



Seascape

GROOVIN... ON A SUNDAY AFTERNOON!

Get your groove on when **Jazz on the Lawn** returns starting **Sunday, August 9 at 5 p.m** at City Hall. Close your weekend on a high note at this popular series of free concerts, presenting fantastic talent that will have you wishing for more of those lazy late summer Sundays.

**SUNDAYS, AUGUST 9 – 30 AT 5 P.M.
CITY HALL, 1685 MAIN STREET**

• **August 9 - Upright Cabaret**

Young Hollywood and Broadway's best vocalists come together for a live performance featuring stars from shows such as *Wicked*, *Xanadu*, *Buffy the Vampire Slayer* and *Hair* to name a few. From the clubs in West Hollywood, Palm Springs and New York, this group has brought cabaret-style entertainment back to life in Los Angeles.



• **August 16 - Grupo Falso Baiano**

This hot young band performs the *choro* music reflecting the history and diverse culture of Brazil, blending

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PLEASE...WATCH THE WATER!

Santa Monica residents and businesses have done very well saving water, decreasing usage by 10% over the last two years. Although this is a great achievement, we must save more in order to reach community sustainability goals and to avoid mandatory water rationing. Santa Monica will continue to import 88% of our water until our groundwater treatment plant is completed late next year, and with California in a three-year drought, the reservoirs that Santa Monica and many other communities draw water from are reaching critically low levels.

Want to save water and money, too?

Find inspiration at some of the 60 beautiful sustainable gardens that received city funds to save water. One resident reported a 40% savings on his water bill after converting the sprinklers around his front entry and backyard plants to drip irrigation.

As of July 1, 2009, the City of Santa Monica has been given a water budget by the State Water Project. The amount of water available is sufficient for our needs; however, just like overdraft fees at a bank, any amount drawn over our allotment comes at a significant premium. If we are able to reduce our water use and stay within our water budget, the city may be able to avoid passing increased costs on to water customers or implementing mandatory water use restrictions. Details on the advisory can be found on-line at www.water.smgov.net.

The city is asking each person to voluntarily cut water use by an additional 10%, or about 20 gallons each day. Saving 20 gallons can be as easy as fixing leaks, taking shorter showers, adjusting or replacing irrigation systems, or washing only full loads of clothing and dishes. Everyone can help reach our goals – renters can assist by immediately telling landlords about leaks or overwatering of landscaped areas; and local businesses, especially hotels and restaurants, are helping out by taking simple measures like only serving water as requested and reducing the number of times bed linens and towels are changed. The City of Santa Monica offers tip sheets, grants, rebates, free classes and other resources to help you save water.

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Lake Oroville, one of the reservoirs where Santa Monica's water comes from, nearly full in 2005 (left) is dramatically lower in 2009 (right).

To find out more, visit www.sustainable-sm.org or call (310) 458-8972, and check out the water-saving tips and requirements on page 4.

Briefly...

CITY HALL, 1685 MAIN STREET, is open Monday through Thursday, 7:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m., and every other Friday, 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 – August 14 and 28 and September 11 and 25. Payment and permit services are available every Friday. All city offices will be closed on Monday, September 7 in observance of Labor Day.

NEW IN TOWN? Our new resident packet is filled with information to help you get familiar with your new neighborhood, including the 2008/2009 City Services Directory, maps, parking and bus information, Family Guide, and more. Send an email to 411@smgov.net 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.

CITY TV HIGHLIGHTS How much do you really know about Santa Monica? Join host Sandy Jacobson as she brings to life our shared history in *Santa Monica Stories*. Through indepth interviews with some of Santa Monica's most influential people, she uncovers the history that makes Santa Monica the great city it is today! *Santa Monica Stories* airs only on CityTV Santa Monica. Check citytv.org for air times. CityTV, the City of Santa Monica's community government cable channel providing live coverage of public meetings and award-winning original programming, airs on TimeWarner Cable channel 16. Our network also includes CityTV2 on channel 20, which replays public city meetings; channel 75 replays LA County public meetings, and channel 99 displays a video bulletin board 24/7.

SANTA MONICA

Seascope

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

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Land Use And Circulation Element (LUCE) Moves Forward!

The Land Use and Circulation Element (LUCE), our community's vision for the next 20 years, is now on the horizon, with a draft expected to be released this fall. Meanwhile, there are still many more opportunities for you to get involved in shaping the future through a series of community workshops and City Council meetings. Here is the latest on the LUCE process:



▲ COMMUNITY NEEDS AND BENEFITS WORKSHOP

On July 7, 2009, a workshop was held to engage the community in a discussion of achieving community needs and benefits through future projects, a key concept from the LUCE Strategy Framework. The amount of public benefits that could be achieved, such as affordable and workforce housing, open space, creative arts, historic preservation, and traffic demand management, was demonstrated through a presentation on economic feasibility.

Look for workshop summaries,
check dates for future workshops
and find more LUCE information
at www.shapethefuture2025.net

▲ EXPO LIGHT RAIL STATION AREA PLANNING WORKSHOP

The next community workshop will occur in early October, focusing on three light rail stations planned for Downtown, 17th Street and Bergamot. The workshop will cover how people will get to the station, including pedestrian, bicycle, transit and other vehicle access; station amenities; and connections to the surrounding neighborhoods.

