitness).

Want more tips? Scan this code to subscribe to the “Get Moving” newsletter. Like us on [facebook.com/activesm](https://www.facebook.com/activesm).



Enhancing the well-being of the community through fitness, recreations and healthy lifestyles.

Friends of the Library Bookstore

These friends will help you find that perfect gift, save money and reduce your “footprint!”



The Santa Monica Public Library has some very good friends—members of the community who volunteer their time and effort to run the Friends of the Library Bookstore. Proceeds from the bookstore add an extra level of support for Library services and programs, such as the Summer Reading Program and digitizing local history resources. By taking many of the 1,000-2,000 donations made each day to the Library of used (and sometimes new) books and other materials and reselling them to the public, these items are kept out of landfills. Customers of the Friends Bookstore can feel good about getting a great bargain, helping to support Library programs, and being sustainable as well.

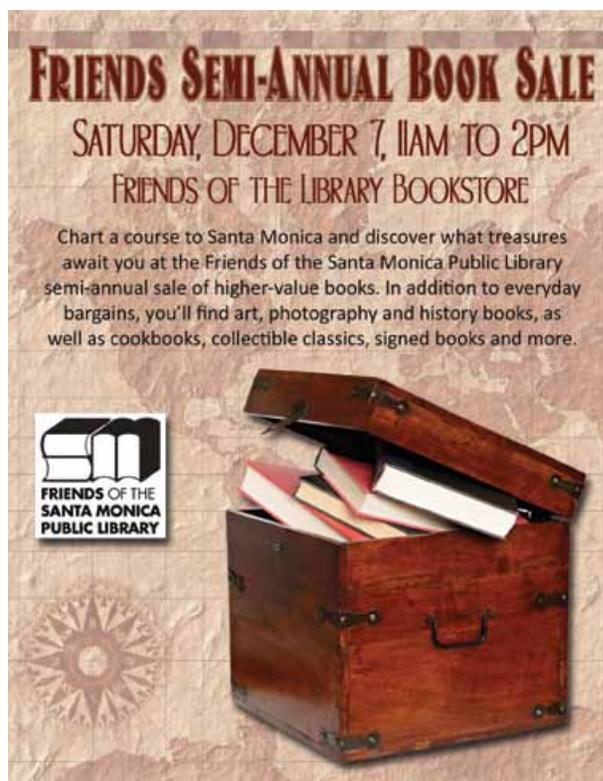
This holiday season, consider trekking to the Friends Bookstore to search for just the right book, CD or DVD for those on your gift list. The semi-annual book sale on Saturday, December 7, offers a terrific opportunity to buy gently-used art and coffee table books, collectibles, first editions and signed

editions offered at significantly reduced prices. Paperbacks, hardbacks, music and movies are also available for just \$1 or \$2 each.

While you are at the bookstore, you may notice all of the happy volunteers staffing the desk, stocking the shelves and sorting the books, and decide that this is a wonderful opportunity to work with like-minded book lovers and help the Library as well. The Friends of the Santa Monica Public Library welcome your assistance in handling and processing materials donated to the Library. All that is required is a background check and a commitment to work a 2 ½- to three-hour shift each week. For more information about becoming a Friends volunteer,

ask at the bookstore’s front desk or check the Friends website, friendsofsmpl.org.

The Friends of the Library Bookstore is located on the first floor of the Main Library, 601 Santa Monica Blvd., right across from the Bookmark Café. Bookstore hours are 11 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday and Thursday through Saturday; Sunday, 1:30-4:30 p.m.



Leaves Are Falling Again ... Leaf Blower Use Is Still Illegal



Use of leaf blowers, whether powered by gas, electricity or battery, has been banned in Santa Monica since 1991. Now, enforcement of the leaf blower law is under the jurisdiction of the city’s code compliance division, allowing for more efficient handling of complaints, especially on weekends and City Hall’s “closed” Fridays. Property owners, property and landscape management companies, individual operators, and/or water customers are all liable for leaf blower violations, whether they personally operated the equipment, hired the equipment operator or allowed the violation to occur on the property.

To file a complaint, use one of our five reporting methods (see box to the right), and be sure to include the address, date and time of day where the violation occurred. Photos of the violation in progress are also welcome. The reporting party’s information will remain confidential, if requested. For more information, please visit sustainable-sm.org/leafblower.

