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### MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

#### Free Fares: Thursday, May 19 - Saturday, May 21

- Ride Expo for free Friday, May 20 from 1 p.m. to 2:30 a.m. and all day Saturday, May 21
- Big Blue Bus is free all day Saturday, May 21
- Breeze Bike Share is free all day Thursday, May 19 through Saturday, May 21

#### Expo Station Celebrations: Saturday, May 21

- Events will take place from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at all three Santa Monica stations:
- Downtown (Colorado/4th Street)
  - 17th Street/Santa Monica College (Colorado/17th Street)
  - 26th Street/Bergamot (Olympic/26th Street)

#### Metro Presents COAST (Santa Monica's Open Streets Event): Sunday, June 5

Bike, bus, train or walk your way to this free, engaging and fun way to explore your city. Enjoy two miles of car-free streets and discover local food, music, shops, culture, dance and games with family and friends.  
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NEWLY CONNECTED

Legend has it that Route 66 ends in Santa Monica because the iconic highway could only be stopped when the mighty Pacific stood in its way. There's even a sign on the Pier that reads: "End of the Trail." But that sentiment doesn't capture why our vibrant city is the final stop on this famous road.

Like the ocean that sits next to it, Santa Monica represents horizons of opportunity. And today the city builds on the California dream of living freely and fully by expanding local mobility options and providing residents, commuters, and visitors new choices to explore everything from the Third Street Promenade to the Main Street Farmers Market to Silicon Beach's cutting-edge businesses.

Starting May 20, a new transportation option is rolling into town. The highly anticipated Metro Expo Light Rail Line will commence service to and from Downtown Santa Monica, offering riders a new way to navigate the city and beyond. Free of Southern California's infamous gridlock, you can instead view blossoming neighborhood landscapes, read a bestseller or catch a nap on a 46-minute ride from

our coastal paradise to Downtown LA—even in rush hour!

And Expo isn't just for whisking you to and from Downtown. All Santa Monicans are conveniently within a half mile of the Expo Line. To make using rail easy for those living more than walking distance from a station, Big Blue Bus (BBB) has expanded its service by improving frequency, adding six new routes and extending existing ones to connect you with one or more Expo Line stations.

So, consider trying BBB as your connection to the Expo Line during the upcoming "Buy One, Get One" (BOGO) promotion. Each week, buy one BBB pass and get one for free, or purchase Stored Value and get a matching amount for free (up to \$20). To participate, you will need to load all your passes on a TAP card. And don't forget to ride in style with a limited-edition card featuring commemorative art by three local Santa Monicans. These great deals are available starting on May 13—and only while supplies last—at Blue: the Transit Store and in City Hall.

In addition to Expo and BBB, Santa Monica's growing mobility services help you seamlessly move through

the city and interact with your friends and neighbors. Residents, commuters and visitors will experience greater flexibility with improved bike share, ride share, sidewalks and pedestrian crossings. Opt for a meditative ride to your favorite yoga studio with 500 Breeze bikes at 75 new locations and increased bike lanes. Reduce greenhouse gas emissions with high-efficiency car share options. Or find your flow with Downtown crosswalk scrambles" (all-way crossings) that allow you to travel more safely along our streets.

It's a great time to be living and working in Santa Monica. People can move around our city and in and out of LA without owning a car," said Mayor Tony Vazquez. "This \$1.5 billion investment brings a new level of regional accessibility to Santa Monica, and we want to mark this transportation game-changer by energizing the community and showing them how these options can change their daily lives."

In celebration of living carefree and connected, the City of Santa Monica is excited to announce its GoSaMo initiative—a mobility communications tool to educate, excite and equip people to take advantage of new opportunities. Over the next few months, city staff will make travel options more accessible through educational activities related to the newly connected Santa Monica, and your choices for getting to, from and around the city. Expect to learn how to ride Expo, where to get a TAP card, and how to connect between Metro, BBB, Breeze and more.

Explore these new opportunities, connect with Santa Monica at hands-on activations and learn more at [smgov.net/gosamo](http://smgov.net/gosamo).

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**—Tony Vazquez, Mayor of Santa Monica**

## WHAT'S NEW. SANTA MONICA?

## COASTAL PLANNING UNDERWAY IN SANTA MONICA



Photo by Joakim Lloyd Raboff

**T**he city is nine months into a two-year effort to update its Local Coastal Program (LCP) Land Use Plan, a state-mandated policy document that every coastal jurisdiction must prepare to ensure protection of coastal resources and open access for all. This is the first time since its 1992 adoption that Santa Monica has reviewed and updated this document.

During that time, many changes in our coastal area have occurred—among them: more recreational facilities and universal access features at the beach and pier; street and sidewalk improvements for pedestrians and cyclists; new city landmark designations; new parking facilities both in and adjacent to the coastal zone; and transformation of the Civic Center into a vibrant, multi-use district highlighted by the award-winning Tongva Park. With the arrival of the Expo Light Rail Line and a fleet of Breeze Bike Share bikes in Santa Monica—both certain to impact coastal zone access—it is time for a Local Coastal Program that reflects today's realities.

Equally important, increased global awareness of Earth's warming atmosphere has led to scientific research that both explains and projects the impacts of global warming on coastlines and weather patterns. The LCP update will

incorporate findings from the Coastal Storm Modeling System (COSMoS), a new tool that uses myriad data sources to produce a sophisticated portrait of the future of the coastline, taking into account anticipated sea level rise, tidal changes and storm system patterns.

Community outreach is an important component of all city planning processes, including this one. Several city boards and commissions have been consulted about the LCP, and two public workshops have been held so far. The concerns and suggestions expressed by community members are essential to the development of a viable draft document. A new phase of outreach will accompany the release of a policy outline memo that will identify the key policy issues to be addressed in the LCP update.

It is anticipated that the draft LCP Land Use Plan will be released for public review toward the end of the year. Find the latest project information, including recaps of workshops held to date, at [smgov.net/localcoastalplan](http://smgov.net/localcoastalplan). A video of the "Adapting to a Changing Coastline" workshop held on April 13 is available for viewing there.

# WHAT IN THE WORLD IS A PEDESTRIAN SCRAMBLE?

**A**lso called a “Barnes Dance” after Henry Barnes, the Denver traffic engineer who introduced the concept over 70 years ago, a pedestrian scramble is an intersection design that stops all vehicular traffic to allow pedestrians to cross an intersection in every direction, including diagonally, at the same time. Scrambles reduce conflicts between turning vehicles and pedestrians in a crosswalk. By allowing vehicles clearance to then make turns on a green light, scrambles also regulate and ease traffic flow.

Eleven pedestrian scrambles will be installed beginning in June in Downtown Santa Monica, primarily on 2nd and 4th streets between Colorado and Wilshire, in response to requests received through the city’s Pedestrian Action Plan outreach efforts of 2013-15. These intersections will also get new pedestrian countdown signals, along with new striping and signs to direct both pedestrians and drivers.

Funding for the project comes from recently allocated jump-start funds to support Santa Monica’s “New Model for Mobility,” one of the five citywide strategic goals adopted by City Council in August 2015. Walking is a priority and a deeply valued part of the Downtown experience, and the scrambles will improve the quality of that experience as well as the safety and comfort of those on foot and in vehicles. Come see for yourself this summer!



*An example of a scramble in Chicago.*



## HELLO, SUMMER

Let’s make the most of long summer days. Get active. Try something different. Meet new people. It’s all possible through the city’s camps, classes, and recreation programs for all ages.

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## EVOLUTION OF BLUE

**H**ow many hours of each day have you spent idling on the 10 freeway? Too many to count? Beginning May 20, Big Blue Bus challenges you to leave your car at home and try our ride to (and from) the new Expo Light Rail Line.

