

# SEASCAPE

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## SANTA MONICA WATER GETS FLUORIDE

*Beginning in early November, the Metropolitan Water District (MWD), the agency that supplies the majority of our water, will start to add fluoride to its treated water supply.*

*Extensive research conducted over the past 50 years indicates that fluoridation of drinking water is safe and healthy.*

*According to the Surgeon General and the Centers for Disease Control, water fluoridation is the single-most cost-effective public health measure to prevent tooth decay and improve oral health for people of all ages. Santa Monica will join more than 14,000 communities across California and the nation that have fluoridated water supplies.*

*Fluoride is nature's cavity-fighter. Although there has always been a certain amount of fluoride naturally present in all of our water sources, including the MWD supply, the levels are not sufficient to protect against tooth decay. MWD will adjust the natural levels of fluoride in its water supply to the recommended optimum range of 0.7 – 0.8 mg/L (parts per million), which has proven to be safe and effective in preventing tooth decay. There will be no change in the taste, smell or appearance of your water. Nor will your water bill change, because this program will be conducted within the city's current rate structure.*

*Concurrently with MWD's actions, the City of Santa Monica Water Resources Division will begin fluoridation at a single well that pumps directly into our system in the northern part of the city, at a level to match that of the MWD supply to ensure consistency of fluoride levels in that neighborhood. Like the MWD supply, the fluoride level at the city's well will be monitored around the clock.*

*Drinking optimally fluoridated water on a regular basis makes the use of fluoride tablets or drops unnecessary. However, consultation with your dental caregiver is recommended.*

FOR MORE INFORMATION REGARDING FLUORIDATION IN SANTA MONICA, CALL OUR FLUORIDE INFORMATION LINE AT (310) 820-5764 OR VISIT WATERQUALITY.SMGOV.NET/FLUORIDE.

## "NATIONAL NIGHT OUT" SUMMER BLOCK PARTY A BIG HIT WITH THE COMMUNITY

The Santa Monica Police Department welcomed more than 1,000 people to its 1950s-themed block party to observe National Night Out on Tuesday, August 7, held along Olympic Drive between the Public Safety Facility and City Hall. Enjoying food, refreshments, giveaways and entertainment, block party attendees met with their neighbors, members of the police department and various service organizations. More than 1,100 hot dogs, 1,000 bags of chips, 50 pizzas, 600 ice creams and 100 liters of soft drinks—all donated by local businesses—were consumed!



Police Chief Tim Jackman greets the crowd

Celebrating the city's lowest crime rate since 1956 and the community partnerships that make it possible, National Night Out included a performance by the '50s-era musical revue group, *The Wonderelles*. Also on the program were PAL's cheerleaders and boxing and karate teams, and *Grupo La Rosa*, a ballet *folklórico* group. The Santa Monica Fire Department, McGruff the Crime Dog, the SWAT Team, Harbor Patrol, K-9 & Mounted Units rounded out the festivities. Next year's event is already being planned for Tuesday, August 5, 2008—mark your calendar now!



The Wonderelles—pony-tailed and poodle-skirted!



PAL's cheerleaders show their stuff

**TRANSPORT YOURSELF AND YOUR CITY INTO THE FUTURE**

*Two workshops scheduled in October*

**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., with payment and permit services available every Friday. "Closed Fridays" for most city offices (reducing car trips and improving air quality) over the next two months are October 12 and 26, and November 9. All city offices will be closed on Thursday and Friday, November 22 and 23 for the Thanksgiving holiday.

**WI-FI HOT ZONE UPDATE** The city recently completed installation of free wireless Internet services for visitors and jurors at the county courthouse, part of our expanding program to provide these free services in public places. City Wi-Fi service locations now include all city libraries, the Third Street Promenade, Ken Edwards Center, Civic Auditorium and Santa Monica Pier, Virginia Avenue, Euclid, Airport, Reed and Clover parks, the City Hall lobby and courtyard, and the Council Chamber. Memorial and Chess parks will be added by the end of November 2007.

**NEW IN TOWN?** Our "New Resident" packet can take the pain out of finding your way around your new community, and a quick e-mail request to 411@smgov.net or phone call to (310) 458-8411 will get you one, pronto! Included in the packet are the city's Customer Services Directory, maps, parking and bus information, Family Guide and more. It's also available at the Information Desk in City Hall.