TO REPORT A LEAF BLOWER VIOLATION

E-mail: code.compliance@smgov.net

GO System: smgov.net/go

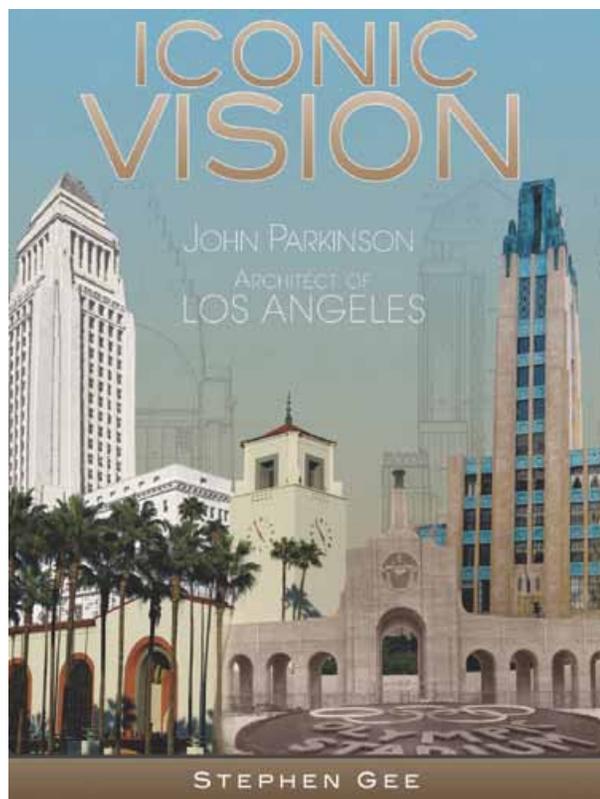
24-Hour Hotline: 310.458.4952

Direct Phone: 310.458.4984

Mail or visit:

City of Santa Monica
Code Compliance Division
1685 Main St., Room 111
Santa Monica, CA 90401

SANTA MONICA PUBLIC LIBRARY



Adult Library Programs

MAIN LIBRARY

K.C. Cole: *The Consoling Universe* Science writer K.C. Cole discusses how learning a little science can help you feel better, think smarter and enjoy more. Sat 11/16, 2 p.m.

The Transformative Power of Adventure Travel Michael Bennett, founder of Muddy Shoe Adventures, reveals the wonder of adventure travel. Wed 11/20, 7 p.m.

Stephen Gee: *Iconic Vision* Gee discusses his book, *Iconic Vision: John Parkinson, Architect of Los Angeles*. Wed 12/4, 7 p.m.

Concert: *Songs of the Season* SMC Emeritus' Lyric Chorus returns for a seasonal concert featuring Broadway songs and winter favorites. Thu 12/12, 11 a.m.

Staged Reading: *A Dybbuk* by Tony Kushner Theater Dybbuk presents this tale of supernatural possession in a 19th century Polish village. Sun 12/15, 2 p.m.

Obamacare: An Affordable Healthcare Act Update UCLA family medicine physician David Cutler, M.D., examines the new health laws and how they affect you. Sun 1/19, 2 p.m.

Concert: *The Artisan Guitar Ensemble* Classical guitar trio performs songs from the Renaissance to the Baroque, Romantic, Spanish and contemporary works. Wed 1/22, 7 p.m.



FAIRVIEW LIBRARY

Literature Book Club Saturdays, 11 a.m.
12/14 *The Leopard* by Giuseppe di Lampedusa
1/11 *The Old Curiosity Shop* by Charles Dickens

MONTANA AVENUE LIBRARY

Alan Mindell: *The Closer* Alan Mindell talks about his new novel depicting a minor league pitcher who finally gets a chance to play in the majors. Sat 12/7, 2 p.m.

Robert B. Parker's *Ironhorse* Author Robert Knott, who also adapted the movie version of Parker's *Appaloosa*, discusses his new book in Parker's gritty western series. Sat 1/11, 2 p.m.

Interviewing Workshop Prepare your best answers to get the job. Practice in a relaxed and supportive atmosphere. Thu 1/16, 7 p.m.

OCEAN PARK LIBRARY

History of Film Screening Series Documentary filmmaker Elaina Archer screens and discusses film classics. Tuesdays, 6 p.m.
12/3 *Radio Days*
1/7 *The Big Chill*

Ocean Park Pulitzer Prize Book Group Saturdays, 11 a.m.
11/16 *The Optimist's Daughter* by Eudora Welty
12/21 *A Thousand Acres* by Jane Smiley
1/18 *To Kill a Mockingbird* by Harper Lee

Ocean Park Mystery Book Group Tuesdays, 7 p.m.
11/19 *The Beggar's Opera* by Peggy Blair
12/17 *The Club Dumas* by Arturo Perez-Reverte
1/21 *Sweetness at the Bottom of the Pie* by Alan Bradley

SANTA MONICA PUBLIC LIBRARY 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.
Branches: Mon - Thu 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: Routes 8, Crosstown Ride and Sunset Ride
Montana Ave: Routes 3 and Crosstown Ride
Ocean Park Branch: Routes 1 & 8

BIKE PARKING AVAILABLE.