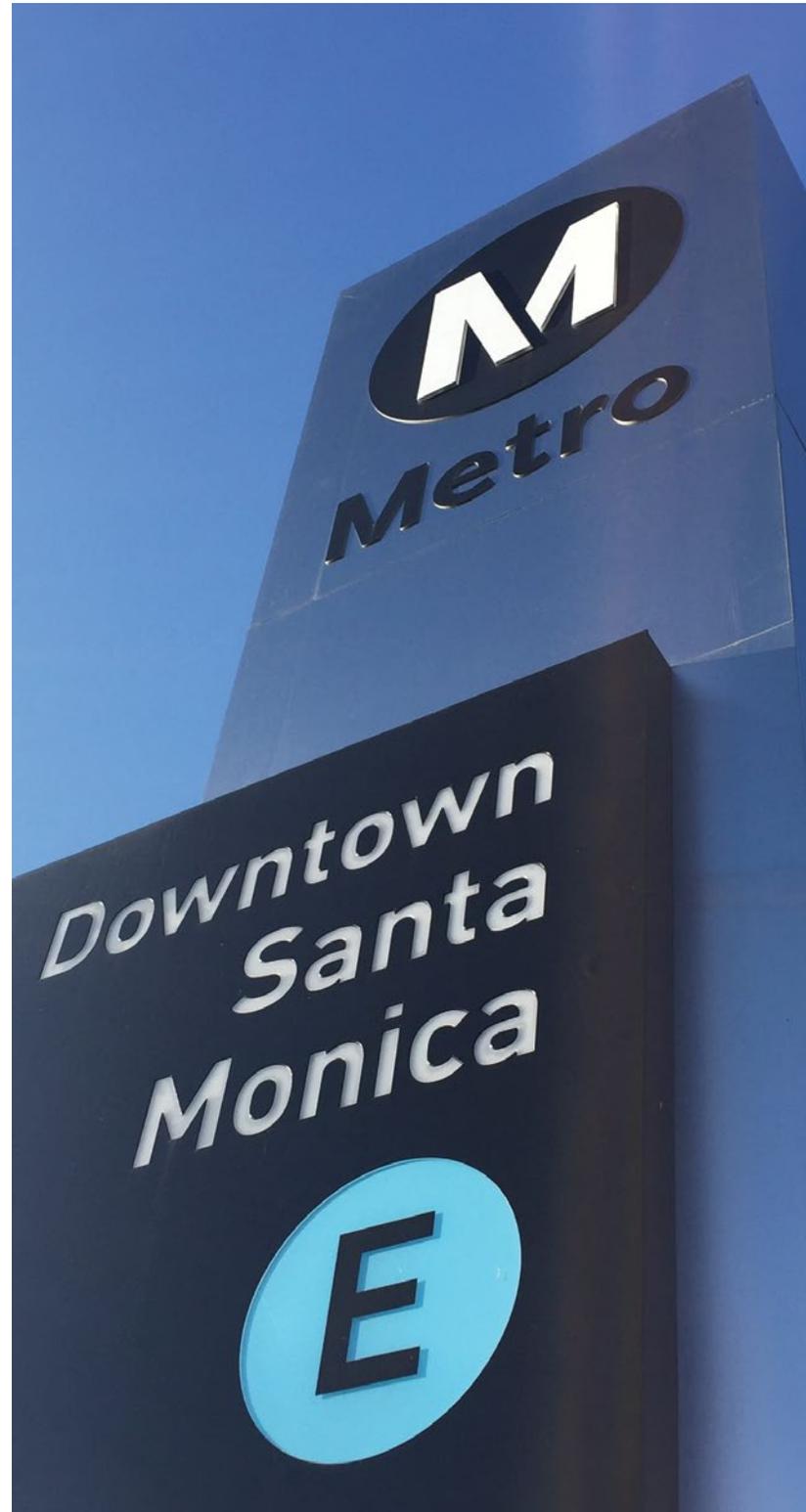
Big Blue Bus has been planning for Expo's arrival on the Westside since 2013, revamping our service and introducing new routes last August to easily link you to Expo. These new enhancements not only connect you to people, places and experiences, they offer freedom from your car and the search for that ever-elusive parking spot. We're calling these new choices *Evolution of Blue*.

Locals can now effortlessly connect via Big Blue Bus to three Expo stations located in Santa Monica. In addition, we're creating and expanding regional travel possibilities with service to four of the Expo stations in West Los Angeles and one in Culver City.

As part of *Evolution of Blue*, Route 1 now travels along 4th Street, serving the Downtown Santa Monica Expo Station, Venice and Marina del Rey. Route 18 (formerly 3M) travels along Montana Avenue and 4th Street, making a stop at the Downtown Santa Monica Expo Station, with Abbot Kinney as its final destination. Routes 41 and 42 (opening May 20) will serve the 17th Street/SMC Expo Station, Montana Avenue and SMC. In June, new Route 43 will provide service along San Vicente Boulevard and 26th Street, connecting to the 26th Street/Bergamot Expo Station. With all these connections, why not leave your car at home and give transit a try?

Also coming in June is a pilot program called "Blue at Night," an on-demand service that allows passengers to request a vehicle pick-up on Friday or Saturday evenings from 8 p.m. to 3 a.m. Late-evening hours are high-demand times, and Blue at Night fills the gap when regular Big Blue Bus service is unavailable, while also providing important "first mile/last mile" connections to and from the 17th Street/SMC Station and the Santa Monica service area. Blue at Night will charge a \$3 flat rate for trips within the designated service area.

*Evolution of Blue* is designed to complement the entire mobility network in both Santa Monica and Los Angeles, giving you more access and more choices. Visit [bigbluebus.com](http://bigbluebus.com) for the details, including our system map—and enjoy the ride!



## COMMUNITY UPDATES

# KEEPING UP WITH SAFE ROUTES TO SCHOOL



### Introducing the Golden Shoe Award

The city's Safe Routes to School program recently introduced a Golden Shoe award and custom-made trophy to complement the biannual observance of *Bike It! Walk It! Bus It! Week* in Santa Monica. Schools compete for the Golden Shoe by encouraging students to ride a bike or take the bus, or walk, skateboard or scooter to school. The award goes to the school with the highest percentage of students who participate.

Currently, the Golden Shoe is displayed in the main office of two-time reigning champ McKinley Elementary School, which boasts an impressive percentage of students utilizing active transportation options to get to school. *Bike It! Walk It! Bus It! Week* is celebrated in May, and again in October to coincide with National Bike and Walk to School Days.

### Samohi Is Ready to Roll

Over 800 Santa Monica High School students took part in bike safety training in their physical education classes this spring. They learned safer ways to walk and bike, as well as key tips for helping themselves and others avoid crashes. Statewide grants funded the special training, in concurrence with the recent biking and walking upgrades to 7th Street and Michigan Avenue.

Two bicycle maintenance/repair stands are soon coming to campus to help students keep their bikes in good working order, at the same time advertising cycling to all students who see them. Two sets of skateboard lockers will be added to promote the already flourishing multi-modal nature of Samohi's population. The lockers are engineered for maximum security and can even accommodate scooters and longboard skateboards. We hope to install more of this equipment throughout the community in the future.

### Safe Routes to Summer

With the opening of Expo and the inaugural Santa Monica Open Streets event, this summer will be one for the active transportation books!

To complement these activities, the Safe Routes program plans to keep as many of the city's youth rolling and walking as possible while they're on summer break.

Among coming events:

- Fourth of July-themed Kidical Mass family bike ride (Saturday, July 2);
- Bike skills and safety training at CREST's summer camp/enrichment program;
- Bike rodeo and skills course at Santa Monica Police Department's National Night Out (Tuesday, August 2).

For more information, visit [santamonicasaferoutes.org](http://santamonicasaferoutes.org), call 310.458.2201, ext. 2120 or email [cory.keen@smgov.net](mailto:cory.keen@smgov.net).



# CONGRATULATIONS TO 2016's "MOST LOVED" CONTESTANTS!

**B**ack in February 2014, the Buy Local Santa Monica Committee partnered with the *Santa Monica Daily Press* to launch the “Most Loved Santa Monica” competition to highlight and honor all the great businesses and services available in our city. Now in its third year, the contest has grown by leaps and bounds, with residents, employees and visitors of all ages nominating their favorites. From most-loved bike shop to the favorite vendor at the farmers markets, we asked which individuals and enterprises our locals can't live without, which ones put a smile on their face when they drop in, which ones are—in a word—awesome. This year, more than 3,000 people responded by voting for their Most Loved (a three-fold increase over our inaugural contest).



*Most Loved on Pico two years in a row: CrossFit Reflex wins again!*

This year's winners and runners-up were honored at an awards ceremony at City Hall on May 3 (just after *Seascape* went to press). To view the results, visit [buylocalsantamonica.com/most-loved](http://buylocalsantamonica.com/most-loved).

Buy Local SM thanks all who participated in this fun competition, and recommends picking up a copy of the “Most Loved Santa Monica 2016 Guide,” available at locations around the city on May 3 (or download from the *Daily Press* at [smdp.com](http://smdp.com)). We also thank our contest sponsors: *Santa Monica Daily Press*, Montana Avenue Merchants Association, Main Street Business Improvement Association, Pico Improvement Organization, Downtown Santa Monica, Inc., Santa Monica Pier Corporation, Santa Monica Chamber of Commerce, Santa Monica Travel + Tourism and the City of Santa Monica.

## CITY REAFFIRMS COMMITMENT TO ADDRESSING HOMELESSNESS

### 2016 Homeless Count Results Guiding New Strategies

Overnight on January 27, more than 250 volunteers and city staff took to the streets of Santa Monica—226 linear miles—for this year's annual Homeless Count. The number of people sleeping outdoors in cars, RVs, and tents was combined with the number of homeless individuals in shelters, jails and hospitals, to create a snapshot of the state of homelessness in our community.