The Department of Planning and Community Development has been focusing community workshops on the issues of transportation and industrial lands to reach consensus about how the city will look and function over the next 20 years. As part of the city's Land Use and Circulation Element (LUCE) update, a July workshop involved 90 community members discussing the city's manufacturing and industrial areas. We've heard your suggestions—now it's time to begin prioritizing recommendations, and two new workshops are your opportunity to explore Santa Monica's future!



**TRANSPORTATION WORKSHOP**

**Saturday, October 6, 9 a.m. – 2 p.m.**  
**John Adams Middle School Cafeteria**

This workshop will seek community input to help establish priorities for dealing with the critical issues of traffic, parking and pedestrian and bicycle safety. We will also look at establishing criteria for evaluating future uses of the city's streets and rights-of-way.

**INDUSTRIAL LANDS WORKSHOP, PART II** Thursday evening, October 25, Lincoln Middle School

(Please call 310-458-8341 or check the web for the exact time.)

The July workshop provided an opportunity for community members to offer their creative ideas for the city's industrial areas. At this workshop, planning staff will offer a variety of scenarios that capture the community's vision. We will discuss retaining creative industries, small businesses and open space, as well as how to take advantage of the planned Expo Light Rail line.

**WANT TO KNOW MORE BEFORE YOU COME? VISIT [WWW.SHAPETHEFUTURE2025.NET](http://WWW.SHAPETHEFUTURE2025.NET) OR THE CITY'S WEBSITE, [WWW.SMGOV.NET](http://WWW.SMGOV.NET).**



**HOMELESS COMMUNITY COURT PROGRESS REPORT**

The Santa Monica Homeless Community Court is an innovative pilot project to address certain aspects of homelessness. The court provides access to much needed treatment and housing for homeless individuals facing citations, arrests or warrants for quality-of-life violations such as camping or sleeping in doorways. Those who demonstrate progress toward meeting treatment goals may have their sentences deferred or their charges dismissed.

Launched in February 2007, the court is a collaboration of the Los Angeles County Superior Court, the Public Defender's Office, the Santa Monica City Attorney's Office, Santa Monica Human Services Division, Santa Monica Police Department and local homeless service providers. It is funded by the County of Los Angeles, with matching service dollars from the City of Santa Monica. At monthly court sessions, a superior court judge reviews feedback from service providers regarding each client's progress toward moving off of the street, and takes this into consideration along with other factors in adjudicating cases.

Between February and July, 52 individuals have participated in the Santa Monica Homeless Community Court project. Ongoing participants have achieved the following milestones, while others continue to work with their case managers:

- ▲ 16 have participated in substance abuse treatment (31%)
- ▲ 4 have participated in mental health services (8%)
- ▲ 16 have moved into emergency or transitional housing (31%)
- ▲ 7 are in permanent housing (13%)

Eight others (15%) either failed to appear in court or were discharged unsuccessfully from the project.

**FOR MORE INFORMATION, PLEASE CALL THE HUMAN SERVICES DIVISION AT (310) 458-8701 OR VISIT [HOMELESSNESSACTION.SMGOV.NET](http://HOMELESSNESSACTION.SMGOV.NET) ON THE WEB.**

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## THIS IS ONE BET YOU CAN'T LOSE!

**H**istoric dry conditions, coupled with legal and regulatory constraints on water deliveries to Southern California, make it essential for all of us to consider water efficiency a priority. If everyone saved 20 gallons of water a day, our region would be protected against severe water shortages this summer—and saving water is easier than you may think. A few simple changes in routine can make a big difference in your water usage. As much as half of all water use in Santa Monica is spent on landscape irrigation and other outdoor purposes, so make sure you think inside and out to maximize water savings.

Implement the following water-saving strategies now, and we all reap the benefit!



### TIPS FOR INDOOR WATER SAVINGS

### ESTIMATED WATER SAVINGS

- ▲ Run the dishwasher only when full 2.5 gallons/load
- ▲ Turn off water while rinsing dishes 2.5 gallons/minute
- ▲ Turn off water while brushing teeth 2 gallons/minute
- ▲ Shorten showers 2.5 gallons/minute
- ▲ Don't use the toilet as a wastebasket 2 gallons/flush
- ▲ Wash only full loads of clothes 15-50 gallons/load
- ▲ Fix leaky toilets 30-50 gallons/day per toilet
- ▲ Fix leaky faucets 15-20 gallons/day per leak
- ▲ Install aerators with flow restrictors on all sink faucets 5 gallons/day
- ▲ Replace older, inefficient clothes washers (\$100 rebate available\*) 20-30 gallons/load
- ▲ Replace older, high-volume flushing toilets (\$35-\$245 rebate\*) 2-4 gallons/flush

\* For rebate information on efficient washers and toilets, visit [www.smepd.org](http://www.smepd.org) or call toll-free (866) 728-3229.