All city libraries are wheelchair accessible. To request a disability-related accommodation for events, call the library at 310.458.8606 (TDD 310.395.8499) at least one week in advance.

Library Youth Services

MAIN LIBRARY

Creative Kids Club: *Books for Cooks* Enjoy a Thanksgiving-themed story and make a tasty seasonal treat with the chefs from Kitchen Kid. Space is limited. Sign-ups begin 11/4. Ages 4 - 8. Tue 11/19, 3:45 p.m.

Pajama Story Time Grab your favorite stuffed animal and wear your pajamas for evening story time fun for the whole family! Wed 12/4, 7 p.m.

Holiday Crafts with "Art to Grow On, Inc." Make something festive while learning about art! Ages 2 & up. Wed 12/11, 3:45 p.m.

Chinese New Year Celebration 2014 is the Year of the Horse. Celebrate Chinese New Year with stories, crafts and fun. Ages 4 & up. Wed 1/29, 3:45 p.m.

Programs for Teens

Full-Length Practice SAT with Kaplan Sign-ups begin Mon 12/16. For grades 10 - 12. Sat 1/11, 10 a.m. - 2:30 p.m.

FAFSA—The Key to College Dollars An in-depth look at the FAFSA for college. Mon 1/27, 7 p.m.

FAIRVIEW LIBRARY

Build With Our Library LEGO® Blocks Ages 4 & up. Sat 12/7 & 1/4, 3 - 5 p.m.

Snack Attack: Teen Workshop Make a scrumptious and healthful snack each month. Grades 6 - 12. Mon 11/18, 12/16, 1/13, 3:30 p.m.

Get Crafty! Gingerbread Houses Celebrate the holidays by making a gingerbread house. Materials provided. Grades K - 5. Thu 12/5, 7 p.m.

Homework Help Drop-in homework help, focused on math and reading. Provided by trained volunteers. Grades 1-5. Thursdays, 3:30 - 6 p.m. No session on 11/28.

MONTANA AVENUE LIBRARY

Crafty Tweens DIY Discover a new craft every month. Grades 5-8. Wed 11/20, 12/18, 1/15, 4 - 5 p.m.

Thanksgiving Program Stories about Thanksgiving and a craft. Ages 3 & up. Tue 11/26, 3:45 p.m.

Books for Cooks with Kitchen Kid Enjoy a story and cooking class with Kitchen Kid. Space is limited. Sign-ups begin Dec. 2. Ages 4 - 8. Tue 12/17, 4 p.m.

OCEAN PARK LIBRARY

Holiday Hoopla Holiday greetings and fun with puppets. Ages 3 - 7. Free tickets available at 12 p.m. on day of the program. Tue 12/10, 3:30 & 4:30 p.m.

Legos and Games Play some of your favorite games, including Legos, Monopoly, chess and more! Ages 4 & up. Tuesdays, 3:30 - 5 p.m.

Crafting Corner Join us for a different craft each month. Ages 8 & up. Thu 12/5 & 1/2, 3:30 - 4:30 p.m.

Holiday Cookie Decorating Party All materials will be provided so come ready with decorating ideas! Ages 6 & up. Thu 12/19, 3:30 - 4:30 p.m.



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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 26

December 10, 17

January 14, 28

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

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

City Hall, 1685 Main Street, Room 209
 Santa Monica, California 90401
 Phone: 310.458.8201 | Fax: 310.458.1621
 E-mail all Council members: council@smgov.net

Homelessness Doesn't Take a Holiday – Be Part of the Solution This Season

"I can't believe this is mine."

After 20 years of being homeless, Mark had a hard time believing that the apartment he was standing in was his new home. No more shelters, no more streets. While it seemed like a miracle, it was the result of a lot of hard work by Mark and all the people who helped him rebuild his life. In Santa Monica, that means intensive collaboration between city staff, law enforcement and several non-profit agencies to address Mark's different needs and guide him on the path to his new home.

The City of Santa Monica and its partner service providers work year-round to move individuals like Mark off our streets and into housing. The support of the community is vital to these efforts. As you prepare for the holidays, we encourage you to join us in helping people end their homelessness for good.

Are you able to make a financial contribution?
 Or are you ready to organize a food or clothing drive at your office or place of worship? Visit smgov.net/homelessness for information on how to contact a Santa Monica-based homeless service provider to discuss your idea and kick off the holidays by helping those in need.

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Santa Monica Homeless Count 2014

On January 29, 2014 more than 200 volunteers will again take to the streets to visually count homeless people in our community as part of the City of Santa Monica's annual Homeless Count. Make your resolution to be a part of the solution! For more information or to RSVP, call 310.458.8701 or e-mail humanservices@smgov.net.