This year's count revealed a slight decrease in the overall homeless population, with the number of individuals in shelters continuing to incrementally decline while the number of unsheltered individuals slowly rises. This pattern is consistent with findings throughout Los Angeles County, where the number of people living on the streets has increased by 23% between 2013 and 2015.

The annual Homeless Count is integral to the city's *Action Plan to Address Homelessness*. Since its implementation in 2008, the gathered data has been used to assess

the effectiveness of *Action Plan* strategies and to drive change. This has contributed to the continued reduction in homelessness locally, during a time when there has been an increase regionally.

City Council reaffirmed its commitment to tackling this issue. As one of the city's top five strategic priorities, resources have been set aside to jump-start new strategies to respond to a changing homeless population. This includes funding for a medical and behavioral health street-based treatment team and interventions to prevent vulnerable older adults from becoming homeless through eviction.

Local findings will be factored into updated countywide data that will be released by the Los Angeles Homeless Service Authority later this year. For detailed information on Santa Monica's 2016 Homeless Count findings, visit [smgov.net/homelessness](http://smgov.net/homelessness).

# PEDALING FOR HEALTH AND HAPPINESS

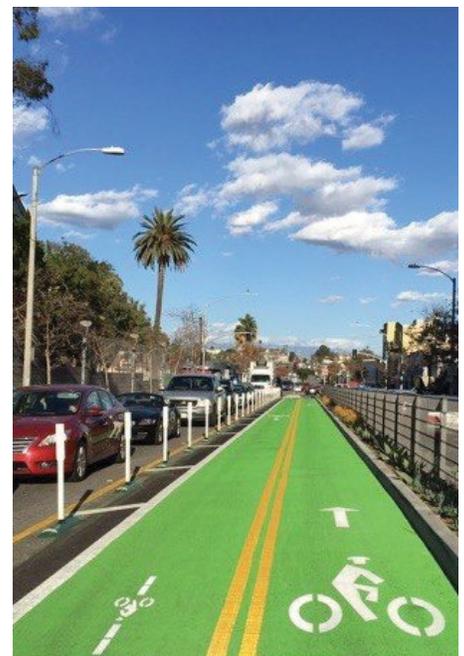


**M**ay is National Bike Month, a celebration started by the League of American Bicyclists in 1956 to showcase the many benefits of cycling. The City of Santa Monica will use the occasion to encourage more folks to give it a try by connecting with other bike-friendly—and bike-curious—folks in the community at events including Bike to Work Day on May 19 and several Bike to School days. We'll also have learn-to-ride classes for adults and bike maintenance classes for all, as well as supporting local businesses with Buy Local/Bike Local promotions.

Did you know that all of Santa Monica is accessible during a bike ride of 20 minutes or less? May is an ideal month—especially weather-wise—to enjoy your community and check out some of the brand-new protected cycling facilities, including:

- the bikeway on Pico Boulevard connecting 6th and 7th Streets;
- the Colorado Esplanade's two-way bikeway from the 4th Street Expo Station to the Pier; and
- the Expo pedestrian/bike path that starts at the 17th Street Expo Station and heads toward downtown Los Angeles via Culver City.

Keep up with these projects and all National Bike Month activities by visiting us on Facebook [@SantaMonicaPlanning](#). Happy riding!

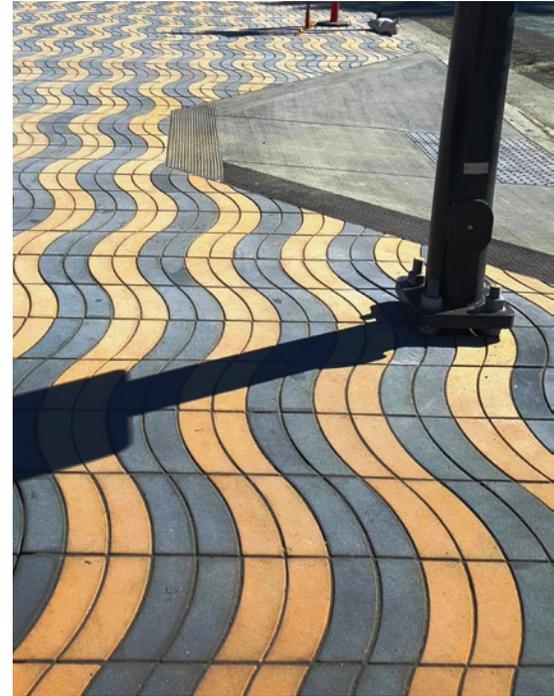


## COME SEE THE NEW ESPLANADE BY THE SEA

**T**he wait will soon be over! Sure to become another iconic city landmark, Santa Monica's Colorado Esplanade project is wrapping up, about the same time as the arrival of the Expo Light Rail Line and opening of its adjacent bike path. Among the final touches to the stretch of Colorado Avenue between 4th Street and Ocean Avenue before opening: placement of festival street lighting; extra-wide sidewalks composed of decorative pavers that mimic a wave pattern; sitting "plinths" made to resemble the Santa Monica Pier's wooden decking; the new Triangle Park at Main Street with drought-tolerant plantings and Rainbow Eucalyptus trees; and a prominent two-way "cycle track."

With its roots in the city's 2010 Land Use and Circulation Element (LUCE), the Esplanade is significant among a number of LUCE-guided projects intended to help meet the increasing demand for alternative modes of transportation, especially in Downtown. It will provide an essential, direct link from the Downtown Santa Monica Expo Station to multiple destinations in the city, including the Pier, the Third Street Promenade, City Hall and Tongva Park, as well as those along transportation corridors such as Ocean Avenue, Main Street, 2nd Street and 4th Street.

Years of planning, engineering and hard work—not to mention the much-appreciated patience of Santa Monica's residents, business owners and visitors—will soon pay off in a very big way! Don't miss this opportunity to enjoy Downtown Santa Monica like never before. See you on the Esplanade!



## ALSO OPENING SOON...

**M**ore exciting project news! The California Incline Bridge Replacement and the Idaho Avenue Pedestrian Overcrossing projects are very nearly ready for their debuts.

From the intersection of Ocean Avenue at the top of the Palisades Bluffs to Pacific Coast Highway, the 80-year-old Incline bridge has now been replaced with a structure that not only meets current seismic standards but also provides important separation between vehicles and pedestrians and bicyclists, who will enjoy a new two-way bike lane. In addition, the stability of the adjacent bluffs has been dramatically improved to enhance the safety of all travelers. The reconstruction of the Idaho Trail, connecting Palisades Park with both the beach and the Incline, will further improve this popular pedestrian access.

These two projects are scheduled to open in summer 2016—and will be well worth the wait! To learn more, visit [smconstructs.org](http://smconstructs.org).



TECH TALK

# CITY WI-FI CONNECTS USERS EVERYWHERE IN SANTA MONICA



The City of Santa Monica's free Wi-Fi service, with 34 hot spots and coverage for most of our public spaces and commercial and transit corridors, offers residents and visitors an award-winning, ultrafast wireless network to those who work or do business here. Just last year, City Wi-Fi download speeds were increased to more than double the original 1.5 megabytes per second (mbps). With our most recent upgrade, those speeds are now accelerated to 8mbps. This is more than enough to power even the most demanding mobile applications! Use the map above to help you locate the hotspot or corridor nearest your favorite hangout for work or play, and visit [smgov.net/citywifi](http://smgov.net/citywifi) for more information.

# CITYNET WINS TECHNOLOGY SOLUTIONS AWARD

**T**he City of Santa Monica has won a Technology Solutions award from the Public Technology Institute (PTI) for its Digital Inclusion Pilot Program (CityNet), which seeks to break down economic barriers to the internet. The PTI Solutions Awards recognize outstanding advances in the use of technology to improve the management and delivery of local government services.

As previously described in *Seascope* ("Tech Talk," Feb/Mar/Apr 2016),

CityNet offers broadband internet access in the community rooms of affordable housing buildings in Santa Monica at speeds up to 10 gigabits per second, the fastest residential service in the nation. This first phase of the pilot is a key step in assessing the feasibility of expanding the service to all Santa Monica residents; Phase II is planned to connect individual residential units.

Studies have shown that students without home internet access have lower graduation rates. Adults

in these same households are significantly less inclined to avail themselves of benefits that come with such access. Tackling this key "digital divide" issue head-on is an important step toward improving the wellbeing of all citizens, and the PTI Solutions Award is recognition that Santa Monica continues to set the pace for others to follow.