### TIPS FOR LANDSCAPE WATER SAVINGS

### ESTIMATED WATER SAVINGS

- ▲ Water before 6 a.m. and after 10 p.m. to reduce evaporation and wind effect 20-25 gallons/day
  - Reduce each irrigation cycle by 1-3 minutes, or eliminate one irrigation cycle per week. Create a custom watering schedule
  - Water only after the top inch of soil is dry
  - Reset irrigation controllers and replace batteries in the spring and fall
- ▲ Hand-water with a hose that is equipped with a shut-off nozzle instead of using automatic sprinkler system 20-60 gallons/day
- ▲ Adjust sprinklers to prevent overspray and runoff 15-25 gallons/day
- ▲ Repair leaks and broken sprinkler heads 20 gallons/day per leak
- ▲ Add 2" to 3" of mulch around trees and plants to reduce evaporation 20-30 gallons/day per 1,000 sq. ft.
- ▲ Install water-efficient drip irrigation system to get water to the plant's roots more efficiently. Grants are available up to \$20,000. Visit [www.smepd.org](http://www.smepd.org) or call toll-free (866) 728-3229 for details. 20-25 gallons/day
- ▲ Upgrade to a "smart" irrigation controller that automatically adjusts watering times for hotter weather and shuts down the system when it rains. For rebate details, visit [www.mwdsaveabuck.com](http://www.mwdsaveabuck.com) or call toll-free (877) 728-2282. 40 gallons/day
- ▲ Replace a portion of lawn with native or climate-appropriate plants. NOTE: Best done after winter rains begin. For great examples, check out [www.bewaterwise.com](http://www.bewaterwise.com). 33-60 gallons/day per 1,000 sq. ft. (depending on climate)

## BUILDING ON OUR SUSTAINABILITY SUCCESSSES!

*Thirteen years ago, Santa Monica launched the Sustainable City Plan, a visionary map to the community's future. With extensive public participation in its development, the plan was designed to help each of us make positive contributions to our community's environmental, social and economic viability. That vision has become reality, and Santa Monica is now an internationally recognized and award-winning sustainable city.*

*To build on the plan's success and to create new opportunities for incorporating sustainability into our lives, the Sustainable City Task Force recommended the creation of a new staff position to help residents, businesses, community groups and others identify new ways to meet Santa Monica's sustainability goals. Traci Reitz has been hired as the community sustainability liaison, and she is eager to meet and talk with community members about sustainability goals and objectives and how to achieve them.*

*To learn more about the Sustainable City Plan, please visit [www.smepd.org](http://www.smepd.org). To contact Traci, please visit [www.SustainableSantaMonica.org](http://www.SustainableSantaMonica.org).*



**FOR ADDITIONAL OUTDOOR WATER-SAVING TIPS, AND FOR MORE INFORMATION ON THE CITY'S WATER CONSERVATION EFFORTS, PLEASE VISIT [WWW.SMEPD.ORG](http://WWW.SMEPD.ORG) OR CALL (866) 728-3229.**

## PLEASE...PUT AWAY THOSE LEAF BLOWERS FOR GOOD

*We offer yet another reminder to local gardeners, property owners and managers: Section 4.08.270 of the Santa Monica Municipal Code makes it illegal to use motorized leaf blowers in the City of Santa Monica, and violations of this ordinance may result in citation and fines.*

*There are numerous issues associated with the use of leaf blowers, but the primary concerns are the noxious emissions of gas-powered devices, as well as propulsion of ground-level material into the air and into storm drains, and the incessant, blaring noise that all motorized blowers produce. Oftentimes their effectiveness is also limited as debris is blown back and forth between property lines by maintenance personnel. There are several reasonable and affordable options to leaf blowers, such as manually driven or electric yard vacuums and lawn sweepers. The best alternatives are devices that are quiet, pollution-free and keep ground-level dust and substances from becoming airborne to a minimum. Sweeping by hand is always an option—and even better at eliminating the noise and pollution problems associated with leaf blowers!*

*In recent weeks, SMPD has issued more than 30 citations for leaf blower violations. The department will continue aggressive enforcement actions throughout the next few months to ensure compliance with the law and help “keep the peace” in our city.*

*Please be mindful of the environment and considerate of your neighbors! Should you have any questions about the ordinance or wish to file a complaint, please contact the Santa Monica Police Department, Community Relations Unit at (310) 458-8474 or visit [www.santamonicapd.org](http://www.santamonicapd.org).*



## SANTA MONICA FIREFIGHTERS INAUGURATE SCHOLARSHIP AWARDS FOR SAMOHI SENIORS

The first annual Santa Monica Firefighters Scholarship Awards were presented to two recent Santa Monica High School graduates, who earned this recognition as a reward for their service to the community, writing outstanding essays on “What Service Means to Me,” and maintaining a 2.0 or better GPA. The \$500 scholarships, funded by Firefighters Union 1109, will help recipients Adriana Padilla and Valentine Urena defray the cost of their college expenses.