▲ MAKING THE LUCE VISION A REALITY

The vision for the Downtown/Civic Center area identified several specific improvements that were approved in the city's Capital Improvement Program. They will be designed and constructed in coordination with the Expo light rail and the Civic Center Park.

- Expo light rail station improvements, including a Downtown station plaza.
- A "green street" pedestrian esplanade on Colorado between 4th Street and Ocean Avenue, providing a connection between the Downtown station, Pier, Santa Monica Place and the Civic Center area.
- Freeway decking at Ocean and Colorado to provide an entrance to Palisades Garden Walk from the Pier and Palisades Park.

In accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, *SeaScope* is available in alternate formats by calling the City Manager's Office at (310) 458-8301 (TDD/TTY 917-6626).

NEW AMBASSADOR PROGRAM MAKES US FEEL WELCOME!

The Bayside District and its property owners are giving Downtown Santa Monica a well-deserved facelift, and have launched the new Ambassador Program to welcome and provide information in order to make the district more inviting for residents and visitors.

The Ambassador program is funded by the new Property Based Assessment District, which was founded two years ago in order to improve services in the Downtown Santa Monica area. The program will coordinate with the Santa Monica Maintenance staff and the Santa Monica Police Department to help maintain the area. They will be trained to provide information to Promenade visitors, offering to escort employees, and report maintenance problems that may occur in the shopping area. Present on the street daily from 10 a.m. to 12:30 a.m., the Ambassadors will serve as the eyes and ears of the area, moving about on Segways or roaming the area with a watchful eye and friendly smile.



Also as part of the makeover, the Bayside District has enhanced the maintenance programs downtown and will be upgrading the directories on The Third Street Promenade in the coming year. Bayside will also increase spending on marketing and public relations, other special projects and capital improvements.

For more information on Downtown Santa Monica, including Third Street Promenade, go to: <http://www.downtownsm.com/>

BIG BLUE BUS SERVICE CHANGES

Each summer, when fewer students need to get to campuses, but more locals want to head to the beach and more tourists arrive to go sightseeing, the Big Blue Bus fine-tunes service. Below is a summary of the schedule changes that went into effect on June 21, 2009:

- ▲ **LINE 3:** Additional evening trips have been added to better serve Lincoln Blvd.
- ▲ **LINES 4, 8 & 12:** To improve on-time performance, weekend trip times have been adjusted.
- ▲ **LINE 6:** Service will be available all summer except for when Santa Monica College is on summer recess from August 17-28.
- ▲ **LINE 9:** Weekend trips heading into Santa Monica from Pacific Palisades were rerouted to improve on-time performance. Weekday service will continue using the current route.
- ▲ **LINE 10:** Trips from Downtown L.A. towards Santa Monica have been re-routed to connect with the new Metro Gold Line Eastside Extension. By having BBB service to the Gold Line, train commuters from east L.A. will be able to travel all the way to Santa Monica with only one transfer! Trips from Santa Monica to Downtown L.A. will continue using the current route.
- ▲ **SUPER 12:** Service between the Palms neighborhood and UCLA is on break for the summer and will resume service for the UCLA Fall Quarter on Monday, September 14. Local Line 12 service will continue throughout the summer.
- ▲ **CROSTOWN RIDE:** To improve efficiency, Monday through Thursday service after 8 p.m. has been eliminated. Friday service ends at 6:30 p.m.
- ▲ **SUNSET RIDE:** Service has been reduced until August 30.

For current schedules, maps and stop lists, visit www.BigBlueBus.com or Blue: the Transit Store at 223 Broadway or call (310) 451-5444.

TIME TO RENEW YOUR BUSINESS LICENSE!

All businesses operating in the city or from a Santa Monica address as of July 1, 2009 are required to renew their business license for the 2009-2010 fiscal year by August 31. The city has made it easy for currently licensed businesses by offering renewal by mail and online. Renewal forms were mailed by July 1 to all

currently licensed businesses.

To renew your business license, complete and return the renewal form mailed to the business, or renew online at the city's website, www.businesslicense.smgov.net

Make sure your renewal is post-marked or completed online by August 31, 2009 to avoid late

payment penalties. Forms and information are also available online for first-time licensees. Please contact the Business License Office at business.license@smgov.net or call (310) 458-8745 if you need a duplicate renewal form, need assistance or have questions regarding business licensing requirements.

santa monica pier aquarium's OCEAN APPRECIATION CELEBRATION

Celebrate the ocean at the Santa Monica Pier Aquarium's Ocean Appreciation Celebration, August 29 and 30. The oceans cover about 70 percent of the Earth's surface and play an integral role in our lives. Special presentations and activities illustrating the how the oceans affect us—and our impact on the ocean—will be the focus of the weekend. Visitors can help transform the Aquarium's lab into a giant kelp forest, and learn how they can help Heal the Bay establish a network of underwater parks, known as Marine Protected Areas (MPAs).



Jeremy Selan

The State of California is now holding meetings to create a Southern California network of MPAs, which result in healthier, more resilient ecosystems and replenish fish populations by providing fish a safe haven to grow larger and breed.

A presentation on underwater photography will highlight the importance of underwater parks and showcase the wonders of the ocean with stunning photos of diverse marine life. Visitors can explore algae at an activity station on the marine center's patio and view wildlife in the Santa Monica Bay at an observation station at the west end of the Pier. Arts and crafts, face painting, screenings of environmental films and story times are planned for the youngest visitors.