# SEASCAPES PAST: CITY'S ONCE-TALLEST BUILDING IS STILL IMPRESSIVE

**T**o many locals and visitors, the Bay Cities (Guaranty) Building—AKA the Clock Tower Building—is one of the most recognizable landmarks in the city. Located near the corner of Second Street and Santa Monica Boulevard, the rectangular structure is clad terracotta and capped by a stepped clock tower. Rising 12 stories above the ground, it stood as the tallest building in the city for some 40 years, from 1930 to 1970.

The construction of the building seized the headline in the Santa Monica Evening Outlook on March 17, 1929 with "Santa Monica to have the first skyscraper." The article boasts that the building would be served by "two modern high speed, multi-voltage electric passenger elevators" and that the "mechanical equipment will be of the latest and most up-to-date design."

The mechanical innovations were matched by architectural firm Walker and Eisen's Art Deco design. The Art Deco style is characterized by extensive use of applied decoration and simple geometric forms with strong vertical emphases. The verticality of the Clock Tower Building is extended through the use of pylons across the primary elevation and a stepped clock tower. The structure's distinctive look has earned it recognition as one of the finest examples of commercial Art Deco design.

The image shows the building under construction on October 5, 1929. It was designated as a city landmark building in 2004.

*Photo courtesy of Imagine Santa Monica (digital.smpl.org), home of the digital collections of Santa Monica Public Library.*



# EXPO: THE BASICS



## HOW OFTEN DOES THE METRO EXPO LINE RUN?

Trains will run every 12 minutes at most times of the day, with service beginning at about 4 a.m. on weekdays and ending at approximately 1 a.m. On Friday and Saturday nights, Expo—like all Metro Light Rail trains—runs until approximately 2 a.m.

## BUYING A TICKET (TAP CARD)

All passengers are required to have a valid TAP card to board the train—no paper passes are available. A TAP card costs \$1 at TAP vending machines, and \$2 on buses and at retail locations, including Santa Monica’s Blue: The Transit Store and the City Hall Mobility Center. (See [page 15](#) for location addresses and information on Santa Monica’s special commemorative TAP cards.) TAP cards are only sold together with fare products; unloaded cards are not available.

Self-service TAP vending machines with step-by-step instructions are located at every station; they accept cash, credit or debit cards. You can add Stored Value, a single one-way fare, or a day, weekly or monthly pass to your TAP card at any TAP vending machine, or at Santa Monica’s Transit Store and Mobility Center. For more information on fares and how to get a TAP card, visit [taptogo.net](http://taptogo.net).

## HOW MUCH DOES IT COST?

The one way fare is \$1.75 and includes free transfers to other Metro rail and bus lines for up to two hours on a one-way trip. Seniors and disabled travelers pay only \$0.75 per ride, with additional discounts for off-peak times, weekends and holidays. Day and monthly passes offer significant savings, depending on how often you use Expo. There are also discounted passes for students.

## USING YOUR CARD

Once you’ve added value to your TAP card you are ready to ride. Tap your card on the blue TAP dial at the turnstile before you board. You’ll hear a “beep” that tells you the card is valid. As long as you have Stored Value or a valid pass loaded on your card you can use it to board any Metro train or bus!

## TRANSFERS

Do you need to transfer from the Metro Expo Line to a Big Blue Bus (BBB) to reach your final destination? Lucky for you, BBB issues interagency transfers! These transfers allow you to board one additional Metro bus or train and/or most other regional bus lines. Transfers can be purchased when boarding and are valid for two hours after purchase. The BBB accepts transfers from virtually any route that intersects with a BBB route, but not Culver City Bus local transfers.

## BIKES WELCOME!

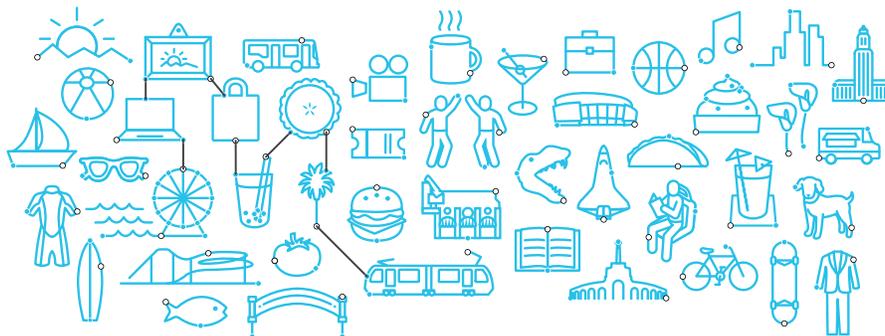
All of Santa Monica’s Expo Light Rail stations have bike racks and Breeze Bike Share stations nearby. The Expo stations at 17th/Colorado and 26th/Olympic also have bike lockers for rent. Racks are free to use; lockers may be rented by calling Metro at 213.922.2660. For more information about cycling in Santa Monica, visit [bikesantamonica.org](http://bikesantamonica.org) (for LA County, visit [la-bike.org](http://la-bike.org)).

To get all the details on Metro Light Rail use in Santa Monica and beyond, visit [metro.net](http://metro.net).

[metro.net/moreexpo](http://metro.net/moreexpo)

## MORE TO EXPLORE

CONNECT YOUR DOTS WITH 7 NEW EXPO LINE STATIONS OPENING MAY 20.



# WHERE CAN YOU GO ON EXPO?

## METRO EXPO LINE: FROM DOWNTOWN SANTA MONICA TO DOWNTOWN LOS ANGELES



## BIG BLUE BUS CONNECTS TO EXPO WITH BIG SAVINGS



### More Savings With BOGO Promo

To celebrate the return of rail to Santa Monica after more than 60 years, Big Blue Bus is rolling out a Buy One/Get One Free promotion (BOGO), while supplies last! Santa Monica residents, visitors, current riders and “newbies” are encouraged give Big Blue a try, whether it’s to just get around town or to connect to Expo and points east.

Beginning on May 13, anyone with a valid ID can purchase Big Blue Bus fare products on a TAP (Transit Access Pass) card and receive products of equal or lesser value, absolutely FREE!\* To take advantage of this offer, come to either Blue: The Transit Store (1444 4th Street) or the Mobility Center at City Hall (1685 Main Street).

At both locations, these BOGO products are available:

- Day Pass and Senior/Disabled/Medicare Day Pass
- 7-Day Pass
- 13 Rides Pass and Senior/Disabled/Medicare 13 Rides Pass

- 30-Day Pass and Senior/Disabled/Medicare 30-Day Pass
- 30-Day Express Pass and Senior/Disabled/Medicare 30-Day Express Pass
- Youth 30-Day Pass
- TAP Stored Value

For seamless and cashless travel between Big Blue Bus and the Expo Light Rail Line, Stored Value is a great option that allows you to use one card for both forms of transit. Load a TAP card with Stored Value (up to \$20 per visit), and you will receive an equal amount of Stored Value for free.

For more information, visit [BigBlueBus.com/bogo](http://BigBlueBus.com/bogo).

*\*The BOGO promotion is limited to \$110 free value per person, per week, and is available while supplies last. All fare media must be loaded onto a TAP card, available for purchase for \$2 each.*

# ONLY IN SANTA MONICA: LIMITED-EDITION TAP CARDS!



Santa Monica Beach © 2008



Santa Monica Pier Party © 2015



Santa Monica © 2012

Following a review of 27 submitted proposals, the City of Santa Monica commissioned three local artists to design TAP cards celebrating the city and the arrival of Expo. These limited-edition cards are available at only two locations: Blue: The Transit Store at 1444 4th Street and the new Mobility Center located in the lobby of City Hall at 1685 Main Street.

These special, reusable commemoratives—good to ride both Expo and the Big Blue Bus—cost just \$2 but the supply is limited, so get yours today!

**Cindy Bendat** is a cultural, documentary and fine art photographer with a diverse portfolio of work of people, places and festivals around the world. Her image is an aerial shot of the local beach taken from a plane during a coastal photo shoot. At first glance, the image appears to be an abstract series of colored dots, but closer inspection reveals the shoreline, beachgoers and colorful umbrellas.

**Thomas Eatherton** is a painter and digital artist who has lived in the city for over 60 years. His featured artwork is a pattern of brightly colored blocks, reflecting the positive emotions he feels when thinking about the Santa Monica Pier, Third Street Promenade, the Pacific Ocean and Palisades Park.

**Mimi Haddon's** photography is inspired by the clash of nostalgic influences on modern realities. Her image represents the way in which she embraces the multi-layered qualities of the city—the joy, entertainment, color and sunshine it offers. Santa Monica's natural beauty and the way the mountains gracefully meet the sea are unusual and lovely. Haddon says the female is a reminder to protect what has been given to us.

## FIFTEEN PLACES TO GO ON EXPO

**N**ow comprising more than 100 miles of rail and 80 stations—including seven new ones along the Expo Line—the LA Metro Rail System provides direct access to a variety of destinations, from educational institutions to business and media parks to galleries and museums.