More information on the scholarships, to be presented to two deserving seniors each year, is available in the college counseling office at Santa Monica High School. Congratulations to the first scholarship winners!



## Summer's Over....

## THANKS TO OUR LIFEGUARDS FOR ANOTHER SAFE BEACH SEASON!

Did you know that, although Santa Monica State Beach has less than three miles of ocean front, it has nearly 129 acres of sandy beach? That's a lot of sand! To help keep beach-goers safe, the City of Santa Monica works with the Los Angeles County Fire Department, whose dedicated staff provide lifeguard services.

Lifeguarding at Santa Monica State Beach is a big job: In 2006, over 12 million people visited our sandy shoreline. More than 40 lifeguards are on duty in the summer, stationed among the 24 signature light blue wooden towers and three lifeguard stations. The main lifeguard station, located just south of the Santa Monica Pier, is open 24 hours a day, 365 days a year, to respond to emergencies on shore and in Santa Monica Bay.

A typical day at the beach for a lifeguard includes myriad activities, ranging from rescuing swimmers to keeping tabs on the many surf schools and day camps in progress each day. In 2006, the county's highly experienced lifeguards were involved in the following reported incidents:

- ▲ 950 ocean rescues
- ▲ 2,122 medical assists
- ▲ 316 missing-persons reports
- ▲ 137,972 preventive actions (talking to visitors to help them avoid the need for rescue)
- ▲ 36,108 ordinance enforcements

We appreciate the world-class services of the lifeguards and thank them for another safe and successful summer at Santa Monica State Beach!



## CHANGING LIVES, REVITALIZING OUR COMMUNITY

### WESTSIDE SHELTER & HUNGER COALITION'S ANNUAL AWARDS EVENT

The Westside Shelter & Hunger Coalition's 12th annual awards breakfast will be held at the Fairmont Miramar Hotel in Santa Monica on Friday, October 12, 7:30 to 9:30 a.m. This community event will recognize 24 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 the programs. You'll hear amazing stories of individuals who have moved from a life of homelessness to a life of hope, housing and self-sufficiency—individuals who are giving back to their community, both socially and economically.

For more information on and to purchase tickets for this inspirational event uniting the community, business and government, please call (310) 314-0071 or e-mail [success@westsideshelter.org](mailto:success@westsideshelter.org).



## ARTifacts:

**P** *News and Announcements from the Santa Monica Cultural Affairs Division*

**PICO ARTISTS AT WORK** The secret is out—Pico Boulevard is a hotbed of creativity! See for yourself on Sunday, October 14, from 12 noon to 5 pm. Leave your car at Virginia Avenue Park, grab a free Big Blue Bus day pass and ride the bus up and down the boulevard. Between Centinela and Santa Monica High School, a burgeoning arts community awaits you—galleries, frame shops and designers, as well as classrooms and individual artists' studios displaying painting, glass blowing, ceramics, photography and more.

**AIRPORT PARK'S REVOLVING ART PROGRAM** That solitary rectangle of concrete in the grassy lawn of Airport Park is not the world's smallest landing strip. And no, it wasn't set out in anticipation of an alien vessel's arrival. Starting in October, that little strip of concrete will play host to a series of temporary public art installations.

First up is *Air-Racer* by Chris Wilder. At first glance you might believe you have actually spied that spaceship or perhaps an alien insect has landed in the grass. Or, maybe it's an enormous rubber eraser fashioned into the shape of an insect by a particularly imaginative, giant child. Whatever fanciful thoughts it might bring to mind, you will enjoy this playful, new (and) temporary addition to the city's art collection.

**HAPPENING AT MILES MEMORIAL PLAYHOUSE** The calendar at the Miles is packed with terrific evenings including *Stepping Out*—a whole weekend in October dedicated to giving everyone the chance to dance. Put on your dancing shoes for a night of square dancing, line dancing, swing and other American folk dance styles. Please visit [www.milesplayhouse.org](http://www.milesplayhouse.org) for more details.