Regular admission is \$2, with a suggested \$5 donation; admission is free for children under 13 when accompanied by an adult. The Aquarium is located at 1600 Ocean Front Walk at beach level, directly beneath the Santa Monica Pier Carousel, and will be open regular summer hours, 12:30 to 6:00 p.m. during both days of this special celebratory weekend.

Visit <http://www.healthebay.org/smpa> or call (310) 393-6149 for more information.

“watch the water” CONSERVATION REQUIREMENTS AND SAVING TIPS

- ▲ Check toilets, faucets, showers and sprinklers for leaks and repair promptly – this can save hundreds of gallons each day.
- ▲ Don't water landscaping between 10 a.m. – 4 p.m. (unless you are hand-watering, using a drip irrigation system or performing maintenance on a system.) Never let water spray or run onto sidewalks, driveways and streets.
- ▲ Install only approved irrigation equipment. Any changes to irrigation systems must comply with the Green Building ordinance.
- ▲ Don't use a hose to clean paved areas unless required
- ▲ Wash vehicles with a bucket and shut off hose nozzle, or at a car wash.
- ▲ Serve water only upon request at restaurants.
- ▲ Santa Monica's conservation requirements are not the same as the City of Los Angeles. You can download flyers in English and Spanish at or pick up copies from any City office. Following these will save water and keep you from paying fines of \$250 or more.

For more information, call (310) 458-8972 or visit www.sustainablesm.org

SANTA MONICA CIVIC AUDITORIUM EVENTS

AUGUST

- 1–2 California World Guitar Show
- 22–23 Santa Monica Cat Show

SEPTEMBER

- 25–27 International Gem & Jewelry Show

OCTOBER

- 2–3 **ALT CAR EXPO***
- 9–11 My Favorite Bead Show
- 17–18 Vintage Fashion Expo
- 20 Whisky Live

* Alt Car Expo is one of the largest alternative energy and transportation shows in the world, the exhibits the latest choices in electric, hydrogen, biodiesel, natural gas, propane, hybrid, propane and ethanol, including hands-on experience in the Ride and Drive Lot. Presented by the City of Santa Monica.

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

SANTA MONICA FARMERS MARKETS



August is Farmer's Market Month! Follow the Santa Monica Farmer's Markets on Twitter and Facebook to find out more about events celebrating organic local food.

THURSDAY, AUGUST 27 Farmer's Market Quarterly Panel Series “Farming for the Next Generation”

This free lecture at the Santa Monica Public Library focuses on farmers who grow delicious produce, as well as producing second and even third generation farmers to carry on the family farming tradition. Meet some of the farmers and their children who will discuss how the family tradition will be carried on in the future and their outlook on farming for tomorrow.

Call (310) 458-8600 for more information or visit www.smpl.org

Southwest style Chili Roast Join us Saturdays in September at the Pico farmers market located in Virginia Avenue Park from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. (or until the chilis are gone!) Take these delicious chilis (\$2.50/lb.) home and whip up something tasty, or freeze them to use later.

Visit the Farmer's Markets online at www.farmersmarket.smgov.net

SUSTAINABLESM.ORG REDESIGNED AND RELAUNCHED!

SustainableSM.org is Santa Monica's environmental and sustainability information resource. Recently updated, the website offers easier navigation, improved organization, featured news, a calendar of events, and unlimited ideas on making your home, garden, workplace and community more sustainable.

Our popular green building site (*smgreen.org*) has been restructured to offer builders and property owners the tools

AT WWW.SUSTAINABLESM.ORG:

**Energy • Water • Green Building • Landscape •
Hazardous Materials • Sustainability • Education •
Solid Waste • Transportation • Urban Runoff •
Buying Green**

they need to access timely information. Additionally, we offer a new section on buying green where you will find the green office buying guide, a virtual office tour highlighting all the latest ideas and specifications whether you're a purchasing agent for a large company or run a small business from home. We also link to the Sustainability Collection at the Santa Monica Library – an ever growing catalog of books for your enjoyment.

The site is your resource for the most up to date information on sustainability in our community, and we welcome you to visit and share your ideas and input.

THE ARTS ARE GOING GREEN!

The **CITY OF SANTA MONICA'S CULTURAL AFFAIRS DIVISION** and **OFFICE OF SUSTAINABILITY AND THE ENVIRONMENT** have created a unique collaboration with **ARTS: EARTH PARTNERSHIP (A:EP)**, a voluntary coalition of cultural facilities, theaters, museums, dance studios, art galleries, performing arts companies and individual artists collectively committed to achieving environmental sustainability. The Arts:Earth Partnership was launched at the Santa Monica Museum of Art on June 26.

Membership in A:EP is open to any artist or arts agency who wishes to engage in sustainable practices. Members will be recognized as being "green" and be eligible for a free materials exchange program, energy audits, creative convergences, exclusive vendor deals, and vetted resources. Organizers hope that arts agencies will play a leading role in the greening of America, inspiring audience members and supporters to follow suit.

Look for the Arts:Earth Partnership window sticker at arts and cultural facilities throughout the City and support the efforts of our creative and cultural community to go green.



Visit www.artsearthpartnership.org for more details.

Solar Santa Monica: Attention DIYers!