Hop on board the Expo train in Downtown Santa Monica and enjoy the 46-minute ride into Los Angeles, where you can then catch the Red Line to (1) Disney Concert Hall, (2) the Hollywood Bowl, (3) Union Station or (4) Universal City, the Gold Line to (5) Pasadena or (6) Little Tokyo, or the Blue Line all the way to (7) Long Beach.

You can also get off before reaching the Expo Line terminus to take advantage of any of these great

destinations a bit closer to home: (8) FIGat7th, (9) Staples Center, (10) L.A. Live, (11) California Science Center, (12) Natural History Museum, (13) Museum of Jurassic Technology, (14) Rancho Park Golf Course and (15) Santa Monica's own Bergamot Station. Many of these sites are within walking distance of the Expo stations, though some will require making a quick connection via the Big Blue Bus or a Metro bus.

For more travel ideas, pick up a handy *Metro Destinations Guide* on Saturday, May 21 at any of the Metro information booths located at all seven Expo Line stations, the Culver City station and the 7th Street/Metro station. Or download a copy—and find out more about all the places Metro trains go—by visiting [metro.net](http://metro.net).

Metro presents

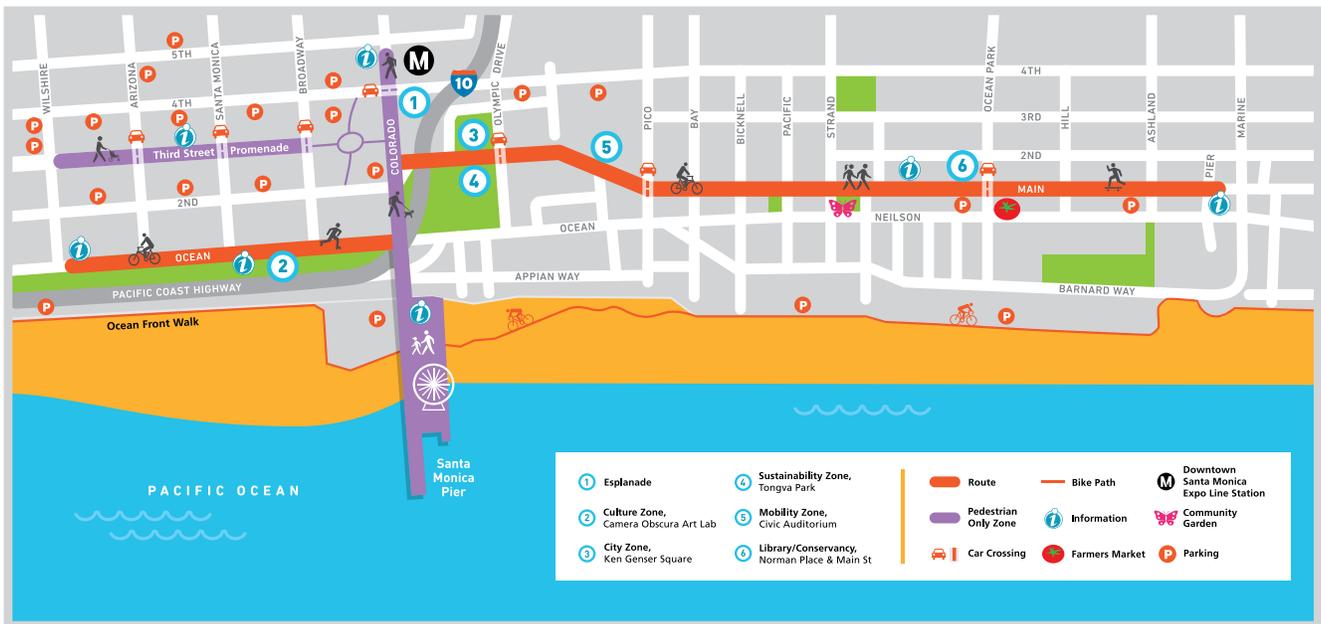
# COAST

City of Santa Monica's Open Streets Event



Bike, bus, train or walk your way to a free, engaging and fun way to explore your city. Enjoy two miles of car-free streets and discover local food, music, shops, culture, dance and games with family and friends.

Sunday, June 5, 2016  
9 AM - 3 PM



See the full schedule and program at [smgov.net/coast](http://smgov.net/coast) | #GoSaMo

OPEN STREETS  
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# TAKE A RIDE OR A STROLL ALONG THE ALL-NEW EXPO PATH

**S**anta Monica's beach bicycle path isn't the only game in town anymore! The Expo off-street bike and pedestrian path—officially opening on May 20 and connecting to the city's existing biking network—begins at 17th Street and Colorado Avenue in Santa Monica and heads east, alongside the Expo Rail Line, all the way to Overland Avenue in West Los Angeles.

The path, mostly 17 feet wide in Santa Monica (12-foot width for bikes and five for pedestrians), continues east from Overland Avenue in a combination of on-street lanes and sharrows, passing through Culver City and eventually ending near the USC campus.

With drought-resistant trees, shrubs and groundcover planted along its perimeter, the path will provide a pleasant daytime space for riders and walkers. LED lighting will illuminate the path at night, with four 9-1-1 call boxes and eight security cameras installed along the segment from Centinela Avenue to Stewart Street assuring greater safety for all users. Additional features in Santa Monica include technology that detects the presence of people on bikes at midblock crossings and utilizes unique bike-only signals.

A great way to get to the path is along the city's network of bike lanes—including the newly painted green lanes on 17th Street—or via Stewart south of Olympic. Adding to the Expo path's convenience, Breeze Bike Share stations will be located at all Santa Monica Expo stations so even passengers without bikes can still catch a cool ride to their final destination!



*New Expo Bike Path—in purple—opening soon! Find a newly updated city bike map at [bikesantamonica.org](http://bikesantamonica.org).*



# NEW CAR SHARE PROGRAM LETS YOU ZIP AROUND TOWN:



**T**he City of Santa Monica and Zipcar have launched a partnership to expand car sharing in Santa Monica. Car share provides users with access to a vehicle for times when they need it, available by the hour and by the day. Car share is an indispensable ingredient in the recipe to create a new model for mobility in Santa Monica.

The formal launch of the city-led pilot car share program brings an additional 20 Zipcars to Santa Monica, for a total 35 cars in the city. New vehicles will be visibly located in public areas. The hourly rate includes the cost of gas and insurance, which can save you money compared to the annual costs of owning another vehicle. A bonus of the partnership is that Zipcar memberships are valid in hundreds of other cities—and at 50 airports—across the world.

“Zipcar’s car share service is an important part of Santa Monica’s menu of mobility choices,” said City Manager Rick Cole. “When you can take the train, bus, bike and now access a car by the hour, some may choose to live without owning a vehicle. That’s a win-win for the environment, easing congestion and making Santa Monica more affordable.”

The City of Santa Monica is strongly committed to growing the number of mobility and transportation choices available to residents, visitors and employees. Car share has successfully improved livability and mobility standards in cities across the world. Santa Monica is proud to lead the way for neighboring cities and states to provide similar services for their residents as a means to improve health and happiness for everyone.

For more information on Zipcar services, please go to [zipcar.com](http://zipcar.com).



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**—Rick Cole, City Manager**



# TEN THINGS TO KNOW ABOUT EXPO LIGHT RAIL SERVICE



1. Expo is the first rail transit to the far Westside since streetcar service was halted in 1953. Part of the Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transit Authority (Metro) service, the Expo Light Rail Line largely follows the old Exposition railroad right-of-way that was used by Pacific Electric streetcars and freight trains.
  2. The trip between 7th/Metro Center in Downtown Los Angeles (DTLA) and the Downtown Santa Monica station is expected to take 46 minutes, far less than the time it takes to travel on the congested Santa Monica Freeway during rush hours.
  3. The project was largely funded by the 2008 voter-approved Measure R half-cent sales tax increase; the final cost for the extension to Santa Monica is about \$1.5 billion.
  4. The first phase of Expo, opened in 2012, covers 8.5 miles between 7th/Metro Center in DTLA and Culver City. The 6.6-mile Phase 2 extension adds seven stations, including three in Santa Monica, as shown on the map on page 8.
  5. Trains will run every 12 minutes at most times of the day with service beginning about 4 a.m. on weekdays and ending about 1 a.m. On Friday and Saturday nights, Metro Rail runs until 2 a.m.
  6. Parking is available at three stations: Expo/Sepulveda (260 spaces), Expo/Bundy (250 spaces) and 17th Street/Santa Monica College (70 spaces). The fee is \$2 a day for those using Expo.
  7. A regular adult fare on Expo and all Metro rail lines is \$1.75 and includes two hours of free transfers—easily covering travel between Santa Monica and destinations such as DTLA, Long Beach, Pasadena and Hollywood. Discounts are offered to seniors, students, the disabled and Medicare recipients, as well as subsidies for eligible low-income recipients.
  8. There is a paved bike path along much of the Expo Line between Culver City and Palms and then between Overland Avenue and Colorado/17th Street in Santa Monica. Pedestrian walkways are also provided. The map above left shows the city's segment of the path.
  9. Metro is working on other rail projects that will offer easy transfers to the Expo Line, including the Crenshaw/LAX Line, scheduled for completion in 2019, and the Regional Connector project that will tie together the Blue, Expo and Gold Lines in DTLA, allowing Expo Line trains to travel all the way to East Los Angeles.
  10. With more than 1.5 million people on the Westside and another 300,000 more expected in the next 20 years, Expo offers the most reliable and energy-efficient way to move people.
- Learn more about all of Metro's light rail lines and plans for the future of public transit in Southern California by visiting [metro.net](http://metro.net).