Oct. 5-6	<i>Eclipse Quartet</i> , famed all-female classical ensemble
Oct. 14	Daniel Pearl event
Oct. 18-21	<i>Stepping Out @ the Miles</i> , open community dance for all ages!
Oct. 25-28	Donna Sternberg & Dancers, contemporary dance company
Nov. 1-4	<i>Be Productions</i> , <i>New Modern Dance Works</i>
Nov. 8-11	Virginia Avenue Project, community children's theater

**DOWNBEAT RETURNS TO THE MILES** Every second and fourth Tuesday of the month, high school-age performance artists are invited to take the stage and explore new material in a safe, encouraging environment, where peers help shape confidence-building experiences.

Sign-up begins at 7 p.m. and the doors open at 7:20 for a lineup that includes poets, rappers, singers, rock bands and more. High-schoolers are invited meet other performing artists from all over the city, listen to some of the best young talent out there and be part of the action! Check [myspace.com/downbeat720](http://myspace.com/downbeat720) for more information or come on down to the playhouse at Reed Park, 1130 Lincoln Blvd.

**BERGAMOT STATION—A HOT SPOT FOR SENIORS!** Art aficionados may be well-acquainted with the Santa Monica Museum of Art and Bergamot Station's extensive array of galleries, but for many, the site remains a mystery. On Wednesday, October 10, local seniors are invited to attend a special presentation at 1:00 p.m. at the Main Library's Martin Luther King, Jr. Auditorium, 601 Santa Monica Blvd., to learn how the location was transformed from an abandoned water heater factory into an important center of the West Coast art world. Gallery owners, artists and a representative from Santa Monica Museum of Art will shed light on this important community resource. Please call (310) 804-7667 for details.



**GO FLY A KITE...  
BUT NOT AT CLOVER OR AIRPORT PARKS!**

*Santa Monica's bright blue skies and sunshine beckon kite flyers from all over most any time of year. A couple of things to keep in mind before you unfurl that line:*

- ▲ *Flying kites at Clover and Airport Parks is prohibited due to the proximity of the Santa Monica Municipal Airport.*
- ▲ *When you do fly a kite, make sure you are in an open area, away from electric and telephone lines.*
- ▲ *Do not try to remove a kite if it catches on an electric wire or pole.*
- ▲ *Do not use metal in kite making.*
- ▲ *Do not fly kites on or near a public roadway.*
- ▲ *Never fly a kite in wet or stormy weather.*

*And a cautionary note to model airplane enthusiasts: Remote-controlled model planes are prohibited in all city parks, beaches and beach parking lots (SMMC 4.08.190).*



### SANTA MONICA CELEBRATES DISABILITY AWARENESS IN OCTOBER

Join us as we honor local artists and agencies serving people with disabilities in Santa Monica! The city's Disabilities Commission will host its second annual Disability Awareness celebration on Saturday, October 20, 1 to 5 p.m. in the Martin Luther King, Jr. Auditorium at Santa Monica Public Library, 601 Santa Monica Blvd.

*(Disability-related accommodations, such as an assisted-listening device or sign language interpreter, may be requested by contacting Janet Hand at 310-458-8701 [TTY/TDD 310-458-8696] or e-mail: [janet.hand@smgov.net](mailto:janet.hand@smgov.net).)*





## BIG BLUE BUS Getaways!

### **PALM SPRINGS** Saturday, October 6

October is the perfect time to escape to the warm and sunny landscape of Palm Springs. Enjoy a day of shopping, savor a delicious meal at one of the countless restaurants or try your hand at a variety of card games or over 1,000 slot games at Spa Resort Casino. \$35 per person (meals not included).

### **SAN DIEGO MUSEUM OF ART AND BALBOA PARK** Saturday, November 10

Balboa Park is the nation's largest urban cultural park and home to 15 major museums and beautiful gardens, as well as the renowned San Diego Zoo. The San Diego Museum of Art is the region's oldest and largest such museum, holding a fine selection of European old masters, 19th and 20th century American art, an encyclopedic Asian collection and growing collections of contemporary and Latin American art. \$38 per person (meals not included).

### **SOLVANG AND THE CHUMASH INDIAN CASINO** Saturday, December 1

The year's end brings our most popular Getaway! Enjoy the Solvang Christmas Parade and experience all the beauty of the holidays in this historic village. As an alternative, the Chumash Indian Casino Resort offers gaming at its best, with the most popular slot machines and a slew of table games to make the season bright! \$35 per person (meals not included).