Making your home more energy efficient is important whether you have a solar or traditional energy home. Energy efficiency can include state-of-the-art appliances and gadgetry; however, it often begins with fixing leaky doors, windows, and adding insulation. And, however ordinary, energy efficiency is where the rubber meets the road in cooling our planet and creating a more sustainable Santa Monica.

To help you get started, Solar Santa Monica and the Community Energy Partnership will teach hands-on Caulking & Weatherization Workshops this September. Learn how to use a caulking gun and weatherization stripping to fix a drafty apartment, home, or office space. These simple efficiency measures eliminate heating and cooling loss, lowering your energy bills and making your living and working spaces more comfortable.

WORKSHOPS:

*Solar Santa Monica office
1212 Fifth Street, Ste. 100
Santa Monica, CA 90401*

Wednesday, September 9, 2009
6:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.

Saturday, September 12, 2009
10 a.m. – noon

*Please RSVP at (310) 458-4992
or environment@smgov.net.
Visit www.solarsantamonica.com for
more information about the city's
energy efficiency and solar program.*



SANTA MONICA SENIOR RECREATION CENTER



Overlooking beautiful Santa Monica Bay, the Senior Recreation Center is hopping with a full schedule of fun programs to help seniors stay active, including the popular Wii Fit. The SRC also hosts educational workshops that focus on movement and wellness, staying independent in the home and community, and accessing available services for older adults including free and low cost legal services.

Hours: Weekdays 9:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. (Front Office open until 4:00 p.m.); Saturdays 11:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. **Wii Fit Sessions:** Mon/Wed/Fri 12:30 – 2 p.m.; Tue/Thu 10 – 11:30 a.m.
Location: Palisades Park at Broadway, 1450 Ocean Avenue.

Call (310) 458-8644 for more information.

ACTIVITIES AND SERVICES FOR SENIORS

• **WISE & HEALTHY AGING**, along with other local social service providers, is funded by the City of Santa Monica to provide a wide range of services for older adults, including independent living support, money management, health services, care management, health education and advocacy, volunteer opportunities, friendly home visits and affordable housing. Caregiver support groups are also offered. Please call (310) 458-8701 for detailed information.

NEW! • **WISE & HEALTHY AGING SENIOR NUTRITION PROGRAM** A new caterer has been selected to provide healthy and delicious hot lunches weekdays at noon. A hearty box lunch is also available on Saturdays. Reservations should be made at least one day in advance before 11:45 a.m. Suggested donation of \$2.50. Available at the SRC, Ken Edwards Center, Reed Park and Virginia Avenue Park (Thursdays only). For more information, call (310) 458-2219

• **SENIOR LATINO CLUB PROGRAM AT VIRGINIA AVENUE PARK** The Senior Latino Club offers Spanish-instructed exercise classes, BINGO, hot lunch, educational workshops and a variety of events every Thursday from 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. at the Thelma Terry Center in Virginia Avenue Park. For information, call W&HA at (310) 452-7802 or the SRC (310) 458-8644. (*Habla espanol!*)

• **STAYING ACTIVE** Besides a host of programs from WISE & Healthy Aging and the SRC, the Big Blue Bus offers Getaways appropriate for older adults to places like the LA County Fair, Palm Springs, area casinos and the Tournament of Roses Parade. Visit www.bigbluebus.com or call (310) 451-5444. Also check out programs at the Santa Monica Public Library and Community Programs' sports and activities for ages 50+.

• **DIAL-A-RIDE** The Big Blue Bus and WISE & Healthy Aging provide transportation services for seniors and persons with disabilities. Vans are wheelchair-equipped. Limited door-through-door service and attendant assistance is coming this fall. Call (310) 394-9871 for information.

• **HOME DELIVERED MEALS** Meals on Wheels West provides healthy meals seven days a week for those who are homebound or unable to shop or cook for themselves. Breakfast and liquid nutrition are also available. Call (310) 394-5133 for more information.

• **SENIOR RESOURCE DIRECTORY** Check out the Quick Reference Guide to Services for Seniors at www.smc.edu/emeritus, call (310) 394-9871 x11, email olderadulthoodtaskforce@yahoo.com, or stop by the SRC.

• **COMMISSION FOR THE SENIOR COMMUNITY** meets monthly on the fourth Wednesday at 1:30 p.m. at the Ken Edwards Center. The Commission advises city staff and Council on matters pertaining to seniors' lifestyles and needs, including education, health care, housing, abuse, legislation, recreation and fitness, mental health, safety, transportation and volunteer opportunities. Meetings are open to the public and the Commission invites you to attend.

Santa Monica Police Activities League

Youth ages 6-17 years are welcome to join in PAL's educational, cultural and recreation programs. Whether you're interested in computer classes, cooking instruction, creative dramatics, arts & crafts or sports like dance and basketball, PAL's got it! Occasional field trips and special events are also offered. Fitness classes including karate, boxing, yoga and open workouts are now available at Virginia Avenue Park for youth ages 6 – 24 years. Coaches and instructors for the PAL program come from the Santa Monica Police and Community and Cultural Services Departments, and also include community members who volunteer their time. Please call (310) 458-8988 or visit our website at www.pal.smgov.net.

PAL GYM @ MEMORIAL PARK

1401 Olympic Blvd.

Hours: Mon – Fri 12 p.m. – 8 p.m., Sat 12 p.m.-6 p.m.
Friday Nights w/PAL (youth 13-17, Memorial Park location ONLY) 6 p.m. – 1am, You must sign up weekly.