# WHAT'S HAPPENING. SANTA MONICA?

## ON THE CALENDAR



### Tongva Park Events

**May 18** - Tongva After Dark Concert, 7:30 - 9 p.m.

**June 25** - Family Saturday , 10 a.m. - 12 noon

Admission to these events is free; visit [tongvapark.smgov.net](http://tongvapark.smgov.net) for more information.

### Santa Monica College Film Screening, Q&A

**May 17** - *No Más Bebés* is the story of 10 Mexican immigrant mothers who successfully sued LA County and the state and federal governments for being sterilized in the 1970s without their consent.

**May 24** - Q & A with Virginia Espino, co-producer of *No Más Bebés*.

Both events, starting at 11:15 a.m., are free. SMC campus, Humanities & Social Science Building, Room 165. Visit [smc.edu](http://smc.edu) for more information.

### Santa Monica Shred Event

**June 11** - Prevent ID theft with paper shredding at the City Yards, 2500 Michigan Avenue, 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.

### Main Street Parade

**July 4** - Don't miss this 10th annual holiday extravaganza presented by your neighbors from the Ocean Park Association! Beginning at 9:30 a.m., the 1.5 mile route starts at Pico Boulevard and Main Street, traveling south on Main to Marine and winding its way to Bernard Way.

Sit along the route to enjoy the spectacle—or walk or ride your bike and be part of the event!

Volunteers also needed—contact [july4thsm@gmail.com](mailto:july4thsm@gmail.com) for more information.

### Mile Playhouse Presents 11th Annual Santa Monica Teen Film Festival

**July 9** - Screening 1 (mature/PG-13 films), 7 p.m. at Miles Playhouse

**July 10** - Screening 2 (family-friendly fare), 2 to 4 p.m., location TBD

An awards ceremony will immediately follow the Sunday screening, 4 - 4:30 p.m.

Free admission! Check out the excitement at [santamonicateenfilmfestival.com](http://santamonicateenfilmfestival.com).

## ANNENBERG COMMUNITY BEACH HOUSE



**M**emorial Day weekend is the start of another great summer at the Annenberg Community Beach House: The pool will be open May 28, 29 and 30 and June 4 and 5 from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Then on Friday, June 10, the summer season is in full swing, starting with an open house event. Whether it's sitting poolside or taking swimming lessons, paddle-boarding in the Pacific or enjoying a free Beach=Culture performance, find your summer fun here!

Our summer season runs through September 5, so be sure to take advantage of our many excellent programs and facilities, including:

- Pool, game room and gallery open daily;
- Monday Fun Day free activities for youth;
- Tuesday evening Beach=Culture events, a free series offering dance halls, performances, talks and workshops;
- Monday, Wednesday, Friday, Saturday and Sunday guided tours of the Beach House, led by Santa Monica Conservancy docents; and

- Pop-ups! Ping-pong tournaments, dance parties, game nights and Sunset Swim for adults (starting in July).

For full details on these and other programs and activities offered at the Beach House, visit [annenbergbeachhouse.com](http://annenbergbeachhouse.com) or call Guest Services at 310.458.4904.



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# SANTA MONICA CELEBRATES FIRE SERVICE DAY

Santa Monica's fire stations open their doors to the public on Saturday, May 14 from 1 to 3 p.m. Drop by any (or all!) of our stations to meet your local firefighters, take a tour, and learn more about SMFD's commitment and service to the community.

- **Station 1:** 1444 7th Street (between Santa Monica and Broadway)
- **Station 2:** 222 Hollister Avenue (at 2nd Street)
- **Station 3:** 1302 19th Street (at Arizona Avenue)
- **Station 5:** 2450 Ashland Avenue (south of Ocean Park Boulevard at Santa Monica Airport)

For more information, call 310.458.8761.

 [santamonicafire.org](http://santamonicafire.org)

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**Woodlawn**  
Cemetery, Mausoleum & Mortuary

 **78TH ANNUAL MEMORIAL DAY OBSERVANCE**

**Monday, May 30, 2016 - 11 AM**

Free Admission  
(music & activities following ceremony)

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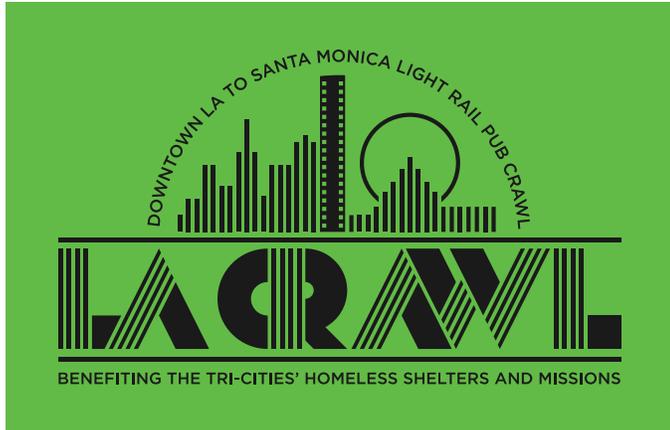
MAY 30

## Memorial Day at Woodlawn Cemetery: Honoring the Fallen

We are proud to host Santa Monica's 78th annual Memorial Day observance and honor the men and women who have made the ultimate sacrifice for our country. Highlights include a Condor Squadron military flyover and musical performances by the John Adams Middle School Choir and the Patriot Brass Ensemble, with other activities to follow the ceremony. Food will be available for purchase.

Come celebrate our fallen heroes, surrounded by the beauty of one of the city's landmark resources! Visit us at [woodlawns.com](http://woodlawns.com), find us on Facebook @WoodlawnSM, or call 310.458.8717 for more information.

# BUY LOCAL SM JOINS LA CRAWL TO CELEBRATE EXPO!



To help celebrate the arrival of Expo Light Rail Line, the Buy Local SM Committee and 30 of Santa Monica's restaurants and bars will participate in the LA Crawl, a special fundraising event designed to socially connect the people of the tri-city region (Santa Monica, Culver City and Downtown Los Angeles) utilizing the expanded Expo Line. The LA Crawl will be held Sunday, June 5, from 12 noon to 7 p.m. It's a fun, safe way to explore the area, and to get acquainted with some great local businesses—and Expo! To further add to the day's festivities, the event will be bookended by two free street festivals—COAST: Santa Monica's Open Streets Event and Shopwalk DTLA.

A portion of the proceeds from the \$22-30 admission fee will benefit shelters, missions and resource centers serving those affected by homelessness in the region, including OPCC in Santa Monica. In addition to supporting a good cause, participants will receive food and drink specials and a personalized LA Crawl itinerary. (Seascape readers can also use the code "Promo1" for a \$5 discount at registration.) To learn more and register, please visit [LACrawl.org](http://LACrawl.org).

# PICNIC ON THE PROMENADE



**COMING JULY 8!** Escape from the cubicle and enjoy lunch at Downtown Santa Monica's Picnic on the Promenade, between Arizona Avenue and Santa Monica Boulevard. This annual summer series eases everyone into the weekend each Friday afternoon through August 26 (12 to 3 p.m.) with live music, classic board games, interactive challenges, and free services from Downtown merchants. Bring a lunch or grab-and-go from one of Downtown's award-winning eateries and soak in the sun. Visit [downtownsm.com](http://downtownsm.com) for more information.



# HEAL THE BAY, PIER AQUARIUM CELEBRATE EXPO, SURFING AND MARINE SCIENCE

## It's an All-Access Weekend at the Water June 4 and 5!

Heal the Bay and its partners hail the arrival of the Expo Light Rail Line—providing coastline access to all—with a special weekend of activities on Saturday and Sunday, June 4 and 5.