CALL (310) 451-5444 FOR TICKETS AND INFORMATION  
OR VISIT WWW.BIGBLUEBUS.COM

### SANTA MONICA CIVIC AUDITORIUM EVENTS

<b>October</b>	2	Santa Monica High School PTSA College Fair
	6	TFA Fight Night
	7	Santa Monica Symphony Orchestra (FREE)
	12-14	My Favorite Bead Show
	15	Rilo Kiley Concert
	20-21	Vintage Fashion Expo
<b>November</b>	26-28	Santa Monica Antiques Show & Sale
	2-4	Contemporary Crafts Market
	9-11	Los Angeles Asian & Tribal Arts Show
	17	Fashion Elements Designer Shopping
	22	Thanksgiving Dinner (FREE)

The Civic Auditorium is served by Big Blue Bus lines 1, 3, 7, 8 and 10. All events are subject to change without notice. For further information, contact the Civic Auditorium at (310) 458-2288, or visit santamonicacivic.org. Need a venue for your next event? Call (310) 458-8551 — we'd like to help!

- ▲ **WAKE UP WITH THE WAVES** Fall concert series for the Santa Monica Pier's youngest visitors and their families. Every Saturday morning, from 9 to 11 a.m. through November 3, the Pier will host free interactive concerts and activities for young children, including singing, dancing and movement, puppets, talent shows, dress-up, face-painting, balloon art and bubbles! For more information, please call (310) 458-8900 or visit [www.santamonicapier.org](http://www.santamonicapier.org).
- ▲ **100 VALUABLE BOOKS FOR SALE!** The Used Bookstore, operated by Friends of the Santa Monica Public Library, will offer 100 special-interest books for sale, including signed copies and first editions, on Saturday, October 13, 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Proceeds benefit SMPL. The bookstore is located at the Main Library, 601 Santa Monica Blvd. For more information, please call (310) 395-1951.
- ▲ **"SCARY, GOOEY, DARK AND SPOOKY!"** That's the theme of the Santa Monica Pier Aquarium's pre-Halloween festivities on Saturday and Sunday, October 27 and 28, 12:30 to 5 p.m. A "mad scientist" lab, a bone-filled graveyard and a special presentation on bioluminescence and those creatures that glow in the dark are all part of the fun for kids and their families. Call (310) 393-6149 or visit [www.healthebay.org/smpa](http://www.healthebay.org/smpa) for all the gory details.
- ▲ **SANTA MONICA CONSERVANCY WALKING TOURS** Each Saturday morning from 10 a.m. to 12 noon, Conservancy guides take walkers through more than 130 years of city history in just six blocks of downtown Santa Monica. Reservations requested by the Thursday before a tour (phone 310-496-3146 or visit [www.smconservancy.org](http://www.smconservancy.org)). \$5 for members, \$10 for the public.



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- Dedicated renewable and alternative energy section.
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- Dozens of special features including a bike valet, ecological footprint charting pavilion, sustainable food and drink cafe, bookstore, legislation support action area.




## Adult Programs

## SANTA MONICA PUBLIC LIBRARY

### MAIN LIBRARY 601 Santa Monica Blvd. (310) 458-8600

**Reel to Real** Monthly issues-driven movie and discussion series. Tues., 10/9, 6 p.m., *Letters From Iwo Jima*. Tues., 11/13, 6:30 p.m., *Tsotsi*. Both in MLK Jr. Auditorium.

**Catch the Art Train at Bergamot Station** Learn more about Santa Monica's premiere art space in this first Senior Arts Forum. Wed., 10/10, 1 p.m., MLK Jr. Auditorium.

**Concert of Contemporary Chamber Music: Powdered Wig Not Required** Sat., 10/13, 1:30 p.m., MLK Jr. Auditorium.

**Feminist Book Group: Female Chauvinist Pigs** by Ariel Levy. Thurs., 10/18 at 7 p.m., Community Room.

**Spreading the Spirit: A Volunteer Fair** Sat., 10/20, 10 a.m. to 1 p.m., Multipurpose Room, Community Meeting Room and 2nd floor lobby area.

**Craft in America** Presentation by the creative producers of this groundbreaking art documentary followed by book/DVD sale and signing. Sun., 10/21, 2:30 p.m., MLK Jr. Auditorium.

**Invention and Imagination: Public Art at the Library** A special new tour showcasing the art of Carl Cheng & Stanton MacDonald Wright at the Main Library. Wed., 10/24, 1 p.m., meet in north entrance courtyard.