PAL FITNESS GYM @ VIRGINIA AVENUE PARK

2200 Virginia Avenue

Hours Mon-Fri 12 p.m.-8 p.m., Sat 9am-5 p.m.

Volunteer Santa Monica

• The **2ND ANNUAL SENIOR AND INTERGENERATIONAL ARTS FESTIVAL** will be held at the City of Santa Monica Senior Center on Ocean Avenue from 10am-4 p.m. on Saturday, October 3, 2009. You can be sure volunteers will play a leading role in this festival.

• If a large one day event is to your liking, join us for **ANNUAL COASTAL CLEAN-UP DAY** on Saturday, September 19, 2009 from 9 a.m. - 12 noon along the shoreline of Santa Monica as well as at inland locations. The City of Santa Monica Volunteer Program partners with Heal the Bay to host the event within Santa Monica.

For more information, visit www.healthebay.org.

• Ongoing volunteer positions are available to work with youth, farmers markets, library services, emergency preparedness, Special Olympics and more!

Email volunteer@smgov.net or call (310) 458-8300 to request more information.



WHAT'S HAPPENING @ VIRGINIA AVENUE PARK

Located in the center of the community, Virginia Avenue Park offers programs and facilities for Santa Monicans of all ages.

- **Babies – Preschool** Santa Monica College and Connections for Children offer child development activities for children 0 – 5 years of age, Monday - Friday mornings.
- **School-Age Youth** Coming this fall: expanded back-to-school tutorial and homework assistance program will be available for students from elementary through high school. VAP also provides school supplies for students from low-income households will be available. Or check out VAP's field trips, cultural arts workshops and classes in dance, fitness, martial arts and boxing.
- **Older Teens** With classes in urban arts, digital arts, ceramics, Pro-tools and DJ, there's always something going on at the Teen Center at VAP. We also offer academic and employment assistance to high school and community college students.
- **Adults** Become a tutor or reading partner for children learning to read at grade level. Parents: We offer free parenting workshops.
- **Seniors** SMC's Emeritus Programs Fall Session begins August 31st. Call for info on fitness, arts and literature classes.



Virginia Avenue Park is located at 2200 Virginia Avenue.
For information, call (310) 458-8688 or www.vapark.smgov.net

NOTE: Additional parking is available at Pico Blvd. and 23rd Street.

COMING IN NOVEMBER: A special Dia de los Muertos performance!

CITY SUPPORTS ACCESS TO A WIDE RANGE OF CULTURAL PROGRAMS AND OPPORTUNITIES

Artistic and cultural opportunities are alive and well in Santa Monica, thanks in part to the city's Community Access and Participation (CAP) Grants Program. Through three broad categories, CAP provides funding to non-profit arts organizations that serve a diverse population. In addition to General CAP Grants, Latino CAP Grants support projects specific to the Latino community, while "Building the Future" CAP Grants go toward projects aimed at exposing Santa Monica youth to high quality arts and educational experiences. Successful CAP Grant applicants must demonstrate that their agency is well-managed and has a history of presenting art and cultural programs of outstanding caliber.

For more information, please contact the Santa Monica Cultural Affairs Division at 310-458-8350.

Join in a Celebration of Success

The Westside Hunger and Shelter Coalition's agencies, with the support of a caring and responsible community, have given thousands of homeless individuals and families a chance to turn their lives around with dignity. Every year for the last thirteen years, dozens of individuals who have made extraordinary changes in their lives and the lives of others are honored during the Westside Shelter & Hunger Coalition's breakfast and event: "Celebrating Success: Changing Lives and Revitalizing Our Communities". Last year's honorees included Santa Monica residents, members of the armed forces, businesses and homeowners, counselors, artists, musicians, and a yoga teacher. Terry Moore, one of last year's honorees, said, "It is never too late to make changes."

Celebrate the unlimited possibilities of the human spirit at the Westside Shelter and Hunger Coalition's 14th annual awards breakfast on Friday, September 25, 7:30 to 9:30 a.m. at the Fairmont Miramar Hotel in Santa Monica. This community event will recognize formerly homeless individuals who have "graduated" from local social service agencies, as well as honor organizations and businesses which have gone above and beyond in support of those programs.

Please call 310.314.0071 or e-mail success@westsideshelter.org for more information and tickets for this inspirational event which brings together residents, business, government and our special honorees.

BIG BLUE BUS Getaways!

OXNARD SALSA FESTIVAL Saturday, July 25

Spicy foods and colorful merchandise blend together to create an exciting market-place experience. More than 150 food, retail, arts & crafts and commercial vendors display their wares at the Festival, tempting taste buds and wallets with an array of affordable offerings. \$35 per person.

43RD ANNUAL SAWDUST ARTS FESTIVAL Saturday, August 22

The Laguna Beach Sawdust Art Festival includes hand blown and fused glass, painting, jewelry, surf art, ceramics, textile, wood and metal sculpture, scrimshaw, photography and a Children's Art Spot. Free Laguna Beach shuttles will take you through the canyon to the downtown shopping district and the beach. \$40 per adult/senior; \$35.00 children under 12.