June 4 is Nick Gabaldón Day, a celebration of the pioneering African-American surfer (1927-1951) who took to the waves from historic “Inkwell Beach” in Santa Monica. Joining with the Black Surfers Collective, Santa Monica Conservancy, Concerned Black Men International and others, Heal the Bay will co-host a day of activities beginning at 9 a.m. at the intersection of Bay Street and Ocean Front Walk. Ocean safety talks and free surf lessons will start the day.

Then, from 12:30 to 5 p.m., free admission to the Santa Monica Pier Aquarium will honor Gabaldón’s legacy of access for and diversity in the greater surfing community and promoting stewardship of the Santa Monica Bay coastline.

The Aquarium will continue its Expo celebration on Sunday with free hands-on S.T.E.M. (Science, Technology, Engineering and Math) activities that focus on the engineering and design of the light rail train, as well as on the environmental benefits of public transportation. The Aquarium will also feature watershed science activities, highlighting Expo’s path along the Ballona Creek watershed.

Located at beach-level just below the historic Carousel at 1600 Ocean Front Walk, the Aquarium is open to the general public and attracts nearly 100,000 visitors per year. Over its 13 years of operation, the Aquarium has welcomed more than 800,000 visitors during public hours, and in-house education programs have reached close to 175,000 students. Learn more about Heal the Bay and the Aquarium—including more summer programs and activities—at [healthebay.org/aquarium](http://healthebay.org/aquarium).



# PUBLIC WORKS EMPLOYEES SERVE US ALL



## Celebrating National Public Works Week, May 15-21

National Public Works Week is celebrated by tens of thousands of men and women in North America who provide and maintain the infrastructure and services collectively known as public works. Since 1960, the American Public Works Association (APWA) has sponsored National Public Works Week. Across North America, more than 28,000 APWA members use the week to educate the public on the importance of public works.

The City of Santa Monica is proud to join in this celebration, saluting the 505 employees of the Public Works Department who are committed to providing the many services and facilities that are essential to the everyday lives of all who

live, work and play in our community. They are the men and women who maintain our parks, urban forest, pier and beach; supply us with fresh and clean water; take care of trash, recycling and street sweeping; provide mortuary services; design, construct, maintain and clean city-owned facilities and infrastructure; manage airport operations; maintain our streets, alleys, crosswalks and parking meters; and keep the city's fleet vehicles running smoothly.

The city will host an appreciation luncheon in mid-May to honor these hard-working staffers and acknowledge their important contributions to the wellbeing of our community.

## RESOURCE RECOVERY AND RECYCLING DIVISION REACHES OUT



The City of Santa Monica's Resource Recovery and Recycling (R3) Division teamed up with the Office of Sustainability and the Environment earlier this spring to provide compost pails during Franklin Elementary's E-Waste and Water Challenge Prize distribution. The R3 team also spoke to 120 kids about the importance and value of composting.

R3 staffers were also joined by hundreds of families at the Santa Monica Airport Artwalk to create art on t-shirts. The shirts were donated by USAgain.



In February, the R3 crew teamed up with the Santa Monica Police Department for a paper shredding event. Documents are commercially shredded—safely and properly—by trained, licensed and bonded document-destruction specialists of Confidential Data Destruction Company. When confidential documents are shredded during R3-sponsored events, they are recycled into new paper products. [See page 20](#) for details on the next shred event, coming in June!

# PURSuing EXCELLENCE THROUGH EQUITY



**I**t is an exciting time in the Santa Monica-Malibu Unified School District as the Board of Education (BOE), administration and staff focus their attention on equity and access for all students. SMMUSD is passionate about making its mission statement a reality: “Extraordinary achievement for all students while simultaneously closing the achievement gap.”

To ensure that any barriers to success are being addressed, an equity review was undertaken this year, the results of which were presented at a special BOE meeting held in April. Noting the tremendous interest from the community, including the City of Santa Monica Cradle to Career committee and representatives from local organizations, Superintendent Sandra Lyon remarked, “We understand that we must provide a student-centered learning climate, encourage and support a strong connection with parents and the community, and provide ongoing development of the professional capacity of staff.”

As the focus on equity through excellence takes shape and a plan is developed from recommendations of the review, SMMUSD continues to focus on the whole child. Creating a safe and nurturing school environment is critical to

successful student outcomes and there is no shortage of programs that address issues and concerns.

This summer, a three-day Equity Institute for district administrators and managers will emphasize district priorities and provide direction on implementing equity-based strategies that include obtaining commitment from staff throughout the district. This approach will benefit all students by focusing on what is best for each child to ensure that every student has the opportunity to meet his or her full potential and be well-prepared for college and career.

The future is bright for all students in SMMUSD! For more information on this and other district priorities and plans, please visit [smmusd.org](http://smmusd.org).



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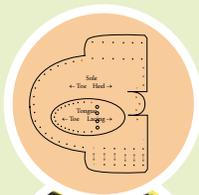
LIVE AND LEARN

CAMERA OBSCURA ART LAB: BABY MOCCASINS

**Sew up some slippers for Baby! This pattern will make a 4" soled moccasin to fit infants 6-9 months.**

You will need:

- A piece of 6" x 15" leather, pleather, or felt. If making two-toned moccasins (as pictured), choose a 4"x7" piece of material in a second color for the tongue.
- Leather, darning or embroidery needle, a sharp awl and scissors.
- 3 feet of wax linen, carpet or similar heavy thread (try a beading or craft store).
- Decorative lace, ribbon or elastic for closure.
- A color photocopier to print the downloadable pattern. Make sure the sole piece measures 5.25" from toe to heel ends.
- Optional: a small-diameter hole punch for lacing; craft knife; mallet to assist with awl; old magazine or cutting mat.



**DOWNLOAD THE PATTERN** Find the pattern for this project at [smgov.net/mbh](http://smgov.net/mbh).

**STEP 1** Trace sole pattern pieces twice on your main material. Trace tongue pattern piece twice on main or second-color material. Cut out with scissors or craft knife. If using a knife, score several times first instead of trying to cut through in one pass. Use a mat to protect your work surface. Remember to exercise caution when using sharp instruments!



**STEP 2** Lay the paper pattern over your pieces and note the color of the dots to later match up your stitches. Use an awl to make holes large enough so that your needle goes through easily. On the tongue, make larger holes or slits for the decorative lacing where noted.



**STEP 3** Hold the tongue over the sole, inside surfaces touching. Start by sewing the red dots together, making a knot from the outside of the sole in through the edge of the tongue. Come back through the outside to the inside once more to secure, then continue around the toe, outside to inside. The sole is larger than the tongue, so you will be gathering a bit of sole each time you stitch. When you reach the other side of the tongue, you can knot off, or continue to the ankle, as you like.



**STEP 4** Turn the ankle edge over to the outside. To save time, encase the decorative lace as you go so you don't have to thread it through after. Join the green dots, sew through both, then continue, joining each pair of dots.



**STEP 5** Sew up the heel by overlapping the two sides of the heel and topping with the reinforcing half-circle flap at the bottom of the heel. Many of these stitches will go through 2-3 layers of material, 3-4 times through, so large awl holes are a must. The blue dots indicate the first overlap. Sew down through the yellow dot. Then flip the half-circle heel up and sew through the orange center dot on the heel flap and through the other two orange dots. Sew through each yellow side dot on the heel flap, through the previously sewn yellow holes.

**STEP 6** Work the thread back up through the overlapped heel and continue through the rest of the ankle stitches, knotting at the end.

**STEP 7** Make the second slipper, then finish the lacing on both to match. Tie a knot in any ribbons and cut extra length away. Note: Babies must be supervised when wearing clothing with ribbons/laces that are not attached.

## The Camera Obscura Art Lab at 1450 Ocean

offers arts, crafts and culture classes for all adults, year-round. Weekly printmaking, millinery, writing and collage labs, workshops with a changing roster of artists-in-residence, monthly workshops on topics as diverse as urban homesteading, sustainable reuse, fine art and jewelry. Find your community of artists and makers! Parking is a breeze in Structure 6, just around the corner ([smgov.net/parking](http://smgov.net/parking)) and we're three blocks from the Metro station!

Visit us at [smgov.net/camera](http://smgov.net/camera) or 1450 Ocean Avenue at Broadway.

Contact [communityclasses@smgov.net](mailto:communityclasses@smgov.net) or 310.458.2239.

View and register for classes at [facebook.com/1450ocean/events](https://facebook.com/1450ocean/events) (click on the "tickets" link for individual workshops) or search by keyword at [smgov.net/reserve](http://smgov.net/reserve).

Join our email list at [smgov.net/artsignup](http://smgov.net/artsignup).



**Featured at the Art Lab through July 16:**  
Drawing workshops every Saturday with Studio Artist-in-Residence Frank Valdez.