**The Santa Monica Farmers' Cookbook** by Amelia Saltsman Thurs., 10/25 at 7 p.m., MLK Jr. Auditorium.

**Horror Film Festival** Winners of the amateur horror film contest, *The Tabloid Witch Awards*, are screened. Sat., 10/27, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., MLK Jr. Auditorium.

**We LEED the Way: Sustainability and Architecture of the Library** It stands for Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design and *we got the gold!* Special Highlights tour Sat., 10/27, 10:30 a.m., meet in north entrance courtyard.

**Fall Fantasy: The Lyric Chorus In Concert** From SMC Emeritus College, Thurs., 11/8, 11 a.m., MLK Jr. Auditorium.

**Andre Marins In Concert** Progressive acoustic guitar, a repeat performance. Sat. 11/10, 2 p.m., MLK Jr. Auditorium.

**Maya Lin: A Strong Clear Vision** Oscar-winning documentary about artist who designed Vietnam Veterans Memorial. Discussion with filmmaker. Thurs., 11/8, 7 p.m., MLK Jr. Auditorium.

**Floral Fusion: The Art of Zen in Holiday Floral Design** Author-designer Brenda Berkley of the Flower Box demonstrates creating seasonal floral designs and signs copies of her book *Zen Flowers*. Sat., 11/10 2 p.m., Multipurpose Room.

### FAIRVIEW BRANCH 2102 Ocean Park Blvd. (310) 450-0443

**Financial Roadmap** Learn how to reach your financial goals. Tues., 10/23, 7 p.m.

**Got Chess?** Grandmaster Var Akobian will compete against 20 players. Sat., 11/10, 12:30-5 p.m., Registration required.

### MONTANA AVENUE BRANCH 1704 Montana Ave. (310) 829-7081

#### Montana Film Series

Thur., 10/4, 3 p.m. – *The Queen*, starring Helen Mirren in her Oscar-winning performance

Thur., 10/25, 7 p.m. – *Ringu*, Japan's box office hit that inspired *The Ring*

Mon., 10/29, 7 p.m. – *High Tension*, French film of gut-wrenching terror

Mon., 11/5, 3 p.m. – *Music and Lyrics*, romantic comedy with Hugh Grant and Drew Barrymore

#### Montana Book Groups

Wed., 10/10, 7 p.m. – *The Foreign Correspondent* by Alan Furst

Wed., 10/17, 7 p.m. – *Water for Elephants* by Sara Gruen

**Food For Thought** A program presented in partnership with Co-Opportunity Market. Thurs., 10/18, 7 p.m.

*The Secret within the Secret* with Laurie Hacking. Learn about the law of attraction.

**What Does Your Handwriting Say About You?** Handwriting analysis from a master graphoanalyst. Thurs., 11/1, 6:30 p.m.

### OCEAN PARK BRANCH 2601 Main St. (310) 392-3804

**Ocean Park Book Group** First Saturday every month, 11 a.m. 11/1, *West with the Night* by aviation pioneer Beryl Markham.

**Author Presentation** *Glitz and Grit, Experiences of a Hollywood Writer*. Beverly Gray, Wed., 11/14, 7 p.m.

**'Truth is Stranger than Fiction' Biography Group** Third Saturday every month, 11 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. 11/17, *Remember to Laugh – Writing My Way Around the World* by former UPI Reporter Maggie Kilgore.

ALL CITY LIBRARIES ARE WHEELCHAIR ACCESSIBLE. TO REQUEST A DISABILITY-RELATED ACCOMMODATION, 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, 4, 5, 7, 8 AND 9.



## BUILDING INDUSTRY BRACES FOR ALL-NEW CODES

### NEW REQUIREMENTS TAKE EFFECT JAN. 2, 2008

*The State of California—and City of Santa Monica—will soon be adopting a series of new building code standards. All projects requiring a building permit on or after January 2, 2008 will have to be designed to the new 2006 International Building Codes (or the 2007 California Building Code).*

*This is the first major new code adoption in the state in almost nine years. All California cities must adopt these codes, and they may make certain amendments to suit local conditions. As a result of a collaborative process with major jurisdictions in the Los Angeles basin, the City of Santa Monica and other jurisdictions are adding amendments that will maintain the same high level of seismic safety provided by current codes.*

*For more information, please contact Ben Yousefi in the Building & Safety Division at (310) 458-8355.*



### Sustainable Santa Monica: Many Pieces, One Plan

### Where do you fit in?

The Santa Monica Sustainable City Plan was created to enhance the natural environment, protect human health, and benefit the social and economic well-being of the community, for current and future generations.