LOS ANGELES COUNTY FAIR Saturday, September 19

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

TICKET INFO Tickets are available at www.bigbluebus.com, visit blue:the transit store at 223 Broadway near the Third Street Promenade or call our Customer Service office at (310) 451-5444 for more information.

C Y B E R N E W Z

CITY WI-FI EXPANDS SERVICE, SPEED, AND SECURITY

One of the most celebrated services the Internet Systems Department (ISD) offers to the public is the city's free Wi-Fi service. Recently, City Wi-Fi hit a milestone when it was granted its own trademark and is now officially City Wi-Fi™. More importantly, ISD is proud to announce three new active City Wi-Fi hot zones:

- Stewart Park
- Hotchkiss Park
- Annenberg Community Beach House

These locations will provide an additional 10.89 acres of public space where Santa Monica residents and visitors can access the internet at no cost. In an effort to accommodate the growing usage of City-Wi-Fi, the bandwidth was increased to five times the prior capacity to improve connection speeds. In response to the significant increase of "malware" attacks through the internet, a new security-filtering appliance was implemented to help protect public laptops and portable devices from malware. ISD will continue to expand City Wi-Fi to additional Santa Monica Open Space and Public buildings to provide broadband services to the public.

CELEBRATE AND EXPLORE SANTA MONICA ON A BUDGET!

Summer 2009 offers Santa Monica residents more than ever to enjoy – for free! The Santa Monica turns 100 on September 9, 2009, and to commemorate the Pier's centennial, the Santa Monica Convention & Visitors Bureau (SMCVB) has created a list of "100 Free Things to Do in Santa Monica". Much of Santa Monica's culture, active lifestyle and beauty can be enjoyed without spending a dime. Whether it's cruising the coastline on the South Bay Bicycle Trail or immersing one's self in Southern California's largest art gallery complex at Bergamot Station, SMCVB invites you to create great memories this summer by going back to basics and discovering (or rediscovering!) what your hometown has to offer. And while you're out and about, stop by one of our three visitor center locations and show this article to receive a free beach ball:

- Santa Monica Walk-in Visitor Information Center, 1920 Main Street
- Santa Monica Visitor Information Kiosk, 1400 Ocean Avenue
- Santa Monica Visitor Information Cart, Third Street Promenade

To view the full list of "100 Free Things to Do in Santa Monica", as well as summer deals, events and hotel packages visit www.SantaMonica.com/summer-specials.

TWILIGHT DANCES SERIES CONTINUES THROUGH SEPTEMBER 3

The free festival-style concert series on the Pier continue with the tenth show added to the schedule on September 3 – legendary rocker Patti Smith! Walking, riding the Big Blue Bus or biking is encouraged – free bike valet available. No alcohol allowed; dogs allowed on a leash. Thursdays at 7 p.m. For more info, visit www.santamonicapier.org or call (310) 458-8900.

AUGUST 6

Americana rockers *Dave Alvin & the Guilty Women; Paul Thorn*

AUGUST 13

Multiethnic, multi-lingual world beats *Idan Raichel Project* (Israel); *Elijah Emanuel* (Panama)

AUGUST 20

Surfrider Foundation 20th Anniversary *Venice; Lukas Nelson & Promise of the Real*

AUGUST 27

Bienvenidos amigos!
Grammy-winner *Lila Downs; Very Be Careful* (Colombian Vallenato)

SEPTEMBER 3

An Evening with *Patti Smith and her Band*



Credit: Todd Wolfson

BELOVED PIER TURNS 100 – JOIN THE CELEBRATION!

On September 9, 2009 we celebrate the Santa Monica Pier Centennial and re-dedicate this international icon for the next hundred years.

The Pier's Centennial Day on September 9, 2009, will start with a Grand Re-Opening Ceremony. Visitors will witness the pomp and pageantry of the original opening ceremony times 100, complete with musical performances and celebrity participants. Local and state government representatives and city officials, school children and members of the community will all be on hand, along with a few centenarians who will cut the Pier's 100-foot birthday cake.



At night, the Pier will glisten as the first large-scale fireworks spectacular in 18 years is launched from three barges off the Pier, illuminating the entire Santa Monica Bay and visible from any point along the Santa Monica Beach. Before the fireworks, visitors can enjoy free entertainment along the beach.

Visit www.santamonicapier.org for program information as we get closer to event day, including the best fireworks viewing locations, special shuttle bus, park and ride plans and other transportation options.

GEAR UP FOR SAFETY

Keep on rollin' this summer: Bicycle thefts are on the rise nationwide, but you can protect your bicycle from thieves by following the Santa Monica Police Department's advice.

- Use a case-hardened steel lock like a U-lock. These locks may be heavy, but they are exactly what you need to keep from having your bicycle stolen. Secure both wheels (removing the front wheel if necessary) and the frame to a bike rack or other stationary object.
- Be sure your bicycle is safely secured whenever it is unattended, even in your garage or underground parking. Thieves often come in pairs; one is the lookout, while the other takes your bike.
- Look for places to secure your bike that offer the added advantage of "natural surveillance" – open areas where a thief is more likely to be noticed by others.
- If your bicycle is stolen despite your best efforts to protect it, file a police report. Be prepared to give our officers a description and the serial number so that if we are able to recover it, the bike can be identified as yours. Be sure to keep good records of your purchase; keep a photo and the serial number of your bike on file in a separate location.
- The State of California requires a bicycle license for any bicycle used on any street. You can obtain this license at the city's license and permit office for just \$3 (must be renewed every three years). The license information is very useful to the Police Department when a bicycle is stolen.