# COOKING WITH SANTA MONICA FARMERS MARKETS

## Roasted Strawberry "Nice" Cream

*Courtesy of Emma D'Alessandro*

Spring means time for strawberries and warmer temps mean ice cream! Make your own seasonal, fruit-based ice cream without an ice cream maker—and increase the sweetness by adding roasted strawberries instead of sugar.

### INGREDIENTS

- 1 lb. strawberries, stemmed, washed and halved
- 1 tbsp. balsamic vinegar
- 1 tsp. lemon juice
- 2 c. strawberries
- 1 can full-fat coconut milk
- 1 tsp. vanilla extract
- 1/2 tsp. ground cinnamon
- 2-3 soft, pitted Medjool dates
- Optional: basil leaves and strawberries for garnish



### INSTRUCTIONS

Preheat oven to 375 F. Place the fresh strawberries in a glass dish and toss with balsamic vinegar. Place in oven for 25 minutes, tossing halfway through roasting, until berries are tender but still have some shape to them. Remove and allow to cool.

Scoop out 1/4 cup of berries plus liquid and reserve in a separate bowl. Place remaining ingredients and all but the reserved strawberries in a blender. Blend until smooth.

Pour contents into a glass or freezer-friendly container, such as a loaf pan lined with parchment paper. Pour in reserved roasted berries and liquid and swirl in patterns using a cake tester or fork. Place in the freezer for 3 to 4 hours, until hardened. If you leave in freezer overnight, thaw for 15 minutes before serving. Scoop and top with fresh or extra roasted strawberries and basil, if using.

*Emma D'Alessandro is a farmers market enthusiast and avid volunteer, educator and food blogger; find more from and about her at [cravingnature.com](http://cravingnature.com).*

### THESE RECIPE INGREDIENTS WERE PURCHASED AT THE SATURDAY VIRGINIA AVENUE PARK MARKET:

**Strawberries** – Trevino Farms  
**Basil** – Maggie's Farm

**Dates** – Bautista Dates



## PRESERVING CLASS AT THE VIRGINIA AVENUE MARKET

**SATURDAY, JUNE 25**

10 a.m. to 12 noon  
2200 Virginia Avenue

Join us at Virginia Avenue Park's Thelma Terry Workshop 3 for a hands-on class on selecting and preserving seasonal produce. Hosted by the Slow Food Preservation Advisors—Los Angeles in conjunction with the Santa Monica Farmers Market, this session will focus on stone fruit jam with lavender and also include a demonstration of making pesto.

This two-hour class is free and open to participants over the age of 12 years, but registration is required; sign up at [smgov.net/preservingclass](http://smgov.net/preservingclass). Participants should bring their own knife, cutting board and apron.

Virginia Avenue Park is served by Big Blue Bus Line No. 7. The park and facilities are wheelchair accessible.

## SEE YOU AT THE FARMERS MARKETS!

### WEDNESDAYS

Arizona Ave @ 2nd Street  
8:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m.

### SATURDAYS

Arizona Ave @ 3rd Street  
8:30 a.m.-1 p.m.

### SATURDAYS

Virginia Avenue Park  
8 a.m.-1 p.m.

### SUNDAYS

2640 Main Street,  
9:30 a.m.-1 p.m.

**We're always looking for volunteers.** Visit our website and click on "About Us" for more information and to apply!



## SUSTAINABLE SANTA MONICA

# WATER HEROES GET MORE THAN REBATES FOR THEIR WATER-SAVING EFFORTS



**I**t dawned slowly on Patrie Sardo that the three-year landscaping project she and her husband Michael undertook for drought tolerance changed more than just the look of their home near Lincoln and San Vicente boulevards. It altered the environment as well, bringing many new varieties of birds to their yard.

The project started shortly after the drought set in, but before water restrictions were implemented. The Sardos had lived in their home for nearly 20 years and felt, with their children grown, they didn't need as much space devoted to lawn. The result, which took shape in stages as they could afford it, was to replace water-hogging plants with drought-loving ones. They also wanted to preserve the existing trees and shrubbery that didn't need as much water. "I was trying to be the best steward of the environment I could," Sardo explained.

The lawn in back was replaced with a flagstone path and a sitting area, as well as with plants that were both edible and drought-tolerant—herbs like thyme, oregano, parsley, sage and rosemary. "I like to just go out and snip 'em so I have them to cook," she said.

A number of the city's current rebate programs didn't exist when the Sardos started to redo their yard. But when the programs came into being, their landscape consultant told them they were eligible and helped clear the path for them to defray their costs. "It was like a little Christmas gift," Sardo said.

The water savings have been considerable, Sardo noted. And the couple's quest to use water wisely continues. They bought a rain barrel for which they'll receive a rebate. Michael Sardo installed it himself behind the house, also replacing the aging downspout on their gutter system. They were quite surprised at how fast the barrel filled during the first rainstorm after it was installed.

Up your conservation game like these Santa Monica water heroes by visiting [smgov.net/water](http://smgov.net/water), where you can learn more about water-wise landscaping and the many water- and energy-saving rebates available to city residents.

## KEEP SAVING SANTA MONICA!

Santa Monicans continue to save water at record levels. Remarkably, we were water self-sufficient for 59 days beginning in December—importing NO water, but surviving AND thriving on our own groundwater wells alone. Water self-sufficiency is the goal, every day, and the resolve everyone has shown during this drought will help us get there, even as we move into the hot months and beyond.



## LIBRARY LINES

# GREAT THINGS ARE HAPPENING AT SANTA MONICA PUBLIC LIBRARY THIS SUMMER

**G**et the jump on summer reading by joining the Santa Monica Public Library's Read For the Win! program June 11 through August 20. Kids and teens—even babies!—can have a winning summer experience with this fun program that encourages a love of reading and helps prevent learning loss. We hope to top last summer's record 4,600 participants with even more children and teens joining the Baby & Me Club (birth to 17 months), Read to Me Club (18 months to 6 years), Independent Readers Club (6 years to grade 5), and the Teen Club (grades 6 to 12). Kids and teens can earn prizes for time spent reading and will also enjoy a range of free club activities. Thanks to the Kiwanis Club (and while supplies last), Santa Monica High School students will receive a free copy of their assigned summer reading book when they join the library's teen program. *On your mark, get set, READ!*

Adult summer reading sticks with the fitness theme, as we challenge you to EXERCISE Your Mind. READ! This program shares the same dates as summer reading for the younger crowd, and will feature a variety of programs including author talks, concerts, staged readings and movie screenings. As in past years, the Main Library will feature the popular Blind Date With a Book lobby display. Adults 18+ who complete and submit an EXERCISE Your Mind. READ! participation form are eligible to win one of several exciting prizes. Don't miss out!

## READ FOR THE WIN!



### Santa Monica Public Library Info

- 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
- Pico Branch:** 2201 Pico Blvd. | 310.458.8684

On the web: [smpl.org](http://smpl.org)

#### 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, 7, R7, 8 and R10; routes 2, 3, 3M, 5, and 9 also stop within a short walking distance

**Fairview Branch:** Routes 8, 41 (Crosstown) and 44 (SMC Campus Connector)

**Montana Ave:** Routes 3M and 41 (Crosstown) Ocean Park Branch: Routes 1 and 8

**Pico Branch:** Route 7; routes 41 (Crosstown) and 44 (SMC Campus Connector) also stop within a short walking distance

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

# 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 the Council Chamber, located at City Hall, 1685 Main Street. Upcoming Council meetings are scheduled for:

**May 10 and 24  
June 14 and 28**

Meeting dates are occasionally changed; please visit [smgov.net/council](http://smgov.net/council) to confirm the schedule 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](http://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, email or by fax to:

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

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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 (May 13 and 27 and June 10 and 24). All city offices will also be closed Monday, May 30, for the Memorial Day observance. Payment and permit counter services are available every Friday; please call 310.458.8411 for the hours of your preferred service.

**THE CITY OF SANTA MONICA'S 2014-15 ANNUAL REPORT**, now online at [annualreport.smgov.net](http://annualreport.smgov.net), offers a snapshot of everything we've accomplished—together with the community—in the past year. For a quick take on the report, there's a video summary—but there's also greater detail for those who want a more thorough understanding of the state of the city. Connect with us on Facebook [@cityofsantamonica](https://www.facebook.com/cityofsantamonica) and Twitter [@santamonicacity](https://twitter.com/santamonicacity) and use the hashtag [#ThriveSM](https://twitter.com/hashtag/ThriveSM) to share with the world what makes Santa Monica a city you're proud of.

**ELECTRIC VEHICLES (EVs) ARE COMING IN A WAVE—A BIG, BIG WAVE**, and Santa Monica is focused more than ever on making it easy to green your drive with its EV charging network, powered by 100% renewable electricity. To date, there are 78 publicly available charging stations, with another 26 in the works. Everyone who needs one should be able to find a plug! Visit [plugshare.com](http://plugshare.com) for more information.