View the 2007 Report Card at [www.smepd.org/scpr](http://www.smepd.org/scpr)

## SEASCAPE HIGHLIGHTS

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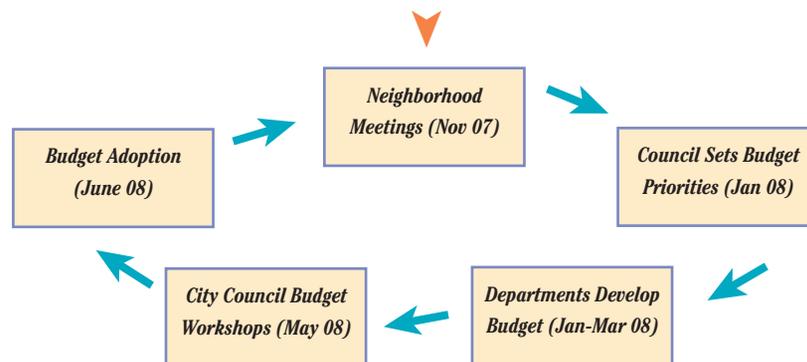
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## NEIGHBORHOOD BUDGET MEETINGS IN NOVEMBER

- ▲ Hear an update by the City Manager and staff of issues raised in community meetings last December and items in the city’s current budget.
- ▲ Voice your latest concerns, both neighborhood-focused and citywide.
- ▲ Meetings will be scheduled during November as a kick-off to the development of the FY 2008-09 budget.

**MORE INFORMATION WILL BE POSTED ON THE WEB AT WWW.SMGOV.NET AND PUBLISHED IN LOCAL PAPERS AS MEETING DETAILS ARE CONFIRMED.**



## SHAPE YOUR BEACH CLUB

Construction is well underway at the new Annenberg Community Beach Club at Santa Monica State Beach (the former Marion Davies Estate at 415 Pacific Coast Highway). You helped us with the design, now we need your help with the rest.

Let us know what you want in this public beach club by participating in a community workshop on November 3, or taking an on-line survey—or both! Give us your ideas on programs, general operations and special event functions of the site.

### Community Workshop

Saturday, November 3, 2007, 10 a.m.  
(Location TBA)

### On-line Survey

Coming in November to [415pch.smgov.net](http://415pch.smgov.net)

For more information, including construction updates, please visit [415pch.smgov.net](http://415pch.smgov.net). To be added to the project’s interest list, please e-mail [415pch@smgov.net](mailto:415pch@smgov.net).

## OUR FARMERS’ MARKETS OFFER GREAT FOOD AND FAMILY ENTERTAINMENT!

Santa Monica’s Farmers’ Markets are widely acclaimed as among the best in the nation—if you haven’t been to one lately, check out these coming attractions and see what you’ve been missing:

### SATURDAY PICO MARKET (VIRGINIA AVENUE PARK)

#### Pumpkin Decorating October 27, 9 a.m. – 12 noon (while supplies last)

Celebrate Halloween with FREE\* pumpkin decorating and a special prize for all kids who come in a costume! Halloween has never tasted so good.

\* Pumpkins and all decorating supplies provided. One pumpkin per child, please.



### WEDNESDAY DOWNTOWN MARKET (ARIZONA AT SECOND ST.)

#### All You Can Carry Pumpkins – Just \$5 October 31, 9 a.m. – 1:30 p.m. (while supplies last)

Swaddled in your arms, clenched in your teeth, balanced on your head—how many can you carry? Come test your balancing and teetering skills at our annual event!

Note: The Wednesday Downtown Market will be open November 21 for the Thanksgiving holiday, but the Saturday Downtown Market will be closed on November 24.

### SUNDAY MAIN STREET MARKET (2640 MAIN STREET)

#### Live Music! Market Hours 9:30 a.m. – 1 p.m., Performances: 10 a.m. – 1 p.m.

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| ▲ Oct. 7, Hot Fab Djazz Club   | ▲ Oct. 28, Chris Murphy Band | ▲ Nov. 18, Second Wind      |
| ▲ Oct. 14, Ashley Maher        | ▲ Nov. 4, Pangea             | Bluegrass                   |
| ▲ Oct. 21, Moira Smiley & VOVO | ▲ Nov. 11, Melissa Green     | ▲ Nov. 25, Jason Myers Trio |



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