For more information, call (310) 458-8745 or visit <http://www.smgov.net/finance/licenses/bikelic.htm>

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African rhythms with melodies of classical music heard most often in association with the *samba*.

• August 23 - Double G

Geoff "Double G" Gallegos has pioneered a musical fusion that has astonished fans and critics alike. He has played to capacity crowds at the Walt Disney Concert Hall, San Francisco's Palace of Fine Arts, UCLA's Royce Hall, the House of Blues, the South By Southwest Music Festival, New Orleans Jazzfest and the 2005 Playboy Jazz Festival at the Hollywood Bowl.

• August 30 - John West

Having sold out the Roxy, Louisiana native John West will arrive in Santa Monica fresh from triumphant performances in New York and London. With over 3 million MySpace friends, John is destined to be big, so catch this rising young star while you still can!



Presented by the City of Santa Monica Cultural Affairs Division. Visit online at <http://arts.smgov.net> for more information.

YOUTH PROGRAMS

MAIN LIBRARY

Soaring on the Wings of a Tale Story theater troupe Flights of Fantasy puts a fresh spin on folk tales, fables and rhymes from around the world. Ages 4 and up. Mon 8/3 at 3 p.m. Activity Room.

Book Buddies: Let's Read Together! Drop-in and read with a buddy! For students in grades 1 - 5 conducted by teen volunteers and local high school students. Tues 7/7 - 8/11, 3 - 6 p.m. Activity Room.

Family Flicks in August Movie fun for everyone! Wednesdays at 2 p.m. MLK Jr. Auditorium. 8/5: *Bolt* (PG); 8/12: *Madagascar: Escape 2 Africa* (PG); 8/19: *Hotel for Dogs* (PG); 8/26: *Babe* (G)

PROGRAMS FOR TEENS

Farmers Market Iron Chef Challenge Learn how to make healthy, delicious snacks Iron Chef Style! Grades 6-12. Co-sponsored by the Santa Monica Farmer's Market. Thu 8/6 at 4:30 p.m. Activity Room.

High School Book Discussion Come discuss Santa Monica High School's summer reading title *The Curious Incident of the Dog in the Night-Time* by Mark Haddon. Please read the book first. Grades 9-12. Mon 8/11 at 4 p.m. Community Room.

Teen Advisory Council Meet & Greet Learn how you can gain leadership experience and help plan programs at the library. For students in grades 9-12 who live or attend school in Santa Monica. Mon 9/14 at 4 p.m. Community Meeting Room.

"Racy Reads" Teen Book Group Talk about books and issues that matter to YOU. Grades 9-12. Call (310) 458-8621 for details. Mon 9/14 at 5:30 p.m. Community Meeting Room.

FAIRVIEW BRANCH

Fairview Knitting Circle All levels are welcome. Bring your own supplies. For more information go to: www.fairviewknittingcircle.blogspot.com. Mondays 5 - 6:30 p.m. beginning 9/14.

Youth Chess Club All levels welcome. Thursdays, 3 - 6 p.m.

PROGRAMS FOR TEENS

Let's Talk About Summer Reading Pizza and a book discussion of *The Schwa was Here* by Neal Shusterman. Grades 6-8. Mon 8/3, 4 - 5 p.m.

MONTANA AVENUE BRANCH

Kids Afternoon Movie Festival End your summer with fun movies! Tuesdays at 2 p.m. All movies rated G. 8/11: *Wall E*; 8/18: *Cars*; 8/25: *Ratatouille*

PROGRAMS FOR TEENS

Teen Activity Programs Limited space - sign up at the front desk. Grades 6-12. Mondays at 2:30 p.m. 8/3: Painted Pots; 8/17: Ice Cream!

Talk About It A summer book discussion group for 6th, 7th & 8th graders. Wednesdays at 5 p.m. 8/12: *What My Mother Doesn't Know* by Sonya Sones (8th grade)

OCEAN PARK BRANCH

Youth and Family Chess All levels and ages are welcome. Parents too! Wednesdays, 3:30 - 6 p.m.

ADULT PROGRAMS

MAIN LIBRARY

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

AUGUST FAMILY MOVIE SERIES Wednesdays in August, 2 p.m. 8/5: *Bolt*; 8/12: *Madagascar: Escape 2 Africa*; 8/19: *Hotel for Dogs*; 8/26: *Babe*

THRESHOLD: THE CRISIS OF WESTERN CULTURE Author Thom Hartmann discusses and signs copies of his book. Wed 8/5, 7 p.m.

AUTHOR EVENT: SANDRA TSING LOH The author and comedian discusses and signs her latest book, *Mother on Fire*. Tue 8/11, 7 p.m.

WISDOM OF THE LAST FARMER: HARVESTING LEGACIES FROM THE LAND Organic farmer and author David Mas Masumoto discusses and signs copies of his book. Wed 8/12, 7 p.m.

FARMING FOR THE NEXT GENERATION Panel discussion with farmers and chefs sponsored by the Santa Monica Farmers Market. Thu 8/27, 7 p.m.

GREENE & GREENE: THE ART OF ARCHITECTURE Screening of the documentary film on the Arts & Crafts architects Charles and Henry Greene. Sat 9/12, 1 p.m.

AN ARMCHAIR VISIT TO MACHU PICCHU WITH ARCHITECTURAL PHOTOGRAPHER MIKE TORREY This visually awe-inspiring digital slide show "Stone Offerings" will take your breath away with images of Machu Picchu, the eco-spiritual icon of our times. Thu 9/24, 7 p.m.

FAIRVIEW BRANCH LIBRARY

MY INDIA Slide presentation by Etan Doronne on his year-long solitary backpack journey through rural India. Sat 8/1, 1 p.m.

LAWN ALTERNATIVES Russell Ackerman shares success stories and tips for safe lawn removal and choosing plants to replace it. Sat 8/8, 1 p.m.

LITERATURE BOOK GROUP Second Saturday of the month, 11 a.m. 8/8: *It Can't Happen Here* by Sinclair Lewis.

DOCUMENTARY FILM SERIES *Beauty Academy of Kabul*, a 2004 documentary following a group of American women who open an American-style school for beauticians in Kabul. Tue 8/18, 7 p.m.

GREEN LIVING WORKSHOP This six-week work-shop covers: Water, Energy, Waste, Chemicals, Transportation & Travel, and Shopping & Food. Register at www.sustainableworks.eventbrite.com. Tuesdays, 8/26-9/29

AFTERNOONS AT THE LIBRARY

- Mondays: **Bridge** at 1 p.m., **Knitting Circle** at 5 p.m.
- Tuesdays: **Write-Away** Exercise your writing skills. 12 - 3 p.m.
- Thursdays: **What's New This Week** Current events. 1 - 2:30 p.m.

MONTANA AVENUE BRANCH LIBRARY

MYSTERY BOOK GROUP Second Wednesday of the month, 7 p.m. 8/12: *The Faithful Spy* by Alex Berenson and *Irene at Large* by Carole Nelson Douglas 9/9: *The Secret Agent* by Joseph Conrad

IN CASE YOU MISSED IT FILM SERIES *Shine a Light*, Martin Scorsese's filmed concert of the Rolling Stones. Thu 8/13, 2 p.m.

MONTANA BRANCH BOOK GROUP Third Wednesday of the month, 7 p.m. 8/19: *Personal History* by Katharine Graham

OCEAN PARK BRANCH LIBRARY

OCEAN PARK BOOK GROUP First Saturday of the month, 11 a.m. 8/1: *The Guernsey Literary and Potato Peel Pie Society* by Mary Ann Shaffer 9/5: *The Worst Thing I've Done* by Ursula Hegi

SANTA MONICA PUBLIC LIBRARY HOURS

Main Library	601 Santa Monica Boulevard, (310) 458-8600
Hours:	Mon.-Thur., 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. Fri.-Sat., 10 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Sun., 1 to 5 p.m.
Fairview Branch	2101 Ocean Park Boulevard, (310) 450-0443
Montana Avenue	1704 Montana Avenue, (310) 829-7081
Ocean Park Branch	2601 Main Street, (310) 392-3804
Hours:	Mon.-Thur., noon to 9 p.m. Sat., 10 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Closed Fri. and Sun.

All city libraries are wheelchair accessible. To request a disability-related accommodation, please call the library at (310) 458-8600 (TDD 310-395-8499) at least three business days in advance. The Main Library is served by Big Blue Bus lines 1, 2, 3, 7, 8, 9 and 10.



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CITY COUNCIL MEETINGS

The Santa Monica City Council regularly meets at 5:45 p.m., on the second and fourth Tuesday of every month in Council Chambers, located at City Hall, 1685 Main Street. Upcoming City Council meetings are scheduled for August 11 and September 8 and 22. (The regular meeting on August 25 has been cancelled.)

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:

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 Email all Council members: council@smgov.net

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

ARTIFACTS:

Cool Art & Cultural Happenings in Santa Monica

BEACH AND CULTURE AT THE ANNENBERG COMMUNITY BEACH HOUSE



With the opening of the Annenberg Community Beach House comes a whole new venue through which our community can access arts and cultural experiences.

- ▲ **Thirty-Six by Twenty-Seven, Stories of Santa Monica Beach** is a photographic exploration of Santa Monica Beach as seen through 27 sets of eyes. The exhibition was put together through a blind juried process, creating a fabulous collection of works from artists both seasoned and new. On display in the Event House, 9 a.m. – 5 p.m. daily through September.
- ▲ **Beach=Culture, Tuesdays at the Beach House** is a series of free performances, readings and talks every Tuesday throughout September. Due to seating capacity, advance reservation is required. Visit <http://beachhouse.smgov.net> for the schedule and to reserve a seat.

NATIONAL NIGHT OUT AGAINST CRIME



Please join us on the evening of August 4 for the 26th Annual National Night Out Against Crime. This event will be held in front of the Santa Monica Public Safety Facility at 333 Olympic Drive to celebrate the partnerships we share with community based organizations and neighborhood watch groups. Come visit your Neighborhood Resource Officer and meet all the officers who patrol your neighborhood. We will have music, free hot dogs, and giveaway items from 6 – 8 p.m.

Free parking will be available in the new Civic Center Parking Structure located directly across the street from the Public Safety Building. For more information about our event please call the S.M.P.D. Community Relations Unit at (310) 458-8474 or visit www.santamonicapd.org